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Open house held at Salem High School *Tours offered to view various renovation efforts*



Hicks



Bradley



Preston



Turk



The open house was held from 5-8 p.m. at Salem High School. Community members had the chance to take tours of the school and athletic field house, eat hors d'oeuvres and hear from various local leaders.

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Salem City Schools held an open house at Salem High School Monday evening so that the public could see the end product of the multi-year effort to renovate the school. Tours were provided of the school and athletic field house.

Dedication remarks were given by various school



Attendees line up along the hallway to hear dedication remarks from officials.

division and city officials, including Curtis Hicks, superintendent, David Preston, school board member, Nancy Bradley, school board chair, and Renée Turk, mayor.

Hicks opened the remarks portion by noting that when he came to the division 17 years ago, he was "amazed" by the level of success the community had achieved in the previous version of the school.

"Facilities matter. Sometimes people don't realize



PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD

One of the hallmarks of the renovation is the addition of numerous common areas.

that, but facilities matter," he stressed. "What has really occurred to me over the last 15 years is we've always had great students, outstanding teachers and a wonderfully supportive community. Now I feel that we have a building to match."

He went on to recognize many of the officials who played a role in making the renovation a reality, as well

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School divisions hold Load the Bus weekend



School divisions across the Roanoke Valley, including Salem City Schools, Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke City Public Schools and Craig County Public Schools, held a Load the Bus weekend at local Walmart stores from Friday, Aug. 4-Sunday, Aug. 6. Pictured is the Load the Bus effort on Sunday at the Salem Walmart. Chuck Lionberger, director of community relations for Roanoke County Public Schools, said, "Everything goes to help kids in need." He noted pens, pencils, notebooks, Crayons and glue sticks were needed.



COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Roanoke College names assistant vice president for academic operations

David Taylor, who most recently served as associate dean for academic affairs and administration at Roanoke College, has been named the school's new assistant vice president for academic operations.

In his reconfigured role, Taylor manages the college's academic offerings, which comprise some 900 courses per year. That work includes coordinating with faculty members and department chairs on course offerings, staffing and scheduling, grading, and academic and classroom policies.

He also oversees

Academic Affairs data and software projects, participates in the Academic Integrity Council and supervises its chair, serves as one of the college's deputy Title IX coordinators, and helps the Academic Affairs Division manage projects and achieve goals, including accreditation. One of his current projects is the implementation of Coursedog, a new academic operations platform that will allow the college to build a more functional and user-friendly online course catalog. Coursedog



Taylor

will also save time and resources for Academic Affairs staff and improve scheduling by finding potential conflicts for students before they

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COURTESY PHOTO

The incident occurred late last month at E3 Fitness.

Vehicle crashes into E3 Fitness *Business is continuing to operate*

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Late last month, a vehicle crashed into Salem-based E3 Fitness on West Main Street. The driver, the business said,

experienced a medical emergency and veered off the main road and into its building.

The business was started nearly three years ago by husband-and-wife team Jay and Joy Ezelle.

No one was in the

building at the time. "I had just left the gym and went home," Jay Ezelle said. He was informed of the incident by his landlord. He initially thought someone had

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

2023 Movies at Longwood: "Sonic 2" will be shown at Longwood Park on Aug. 11. The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

Pickin' In The Park: The annual concert will be Saturday, Aug. 19. Junior Sisk will return for this year's concert.

36th Annual Mopars In The Valley Car & Truck Show: The free event will be at the Salem Civic Center from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

PAW Patrol Live! "The Great Pirate Adventure":

The event will be at the Salem Civic Center Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$42.

Theory of a Deadman and Skillet: The bands will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.50.

Mannheim Steamroller: Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, will celebrate over 35 Years of his annual Christmas concert tour during a Sunday, Dec. 3 performance at 7 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. It is the longest running

concert tour in the entertainment industry. Tickets can be found at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Public meetings:

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

MOST FAMOUS HISTORIC RELICS IN THIS SECTION MAY BE FOUND AT ANCIENT PRESTON HOMESTEAD

Letter Signed By General George Washington Preserved-Orders Signed By Dunmore Still There

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

In the early history of this section the name of Col. William Preston plays a prominent part for there was scarcely an activity in which he was not one of the central figures. His first home in this section was at Greenfield about eighteen miles north of Salem and one mile off the Fincastle road.

Here, Alfred Preston, a direct descendant of the famous colonel lives; the Preston's have continued to make this place their home for seven generations. Even a part of the old home of Colonel Preston is still used and while some alterations have been made, and a large addition to one side of the home was built some years ago, part of the old colonial structure is still used.

Old Records

Here Alfred Preston lives among relics, countless old records and mementoes of bygone days. On the walls of this historic old place are citations received by the Preston family from governors and other officials. A letter written by George Washington adorns one wall and while most of this letter cannot be read and the name of the person to whom it is addressed cannot be deciphered, part of it is legible. It refers to a land transaction which involved George Washington and Andrew Lewis.

On record of historic interest on the walls is an order signed by Governor Dunmore directing the surveyor of Fincastle county to lay out 3,000 acres of land for Col. Preston as compensation for his useful service in the early wars against the Indians. The order was dated December 17, 1773, and is merely signed "Dunmore." William Preston had

moved his residence from Greenfield to Blacksburg by that time and the 3,000 acre grant in Fincastle county was probably some place in the vicinity of Blacksburg. Fincastle county was only in existence for four years.

John Preston, son of Colonel Preston made his home at Greenfield and his descendants have lived on the place continuously.

Signed Botetourt

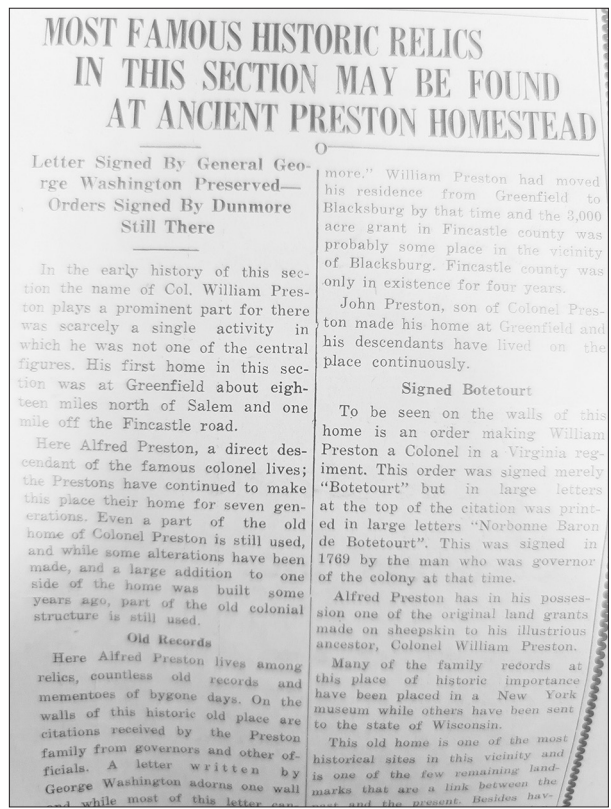
To be seen on the walls of this home is an order making William Preston a Colonel in a Virginia regiment. This order was signed merely "Botetourt" but in large letters at the top of the citation was printed "Norbonne Baron de Botetourt". This was signed in 1769 by the man who was governor of the colony at that time.

