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Council looks at proposed \$119-3 million budget

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Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey has presented Council with a proposed \$119.3-million budget for next year. Budget workshops with departments begin next week. Dorsey's cover letter noted the proposed budget includes up to 4 percent increase for employees who are eligible, with a comparable cost of living increase for school personnel. The city manager

said the budget includes a proposed .02 cent decrease in the real estate tax rate. Salem's largest revenue comes from real estate taxes. Next year's projection estimates \$39.6 million, with an additional \$11.6 million from personal property taxes on vehicles. Other major sources of revenue are \$10 million from the utility consumer tax, \$7.2 million from the motor vehicle license tax, \$6.8 million from the meals tax. Expected meals tax

revenue shows a slight decrease due to the closing of several Salem restaurants, Dorsey told Council, but he noted at least one new restaurant is due to open in the next year. The proposed budget includes adding a maintenance construction worker, a \$370,000-automated leaf pickup machine and a replacement crane for the city garage. Also, a part-time library worker position would become a full-time position, dedicated to

youth services programs. Other expenditures include \$518,400 for new LED lights at Salem High School's Spartan Field, \$700,00 to replace the arena floor in the Civic Center, \$250,000 to purchase a new ambulance for the Salem Fire Department, and \$548,000 to purchase take-home vehicles for police officers living within Salem City limits. Other large expenditures in the proposed budget include

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CITY OF SALEM PHOTO
Monday night City Manager Chris Dorsey presented Salem City Council with a \$119.3-million proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Councilmembers will begin budget workshops with departments next week.



Inside Sycamore Station, the boutique store features handcrafted goods, artwork, and locally made products, creating a cozy and creative shopping experience alongside the café.

Sycamore Station: A Salem tradition reinvented


Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

Opened in 2024, Sycamore Station in Salem is infusing the community with a fresh blend of history, creativity, and connection—while honoring a family legacy that spans more than 160 years. Sycamore Station, a locally focused retail and food space founded by mother-daughter duo Nancy Hinchee Pace and Maggi Pace, opened its doors just off Dutch Oven Road. But the roots of their story run deep—six generations deep, to be exact. “It’s nice to continue the tradition of goods and community in the area where we’ve had family since the 1860s,” said Nancy. Their store features primarily local products, along with a selection of fair-trade and ethically sourced goods. “We’ve worked hard to

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Motley named East Salem Elementary school principal

Salem School Division Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks announced last week that Kenya Motley has been named the new principal at East Salem Elementary School, effective July 1. The Salem School Board formally approved the administrative appointment at Tuesday night’s meeting. “I am thankful for Dr. Hicks and the school board members who have placed their trust in me,” said Motley. “I am honored, thrilled, and excited to return to my elementary roots and begin this new chapter of working collaboratively with the staff, students, and families of such an excellent school.” Motley joined the Salem School Division in July of 2022 and since that time she has served as assistant principal at



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Motley

Andrew Lewis Middle School. Currently, she oversees the special education department, student services, and serves as the school’s testing coordinator. Last year, she helped the middle school realize a significant decrease in the percentage of chronically absent students. “We are excited to

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Salem School Board celebrates student success, approves grants, and honors teams



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The Salem School Board adopted Resolution 268 to honor the Salem High School Speech Team for securing its latest team state championship.

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

The Salem City School Board met April 8, beginning with a closed session on personnel matters, followed by a public session focused on student recognition, grant approvals, policy updates, and a financial review.

Consent Agenda & Grants Approved

The board approved the agenda and consent items, including

- minutes from March 20, confirmation of a \$200 petty cash balance, and two federal grant applications;
- 2025 – 2026 IDEA Part B Special Education Grant
- 2025–26 Perkins Grant for Career and Technical Education

Student Honors

- P T A Reflections: South Salem Elementary’s Aurelia Sylva earned a State Award of Merit in visual arts (Intermediate Division).
- Girls Basketball: Salem High’s team was celebrated for a 27-3 season, securing River Ridge District titles, Region 4D Championship, and finishing as Class 4 State Runner-Up.
- Speech Team: Resolution #268 recognized Salem High’s 19th consecutive VHSL state title, with 13 students placing in the top three. State champions included Claire Rawlins, Charlie Bain, Lacey Stratton & Bella Poarch, and Rosalie Botos. Coach Mark Ingerson and student manager Kaelyn Henzey were also honored.

Policy Updates Reviewed

First readings of updated policies—aligned with VSBA guidance—

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Governor announces Integer expansion in Salem

Governor Glenn Youngkin on Tuesday announced that Integer, a global medical contract developer and manufacturing organization, plans to make a significant investment over the next five years to expand its operations in the City of Salem. The company will lease an additional manufacturing facility to increase production of catheter components for its growing cardio and vascular business segment. The project is estimated to create 83 new jobs. “Integer’s decision to expand in Salem demonstrates Virginia’s ability to compete and win in the advanced manufacturing sector,” said Governor Glenn Youngkin. “For three decades, Integer has found success in the Commonwealth, and this significant investment further strengthens Virginia’s growing medical device manufacturing industry. The company’s expansion showcases how Virginia’s world-class workforce and strong business environment enable manufacturers to thrive and grow.” “When a global leader like Integer chooses to grow its Virginia operations, it speaks volumes about the Commonwealth’s competitive advantages,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Juan Pablo Segura. “This expansion will create high-quality manufacturing jobs while supporting the production of vital medical components. Salem’s robust workforce and strong track record of manufacturing excellence continue to demonstrate why Virginia is the best state for business.” Integer has operated in Salem for 30 years, manufacturing critical components for medical devices such as catheters, guidewires, stents, and pacemakers. The new 13,000-square-foot facility will allow Integer to expand production capacity while also creating space for additional investment and jobs at its existing Salem locations. “I am proud of the work our Integer Salem team is doing for our customers and in the community and look forward to collaborating with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership as we

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Blue Ridge Kite Festival: The festival at Green Hill Park on April 19 is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Food Truck Thursday: The food truck offering is on April 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Salem After Five: “Empty Bottles” on April 25 at the Salem Farmers Market. Food Trucks: Dale’s Diner Express, Kettle Cooker Express, Cabo Fish Taco, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m.

Community Shredding Event: In an effort to help local citizens protect themselves from identity theft, Vested Partners will host a free community shredding event on Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at their office located at 300 E. 2nd Street in Salem, VA. Hot dogs, chips, and soda will be provided, and you can enter a drawing to win a desktop paper shredder. No RSVP is required. This shredding event is for personal papers with a limit of three bags or boxes per person. Business shredding will not be allowed. Except for paper clips and staples, no metal, batteries, electronics, or other non-paper material can be in boxes or

bags brought for shredding.

The Greater Blue Ridge Breakthrough T1D Walk: The walk will take place Sunday, April 27 at Salem Memorial Ballpark to raise funds for Type 1 diabetes research. The event, organized by Breakthrough T1D—formerly known as JDRF—supports efforts to prevent, treat, and cure Type 1 diabetes. Participants can choose between a 1-mile or 3-mile walk route. Check-in begins at 2 p.m., and the walk starts at 3 p.m. The event will also feature music, dancing, children's activities, prizes, concessions, a photo booth, and live entertainment. The walk is scheduled to conclude at 5 p.m. Breakthrough T1D funds research into diabetes prevention, improved treatments, and potential cures. To register, visit breakthrought1d.org/walk. For more information, contact Sara Bell at sarambell61@yahoo.com.

Ernest “Pig” Robertson Fishing Rodeo: The City of Salem Parks & Recreation Department has announced it will once again host the Ernest “Pig” Robertson Fishing Rodeo at Lake Spring Park this spring. This is the 73rd year for the always entertaining angling

event and it will once again feature four days of fishing. Participants must provide their own fishing equipment and adults cannot fish for the children at the Saturday events. Each child can catch up to six trout, and they must keep all the fish they reel in. In addition, the popular special needs and nursing home fishing days are back in 2025. Participants and organizations participating in either special needs or nursing home days must pre-register. Schedule: Children Ages 3-8: Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. – Noon, Special Needs Children: Monday, April 28 from 10 a.m. – Noon, Nursing Home Residents: Wednesday, April 30 from 10 a.m. – Noon, Children Ages 9-12: Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. The Bank of Botetourt, Salem Kiwanis Club, Yokohama, and Re/Max Real Estate One, and Renewal by Anderson are sponsoring this year’s rodeo which is free for area children. Prizes will be awarded throughout the events and the top anglers each Saturday will receive a trophy. In addition, “The Tailgate” food truck will be onsite for all to enjoy. Lake Spring Park is located at the corner of W. Main Street and Green Street.

Salem After Five: “Phlegar Hill” on May 9 at the Salem Farmers Market. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Roanoke College Food Truck, Kettle Cooker Express, Customs BBQ & Grill, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

Mother’s Day Brunch: On Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hidden Valley Country Club there will be a fundraiser to support Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet. Tickets may be purchased at: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/Mj13MTk5?fbclid=IwY2xjawJH6idleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHBbRPN9pd_OCxgJUyVxawdJZ14c100c2Dv-7lvPeE6KioZh6pQJLyyErClig_aem_DSKds6QY61NBdkATO_wE9Q

Roanoke Lebanese Festival: This year marks the 24th Lebanese Festival and will be held May 30, 31, and June 1 at St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, 4730 Cove Road, N.W., Roanoke, VA. The festival is open Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. The festival features delicious Lebanese food, Lebanese music and traditional Lebanese folk dancers in full costume. Admission and parking are free. Visitors may purchase a wide variety of home-style Lebanese food, and children can participate in activities for an affordable fee. Menu

offerings include meat pies, vegetarian grape leaves, spinach pies, spinach-feta rolls, falafel, grilled lamb and beef kabobs, beef kafta, chicken shawarma wraps, lubee (Lebanese green beans), tabbouleh, cabbage rolls, kibbie, pita bread, hummus, Lebanese cheesecake, baklava, other Lebanese pastries and more. In addition to onsite dining, takeout will be available throughout the day and evening. Orders may be placed online. For more information, visit the website: www.LebaneseFestival.StEliasChurch.org or contact St. Elias Church at 540-562-0012.

