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## Garst to lead Salem High School

Salem School Division Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks announced last week that veteran employee Jamie Garst will be the new principal of Salem High School, effective July 1. Garst's appointment was formally approved by the Salem School Board at its Thursday night meeting.

"Jamie Garst is a leader who truly understands the heart of Salem City Schools," said Hicks. "As a Salem High School graduate, former chemistry teacher, assistant principal, and award-winning middle school principal, he brings a unique depth of experience and a proven track record of student success."

Garst is currently serving as an assistant principal at Salem High School. In May of 2022, he was named Virginia's Secondary School Principal of the Year by a panel of principals and superintendents representing the Commonwealth's Association of

Secondary Schools. This peer-driven honor is based on exemplary performance and outstanding leadership.

The Salem native began his teaching career in 2008 in a chemistry classroom at Salem High School. He spent 10 years as an administrator at Andrew Lewis Middle from 2013-2023 before returning to the chemistry classroom to teach for two years.

"After venturing back in the classroom in 2023 to regain his 'teacher perspective', Jamie returned to administration with renewed energy and a vision that is squarely aligned with the future of Salem High School," Hicks said. "We are incredibly fortunate to have a homegrown leader of his caliber ready to take the helm at his alma mater."

"My time back in the classroom strengthened my commitment to supporting teachers and helping every

student find a path to success," said Garst. "I'm very thankful for this opportunity to return to the role of principal and continue to serve this school community that has given so much to me."

Garst will replace Dr. Kelly Linkenhoker, who is transitioning from public schools in Virginia at the end of the current school year. She will begin a new educational challenge in South Carolina when she takes over as the principal of Oceanside Collegiate Academy in Mount Pleasant.

"We want to express our deepest gratitude to Dr. Linkenhoker for her transformative leadership over the past three years," said Hicks. "Kelly arrived at a critical time and successfully reinvigorated our staff while resetting the bar for academic excellence."

Linkenhoker came to Salem in 2023 after serving public school students in both Buena Vista and Radford as



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**Garst**  
a teacher and administrator. She will continue to lead the Spartans through

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## Salem unveils new fire engine, emergency equipment during station ceremony



Firefighters pushed the apparatus into the station bay.

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The city of Salem officially unveiled its newest firefighting apparatus last week, highlighting a series of major public safety upgrades during a ceremony at Fire Station One on April 18.

The event featured the introduction of a new Sutphen fire engine, along with two new Braun ambulances, all of which were on display

as part of a formal welcome ceremony. Fire and EMS Chief Stephen Simon and Deputy Chief Matt Rickman led the program, which included remarks from city leaders and a longstanding fire service tradition known as the "wet down and push in."

The ceremony symbolized a passing of the torch between generations of equipment. A fire engine

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**Zimmerman**

## Virginia lawmakers press for release of Salem native held in Russia

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Virginia's congressional delegation is urging the U.S. State Department to prioritize the case of a Salem native who has been held in Russian custody

for more than 250 days. In a bipartisan letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio, U.S. Rep. Ben Cline and Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine called for the formal designation of Charles

See **Zimmerman**, page 2

## Council gives \$35,000 to foundation for repairs to Salem's oldest home



PHOTO COURTESY OF KARITA KNEISEL

Members of newly formed Preston Place 501 c 3 Preservation Foundation Inc. are with Salem City Councilmembers at the March 23 Council meeting. A photo of Preston Place is projected behind them.

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

The newly formed Preston Place Preservation Foundation Inc. received a \$35,000 donation from the City of Salem to help preserve Salem's oldest home.

Funds will go to fix the roof of the 1821 house, with whatever is left going toward the heating ventilation and air conditioning system.

The unanimous action came at Monday night's Council

meeting. The two-story brick home on West Main Street across from Walmart was given to the Salem Historical Foundation by the family

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## Salem-Roanoke County Chamber honors businesses, leaders at awards breakfast

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The Salem Civic Center hosted more than 200 attendees March 18 for the 2026 Awards Breakfast, one of the largest gatherings to date for the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce.

The annual event recognized businesses and organizations and individuals across Salem and Roanoke County for their contributions in 2025, highlighting achievements ranging from small business growth to community service and public safety.

"This year's Annual Business Awards and Networking Breakfast was truly special — with a record turnout of more

than 220 attendees, the energy in the room reflected the incredible spirit of our community," said Amanda Livingston, president of the chamber. "We were proud to recognize excellence across 12 business categories, honor the dedicated police and first responders who serve both Roanoke County and Salem, and celebrate our outstanding Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year."

Livingston also noted that the event featured business spotlights from Katie Smith, business development manager for Branch Group, and Jerry Adams, general manager of Steel Dynamics. "This gathering is one of the highlights of our year, and it's a privilege to shine a spotlight on the



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The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce held its 2026 Awards Breakfast at the Salem Civic Center.

people and organizations who make our community thrive," Livingston said, adding appreciation for title sponsor Wheeler Media Solutions. Award recipients included:

- Salem Large Business: Salem Montessori School
- Roanoke County Large Business: Grand Home Furnishings

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**The Losers Club:** Held at the Salem Center but not just for seniors. All adults are welcome. Every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. No registration fee with \$3/month dues. Contact: Charlene Lester 540-293-7753.