Alfred Preston has in his possession one of the original land grants made on sheepskin to his illustrious ancestor, Colonel William Preston.

Many of the family records at this place of historic importance have been placed in a New York museum while others have been sent to the state of Wisconsin.

This old home is one of the most historical sites in this vicinity and is one of the few remaining landmarks that are a link between the past and the present. Besides having a home here, Colonel Preston erected a fort there in the early days and many white settlers took refuge there during the time the Indians were raiding this section. Alfred Preston has gathered almost a hundred arrow heads from the field about the home, which are evidence that Indians were there in numbers at one time.

The ancestral home of the Preston's is located



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVE

in Botetourt county about ten miles above the Roanoke county line.

-Prepared by Lisa King



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Salem High School

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as RRMM Architects and G&H Contracting.

Preston, who was part of the project from the beginning, shared how the renovation started. In 2009, he and several other division and city officials traveled 800 miles to visit multiple high schools to learn about the classrooms of the future.

“After a very long trip, we came away with two conclusions. One is nobody really knows what the classroom of the future really is but we did discern classrooms did need to be very versatile, they should include lots of common areas for individual work. We also learned it’s difficult to predict the future. Back then, whiteboards were the thing and of course they’ve been replaced,” he said.

By 2016, joint meetings between the school board and city council led to the decision to start exploring renovation options. The first estimate came in at \$53 million. “We all sighed and looked at each other,” he remembers. Council members at the time, he said, encouraged the school board to consider reducing the scope of the project. “Council was displaying wisdom with financing to avoid saddling the city with enormous debt.”

Plans were later reworked and the scale of the renovation was reduced. RRMM estimated a total bid cost of \$37-38 million, which was followed by council’s greenlight to proceed with bids. Bids were received in 2018. “The low bid came in at under \$30 million, which was amazing,” he said. “It ended up being around \$32 million because we added back some better heating options and some better things that we kind of had on our wish list.”

Preston went on to say, “We stand here 14 years later with an amazing school.”

Turk called the school a “magnificent space” that will enable the city’s youth to succeed.

“The excitement of getting to this point, to the finish of this project, has been looked forward to for a number of years,” she said. “What the City of Salem has is a safe, functional environment, an unbeatable facility to serve our high school students and teachers and a first-class high school to grow our future leaders.”

Two features of the renovation she pointed out include the addition of several new common areas and better space utilization, such as a second set of stairs.

The field house, she said, now serves lacrosse and

soccer athletes with an “excellent weightroom.” “We’re giving these champions a place to train and to change,” she added.

Bradley, who recently became chair of the school board, spoke about the collaborative approach the board and city council took to accomplishing the project. “The city council and school board had to really work together. When we went from a \$58 million estimate down to a \$30 million estimate, that’s a long stretch to bridge and we got there,” she said. “The work that was collectively done to determine the priorities, to determine the budget and secure funding was really key to the outcomes you see here today.”

She also commended the perseverance of the faculty, staff and students who continued to go about their business during construction.

One of the additions she pointed to as being noteworthy is a black box theatre where performing arts students can go to practice their craft.

“School is often seen as a home. They need to be proud of that. The learning environment matters,” she said.

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happen.

Kathy Wolfe, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, said Taylor is an invaluable asset to Roanoke not only for the professionalism and focus he brings to his official job responsibilities, but also for his dedication to tackling “duties as assigned” and jumping in to cover gaps during staffing transitions. In recent years, he has tapped into his deep well of institutional knowledge to assist with transitions in the Dean’s Office, the Registrar’s Office and Institutional Research.

“He has truly been the glue holding us

all together and helping us move forward with a lot of new initiatives,” Wolfe said.

Taylor holds a B.S. in mathematics and computer science from Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania and both a master’s and Ph.D. in mathematics from University of Virginia. He joined Roanoke College as an assistant professor of mathematics shortly after earning his doctorate, and over the years has been promoted to full professor and served as chair of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics. He was named associate dean for academic affairs and general education in 2021, the same

year he became director of the college’s Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR). He will remain director of IPOR.

Taylor said he has enjoyed teaching and mentoring students as a professor, but supporting and mentoring faculty and staff has become a passion for him because it provides the opportunity to improve the Roanoke College experience for all students and the entire college community.

“Part of the culture and narrative at Roanoke is that we help students find their purpose,” Taylor said. “Our purpose can and does shift throughout

our lives, and I always love telling parents of prospective students that my own purpose is helping others learn how to help themselves or others.”

Taylor also said that he finds immense joy in taking a few hours to work on a project that will ultimately save others many more hours.

In his spare time, Taylor enjoys spoiling his eight-year-old chihuahua and terrier mix, Lilly, playing cooperative board games (but not competitive ones), and slowly turning a hobby into a “professional hobby” as a magician.

-The Salem Times-Register

E3 Fitness

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accidentally backed into the building, but later learned the incident was much more severe. “I really didn’t know what to think other than astonishment.”

He noted how fortunate he and his family were to have not been there at the time. He explained the vehicle crashed directly into the area where his desk was and where his family would often sit.

“From both Joy and I, thank you everyone for the outpouring of texts, calls, messages and even driving over to check on us. We are confident in who we are, why Jesus placed us on this earth and the continual plans He has for E3 and the #E3FitFam,” Ezelle posted

to Facebook in an update. It also noted that indoor workouts are closed for the foreseeable future.

Earlier this month, the business had to postpone its SWVA Family Fit Games due to the incident.

In the meantime, classes are being held in other locations. Recently, a class was held at Green Hill Park. A gymnastics business has also opened up a corner of its facility for E3 Fitness to use.

“We know that our community is a force to be reckoned with,” the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce posted on Facebook, urging the community to support the business. “When we come together,

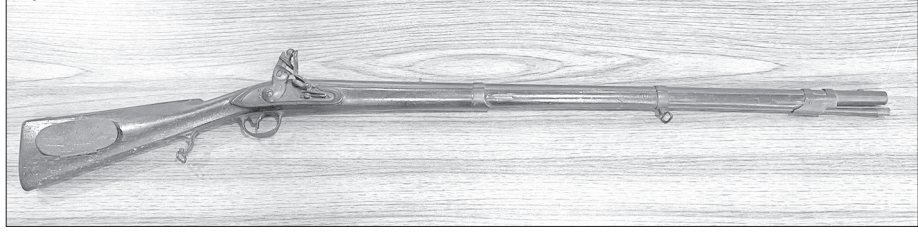
amazing things happen. Let’s show E3 Fitness that they are not alone in this challenging time.”

The business said earlier this month that it will “remain strong, future focused and will rebuild and restart better than ever to continue serving our people and community.”

It’s expected to take six to eight months for E3 Fitness to be able to move back into its building. The estimate, Ezelle said, is dependent on everything going according to plan.