Salem After Five: “The Kings” on June 13 at the Salem Farmers Market. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Countryman Jamaican Grill, Kettle Cooker Express, Dale’s Diner Express, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

Salem After Five: “Matt Tucker” on July 18 at the Salem Farmers Market. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Rocky Mount Smokehouse, Kettle Cooker Express, Countryman Jamaican Grill, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

Whiskey Myers: Whiskey Myers is set to stop in Salem for its “What We Were Born To Do Tour.” The tour stops at the Salem Civic Center on Sunday night, July 20. The genre-bending band Whiskey Myers has played more than 2,500 live shows to ever-growing crowds since its emergence in 2007. In addition to headlining their own sold-out shows from coast to coast at iconic venues such as Red Rocks Amphitheatre and the Ryman Auditorium, plus performing at marquee festivals Bonnaroo, Stagecoach, the band members were also personally selected to open The Rolling Stones’ Chicago stadium show. Tickets start at \$41.50. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com

Public meetings:

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

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The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m.



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& Salem Times Register & Vinton Messenger July 3rd.**

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Easter - a time of religious traditions and rituals, balanced with - or replaced by - Easter bunnies and chocolate and egg hunts. It’s a time of year to usher in the warmth and sun of Spring.

According to an online survey commissioned by McCormick, nearly 61 percent of Americans eat deviled eggs during Easter. I have a deep love for deviled eggs. When I see one, I can’t resist. Homemade, store-made, on the menu at a restaurant, if I see a deviled egg, I must have it. My theory is that they are called “deviled eggs” because the voices whisper & make you eat 25 of them, but when scrambled you can eat only two. Deviled eggs is that one friend who shows up uninvited to every party and is still the most popular.

Do deviled eggs need an introduction? Those little bright white and sunny yellow egg halves are instantly recognizable. Deviled eggs are hard boiled eggs, cut in half, the whites stuffed with the yolks mixed up with mayonnaise and other flavors. The deviled egg we know today can be traced back to ancient Rome, where boiled eggs were seasoned with spicy sauces and served as the starter of a fancy meal usually made for guests.

“Deviled,” a term first used to describe spicy foods in late 18th century Britain, presumably because the “heat” of the seasoning was associated with the fires of hell, refers to the eggs’ tangy flavoring. Some Christians, particularly in the Southern and Midwestern United States, may call deviled eggs “stuffed eggs,” “salad eggs,” or “dressed eggs” to avoid the association with the word “devil”.

The earliest known American recipe for deviled eggs was printed in the Montgomery Advertiser, a news publication in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1877. The recipe included boiled eggs with yolks mixed with melted butter, vinegar, cayenne pepper, and dry mustard. The first known recipe to use mayonnaise as an ingredient in deviled eggs was in the 1896



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version of an American cookbook titled The Boston Cooking School Cookbook by Fannie Farmer. In this early recipe, the mayonnaise was recommended as a binding agent for the yolk mixture. By the 1940s, special platters with oblong indentations designed to hold deviled eggs became a standard gift for Southern brides.

Today, most showers, baby or wedding, have deviled eggs. They show up at holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas too. They are the perfect appetizer for potlucks, picnics, and gatherings. Today’s egg prices make them especially prized!

Most Americans make deviled eggs with mayonnaise, mustard, smoked paprika, and maybe some secret ingredients. I learned on the internet that people around the world commonly use the following ingredients in their deviled eggs: tartar sauce, Worcestershire sauce, pickles, relish, vinegar, olives, pimentos, onion, caviar, cream, capers and sour cream. They may use spices like chipotle, turmeric, poppy seed, thyme, and cilantro, and toppings including caviar, anchovies, bacon, shrimp and herring. While the serving size recommended is 2 deviled eggs (1 whole egg) per person, I always figure 1 ½ eggs per person. I can always eat any leftovers tomorrow for breakfast!

This year because eggs are so expensive, I don’t plan on experimenting with the recipe. I am sticking to a tried and favorite basic recipe for mine.



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- Basic Deviled Eggs**
- Ingredients**
- 8 eggs
 - ½ cup mayonnaise (use your favorite)
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - Salt and pepper, to taste
 - 1 to 2 tablespoons paprika
- Preparation**

Place eggs in a small heavy saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil on high heat and continue to cook eggs for 10 minutes, until hard-boiled. Cool and peel. Carefully slice eggs in half lengthwise. Remove cooked yolks and add to small bowl, setting whites aside. Mash the yolks finely with the back of a fork (or use a fine-mesh sieve for a very smooth filling). Stir in mayonnaise and mustard until smooth and creamy. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon or pipe filling into reserved whites, mounding yolk mixture in each half-egg. Sprinkle generously with paprika. Place in refrigerator and chill until ready to serve. Makes 16 deviled eggs.

Board

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The Salem School Board extended formal congratulations to Aurelia Sylva for her recognition in the State PTA Reflections Contest this spring.

covered payroll, benefits, substitute qualifications, leave policies, sanitation, concussion management, and student conduct.

Financial & Program Updates

The Monthly Financial Report showed stable finances across all funds. An overview of 2025 summer programs

detailed staffing and academic goals.

Acknowledgments & Closing

The board recognized Workforce Readiness Month, Autism Acceptance Month, and the Month of the Military Child. Personnel actions were approved, with the next meeting set for May 13, 2025.

Station

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create a space where people can pause and be with each other in the moment, both inside and outside.”

The Hincee family’s presence in the Hanging Rock area began around 1860 with William George Hincee, a blacksmith who later became a gardener. Over the years, each generation adapted to the times—William’s son Lloyd became a carpenter, and Lloyd’s sons, Raymond and Roy, opened Hincee & Hincee General Store in 1925, just up the road from Sycamore Station.

The family store evolved over time, eventually transitioning into the explosives business, supporting road construction projects throughout the region. “They kept dynamite on Hincee Trail,” Maggi recalled with a laugh, describing how her grandfather and great-uncle shifted from retail to blasting work.

Now, Maggi and Nancy are putting their own spin on the family’s tradition of entrepreneurship—with a strong focus on community. “We started in a food truck during COVID, just as a steppingstone,” Maggi explained. “We never imagined it would become a food-based business.”

But the food has taken off in unexpected ways. Their blueberry grilled cheese—a mix of sweet, tangy goat cheese and Swiss—has developed a bit of a cult following. “People come in and ask, ‘Do you still have that blueberry thing?’” Maggi said. Other menu hits include a turkey-apple-cheddar sandwich and a smoky gouda pimiento cheese, which was refined through trial and error.

They also offer popular vegetarian and gluten-free options, including pastrami-spiced sweet potatoes and a bison meatloaf that’s become a surprise favorite. “We wanted it to be Southern-inspired, but different from what you can find anywhere else.”

Sycamore Station isn’t just about food, though. The building includes a community room that hosts regular Thursday night events, art classes, and local performances. “It’s about creating



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Nancy Hincee Pace, right, and her daughter Maggi Pace stand proudly in front of Sycamore Station, the locally focused retail and food space they opened in 2024. The mother-daughter duo continues a six-generation family legacy, blending history with creativity while fostering a space for community connection.

a place where people want to come together,” said Nancy.

That vision is already resonating with the community. Locals and travelers alike—drawn in by the nearby interstate exit—stop in for coffee, gelato, and a quiet moment on the porch. Dogs are welcome, too. “We’ve got treats under the bench,” Maggi said, smiling. “As long as they’re well-behaved.”

For Maggi, opening the store has felt like coming full circle. “I wanted to do this right out of college, but it wasn’t the right time,” she said. “Now it is. And Mom was on board—so here we are.”

From blacksmiths to general storekeepers, blasters to baristas, the Hincee-Pace family legacy continues at Sycamore Station—rooted in the past, but building a new future.

Roanoke College hosts bone marrow drive for student battling leukemia

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Roanoke College held a national bone marrow registry drive Wednesday, April 16, in support of sophomore student Eddie Kaufman, who is undergoing treatment for T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The event took place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Wortmann Ballroom on the Roanoke College campus. Open to the public, the drive welcomed potential donors ages 18 to 40 to complete a simple cheek swab and join the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) registry.

Kaufman, an outfielder

on the Roanoke College baseball team, was diagnosed in October 2024 after noticing swollen lymph nodes. He is currently receiving treatment at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

The college partnered with the NMDP in hopes of finding a 10/10 donor match for Kaufman. A full match is critical to reducing the risk of transplant rejection and improving treatment outcomes.

“Anyone who joins the registry has the chance to be a life-saving match — not only for Eddie, but for someone else in need,” organizers said.

According to NMDP, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with blood cancer



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Kaufman

every three to four minutes, and 70% of patients do not have a matching donor in their family. Most donations are made through a process similar to plasma donation and are generally pain-free, with minimal recovery time.

Motley

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name Dr. Kenya Motley as the new principal at East Salem Elementary,” Hicks said. “She has done outstanding work at Andrew Lewis Middle School over the past two years, developing strong relationships with families and demonstrating a calm, thoughtful leadership style that puts students first.”

“It has been a privilege to serve the Andrew Lewis community,” she said. “My experience there has been wonderful, and it has prepared me well to take the next step in my career as the principal of East Salem.”