One of the best ways to support the business in this time, Ezelle said, is to sign up for a class.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

The most common firearms during the Colonial Era in America were flintlock rifles, which were used by soldiers and hunters across the colonies. Their name comes from the flint attached to the hammers of these guns, that struck the metal “frizzen” and caused a spark, which ignited the gunpowder in the barrel. You can learn more and see this flintlock rifle on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum’s Hands-

On History Saturday program.

Tonight at 7 p.m. at the Salem Museum, learn about Salem’s colonial leader at “Pioneer and Patriot: The Life of Andrew Lewis.” Garrett Channell, the Salem Museum’s director of education and archives, will share Lewis’ heroic story, the role he played in the French and Indian War, and how his actions during the Revolutionary War helped secure independence.

Join the Salem Museum on Sept. 2 for Colonial Living History Day. Costume interpreters will take visitors back to the Colonial Era in Southwest Virginia with a full day of living history. Colonial re-enactors will demonstrate professions, trades, and crafts that were essential, and tell stories about the men and women who built a life on Virginia’s frontier.

Both events are free and open to the public.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pimento cheese spread is thought of as a southern dish, but it originated in the north. According to Seriouseat.com, in 1870, New York farmers began making a soft cheese similar to Frances Neufchâtel. Through time this cheese became cream cheese and was linked to the city of Philadelphia. This New York made cheese became the leading Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese. Around the same time, sweet peppers imported from Spain became available in America. This imported pepper’s Spanish name, pimiento, changed to become pimento, dropping the “i”. In time, these two products were combined, and in 1908, Good housekeeping published a recipe for a sandwich spread with cream cheese, pimentos, chives, and mustard. Soon, premade pimento cheese was being sold in grocery stores. By 1911, imported Spanish peppers were expensive, so Georgia farmers began cultivating a domestic pimento. Before World War II pimento cheese was a well-known sandwich spread and sold in grocery stores and lunch counters across the USA. After World War II, pimento cheese stopped being so popular. Southern cooks eventually took a manufactured product and made up their own recipes to make it from scratch.

Up until 1990, most cookbooks did not have a recipe for pimento cheese. Now, chefs and food writers have published increasingly complicated recipes and uses for this humble spread. Some slather it on hamburgers and stuff quail with it. Whether store bought or homemade, most southern homes used pimento cheese as



Shelly Koon
Contributing Writer



PHOTO BY SHELLY KOON

a backup spread for lunches, appetizers or picnics. My mom did not make pimento cheese but she always bought it at the grocery store. We kept it on hand for school lunches and quick snacks. My dad always put it on his BLTs. I think the best way to enjoy it is in a simple sandwich, spread thinly on soft white bread. If you like, you can cut the crusts off to be fancy. This week’s recipe comes by way of TikTok. There are so many creators making pimento cheese TicToks right now. This recipe is a fancy version of pimento cheese that stores well and makes great sandwiches. I have also included the humble version.

Jalapeno popper pimento cheese
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
6 oz Colby Jack cheese, shredded
32 oz Sharp Cheddar, shredded
Two 4 oz cans of

Pimento peppers, drained and chopped
1 cup mayonnaise, you can add more if you like it creamier
1 Tablespoon garlic powder
1 Tablespoon onion powder
1 LB. bacon, cooked crispy and chopped
Combine all together until well mixed. Refrigerate at least one hour. Serve on bread, crackers, or raw veggies. This makes enough for a week’s worth of sandwiches.

Pimento cheese spread
8 oz. softened cream cheese
2 cups Sharp cheddar cheese
1 can pimentos chopped and drained
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ onion powder
Salt and pepper to taste
Mix all together until combined. Store in an airtight container for up to one week.

POLICE REPORT

Weekly Arrest Report			
Week of August 1, 2023 – August 7, 2023			
Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
08/01/2023	Justin A. Wade	23	Damage Property
08/01/2023	Sarah E. Bostic	31	Domestic Assault & Battery
08/01/2023	Michael S. Black	61	Conditional Release Violation
08/01/2023	Nicholas R. Johnson	23	DUI
08/01/2023	Christopher L. Slusher Jr.	20	DUI
08/02/2023	Freddie Fong	45	Assault on Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication
08/02/2023	Erica J. Bostic	34	Domestic Assault & Battery, Possession of Controlled Substance
08/02/2023	Michael D. Reid	47	Criminal Trespass
08/03/2023	Deanthony S. Liles-Wright	28	Violation of Probation
08/03/2023	Malik T. Muhammad	46	Violation of Protective Order
08/03/2023	Trevor M. Hillis	22	Violation of Conditional Release
08/03/2023	Kristen A. McPherson	34	Shoplifting
08/04/2023	Jerod J. Mabry	43	Contempt of Court
08/04/2023	David W. Henson III	35	Possession of Controlled Substance
08/04/2023	Arthur D. Montgomery Jr.	44	DUI
08/06/2023	Terry W. Smith	58	Failure to Appear
08/06/2023	John C. Snyder	51	DUI
08/07/2023	Adam S. King	39	Burglary, Public Intoxication
08/07/2023	Kaitlyn L. Lee	31	Burglary, Public Intoxication

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
2-AUG-2023	1300 BLK W Main St	Assault on Police Officer
7-AUG-2023	1400 BLK E Main St	Burglary
7-AUG-2023	O BLK Otter Ave	Grand Larceny
7-AUG-2023	300 BLK E Riverside Dr	Grand Larceny

OPINION



Ben Cline
Congressman

It was great to be back home in the Sixth District and hear directly from folks up and down the Valley about the issues most important to them and their families. Unfortunately, this week we received another reminder that “Bidenomics” is crushing our economy, and the American people are paying the price. On a brighter note, we celebrated the 233rd birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard and hosted “Coffee With Your Congressman” town hall events in Rockingham County and Rockbridge County. We also spoke with and thanked law enforcement officers in our community during National Night

Out, and I congratulated the new graduates of the Roanoke Police Academy and Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy. As I continue my travels across the community during the District Work Period, I look forward to meeting with more constituents and businesses across the Valley.

Celebrating the Coast Guard On Their 233rd Birthday

As we celebrated the 233rd birthday of the United States Coast Guard this week, we honored, cherished, remembered, and thanked its members for their service and sacrifice. Since 1790, its members have met the challenging mission of keeping the Nation’s waterways safe and playing a critical role in national security. Semper Paratus!

Fitch Downgrades Credit Rating

This past week, the American people received another sad reminder that “Bidenomics” is not working for them. Fitch, an American credit rating agency, downgraded the United States credit rating for the first time since 1994, due to rising government deficits, significant increases to our federal debt, and higher interest rates. The worst part? Fitch also projected

a Q4 recession.

The Biden Administration and the Democrats’ reckless government spending has contributed to this financial crisis, and the American people are suffering as credit card bills and mortgage rates skyrocket. That’s why House Republicans are continuing to fight to rein in spending and restore fiscal responsibility in Washington to get our economy back on track so hardworking families can thrive.

The Long Blue Line Continues

I was honored to congratulate the graduates of the 85th Roanoke Police Academy and the 66th Roanoke County Criminal Justice Academy. Thank you to all of the young men and women wearing the badge for courageously answering the call and undertaking this most strenuous, but utterly essential job of enforcing our laws and serving on the front lines of justice.

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

The power of Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program

While public health may be best known for its response to emerging threats to the community’s health during a weather emergency or disease outbreaks, most of the time, our staff is focused on preventing people from getting sick in the first place. The mission of Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) is to make sure our communities have what we need to stay healthy, whether it is clean water, safe food, or healthy neighborhoods.

Behind the scenes, many of our programs quietly improve the health of thousands of local RCAHD residents, year in and year out. One such program is WIC (Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program), a program that helps young families to eat well and be healthy. WIC is for people who are pregnant, recently pregnant, or breastfeeding/chestfeeding. It is also for infants and children under age 5.

In 2022, our RCAHD staff served over

7,800 women, infants, and children across our seven localities. In Virginia, a family of four (that includes a pregnant woman or a child under age five) making less than \$55,500 is eligible to apply for benefits. About one in three children born in Virginia participate in WIC.

Part of the reason that WIC has endured for over 50 years is that its services are a cost-effective investment not just for individuals, but for entire communities. Research has shown that WIC plays a role in improving the health of infants and children through more nutritious diets and education for participating families. Healthier babies grow into healthier children, on a better path for success in school and jobs.

Here’s one mother’s story: “I was pregnant with my first child when I first applied for WIC. I was working as a preschool teacher and my husband was finishing up school, making us a one-income family. Our

grocery budget was very tight so the food vouchers were a huge blessing to us!” – WIC participant

In addition to food benefits, WIC participants also receive education on healthy eating, breastfeeding support, and referrals to critical healthcare and other services. August is National Breastfeeding Month, and WIC plays a strong role in supporting breastfeeding success, including for women returning to the workplace after giving birth. (RCAHD also encourages workplace lactation support, including in our own offices, where we have pro-breastfeeding policies in place, including safe, comfortable spaces for our own lactating staff and for clients to pump breast milk.)

In addition to the proven benefits for participants, the WIC program may also have an indirect effect in improving the health of all children by setting standards. For example, dry cereal manufacturers increased the number of iron-fortified products on

the market to meet WIC requirements, making healthier food available for all children, whether they participated in the program or not. WIC benefits also help our local economy, giving Virginia families an additional \$57 million in 2022 to spend at local food retailers for healthy foods.

Following three years of primarily virtual visits due to Covid, across the country WIC offices will be welcoming clients back to the office for in-person visits over the next several weeks. Our dedicated staff look forward to meeting clients in person more often while keeping some of the flexibility that virtual visits offered, especially for clients with transportation challenges. And we will continue to look for ways that eligible women and young children can get WIC benefits during pregnancy and critical periods of child development.

*-Christie Willis
Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts*

Talk, book singing on Appalachian Trail set for Aug. 19

For more than two decades, hikers on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia walked through some of the most beautiful landscapes of the southern

Appalachian Mountains. On Saturday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Salem Museum, author Mills Kelly will describe the changes that occurred in 1952, when

the Appalachian Trail Conference moved 300 miles of the trail more than 50 miles to the west. The presentation is free and open to the public. After the talk, Kelly will sell and sign copies of his latest book, “Virginia’s Lost Appalachian Trail.”

Kelly describes this change as the single largest re-routing of the AT in the trail’s long history. Lost in that move were opportunities for hikers to scramble over the Pinnacles of Dan, to sit on Fisher’s Peak and gaze out over the North Carolina Piedmont, or to cross the New River on a flat-bottomed boat called Redbud for a nickel. In this, his latest book, historian and lifelong AT section hiker Mills Kelly tells the story of a part of the history of the Appalachian Trail that is all but forgotten by hikers, but not by the residents of the southwestern Virginia counties that the trail used to cross. “Virginia’s Lost Appalachian Trail” is thus a history of the AT and a story of the power and persistence of historical memory in rural



Kelly

communities once traversed by the Appalachian Trail.

Mills Kelly is a professor of history at George Mason University in Fairfax, where he is also the director of the award-winning Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. A lifelong hiker on the Appalachian Trail, Mills is the host of “The Green Tunnel Podcast” featuring the history of the Appalachian Trail, and the author of “Virginia’s Lost Appalachian Trail” (The History Press, 2023). He has won numerous state, national and international awards for his teaching and his research on teaching and learning, most recently the Gutenberg Teaching



VIRGINIA’S LOST APPALACHIAN TRAIL



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM
“Virginia’s Lost Appalachian Trail” will be the subject of the talk.

Award from the University of Mainz (Germany). Mills has been a volunteer on the Appalachian Trail for many years and currently is the maintainer of the Manassas

Gap shelter in Linden, one of the most historic shelters on the entire trail.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Breezed through
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Pigeon’s murmur
11. Moves aside in fright
13. Partner to “ahh”
14. Taxis
15. Monetary units of Turkey
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Prolific Italian opera composer
18. Restaurants
20. One’s grandmother
21. Ancient Greek City
22. Italian mountain ranges
25. Data
30. Acted in an obedient way
31. Autonomic nervous system
32. Not on the up-and-up
33. Mock lightly
38. Mimic
41. Built

CLUES DOWN
1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Norwegian river
4. People with impaired hearing
5. Large stinging paper wasp
6. Bucharest is its capital
7. River in Ireland
8. Type of TV
9. Double-reed instruments
10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. French commune
19. Alike
23. A bachelor’s apartment
24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
25. Belonging to a thing
26. Japanese classical theater
27. Supervises flying
28. Not even
29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
34. Electronic counter-

CLUES ACROSS
35. Consumed
36. American politician (abbr.)
37. Sun up in New York
39. Casually looked through
40. Revealed the presence of
41. Peyton’s little brother
42. Diana __, singer
44. Study of moral values and rules
45. Civil Rights group
46. Makes less severe
47. Made an emotional appeal
48. Vivacity of style
51. One who is highly skilled
52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
53. Famed guitarist Clapton
54. Most common Japanese surname
58. Recipe abbreviation

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8 1 I N W O R K Z O N E
N E A R S A L E M - As part of the Interstate 81 widening project in Roanoke County near Salem, nighttime lane and ramp closures on southbound I-81 are scheduled for August 4 and 5, so barrier wall can be moved and a new traffic pattern put in place. Weather permitting, starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, August 4, southbound I-81 will be reduced to one lane between mile markers 142 and 140 until the morning of Saturday, August 5. During this lane closure, the exit 141 off ramp from southbound I-81 to Route 419 and the exit 141 on ramp from Route 419 to southbound I-81 will be closed. Once the barrier wall has been moved, southbound I-81 traffic will be shifted into a new pattern. Two lanes of traffic will continue to be open in the work zone, but motorists will be traveling on a different portion of roadway on the left side of the road. There will be a wide left shoulder and a narrow right shoulder after the traffic switch.