Motley began her education career teaching in Roanoke County at Herman L. Horn Elementary and later at Roanoke City’s Round Hill Elementary. She also served as an assistant principal at the Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science. From 2019-2022 she worked at Virginia Tech in the school of education.

“As I mentioned when I joined the Salem School Division, I certainly enjoyed supervising student teachers at Virginia Tech, but my heart is fullest when I feel like I am positively impacting outcomes for our younger school children,” she said. “Enhancing their development and then watching them

grow each day are both very rewarding to me.”

Motley is a Roanoke native who graduated from William Fleming High School before earning her bachelor’s degree in human development and early childhood education from Virginia Tech. Motley also has a master’s degree in educational leadership from Radford University and a doctorate in philosophy from Virginia Tech.

“Her background as an elementary teacher and assistant principal, along with her experience mentoring future educators in higher education, makes her exceptionally well-prepared for this role,” said Hicks. “Dr. Motley’s strong work ethic and student-centered approach will serve East Salem well as she builds on the school’s tradition of excellence.”

“I look forward to this amazing opportunity and continuing to do the work that I love,” she said.

Motley will succeed Hunter Routt, who is moving to central office administration to become the director of administrative services. Routt had been East Salem’s principal since 2019.

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\$480,000 to upgrade the Pomeroy sewer system, \$1.4 million for Phase 1 of North Salem Water System Improvements.

The proposed budget reflects a net increase of 4.4 percent over the current budget, Dorsey said.

Salem City Schools’ proposed 2026 budget was also included in what Dorsey prepared for Councilmembers. The schools’ proposed budget shows revenue from the state of \$34.6 million.

In other items at the April 14 meeting, Council heard from four people during the Citizen Comments period. They were:

- Kerita Knisely, who asked the city to purchase the oldest home in the city, Preston Place;
- John Breen, who said the Simms subdivision developed by Fralin violated the city’s requirements to which Fralin had agreed, such as trees not planted in section 1;
- Stella Reinhard, who wanted Council to allow people to speak more than the currently allotted five minutes per person. She also suggested ways to use the nine acres of Preston Place property, such as adding an event barn, a festival space and restaurant;
- Whitney Leeson, who distributed

photographs of Preston Place to Councilmembers and suggested there could be a walking trail, wildflower garden and eventually, access to the Roanoke River Greenway.

Other items Council:

- * Approved the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission budget for 2025-26, after a presentation by Michael Stewart;
- Approved a request by Salem Band Boosters to donate \$541 equal to the amount of admissions tax paid at the annual Blue Ridge Regional High School Band Competition;
- Appropriated \$10,000 from Virginia Tourism for a living history weekend in June, highlighting Gen. Andrew Lewis;
- Appropriated \$2,500 for a Healthy Junior Farmers Program that would give young people \$5 in tokens to spend on healthy items each market day at the Salem Farmers Market.

Mayor Renee Turk welcomed 23 Roanoke College students from Professor Cody Sexton’s state and local government class.

All five Salem City Councilmembers were present. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

OPINION

House Republicans last week continued delivering on the America First agenda. I introduced a bill to stop federal employees from using taxpayer-funded time for union activities, supported legislation to ensure only American citizens vote in our elections, and backed efforts to remove businesses tied to foreign adversaries from operating on U.S. military bases. I also enjoyed meeting with students and local leaders up in Washington D.C. and across the Sixth District who are working to make our community stronger. I'll keep fighting for our shared conservative values in Washington.

Standing Up for Taxpayers

Federal employees are hired to serve the American people, not to engage in union activities on the taxpayers' dime. "Official time" was established under the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act to allow federal employees to represent labor unions while remaining on the federal payroll. However, it has grown into an unaccountable and costly practice that diverts resources away from the core functions of government.

In 2016 alone, federal employees spent 3.6 million hours on union-related activities, costing taxpayers a staggering \$177.2 million. Taxpayers shouldn't be footing the bill for federal employees to conduct union business instead of fulfilling their official duties.

That's why I was proud to join Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) in introducing the No Union Time on the Taxpayer's Dime Act. This bill would end the use of official time and ensure your taxpayer dollars are used responsibly, increasing accountability across the federal workforce. Public funds should serve the American people, not private interests. I'll keep fighting to hold Washington accountable and make sure your hard-earned money is spent wisely.

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Congressman

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Ensuring Only Americans Vote in American Elections

The right to vote is a foundational principle of our republic, and its integrity must be protected. Currently, federal law states that it is illegal for foreign nationals or noncitizens to vote in U.S. federal elections or donate with regards to federal, state, or local elections in order to protect the integrity of our elections. However, noncitizens continue to unlawfully register to vote, diluting the votes of American citizens and potentially allowing foreign interference in our elections. Over 8.8 million illegal immigrants have crossed the border under President Biden, including 394 on the terrorist watchlist. In Virginia, more than 1,500 noncitizens were found on our voter rolls. We must protect the integrity of our elections and ensure only American citizens are casting a ballot.

That's why I proudly supported the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, which passed the House last week. This commonsense legislation requires proof of citizenship when registering to vote and requires states to remove non-citizens from their voter rolls. Our elections should be decided by the American people, and only the American people. This bill strengthens election integrity, defends against foreign interference, and restores trust in our democratic process.

Legislative Update: Protecting Our Military Bases from Foreign Adversaries

The Chinese Communist Party has no business operating on U.S. military bases, but right now, they are. GNC, the well-known vitamin and supplement retailer, was purchased in 2020 by Harbin Pharmaceuticals, a company directly tied to the Chinese Communist Party.

Shockingly, GNC operates over 80 storefronts on American military installations, including here in Virginia. These stores have direct access to our servicemembers, their families, and sensitive base environments, creating serious risks for data collection, surveillance, and foreign influence.

That's why I'm proud to co-sponsor the Military Installation Retail Security Act, led by Rep. Pat Harrigan. This important legislation would prohibit companies owned or influenced by hostile foreign governments like China, Russia, Iran, or North Korea from operating physical storefronts on U.S. military bases. It would also require a full review of all retail stores on base to identify any foreign ties.

This is a commonsense step to protect those who protect us. Our military communities should never be vulnerable to the influence of foreign adversaries, and I'll keep working to ensure their safety and security.

Casework Update: Delivering for our Military Families

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is helping folks across the Sixth District when they're having trouble with a federal agency, especially our military families.

Recently, a family from Frederick County reached out to my Winchester office after running into problems with Tricare processing a home birth claim from last April. After weeks of trying to fix the issue on their own, they turned to my office for help.

My staff worked directly with Tricare to get the problem resolved. The hang-up came from a missing digit in a code on their paperwork, which prevented the claim from being processed. After working through the issue, Tricare was able to enhance the image of the claim and process it successfully, giving this family the peace of mind they had been waiting for.

Whether it's dealing with Tricare, the VA, Social Security, or any other federal agency, my office is here to help you cut through the red tape and get answers. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to one of my district offices. We're ready to help.

Celebrating Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Over the weekend, we celebrated Palm Sunday

See Cline, page 5

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where does one begin regarding Congressman Cline's very lengthy column in the Opinion section of the Salem Times-Register of April 10, 2025? In my past responses to Cline's Opinion pieces, I dissected every point he made, presenting factual evidence of his inaccuracies. To respond to every point he makes in his latest opinion would take up the entire page.

Cline is Trump's lap dog and is in lockstep with everything the deranged criminal in the White House says and does.

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Cline is someone who supports a man who demeans women, mocks the disabled, is a pathological liar, a convicted felon, a failed businessman, and calls those servicemembers who died for this country suckers and losers. Since Cline supports Trump 100%, he must believe in these same things.

Trump supports Russia's invasion and occupation of Ukraine. Trump initiated the tariffs that are rocking our economy that had been growing under former President Biden's administration. Trump initiated the expulsion from this country of individuals without due process as required by law and has even called for the deportation of US citizens. (And yes, if you are here illegally you should be deported but only after due process.) Trump has called for the annexation of Canada, Greenland and Panama, even by force if necessary. Trump does not support NATO, which has kept the former Soviet Union and now Russia at bay for almost 80 years.

Earth Day celebration set for April 22

In celebration of Earth Day, let's get some exercise and pick up litter as we go! Join us in the Library lobby on Tuesday, April 22nd at 4pm and we'll spend an hour cleaning up together! Salem Library will supply garbage bags and gloves.

April Events for Adults

Wednesday, April 23, DMV Connect: 10am-12:30pm; 1:30-4pm. Walk ins only.

Thursday, April 24, 2pm. Virtual Speaker Event: "The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A Conversation with Bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz." Register at www.salemlibrary.info

Thursday, April 24, 6:30pm: End of the World Book Club. The theme for this month is Horror/Sci-Fi. Read a book in this sub-genre and come and share your thoughts with others and learn about the books and authors others in the group chose.

Monday, April 28, 1:30pm-6:00pm. Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem Library. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

Tuesday, April 29, 1pm. Afternoon Book Club. Attendees will discuss the

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community Benita VanCleave

book How to Age Gracefully by Clare Pooley.

Wednesday, April 30, 6pm. Sit 'n Stitch: Join other fiber crafters as you work on your own projects.