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build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

A D D I T I O N A L
T R A F F I C I M P A C T S :
T R A F F I C S H I F T
O N W I L D W O O D
R O A D : Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

W O R K Z O N E
S P E E D : With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and

lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

R A M P C L O S U R E S :
 Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

L A N E C L O S U R E S :
 Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

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C O U N T Y - Traffic on northbound I-81

has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

R O U T E 6 0 5 - There will be intermittent lane closures on Route 605 under the bridge maintained by flagging operations.

S L O W R O L L S : A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

L A N E C L O S U R E S :
 Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81

northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

R O U T E 6 0 5 :
 Alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

I - 8 1 P A V I N G
O P E R A T I O N S - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I - 8 1 B R I D G E
D E C K R E P A I R S - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 95, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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O P E R A T I O N S - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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C O U N T Y - Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

R o a n o k e C i t y
1 3 t h S T R E E T S E
I M P R O V E M E N T S
W I T H D E T O U R - A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be

added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. Alternating lane closures maintained by flagging operations may be in place. The project is expected to be completed in late summer 2023.

For the next week, expect periodic flagging and lane closure for pavement marking operations.

R o a n o k e C o u n t y
S T A R K E Y R O A D
A N D B U C K
M O U N T A I N R O A D
R O U N D A B O U T - A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is underway. Drivers should be aware of a new three-way stop to be implemented in the work zone at the intersection. A flagging operation will be in place between the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road. The new roundabout is expected to be open to traffic sometime this summer. Once the roundabout is open, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion expected in late spring 2024.

L A N E C L O S U R E S
W I T H F L A G G I N G
O P E R A T I O N S : Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. resumed on Monday, July 31 to allow preparation for school to begin.

T H R E E W A Y
S T O P : Stop signs will be in place on each road approaching the intersection. This means drivers on Buck Mountain Road who do not stop currently will be required to stop while the intersection is under construction.

T R A F F I C S H I F T S :
 In addition, drivers should also be alert to traffic shifts and changing traffic patterns while the roundabout is under construction.

M O U N T A I N
V A L L E Y P I P E L I N E
 - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to begin full construction again by mid-July. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the remainder of the project (with a tentative completion date of

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION JUDICIAL SALE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Pursuant to the terms of the Decrees entered the 12th day of July by the Honorable Judge Clemens of the Circuit Court for the City of Salem, Virginia and pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 58.1-3965, et seq. (1950), the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction the following described properties for payment of delinquent taxes in the **Community Room of the Salem Civic Center**, located at **1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153**, on **August 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

	Property Owner	Identification	Description
1.	Tom P. Fulcher, et al	Map No. 261-2-9 Case No. CL20-87	Lot 9 Homeplace Two Resub LTS 2-13 Blk 3 Sec 2 Orchard Heights
2.	Kyle J. Fields, et al	Map No. 201-4-6 Case No. CL22-44	LTS 7-8 & WPT LTS 29-30 Kelly Hodges Court
3.	Mary Lue Graves, et al	Map No. 160-3-4 Case No. CL23-103	LTS 23 & 24 & 10ft Lt 22 Sec FF Salem Improvement Co.
4.	George W. Welch, et al	Map No. 39-2-5 Case No. CL23-102	Lot 26, Section 9 as shown on the plat of the First Division of the B & O Land Company

TERMS OF SALE: All sales are subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of the City of Salem. The highest bidder shall deposit ten percent (10%) of the purchase price at the time of the auction. Such sum shall be held by the Special Commissioner and credited towards the purchase price following the confirmation of the sale. **All deposits must be made in the form of cash or certified funds.** The balance of the purchase price shall be deposited by the highest bidder with the Special Commissioner within fifteen (15) days of confirmation of the sale by the Court. There will be a 5% buyer's premium added to final bid to determine final purchase price. Please be advised that in order to qualify as a bidder at this auction, you may not owe delinquent taxes to the City of Salem. **Photo ID required for registration.**

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For further information, contact the Special Commissioner or the contracted auctioneering company:

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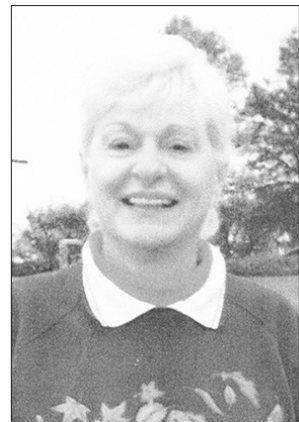
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OBITUARIES

Hanson, Sue Wells

Sue Wells Hanson died after a short battle with aggressive cancer on Aug. 5, 2023 in our home, Myrtle Beach, SC. Sue was born June 5, 1943 in Lafayette Village, VA. She was the last of the five Wells siblings having outlived her three brothers, Pug, Joe, and Lewis, and sister Judy. Sue is survived by her loving husband Buren (Rusty), cousin Mary Lou Wells Knisley, nephew Matt Price and his wife Jennifer, of Cary NC, Matt's father Hassell Price (Judy's husband), nieces Lisa Pendleton (husband Eric) and Tina Wells, Dale King and sister Cindy Wells, brother-in-law Craig I Hanson and his wife Nancy of Charleston SC. After graduating from Allegheny District High School Sue attended Ferrum College. She started

her early adult life becoming a model but soon became a very successful sales representative. She was a long-time resident of Raeford, NC.



During these years, Sue became very active with the Hoke-Raeford Museum, organizing and conducting Colonial Days, acting in plays, and serving for many years as the museum's treasurer. She was very active in the Raeford United

Methodist Church for over 30 years participating in many events and held several leadership positions, first as Chair of the Youth Council, serving on the Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee and for many years as the Chair of the Parsonage Committee. She was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) award for "Excellence in Community Service" and also was presented the "Wonderful Women of Hoke" award for her many contributions to the community by the Raeford-Hoke Library. No services are planned and her ashes will be buried in Sherwood Memorial Park, Salem, VA. No services are planned but Sue would be pleased if a contribution was made in her memory to the Salvation Army.

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February 2024) to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.

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Botetourt County DALEVILLE INTERSECTION

PROJECT FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS - Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development through a permit. Lane closures will be set up on various days and noise disturbances may be in place through August 2023.

ROUTE 723

CLOSURE - Route 723 will be closed on August 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for repair operations work by Norfolk Southern.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3772 LITHIA ROAD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

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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. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-339902-2.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 61 BOUNTY CT, ROANOKE, VA 24019.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 8, 2009, in the original principal amount of \$271,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 1000476. 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 September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 15, BLOCK 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT SHOWING "THE ORCHARDS", SECTION NO. 3, "BOTETOURT SOUTH", DATED JUNE 21, 1993, PREPARED BY LUMEDEN ASSOCIATES, P.C., ENGINEERS-SURVEYORS-PLANNERS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 66 AND 67. 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

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. **CL23000124-00**
 BPTETOURT CIRCUIT COURT COURTHOUSE, 1 WEST MAIN STREET, #120, FINCASTLE VA 24090,
 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* JENIFER M. ARRINGTON and AARON M. MUSSELWHITE, plaintiffs
 v. AARON W. SELLS, KRISTIN COLLINS, RICK G. WILLIAMS, EVALYN M. WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN I. GIMBERT, ELIZABETH M. GIMBERT, JEFFREY S. WRIGHT, MORGAN R. WRIGHT, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES, defendants
 TO THE DEFENDENDANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES, This matter before the Botetourt County Circuit Court upon the filing of a Motion for Quiet Title on the 15th day of March, 2023, asking that the Court to confirm the ownership of real property located in Botetourt County known as Tax Map No. 108-1A comprising approximately 5.971 acres, currently titled in the name of Jennifer M. Arrington and Aaron M. Musselwhite, as more particularly described in the Deed dated July 7, 1997 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt in Deed Book 533, Page 865. It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt. Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15th day of September, 2023. Entered this 25th day of June, 2023. Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillamen, Esq. VSB #81306 OPN LAW, PLC 3140 Chapparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke, Va 24018 P: 540.725.8194

Legals - City of Salem

Trustee's Sale 1705 Commerce St, Salem, VA 24153 (Parcel ID: 201-7-7)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 23, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$48,910.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Salem, Virginia on August 9, 2012, as Instrument Number 120002015, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on September 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in front of the building housing the City of Salem Circuit Court, 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153, the property designated as Lots 19, 20, and 21 in Section 24 of the Map and Survey of the Salem Development Company's land, a plat of which lands is recorded at page 36 1/2 of Plat Book Number 1 of the record of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Roanoke County, Virginia. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be missed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 23-000322, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 16th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Jesse Spence, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 128 Bellevue Avenue (Tax Map # 78-1-1).

Legals - City of Salem

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises Ltd., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 105 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-3-2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Doyle Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2005 East Main Street (Tax Map # 78-2-2.11) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Neal Wall, property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1139, 1133, and 1127 Highland Road (Tax Map # 230-2-7, 230-2-6, and 230-2-5) from RSF Residential Single Family to HBD Highway Business District.

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
 BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. **CL23-346**
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. ANISE KEEN, ET AL, RESPONDENT(S)
 The object of this suit is to: ENFORCE THE LIEN OF THE Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 097-A 24 Account No. 011872 All certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on the waters of the South Fork of the Roanoke River, in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, containing 1.46 acres, more or less, further designated as Parcel ID 011872, Tax Map Number 097-A 24. And being the same real property conveyed to Sonny S. Keen from Anise M. Keen and Donny S. Keen, by Deed dated August 8, 2005 and recorded August 18, 2005 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2005009947. According to a Real Estate Affidavit/List of Heirs filed recorded May 15, 2019 in the aforementioned Clerk's Office as 2019000449, Donny S. Keen passed this life on March 6, 2019 and his interest would have been transferred to his wife, Anise Keen, by intestate succession. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 647 t Page 35, Plat Book 211 at Page 389. IT APPEARING that Affidavit has been made and filed stating the due diligence has been used. Without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Anise Keen, whose last known address is 1959 Alleghany Spring Rd. Shawsville, Virginia, 24162; Donny S. Keen aka Donny Sherman Keen, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and

Legals - Montgomery County

that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before September 4, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 25th day of July, 2023 by K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

I ask for this: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico VA 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316
 Case No. **JJ00376703-03**
 RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Miranda Sue Simpkins.

Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson *vs.* Karen Sue Webb
 The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023.

July 21, 2023
 Sally Davis, CLERK



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Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2100 et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street,

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Vinton, Virginia. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider approving an Ordinance granting an ingress and egress easement over and across parcel 060.15-02-01.00-000 to Viking Fence Company, Inc. in conjunction with the Town's development of the Walnut Avenue bicycle and pedestrian path. The easement shall be valid for 40 years unless extended. The parcel over and across which the easement will run is owned by the Town. In addition, the Town will publicly receive bids for the proposed easement from other interested parties. Other interested parties must submit sealed bids for the proposed easement in writing by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, to Antonia Magallon, Town Clerk, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Any

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bids received will be opened in public session and marked for identification by the Town Clerk. The Mayor shall cause a brief summary of any such bids to be read aloud in the public session. The cost of this advertisement shall be paid by the Town which shall be reimbursed by the entity to which the easement is granted. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Copies of the proposed Ordinance and proposed easement may be examined at the office of the Town Clerk, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, (540) 983-0607, or at the Town's website, www.vintonva.gov. Citizens are invited to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed Ordinance and proposed easement. Individuals requiring special

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Fall teams are getting ready for their high school seasons with practices, scrimmages and jamborees. Above left, Tinsley Thomas serves one up for Salem in last Saturday's volleyball jamboree at the Andrew Lewis Middle School gym. Right, Makenzie Board(#10) and Gabby Crawley(#4) go up for a block in Salem's scrimmage with William Byrd. Below left, Glenvar football coach Kevin Clifford takes time out to honor a photo request from a Highlander cheerleader on "picture day" last week. Below right, Eli Taylor(#8) finds Peyton Lewis(#2) in the flat as Salem practiced on the Spartan Field turf on a rainy day.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Fall sports coming soon



Fall teams have scrimmages with season openers approaching

With the official opening of fall sports just weeks away Salem and Glenvar athletes are practicing and scrimmaging to prepare for the start of their respective seasons.

The first football scrimmages will be held this week. Salem High will scrimmage Albemarle this Friday at Salem Stadium beginning at 6 pm. The Spartans will have a home benefit game on August 18 in preparation for their season opener, at home, on August 25 against Liberty Christian Academy.

Glenvar is at William Byrd on Friday

for a 5 pm scrimmage on Jeff Highfill Field in Vinton. The Highlanders also have a benefit game next Friday and it will be at home against Blacksburg, coached by former GHS assistant Zach Leonard. The Highlanders open at home against Galax on August 25.

Andrew Lewis Middle School will host a football jamboree tonight at Salem Stadium. It will include William Fleming, Patrick Henry and William Byrd beginning at 5 pm. The middle school football season opens on August 17 with Patrick Henry against Lewis at

Salem Stadium and Glenvar Middle at Hidden Valley.

Salem hosted a volleyball jamboree for varsity teams last Saturday, and the jayvees will have a 12-team jamboree this Saturday beginning at 9 am. It will be held at both Salem High and Andrew Lewis Middle School and the Spartan jayvees will play at Lewis with scrimmages against Western Albemarle, Rustburg and William Byrd. The Salemites will open the regular season at Roanoke Catholic on Tuesday, August 22.

The two-time defending Class 2 Glenvar volleyball team will scrimmage at Northside tonight at 7 pm. The Highlanders will host Auburn a week from tonight, on August 17, before opening at home against Giles on August 22.

The golf season is already underway and the cross country teams are practicing for their openers. Salem and Glenvar will both hit the trail on August 31 with the Bengal Clash at the Smith River Complex.



Left to right: Dusty Turman smacks a hit, Bella Portillo takes a cut with help from her brother and Owen Conley crosses the plate for a run.