April Events for Kids

Wednesday, April 23, 30; 3:15pm; Grades 1-5, at least 6 years old. Barks & Books. Come read with a therapy dog! These mellow dogs love books and can't wait to listen to you read. Everyone who signs up gets at least 10 minutes to read with a dog. You can bring your own book or pick one out when you arrive! Register at salemva.libcal.com

Thursday, April 17, 24; 10:15am. Infants and crawlers. Book Babies. Did you know? Literacy development begins at birth! Create lifelong readers with us at this special story time designed especially for infants and crawlers. Register at

salemva.libcal.com

Thursday, April 17, 24; 11am. Ages 0-5. Story Explorers: Create lifelong readers! Join us for stories, songs, and boisterous fun as we share our love of books with your child. Open to children ages 0-5 and their families. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Friday, April 18, 10:30am, Ages 0-5. The Music Circle: Join the talented Ms. Carla for a free music and movement class full of hands-on learning and play. Recommended for ages 0-5 and their families. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Saturday, April 19, 11am, Grades 1-3. Library Buffet Storytime. We'll read a food themed book and make a recipe! Register at salemva.libcal.com

Tuesday, April 22, 3:30pm, Grades 2-3. Book Buzz Book Club: We'll chat about our book, enjoy an activity, and nibble snacks. April's book is Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin. Register at salemva.libcal.com. Come by the library after you register so we can give you a copy of the book for you to read. Registration closes Friday, April 18th at 5pm.

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- Zodiac sign
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- Former OSS
- Early English printer
- Aphid genus
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Aussies
- Dissuades
- Make law
- Drench
- Soak in a liquid
- Male child
- It cools your home
- Small constellation
- To call (archaic)
- Explores beneath the Earth
- Commercial
- W. hemisphere organization

- You can find it in a can
- "Land of the free"
- 42 36 inches
- Footwear
- Challenges
- They hold things together
- Of I
- Partner to flow
- Not connected by kinship
- Worries
- Garlic mayonnaise
- A way to take by force
- Legendary English rockers
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Fencing swords
- Silly
- Actor DiCaprio
- Encircles with a belt
- Mails a message

CLUES DOWN

- Horse mackerels
- It can be viral
- Prickly plants
- Consciousness
- Type of sarcoma
- Tax collector
- Sun up in New York
- One who scorches
- Influential psychotherapist
- Situated at an apex
- Communicative
- Forearm nerve
- Former CIA
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Large-scale
- School environment
- Remove
- Male parents
- Large rodent

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- Explains again
- Exclamation of surprise
- Courteously
- Lying down
- Judge
- Forcefully took
- Loosely compacted sediment
- High mountain
- Portable conical tents
- Cereal grass
- Dining utensil
- Thoughtful
- Helps you walk
- Indicates near
- Midway between northeast and east
- Local area network



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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of April 1, 2025 – April 7, 2025

4/1/2025	Phillip E. Stultz	54	Trespassing
4/1/2025	Christopher A. Lindamood	63	Petit Larceny Not from person
4/1/2025	David J. Meador	43	Auto Theft, Wearing Mask in Public
4/2/2025	Bradford L. Gillis	54	Trespassing
4/2/2025	Michelle T. Johnson	38	Conditional Release Violation
4/3/2025	Terri L. Turner	55	Petit Larceny Not From Person
4/3/2025	Robert C. King	54	Possession of Controlled Substance
4/4/2025	Victoria L. Marushia	24	Public Intoxication
4/4/2025	Mary A. Wisher	22	Public Intoxication
4/5/2025	Craig A. Stockton	73	Public Intoxication
4/5/2025	Olga L. Lopez Hidalgo	31	Petit Larceny Not From Person
4/5/2025	Robert J. Corbin	39	Petit Larceny Not From Person
4/7/2025	Amanda L. Thurston	36	Failure to Appear
4/7/2025	Charles E. Counts III	37	Harassing Phone Calls

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of April 1, 2025 – April 7, 2025

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
4/1/2025	200 BLK Lakehurst Ave	Auto Theft
4/5/2025	0 BLK Wortham St	Grand Larceny
4/6/2025	200 BLK Chapman St	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle

Expansion

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our presence in the region,” said Integer Senior Director of Operations Pete Hall.

“For more than three decades, our team in Salem has provided incredible talent to help Integer become our customers’ partner of choice for delivering innovation that enhances the lives of patients around the world,” said Integer President & CEO Joseph Dziedzic. “Our planned investment in this new facility is a testament to the great work the local team is doing, which is creating increased customer demand in growing markets that are addressing unmet patient needs. We look forward to our continued growth in Virginia.”

“Integer’s expansion is a testament to the City of Salem and the Roanoke Valley’s impressive talent of high-skilled machinists and engineers, who produce some of the world’s most complicated medical devices,” said City of Salem Mayor Renée Turk. “This substantial investment in Salem will boost economic development locally and create 83 new jobs in the valley. We’re excited that Integer chose our community to further advance their manufacturing expertise here in Salem.”

“For three decades, Integer’s advanced manufacturing in Salem has provided valuable medical equipment for thousands across the world,” said Senator David Suetterlein. “We are thrilled that Integer’s significant new investment in Salem will create 83 new quality advanced manufacturing jobs that will allow Integer to help even more people.”

“I am delighted that Integer has chosen to expand right here in Salem,” said Delegate Joe McNamara. “I am proud of the work Integer performs supporting our large and growing healthcare industry. We remain committed to provide the best talent, quality of life, and tax structure to support Integer’s

continued success.”

“Congratulations to Integer on this exciting expansion of employment and of their physical plant within the City of Salem,” said Roanoke Regional Partnership Executive Director John Hull. “Integer’s approach to recruitment and training is a model for modern manufacturers and the region is fortunate to be partnered with such a fabulous company and leader within the industry.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the City of Salem and the Roanoke Regional Partnership to secure the project for Virginia. Governor Youngkin approved a \$350,000 grant from the Commonwealth’s Opportunity Fund to assist the City of Salem with the project. The Governor also approved a performance-based grant of \$500,000 from the Virginia Investment Performance Grant Program, an incentive that encourages continued capital investment by existing Virginia companies.

Support for Integer’s job creation will be provided through the Virginia Talent Accelerator Program, ranked the No. 1 Customized Workforce Training Program in the United States by Business Facilities in 2024. The program, created by VEDP in collaboration with higher education partners, accelerates new facility startups through the direct delivery of recruitment and training services that are fully customized to a company’s unique products, processes, equipment, standards and culture. All program services are provided at no cost to qualified new and expanding companies as an incentive for job creation.

Integer will expand its operations at 200 S Yorkshire St.

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SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 12 O’Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Clay Dalton; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship, 11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM.

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

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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

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FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road (Roanoke). Español Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). Worship Times: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM for Salem and North; 10:30 AM for Español. For more information, visit: www.fcclife.org

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Michael Varner, Phone: 540-389-5109. Facebook: “GREENHILLCOB,SALEM,VA”. Youtube: “ @greenhillcob4205”. Adult Bible Study, Sunday: 10 am. Sunday Traditional Worship, 10:45 am.

CATHOLIC

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CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

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5365. People of all faiths are welcome.

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Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on April 24, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Michael W. and Lisa P. Moeller, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(2) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 615 Crestwood Drive, Tax Map # 89-4-7. Section 106-202.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures must be located behind the rear building line of the principal structure. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a variance to construct an inground pool in the side yard.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM

Planning & Zoning Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, 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 the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Clipp Family Trust, or assigns, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 2381-2383 Roanoke Blvd. (T/M# 225-2-6.1) from HBD Highway Business District with conditions to HBD Highway Business District.

2. Consider the request of ABoone Real Estate, Inc., contact purchaser, to rezone the properties located at 1906 Mill Ln. & 1400 blk Penley Blvd. (T/M#s 205-2-5 & 204-13-1) from RSF/AG Residential Single Family/Agriculture Districts & AG Agriculture Districts to RSF Residential Single Family District and for a Special Exception Permit to include both parcels in the Cluster Housing Overlay 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 176 Country Road, Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085 Tax Map No.: 38-31C

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2013, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 130003388, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.

Beginning at an iron pin found at the northeast corner of the James W. Zell, III, 1.719 acre tract; thence N. 89-50-51 E. 119.80 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 0-25-02 W. 529.29 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 77-51-01 W. 122.35 feet to an iron pin, corner to the aforementioned James W. Zell, III, tract; thence N. 0-25-02 E. 503.22 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.42 acres, more or less, as shown on plat of survey by Lewis A. Hickman, Jr. C.L.S., dated November 7, 1978, a copy which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 324, Page 356, the said property being a part of the property conveyed to Frances Elizabeth Zell by S. San Juan, et al, by deed dated October 2, 1946, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, in Deed Book 97, at Page 170.

TOGETHER WITH a perpetual right of way and easement, 15 feet in width, over the existing road, for the purposes of ingress and egress, between the property herein conveyed, the remaining property of the party of the first part, and U. S. Route 220, said right of way and easement to be non-exclusive and located generally along the southern edge of the 8.40 acre tract conveyed by Deed dated July 24, 1975, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 222, at Page 291.

Date of Sale: May 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 West Main Street #120, Fincastle, VA 24090.