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Brian Hoffman Column

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twenty-five thousand dollars," said Witt. "Please know that any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated by all of the Challenger athletes and their families."

Cost to play is \$85 per golfer or \$340 for a team of four. It's a Captain's Choice tournament with lots of prizes and gifts. The price includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and beverages.

Sponsorships are also available from a \$100 "On Deck Batter" to a \$2,500 "Home Run" sponsor. The latter will get you two team entries (total 8 players), a 3x5 Company Banner, your name as a title sponsor on the tournament shirt given to all participants, four Tee or Green sponsor signs and lots of good will.

"All proceeds from this annual event will assist in providing registration fees,

uniforms, equipment, team pictures, trophies, an awards banquet and many other benefits for the Challenger athletes in our community," said Witt. "Together we can continue to make the goals and ambitions of the Challenger athletes a reality."

To sign up for the tournament, become a sponsor or to learn more about Challenger Baseball, go to challenger-baseball@comcast.net.

Spartans finish 3rd in Metro, 2nd in Heritage Invt.

Ha is individual champion in both tournaments

The Botetourt Golf & Swim Club was the host course for the third annual Botetourt Metro Tournament last week, and for the second year in a row Jefferson Forest came out on top. The Cavaliers shot a four-player total of 313 to win by five strokes over second place Northside, who shot 318. Salem was third among the 18 teams at 320 and Glenvar shot a team score of 351.

Salem junior Kathryn Ha was the individual winner with an 18-hole score of 70, one under par at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. Cody Cox of Jefferson

Forest was second, two strokes back, and third place was a tie between Aidan Andrews of Salem and Angelina Boon of Hidden Valley at 75, with Boon officially finishing third on a scorecard playoff. There were 90 total golfers in the field.

“We are off to a solid start for this season and I'm proud of the effort from our team,” said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. “Kathryn continues her stellar play this year and wins the Metro by two. Aidan played solid all day and has really improved this year. He played with such great confidence all day. I'm excited to see that we finished third out of 18 teams while having two in the top five individually.”

Also scoring for the Spartans were Taylor Davis at 85, Max Benne at 90 and Zach Bocoock with a 99.

Adam Harvey and Adam Franklin both shot 85 to lead Glenvar's team. Riley Wolk shot 87 in his first varsity match and Grayson Shepherd rounded out the scoring with a 94.

“The team score was seven shots better than last year's performance,” said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. “We're excited about this young group and look forward to continued improvement.”

“Out of our five golfers only one played in last year's event, Adam Harvey. We have a lot of golfers who are new to competition, but they are working really hard and making strides.”

The Highlanders were scheduled to play at Cliff View in a Three Rivers District match hosted by Alleghany on Monday of this week, but that was postponed due to threat of inclement weather. Glenvar is at Old Mill today for a match hosted by Carroll County.

Salem was at Draper Valley to play Pulaski County on Tuesday, but results were too late for publication. Last Thursday the Spartans played in the Heritage Invitational at the London Downs course in Lynchburg and Ha was the individual winner again, shooting one-under-par 71 to win by four strokes over second place Sam Dowdy of Patrick Henry.

The Spartans finished second as a team as Jefferson Forest prevailed again with a team score of 324. Salem finished at 332, followed by Rustburg at 337 and fourth place was a tie between Blacksburg and Appomattox at 340.



Salem High's Kathryn Ha holds her plaque for winning last week's Botetourt Metro Tournament.

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Glenvar's Tyler Smith tees off at the Botetourt Metro Tournament.

PHOTO BY MATT DE SIMONE

Red Sox blow seven run lead in 9th, win on second grand slam of the game in 10th

The Salem Red Sox will be back home this week to host the Augusta Greenjackets in a six game series. The Jackets are a farm team of the Atlanta Braves.

The Sox hopes to win the second half of the Carolina League's North Division in the split season format took a hit in Fredricksburg last week. Salem dropped five of the six games against the Nationals to drop to 16-20 in the second half and fall seven games behind division leading Carolina with five weeks to play.

The offense went on hiatus to start the series in Fredricksburg as the Red Sox scored just two runs in the first two games against a Nationals teams that was just 12-17 prior to hosting Salem. The Nats won 5-1 and 7-1 before Thursday's game was rained out.

A doubleheader was scheduled for Friday, and the Sox didn't fare any better, falling 8-2 and 7-3. They picked up their first win of the week on Saturday as the offense woke up for an 11-7 win over the Nationals in a wild 10 inning game.

Leadoff hitter Gilberto Jimenez had a big night Saturday with three hits, two runs scored and four runs batted in. He hit a grand slam home run, his first tater of the season, with no outs in the top of the 10th to break a 7-7 tie and salvage a win for the Sox. Enderson Lira also had three hits and Johnfrank Salazar had a grand slam homer in the fourth inning as eight of Salem's runs came on two homers.

Michael Valera got the win in relief, getting the final out in the bottom of the ninth after Fredricksburg came from 7-0 down to score seven runs in the ninth inning. All seven were charged to Cody Scroggins, who gave up three hits, walked three and hit a batter in one inning of work. Only two of the seven runs were earned.

Valera pitched a scoreless bottom of the 10th to finish things off. Prior to the Nationals' ninth inning rally Jedixson Paez pitched six scoreless innings to start the game, yielding just two hits. Jhonny Felix pitched a scoreless seventh and got two outs in the eighth before Scroggins relieved and got the last out of the inning. Then all hell broke loose in the ninth before Salem escaped with the win.

The Sox lost Sunday's getaway game, 8-5, and were off on Monday before Augusta came to town. Friday's 7:05 pm start is "Dinos at the Diamond" night and Saturday's 6:05 pm start is Military Appreciation Night. The series ends with a 3:05 pm game on Sunday and then the Sox are off to play six games in Salisbury, MD against the Delmarva Shorebirds beginning Tuesday, August 15. The Shorebirds are a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles.



Salem's Cutter Coffey signals to the bullpen after blasting a home run at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Rec. football practice

Recreation football season is only a few weeks away. Here Salem players practice at Spartan Field.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Benefit Golf tournament in Salem is Aug. 12

The 12th City of Salem Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on August 19 at the Salem Municipal Golf Course on Academy Street in Salem. This year's event will benefit the "Life Ring Foundation" in honor of Chase O'Brien, a seven year old Salem boy who had brain surgery to remove a tumor in 2021.

The tournament will tee-off at 8:30 am and is an 18-hole Captain's Choice open to men and women of all ages. Players can enter as a four-person team or a single entry, and cost is \$40 for a single player or \$160 for a team. Deadline to sign up is Saturday, August 12.

Also, businesses, groups or organizations can buy a sign on the course for \$100. The sign will display the company name or logo and will be visible to all golfers and guests.

There will be items raffled off at the event and donations are needed. In the past jewelry, dining certificates, event tickets and sports memorabilia have been among the donations but all items will be accepted. Each donation will be recognized on a "thank you" sign at the tournament.

To sign up make checks out to Salem Parks & Recreation and mail to Chuck Johnston, Salem Municipal Golf Course, 601 Academy Street, Salem, VA 24153. For more information call Chuck at 540-354-3542 or 540-392-9445.

Still time to sign up to hear Sisler speak at Sports Club

On Monday, August 21, ESPN and SEC Broadcaster Lauren Sisler will speak at the monthly meeting of the Roanoke Valley Sports Club.

Sisler is a two-time Emmy award winning sportscaster and a former college gymnast. She is not only passionate about sports, but loves to tell stories of the coaches, athletes and fans she comes in contact with.

Lauren's Rutgers is not a happy one. In 2003, when she was a freshman at Rutgers University in New Jersey, she unexpectedly lost both of her parents who had concealed a battle with prescription drug addition. Her mother and father died within hours of each other.

Lauren battled through a mental struggle but embraced her story and came out the better for it. She has made peace with her situation and inspires others to do the same. Through her authenticity and vivid story-telling, Lauren's presentations take listeners on an emotional trip that inspires and brings hope.

Visit the Roanoke Valley Sports Club on the internet at <http://roanokevalleysportsclub.com> to sign up. The last day to sign up is August 18 at 4 pm.

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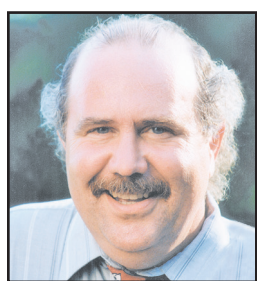
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Little League Challenger players, coaches and parents gather for a group shot prior to a day of baseball at Northside High School.

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Brian Hoffman



Fund-raising golf tournament is Sept. 30

involved in this.”
All three have since been inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame for their unselfish dedication to these less fortunate kids, Waldron in 1998, Witt, Sr. in 2005 and Witt II in 2014. Witt, Sr passed away two years ago but was involved with the program right up until the end. Witt II continues the tradition 34 years later. He shows up to play with the kids on hot days and rainy days, organizes banquets and fund-raisers, gives out and receives many, many hugs and is a deserving hero to special needs kids of

all ages. And his only pay is the satisfaction he gets from being a part of it.

“My dad told me you take home more than you ever bring,” said Witt II. “I was called into doing this.”

The District 12 Challenger team has had a good year. The program has grown from eight players in 1989 to a six team league with about 17 players per team. Recently 60 players participated in the Commonwealth Games at Liberty University in Lynchburg. They split up into four teams for a doubleheader in the “Able Games.”

“They call it Able, as opposed to disabled,” said Witt. “It was hotter than blue blazes but the kids had a great time. They all got a t-shirt and a big ol’ medal, and the Commonwealth Games provided lunch. It didn’t cost us a dime.”

The next item on the agenda is the annual Challenger Benefit Golf Tournament. It will be held on September 30 at the Ashley Plantation course in Daleville. There are about 150 spots for golfers and it’s also a great way to promote a business through advertising.

“The annual expense for a single Challenger baseball season for six teams is approximately

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Meeting the Challenge

The District 12 Little League Challenger program had its best year ever in terms of participants this summer. That’s a good thing, but it’s also a sad thing.

“We had 104 sign up,” said Salem’s Sid Witt II, District 12 Assistant Administrator for Challenger Little League Baseball in Virginia. “It’s good to have a lot sign up, but that also means we have a lot of disabled kids.”

The Challenger program is a non-profit division of Little League Baseball that provides boys and girls four years of age and older, with mental or physical disabilities, the opportunity to experience the fun of playing baseball.

“Challenger allows every child the chance to experience the rewards of being part of an athletic team while motivating and increasing emotional development, high self-esteem, confidence, and pride, regardless of their ability,” said Witt.

Sid has been with the program since its inception in 1989. At the time the late Willis Walrond, who was heavily involved with Little League baseball, and Sid’s dad, Sid Witt, Sr., had a meeting on the back porch to talk about the idea of starting a Challenger program here.

“It all started on dad’s back porch,” said Witt II. “They started talking about it and I got up to go in the house and dad said, ‘stay here, I want you to be



Salem's Sid Witt II and Averie Jones practice infield grounders. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Zachary Shelor enjoys trip to Cooperstown

Salem’s Zachary Shelor, of the local Little League Challenger baseball program, almost didn’t make it to the Commonwealth Games in July. His parents, Steve and Cindy Shelor, had to drive all night from upstate New York to get to the game on time.

Zachary had a big week, as he attended the “Cooperstown Dream Park” in Cooperstown, NY that week as a guest of a youth baseball team from Southlake, Texas that was participating in a tournament. Cooperstown is not only the site of the Baseball Hall of Fame, but also is a hot spot for youth baseball, with the Dream Park hosting tournaments for 13 weeks each summer at a 22 field facility in Cooperstown.

The Cooperstown complex is the culmination of the dream of a man named Lou Peresutti. Years ago he had a vision about building a baseball

complex, and he and his wife built the “Cooperstown Dream Park” and actually lived on the site. Lou has since passed on, dying at one of his fields no less, but his grandchildren carry on the tradition and run the complex, hosting up to 100 teams a week for tournaments.

Before Peresutti died, he came to speak at opening day for the Miracle League Opening Ceremonies in Texas, which is similar to the Roanoke Valley Challenger program for special needs kids. Lou was impressed with the program and vowed to sponsor a couple kids to come to Cooperstown each year, and that’s where Zachary comes in.

The Shelors lived in Hurst, Texas for two years before moving back to Salem and were involved with the Miracle League organization. Zachary played in the Challenger pro-

gram in the Roanoke Valley before the Shelors moved in 2015, and he quickly bonded with his teammates and their parents in Texas. Cindy became friends with a woman named Michelle Buenau-Ciccione, whose husband David coached a competitive team in Southlake. They asked Zachary to be part of the Southlake Dragon Dreamers team for their trip to Cooperstown and he had a blast.

“He had an amazing time,” said Cindy. “He was on the field for opening ceremonies and bonded with the players and their parents. They all loved Zachary.”

He also got a chance to go through the Baseball Hall of Fame.

“I thought Cooperstown would be a big city, but it’s not,” said Cindy. “It’s a cute little Mayberry-like town except everything is about baseball.”

The tournament consisted of pool

play through Wednesday, then the top teams played in a tournament. The Southlake team that Zachary was a part of did well and was still alive heading into Friday, with Zachary scheduled to play in the Commonwealth Games in at Liberty University in Lynchburg on Saturday.

“They lost on Friday and we left New York at 4:30 in the afternoon,” said Cindy. “We drove all night and got to Lynchburg at two o’clock in the morning. We checked into a hotel and got up at eight o’clock to go to the game at Liberty University, and we made it just in time. It was hot and we cut it close but we made it, and when we got home we crashed.”

Zachary is hoping to make a trip back to Cooperstown in the future.

“It’s really great,” said Cindy. “Every baseball fan should visit there sometime.”



Left, Salem's Zachary Shelor is surrounded by the Southlake Dragon Dreamers baseball team in Cooperstown, NY. Right, Dreamers "Coach David" poses for a photo with Zachary.

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