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 Substitute 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 Substitute 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 Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute 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. Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit request by SHAH Development LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, to allow Single-Family or Two-Family Dwelling(s) in the General Business District (B-3) zoning district on property located on the western side of Plum Street across from Trent Dr. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 497-(2)-B; (Parcel ID 120350), and consisting of approximately of 0.776 acres. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104 Case No. **CA25000005-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

GILLIAN ROSE SCHNIDER MANNEBACH and MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER MANNEBACH, Petitioners v. Commonwealth of Virginia, The object of this suit is to: ADOPTION OF CHILD TO BE KNOWN AS CORY ROSE IRENE RODGERS It is ORDERED that EDWARD LEE RODGERS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 16th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 17, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104 Case No. **CL25000550-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073 Kayla Dawn Comer, Stanley Hunter Early v. Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to: Name change of a minor It is ORDERED that Anthony Paul Early appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 26th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 17, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104 Case No. **CL25000555-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Megan Alyssa Sawyers v. Elden Raul Gonzalez

The object of this suit is to: Divorce It is ORDERED that Elden Raul Gonzalez appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 25, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 295 NEWTOWN ROAD, SHAWSVILLE, VA 24162.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 2, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$139,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007013212. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 19, 2025, at 1:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF NEWTOWN ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF SHAWSVILLE, SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, . VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF NEW PARCEL 2, CONTAINING 0.374 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF C. B. SISSON AND R.D. SISSON BOUNDARY LINE REVISION AND LOT LINE VACATIONS, PREPARED BY C.S. CORRELL, L.S. PLAN #P-1095, DATED APRIL 2, 1999 A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED HEREWITH IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 74, AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY 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 at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWVW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-375117-1.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Mary Frances Keith, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a Single-Family or Two-Family Dwelling in the General Business District (B-3) on property located near the intersection of Boxwood Dr NW and Redwood Dr NW, identified as Tax Parcels 466-(1)-49, 50, 51, and 52; Parcel ID 013934, and consisting of approximately of 0.480 acres. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

C. Conditional Use Permit request by Burch Properties, LLC, Property Owner, and David Beasley, Applicant, to allow for a Kennel in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 1605 N. Franklin Street, identified as Tax Parcel 466-((A))-20C, Parcel ID 013214, and consisting of approximately 10.9 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

D. Rezoning request by RN Investments Annex, LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to rezone property located at 115 Farmview Rd NW, identified as Tax Parcels 466-((1))-60A-67A, Parcel ID 070719, consisting of approximately of 9.050 acres, from General Business District (B-3) to General Industrial District (I-2). The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Section 42-11 – Amendments to chapter (c) Notice and hearing. The request is to 1) remove the requirement for notices of public hearings to be published once a week for two successive weeks and 2) amend the advertising requirements to the first notice appearing no more than 28 days before and the second notice appearing no less than seven days before the date of the meeting referenced in the notice. The change would bring Town Code into alignment with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2204. (Advertisement of plans, ordinances, etc.; joint public hearings; written notice of certain amendments).

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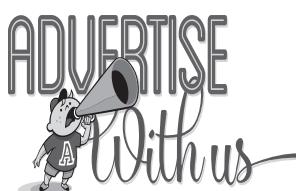
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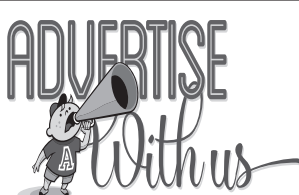
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Taylor sets new school record in the 110 hurdles in Vinton meet

The Salem High track team competed at the “Terrier Team Challenge” on a chilly day in Vinton last Saturday. The meet was held at the William Byrd track at Patterson Stadium.

Salem’s Mitchell Taylor heated things up with a first place finish and a new meet and school record in the 110 hurdles, finishing in 14.29. Davon Jones was fourth in the race.

Justice English, Aedon Wiley and Nazeser Miller were 6-7-8 in the 100 dash and the 4x200 relay team of English, Jones, Miller and Wiley was first. The distance medley team of Austin Prosser, Grant Horner, Thomas Scharp and Isaac Snow was second

Earning points in the girls' competition were the third place 4x800 relay team of Harper Rocovich, Audrey Harmon, Addison Hancock and Caroline Huff and the fourth place 4x200 team of AvaSchifflet, Maekayla Scott, Zi'Leyah Haynes and Kaylyn Ross.

The Spartans were scheduled to run at Blacksburg on Wednesday and they’ll be at Hidden Valley Saturday.

Meanwhile, Glenvar was scheduled to run at Staunton River last week but the meet was cancelled due to a medical emergency. This week the Highlanders go to Alleghany today and to Emory & Henry on Saturday.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Davon Jones(left) and Mitchell Taylor(right) compete in the 110 hurdles at William Byrd High School Saturday. Taylor won the race and set a new school and meet record and Jones was fourth.

Glenvar sweeps middle school meet

The Glenvar Middle School track team hosted the middle school Three Rivers District Invitational on Saturday and the home team had a big day. Both the Highlander girls and boys won team titles.

Leading the way for the girls was Ava Poindexter who won gold medals in the 100 hurdles, long jump, triple jump, 300 hurdles and was second in the high jump and 4x100 meter relay. Mylea Williams won the discus with a school record throw of 64 feet 10 inches and Gabby Barba stepped up in a huge way with top three finishes in the long jump, 100, 200 and 400 meter dash.

First year runner Edison Huffman earned two medals with a silver in the 300 hurdles and bronze in the triple jump.

For the boys Money Shaw took first in the 200, triple jump and had top three finishes in the 100 dash and 110 hurdles. Money also won the long jump with a school record breaking jump of 18 feet 9 inches.

Zack Smith had personal bests in all of his events and anchored the winning 4x100 team that included Lyric Adams, Ben Brown and Anthony Cline. Matthew Gard had a very impressive personal best in the 800 and Grayson Harris had top three finishes in five events. Dillon Faight won a third place medal in his first ever 300 hurdle race.



PHOTO COURTESY GLENVAR TRACK

The Glenvar Middle School girls(above) and boys(below) won Three Rivers District middle school track team championships at Glenvar Saturday.



CHANCE CRAWFORD SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

Fields throughout the Roanoke Valley were buzzing with softball players as over 200 teams competed in the annual Chance Crawford tournament last weekend. This was the first time the renovated James I. Moyer Complex was used as the host site with 21 fields throughout the region used in the multi-division tournament. Action went well into the night Saturday and concluded Sunday evening. Division winners included the following:

COED Rec – The Shield- Mt. Airy, NC
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Men’s Upper Division – Chick-Fil-A – Mechanicsville, VA
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Women’s Lower – On Strike – Taylors, SC
Women’s Middle – One Last Rodeo – Orange, VA
Women’s Upper – She Gone Sports – Woodbridge, VA

RC's McCray sets strikeout record as Maroons split with Jackets

Roanoke College senior Maggie McCray set the new program single-season strikeout record Monday afternoon as the Roanoke College softball team split an Old Dominion Athletic Conference doubleheader at 12th ranked Randolph-Macon College. The Yellowjackets won the first game, 12-3, but McCray pitched the Maroons to a win in the nightcap, 6-1.

McCray, who already broke the single-game strikeout record twice this season, fanned seven in game two for 142 strikeouts on the year to surpass Kelly Higbie's former top mark of 141 in 2012.

Maggie got all the offense she needed on a Madison Courts three-run home run in the fourth inning. Adrianna Rivera slapped RBI singles

in the fifth and seventh innings and Kassidy Lancos brought in another run in the seventh on a groundout.

McCray got out of a bases loaded jam in the fifth with a strikeout and forced three foul outs in the sixth. RMC loaded the bases again in the seventh but McCray closed out the game, allowing just one run.

With the split Roanoke returned to Salem with an even 15-15 record on the season. Roanoke dropped both ends of a doubleheader to Virginia Wesleyan at Virginia Beach Sunday, 9-2 and 4-1.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Lynchburg in a doubleheader at the Moyer Complex Wednesday. Today they’ll go to Danville for two against Averett University.

Lewis runs against B'Burg, Pulaski

The Andrew Lewis track teams competed against Blacksburg and Pulaski Middle Schools last week at Salem High School.

The girls were once again led by top scorer McKenzie Eversole, who scored in all three of her events. Marley Harmon was the winner of the long jump, Anna Doyle and Micayla Black placed in the throws while Olivia Huff placed in the 400 meter dash.

London Via won the discus throw. Brynna Clewis, Liliana Dean, Amoria Correll, Amelia O’Brien, Jo’Hanna Nugent, and Alayna Lewis all scored points for the Wolverines.

The boys were led by top scorer Jahamere Nance, who won all three

of the jumps. Ji’Zaiah Haynes stayed undefeated in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, while Dustin Peters remained perfect in the hurdles.

Landon Nunley stayed unbeaten in the 1600 and 800 meter runs. The 400 meter relay team of Haynes, Eli Yates, Jermari Allen, and Zyere Richardson took first place along with the 1600 meter relay of Nunley, Kavion Foxx, Xavier Calloway, and Caleb Hicks.

Riley Ennis, Aaron Langfitt, Owen Jenkins, Grayson Phillips, Grant Martin, and Liam Lineberry all scored points for the Wolverines.

The teams are back in action again on Wednesday of this week at James River High School.

RC women win 2 events at U. of Lynchburg meet

The Roanoke College track team competed in the Dennis Craddock Coaches Classic at the University of Lynchburg last Saturday and had some strong performances for both the men and women.

The women had two first place finishes. One week after setting the school record in the 400m hurdles at High Point University's VertKlasse Meeting, Ophelia Ladner turned in a winning performance in the event with a time of 1:03.84.

Roanoke's 4x100 relay team of Lindsey Hobin, Nalonda Henderson, Eleanor Hinckley and Mae Kaufman also crossed the tape first with a time of 47.71 seconds.

On the men’s side Elias Ammon was the runner-up in the 800m, notching one of three top-five placements. Ammon logged a personal-best time of 1:53.75 to land in second place in the 800m. All five Maroons competing in the race established new personal records.

Dominic McCombs placed fifth in the pole vault with a mark of 4.05m and Matt Garis came in fifth in the 10,000m, clocking in at 32:41.20.

The Maroons will return to Lynchburg for Randolph College's WildCat Invitational this weekend.

Lewis, Glenvar MS teams meet Monday

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School spring sports teams will go head-to-head for the second this spring when the baseball, softball and soccer teams meet on Monday, April 21. This time Glenvar will be home for baseball and boys’ soccer and Lewis will host the softball and girls’ soccer games.

All the teams played on Monday, with Lewis taking on Northside opponents and Glenvar meeting Central Academy. The Lewis baseball team beat the Norsemen, 9-6, at Northside as Crayton Boger had three hits and also stole home. Nick Winterer pitched for Lewis and the Wolverine offense had 10 hits at the team improved to 4-6.

Glenvar lost to Central Academy 7-2 in baseball. Raylan Franklin had three hits for the Highlanders.

In softball Northside roughed up the Wolverines, 14-1, as Lewis fell to 4-4-2. “Not our best game for sure but Northside is good,” said Lewis coach Randall Sell. They have a veteran team and are well coached. With that being said, I love this team. They are hard workers and have such a long way in a short amount of time.”

Glenvar came from behind to beat CAMS in softball, 9-7. Kherington Jewell struck out nine and

had two hits. Elena Eskridge had two hits and three runs batted in

The Lewis boys soccer team beat Northside 6-1. Goals were scored by Adric Setchel, Miles Biscotte, Carter Webb, Ever Herrera, Kemi Joly and Liam Munoz.

Glenvar’s boys improved to 9-1 on the season with a 7-0 win over Central Academy. Two goals a piece were scored by Bryson Kuzmich and Noah Stevens. Additional goals were scored by Isaac Carroll, Zack Williams and Benny Carter. Goal keeper Aiden Driver and the defense recorded their seventh shutout.

The Lewis girls soccer team defeated Northside Middle 7-0. Carma Mitchen scored the first goal while Nizyah Belcher and Kinsley Fischer had two goals each. Emmy Elliot and Mallory Franklin each added one goal as the Wolverines improved to 8-2.

The Glenvar girls were all over CAMS for a 10-1 win Monday.

Today Glenvar Middle School teams play William Byrd and Andrew Lewis takes on Cave Spring in baseball, softball and boys’ soccer. The Lewis girls’ soccer team was scheduled to play Cave Spring Tuesday.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Signing day for Spartans

Salem High School held a signing day last week to recognize senior athletes who will be going on to continue their education and play sports in college in the fall. Those who attended, with sport and college included, front row, left to right; Cora Grace Sparger(Softball, Christopher Newport), Charli Wynn(basketball, Bluefield Univ.), Elizabeth Smith(basketball, Bluefield Univ.), Erin Armistead(Track & Field, University of Lynchburg) and Justice English(Track & Field, Ferrum). Back row, left to right; Josiah Persinger(Football, University of Virginia), Dorian Vance(Football, Capital University), Logan Lavinder(Soccer, Roanoke College), Jack Camper(Football, Roanoke College), Connor Cox(Football, Roanoke College), Jackson Wininger(Lacrosse, Univ. of Mary Washington), Jackson Jones(Lacrosse, Emory & Henry), Brayden Hall(Lacrosse, Emory & Henry), Dontay Davis(Football, Randolph Macon), Kameron Brown(Basketball, Shenandoah University), LaMarius Foxx(Basketball, Eastern Mennonite), Eli Taylor(Football, Roanoke College), Mitchell Taylor(Track & Field, Roanoke College) and Jackson Bryie(Football, VMI).



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

London Fralin of the Salem girls' lacrosse team picks up a ground ball in last week's game with Western Albemarle at Spartan Field.

Salem lacrosse teams split with PH

The Salem High lacrosse teams took on Patrick Henry in the past week and split. The boys won at PH last Friday and the girls fell to the Patriots on Monday at Spartan Field.

It was a cold and rainy night at Merrill Gainer Field in Roanoke last Friday but the Spartans didn't let it bother them as they took a big 9-6 win. The Spartans trailed 6-2 at the half but scored six unanswered goals in the third period and shut out the Patriots in the second half to get the win.

Holden Custer, Jack Wininger and Wade Marble had two goals each for the Spartans while Jackson Jones, Oliver Farber and Ty Hicklin had one each. Parker Dallas had four assists

and defenseman Ronnie Frith had two assists and three takeaways. Richard Hof had five saves as the boys' improved to 4-1.

The girls played on a much nicer night on Monday but fell to PH, 6-4. Salem went out to a 3-1 lead in the first quarter but PH tied it up at 3-3 by the half and outscored Salem 3-1 in the second half.

Bailey Redford had 11 saves in the goal for Salem. Ann Thomas had a goal and two assists as the girls fell to 2-3.

The girls and boys will host Christiansburg in a varsity double-header tonight. The girls will start at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.

RC baseball splits with H-S

The Roanoke College baseball team hosted Hampden-Sydney split with Hampden-Sydney

for "Senior Day" Saturday and split with the Tigers. Roanoke won the first game, 11-8, but

dropped the nightcap, 14-6.

In the opener Hampden-Sydney scored first but Roanoke responded with seven runs over the next two innings. HSC answered back to make it 8-7 going into the bottom of the ninth only to have RC's Kyle Moshier walk it off with a game-winning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth.

Thomas Burgess got the start for the Maroons, going six innings and fanning four. Trevor Orth added his fifth win of the season after throwing two innings of three hit ball while striking out one.

In the second game Liam Murphy led the squad with two hits and three RBIs as the Tigers earned a split. Murphy also hit his second homer of the day and seventh of the year in the loss.

The split left the Maroons at 18-13-1 for the season and 10-5-1 in ODAC games. They were scheduled to play at Ferrum Wednesday and Saturday they'll host Shenandoah for a doubleheader. That will be played at Calfee Park in Pulaski with the Salem Red Sox at home.

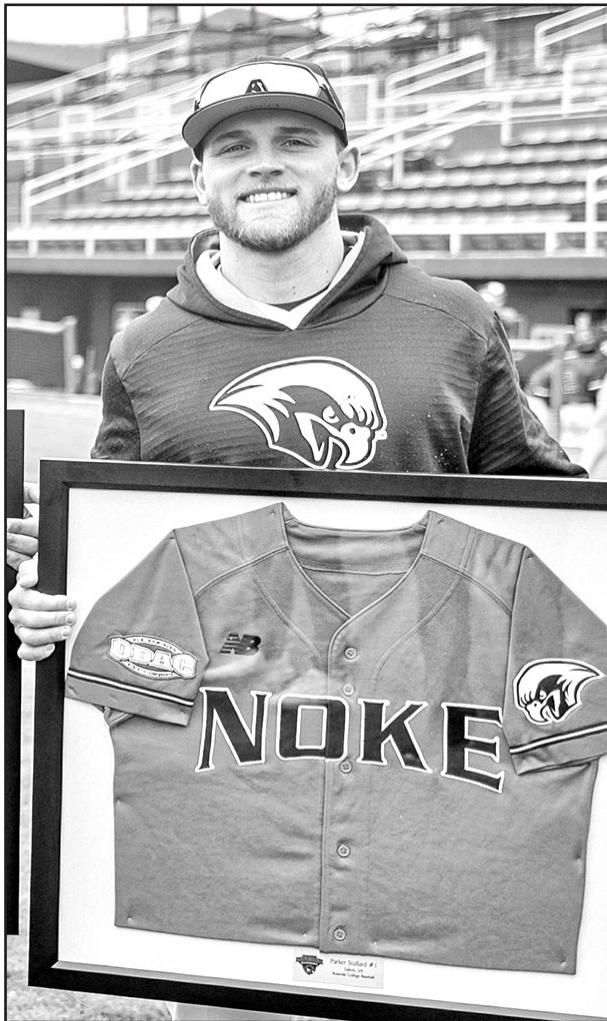


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Salem's Parker Stallard was one of five Maroons honored on "Senior Day" when the team hosted Hampden-Sydney in a doubleheader at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Whitlow scores 300th point as Maroons rally past Tigers

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team fell behind early but rallied for an 18-14 win over Hampden-Sydney in a big ODAC game at Kerr Stadium last Saturday.

Junior Clayton Bewick scored a career-high five times and fifth-year Wyatt Whitlow, a Salem High grad, joined the 300-point club in the win. Whitlow scored three goals to become just the second Maroon in program history to reach 300 points, trailing only teammate Luke Kammerman (389). Whitlow has an even 300 points, including 53 this season.

The Tigers started the game strong, opening a 4-1 lead and ending the first period ahead 6-2. Roanoke netted six of the next seven goals to tie the game at seven and the teams ended the first half tied at 8-8.

The Maroons took control with the first five goals of the third period, including three from Whitlow. The Tigers closed to 14-10 entering the fourth quarter but each team scored four in the fourth period as the

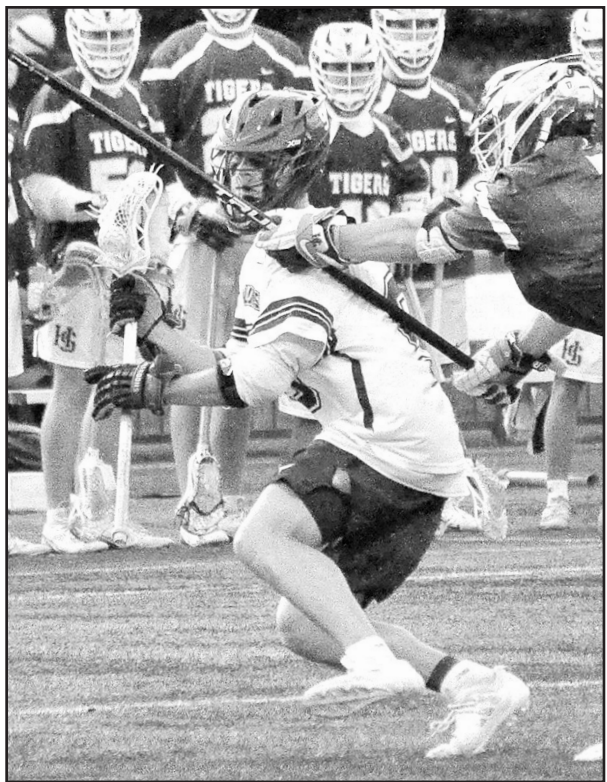


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wyatt Whitlow of Roanoke College takes a check from behind in Saturday's win over Hampden-Sydney.

Maroons held on for the win. Freshman Chris Schwartz got the start between the pipes and made nine saves to earn the win.

With the victory the Maroons improved to 10-4 on the season and

6-1 in conference play. They were at Bridgewater Wednesday followed by a home game against Virginia Wesleyan at Salem's Kerr Stadium this Saturday. Faceoff time is 2:30 pm.

Roanoke women spank VWU

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team grabbed another ODAC win as they took down Virginia Wesleyan, 20-1 in Virginia Beach last Saturday. With the win the Maroons improved to 9-5 on the season and 6-1 in ODAC games.

Roanoke got to work in a hurry, scoring within the first minute. From there, they went on to score 13 more unanswered goals in the first half. It was 14-0 before the break.

Twelve different RC players found

the back of the net in the game and seven of those players had multi-point games. Grace Koutouzis led all scorers with eight points on five goals and three assists. Maddie McDonald added a hat trick while Zoe Blair and Audrey Leith rounded out the other multi-goal scorers with two each.

The Maroons were scheduled to play at the University of Lynchburg on Wednesday followed by a home game against Eastern Mennonite this Saturday at noon.

Maroon v'ball 2nd in ODAC

Roanoke College finished as the runnerup in the first men's ODAC volleyball tournament last week. The Maroons beat Eastern Mennonite in the semifinal round in Salem, three sets to none, before losing 3-0 to top-seeded Randolph-Macon in Ashland Saturday.

The win over EMU was the first post-season victory for the third year program. Pierce Faulcon had a season best 13 kills in the match while posting a .545 hitting percentage.

That set up Saturday's championship game. The Maroons put up a good fight before falling 25-16, 25-23 and 25-17.

Faulcon was the leading attacker for the Maroons for the second straight game with nine kills. Jackson Rutkowski and Michael Cummins were right behind him with seven apiece. Teagan Cole led the team in assists with 15.

The Maroons finished their third season with a 22-12 record, their best yet. They were 8-4 in ODAC matches under second year head coach Mark Rohrback, who also coaches the Glenvar High School girls' team in the fall.

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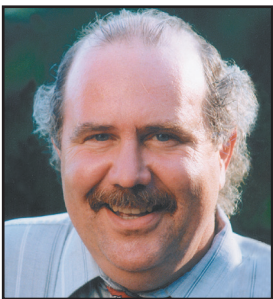
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Yogi Roberts was "All-Salem"

If you’ve ever driven by the Salem Municipal Golf Course on Academy Street and were surprised to see a motorized golf cart navigating the terrain, most likely that was Yogi Roberts.

Hugh “Yogi” Roberts passed away at the age of 81 on the 7th of this month after a short battle with kidney problems. He was still a regular at the Salem



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Yogi Roberts putts at the Salem Municipal Course at the August 2023 benefit tournament.

Municipal Course up until last summer and he was one of those characters that make Salem a fun place to live.

A graduate of Andrew Lewis High School, Yogi was a member of the Roberts family who owned Lakeside Amusement Park. He was a long time employee of Hart Motor Company and was involved in all kinds of sports in Salem. He loved football, be it Andrew Lewis or Salem High, and probably played more rounds of golf at the Municipal Course than anyone. He could putt on those difficult sand “greens” like no one else.

But that’s not what made Yogi a memorable person. He could spin a tale about just about anything and he wasn’t afraid to drag it out to play it for all it was worth. He always had a warm greeting and a smile and a comment or question about some sports related thing.

Yogi was one of the first people I met when I started working here. He would bring me the fast pitch softball standings to put in the paper and we were friends for over 50 years, and many knew him longer than that.

If you knew him you’ll never forget him. He was Salem through and through and proud of it.

GOLF TOURNAMENT IS STILL ON

On another sad note I wrote about the upcoming benefit golf tournament at the Academy Street course in last week’s column. This year’s tournament was a fund raiser for Eric Carter, who was employed by the Salem Civic Center since 2000 as a chef and member of the Salem Catering team. He had been battling health issues and the money raised at the tournament would go toward his medical bills.

Well, Eric passed away last week. The tournament will still go toward his bills and it will go on as planned on Saturday, May 31. Tee times are at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm and cost is \$40 per player or \$160 per team.

Deadline to enter the tournament is May 24th. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, prizes, refreshments and lunch at 11:30 am.

Entry forms can be obtained at the course clubhouse at 601 Academy Street and checks should be made to the Salem Parks & Recreation Dept. For

more information call Chuck Johnston at 540-392-9445.

WILKES

Furman University’s Carly Wilkes, a 2022 Glenvar High School graduate, was recently chosen the Southern Conference women’s outdoor track and field athlete of the week. Selections were made by panels of the league’s track and field coaches and included all competition from March 26-April 1.

A junior, Wilkes won the 10,000m and established a new Furman program record at the Raleigh Relays at the Paul Derr Track & Field Facility on the campus of N.C. State on March 28 and 29. The meet was one of the nation’s first premier competitions during the outdoor season.

Wilkes led all collegiate finishers in the women’s 10,000m, setting a new Furman program record of 33:20.08. Carly leads the SoCon in this event and is ranked ninth in the East Region and 12th in the country.



PHOTO BY PHIL PONDER
Carly Wilkes runs her record setting race at N.C. State in March.

Glenvar soccer teams sweep Radford in 3RD matches

The Glenvar soccer teams will play a girls-boys varsity doubleheader tonight at Highlander Stadium. The girls will play Northside at 5 pm with the boys to follow against Floyd County.

Both teams had big wins over Radford on Monday night. The Glenvar boys soccer team stayed unbeaten and unscored upon with a 4-0 win over the Bobcats in Radford and the girls took a 3-1 win at home.

For the boys, Luke Farmer took a Wesley Feliciano cross nine minutes into the game to score the first goal, then Adam Saunders would find the back of the net after chasing down a Grayson Shepherd punt and net the second goal three minutes later.

Glenvar’s third goal came when Aidan Hylton headed in a Feliciano serve in the box with 14 minutes left in the half to take a 3-0 lead into halftime. Feliciano added another goal in the second half to claim the victory. Grayson Shepherd and Tyler Shannon combined for the shutout in the net as Glenvar outshot Radford, 32-4.

"It was a really good road win for us," said



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER
Left, Glenvar's Luke Farmer(#11) controls the ball in Monday's win in Radford. Right, Maddie Fracleton makes a save for the Highlanders.



Glenvar coach Josh Jones. “Playing at Radford always presents some challenges for us and we dealt with those fairly well. Hopefully we can continue to work hard, remain focused and improve as we move through the year.”

The Highlanders are now 6-0-0 on the season and were scheduled to play at Auburn on Wednesday.

The Glenvar girls soccer team improved to 5-2 on the season when the Highlanders beat Three Rivers District rival Radford at

GHS Monday. Cam Stevens, Davin Tate and Sawyer Wilson scored goals for the Highlanders and Annie George had an assist. That followed an 8-0 win over Giles last week as Stevens had a three goal hat trick.

Salem soccer teams fall to Bruins, Titans

It was a tough week for the Salem High soccer teams as both the boys and girls lost games to Blacksburg and Hidden Valley. The Spartans will try to turn things around Friday when the girls host Christiansburg and the boys go there.

Last Friday at a rainy Spartan Field the Spartan boys lost to Blacksburg, 3-1. Blacksburg scored first off a long throw in but the Spartans answered when Anthony Rugama found Logan Lavinder for the tying goal. Blacksburg would take the lead back and eventually add a third late in the game for the final score.

“Our guys competed hard and played well, we just made one too many mistakes that we couldn’t overcome,” said Salem coach David Atkins.

On Tuesday at home Salem fell to 4-2 with a 1-0 loss to Hidden Valley. Salem outshot the Titans 15-3 but couldn’t find the net while Hidden Valley was able connect one time.

The Salem girls were shut out by the Bruins in Blacksburg last Friday, 3-0, and fell at Hidden Valley Tuesday, 3-1. Aly Price had Salem’s goal as the Spartans fell to 3-3 on the season.



Left, Salem's Logan Butcher is ready to hit a backhand in Monday's match with Glenvar at Salem High. Right, Glenvar's Rebecca Magruder is ready to do the same when the Highlanders hosted the Salem girls.



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Spartans sweep Glenvar in boys, girls tennis

The Salem and Glenvar tennis teams went head-to-head on Monday with Salem coming out on top in both. The Salem boys beat Glenvar, 6-3, on the SHS courts and the Spartan girls took a 9-0 win at Glenvar.

Salem and Glenvar split the singles matches. Salem took the top three spots with Drew Perez, Logan Butcher and Chance Long but Glenvar took spots four through six with Chaitanya Gohill, Christian Hill and Liam Paxton.

In all three cases Glenvar won the first set, Salem won the second and the Highlanders won 10 point tie-breakers to tie the match after the singles.

Salem then swept the doubles with the teams of Perez-Butcher, Long-Adam Burr and Jack Dixon-Evan Graybill.

“Salem proved resilient in doubles as Drew and Logan stayed unbeaten at the top spot,” said Salem coach Steve Lily. “It looks like we can expect

another close match when the teams meet again on May 14th.”

“I was happy with our play in spots but we had to play better tennis to have a chance against a team like Salem,” said Glenvar coach Bob Haynie.

Salem swept the series with Glenvar with Monday’s win. Winning singles for the Salem girls were Claire Rawlins, Caroline Loveday, Mira Makked, Josephine Eaton, Elisa Nguyen and Diya Patel.

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Highlanders pick up first win against previously undefeated Salem

The old saying goes that baseball's a funny game, and there's a lot of truth to that.

Salem High played on Glenvar's diamond last week, just a week and a day after the Spartans slaughter-ruled Glenvar at Kiwanis Park. Salem came to Glenvar with a 5-0 record and the Highlanders waited for them at 0-6, so what happens? Glenvar wins for the first time this season, 2-1.

This one was one of those good ole fashioned "pitching duels." The Spartans scored one run in the top of the fourth but Glenvar answered with two in the bottom of the fifth and that was the extent of the offense.

Cale Vaughan was outstanding for Glenvar, pitching a complete game three-hitter with 10 strikeouts. He gave up a double to Mason Hale followed by an RBI triple to Thomas Millard in the fourth but worked out of the inning without further damage.

Meanwhile, Keegan Craighead was almost as good for Salem. He went six innings allowing just two runs, one earned, and had eight strikeouts while yielding just three hits. Peyton Deel had



Left, Glenvar's Cale Vaughan pitches a complete game win over Salem last week. Right, Salem's Thomas Millard pulls into third base with a triple as the throw goes by Highlander thirdbaseman Jace Forster.

two of the hits and Cam Feazell had a big RBI single for the Highlanders.

"Beating Salem was a big confidence builder for us," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer. "It was an intense game until the last out and it proved we could play with anyone. We had scratched and clawed to that point with nothing to show for it."

Glenvar made it two in a row on Tuesday and it was another great outing

for Vaughan as the Highlanders shut out Radford, 3-0, at Glenvar. This time Cale allowed just one hit and struck out 15 Bobcats before Feazell got the last out when Vaughan reached his pitch count. Jack Osburn had two hits and Camden Summerville had a big RBI hit in the fourth inning for the first run of the game.

The Highlanders will try to make it three in a row today when they host

Floyd. Feazell will start on the mound in that one.

Meanwhile, Salem played host to Hidden Valley on Tuesday and Trace Monroe broke the school strikeout record in an 8-0 win. He now has 207.

The Spartans, now 6-1, are at Northside today at 5 pm and Friday they play a jayvee-varsity doubleheader at Christiansburg starting with the jayvees at 5 pm.

Spartans softball shuts out Glenvar, have given up one run in 5 games

Cora Grace Sparger and Cora Robinson combined for a five inning shutout as the Salem High softball team defeated Glenvar, 10-0, at the James I. Moyer Complex Monday.

Sparger had 11 strikeouts for the Spartans and allowed just three hits before Robinson got the last out. Caitlin Wells led Salem with three hits and stole two bases while Robinson, Evie Van Liew, Olivia Crosswhite and Anne Crew had two hits each. Piper Fumage had three runs batted in, including the two that ended the game by slaughter rule. Abby Teubert had two hits for Glenvar and Amelia Gierke had the other.

On Tuesday the Highlanders bounced back with a 13-0 win over Radford at GHS. Glenvar put up three runs in the first inning when Zella Hayes and Abby Teubert were walked. Hayes scored on a throwing error, Hannah Street singled and Teubert and Street both scored on a double by Haley Leginus.

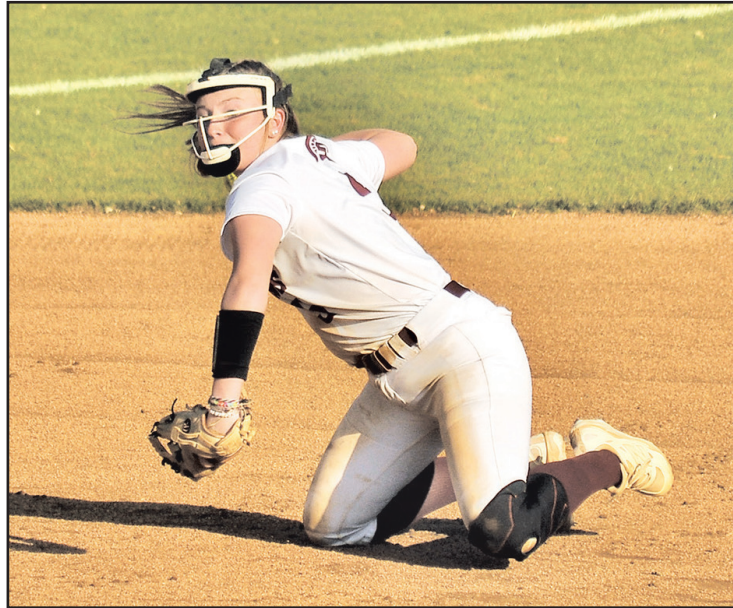
That was all Glenvar needed but the Highlanders put four more on the board in the second inning and three in the third to put the game away. Hannah Street pitched five innings in the slaughter rule win, allowing just one hit while striking out six as Glenvar improved to 6-3. The Highlanders host Floyd today.

Salem was also back on the diamond Tuesday at Hidden Valley and the Spartans got on the winning side for first time this season with a 4-0 shutout to improve to 4-3 on the season. Robinson got the start in this one and fanned 15 Titans in a one-hit outing. She also had two hits and two runs batted to lead the offense.

Salem has now won three in a row, all by shutout, and the Spartans have allowed just one run in their last five games, that in a 1-0 loss to William Byrd. The Spartans are back home today to host Northside at 5:30 pm followed by a 7 pm game Friday against Christiansburg, both at the Moyer Complex.

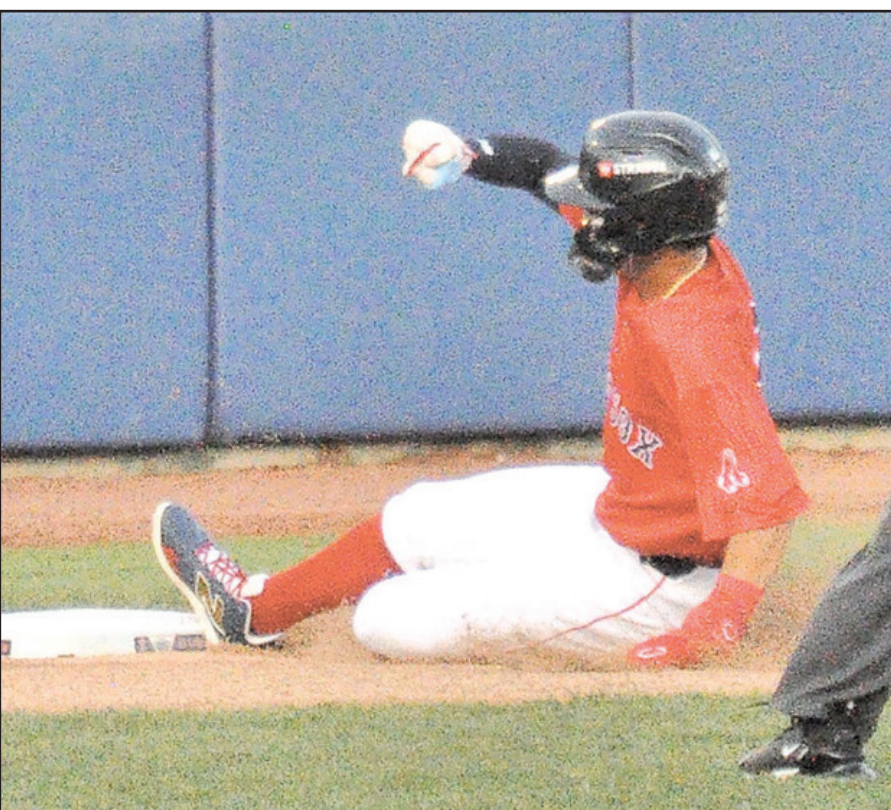


Left, Salem's Anne Crew steals second before the throw arrives to Glenvar shortstop Zella Hayes. Right, Salem shortstop Caitlin Wells checks first after making a diving stop in the third-short hole.



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Salem baseball team will "rebrand" for 2026 season



Franklin Arias of the Salem Red Sox slides into third.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Still the Red Sox this summer as they host Lynchburg for six game series this week

A new era of baseball is coming to the Roanoke Valley. The Salem Red Sox, Single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, have announced that the organization will undergo a full rebrand ahead of the 2026 season.

While the team will continue to deliver the same high-caliber, family-friendly entertainment that fans have come to love, the rebrand will usher in a new identity designed to celebrate the unique spirit, culture, and energy of the Blue Ridge region. The current 2025 season will continue under the Salem Red Sox name and identity, with the new branding set to debut on Opening Day in 2026. Salem will remain the Single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox.

"This rebrand is about honoring our roots while embracing the next chapter in our story," said General Manager, Allen Lawrence. "We're incredibly proud of our history as the Salem Red Sox, and we're even more excited to create an identity that truly captures the pride and personality of our community."

The new name, logos, and uniforms will be officially unveiled in the Fall of 2025. Fans can expect a fresh look that reflects the deep baseball tradition of the area, pays homage to the region's assets, and embraces the pride and innovation that points toward an exciting future in Salem.

The 2025 version of the Red Sox opened the season with a three game sweep of the Delmarva Shorebirds but dropped five of six to the Fredricksburg Nationals last week to fall to 4-5 on the season. Salem is back home for six games against the Lynchburg Hillcats this week and the series opened with a 10-8 loss on Tuesday.

The Sox had a rare 11 am game on Wednesday followed by 6:35 pm games tonight through Saturday and a 1:05 pm start on Sunday against the Hillcats at Salem Memorial Ballpark. Monday is an off day, followed by a six game trip to Hickory next week to play the Crawdads, a farm team of the Texas Rangers.