**Better Babies, Better Life?:** Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m. Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom. Enhancing our children's genes: moral obligation or travesty? In this year's Crumley Lecture from the Benne Center for Church & Society, Dr. James Peterson explores a life-changing ethical question that has presented itself. Dr. Peterson, an internationally known ethics expert, is a professor emeritus whose work focuses on both medical and religious ethics. He's been extensively published, including authoring or contributing to over a half-dozen books, and was the longtime editor of the journal Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The city of Salem will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 26, at Salem Memorial Ballpark, home of the Salem RidgeYaks. The free event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on the ballpark's playing surface. Egg hunts will be held every 15 minutes, with approximately 25 children and parents participating in each session to help ensure fair opportunities for participants. Children ages 3 and 4 will hunt eggs on a special "Mini Fenway Field," while older age groups will search for eggs on the main baseball diamond. Children must participate in their designated age group. Parents may accompany their children into the hunt area, but only children will be allowed to collect eggs. The event will include crafts, inflatables, balloon animals and visits with the Easter Bunny. Stadium concessions will be available, and free parking will be provided.

**Author talk and book signing:**

On March 28, local author Charles Gwaltney will present a reflective talk and book signing for his poetry collection *Spanning the Years: A Collection of Poems* at 11 a.m. at the Salem Museum, 801 E. Main St., Salem. Gwaltney will discuss the inspiration behind several poems and share memories reflected in the collection. The program is free and open to the public. A portion of book sales will benefit the museum. Information: 540-389-6760 or SalemMuseum.org.

**Coffee with Council:** Salem City Councilman Hunter Holliday host's Coffee with Council every month in the Salem Library Community Room. Going into its eighth month it has connected over 300 Salem citizens directly with members of Salem City Council, City Administrators, and Directors. The goal of Coffee with Council is to foster open, honest dialogue about the issues that matter most to Salem residents. Whether it's public safety, infrastructure, economic development, or quality-of-life concerns, these gatherings provide an accessible and informal space to ask questions, share ideas, and stay informed. Upcoming Citizen Forums: Thursday, April 16 6:00 - 7:30 guests include Councilwoman Anne Marie Green and Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey. All events will be held at the Salem Public Library Community Room.

All Salem residents are encouraged to attend, enjoy a cup of coffee, pastry and be part of the conversation shaping our city's future.

**Black Label Society:** Heavy metal powerhouse Black Label Society will bring its blistering riffs and high-energy performance to the Salem Civic Center on Tuesday, May 12. The band will be joined by openers Zakk Sabbath and Dark Chapel. Tickets can be found at

the Salem Civic Center box office and through Ticketmaster.

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**Gary Allan in concert** — Multi-platinum country artist Gary Allan returns to the Salem Civic Center on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Salem Civic Center Box Office and at Ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices range from \$14.92 to \$134.75. A presale will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Ticketmaster.com with the code RUTHLESS.

**The Dandelion Tour** — Ella Langley will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m., with special guests Dylan Marlowe and Gabriella Rose. Tickets range from \$53.50 to \$123.50 and go on sale Friday,

Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center box office, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online at Ticketmaster; additional fees may apply to online purchases.

**Foreigner:** The rock band Foreigner will return to the Salem Civic Center this fall as part of its 50th anniversary tour celebrating five decades of performances since the group's first rehearsal in 1976. The concert is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The band last performed in Salem in May 2023, playing a sold-out show featuring many of its best-known songs. Tickets may be purchased at the Salem Civic Center box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online through Ticketmaster.

**Public meetings:** The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 13.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on April 14.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 27.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 11.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on May 12.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 26.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 8.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on June 9.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 22.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 13.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on July 14.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 27.

## V DOT ROADWATCH

**BOTETOURT COUNTY SECTION OF ROUTE 655 (OLD FINCASTLE ROAD) TO CLOSE DAILY FOR CULVERT PIPE REPLACEMENT** - Weather permitting, starting Monday, March 30, a section of Old Fincastle Road will be closed daily, Monday through Friday, for approximately two weeks between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a culvert pipe replacement. The section of Old Fincastle Road is located between Peck Lane and West Wind Road just south of 1445 Old Fincastle Road and will be closed to through traffic. Residents will have access to their homes on either side of the closure. For morning commutes requiring access to Route 220 (Botetourt Road), drivers can detour around the closure using Old Fincastle Road to West Wind Road, then taking Mary Alice Road to Route 220. The closure will be reopened to traffic Monday through Friday at 5 p.m., and during weekends. Work is expected to be completed by Friday, April 10, weather

permitting. **ROUTE 460 AND LAYMANTOWN ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** - This intersection improvement project will add a right turn lane on westbound Route 460 for drivers turning onto Laymantown Road and is currently underway. Drivers should pay attention to signs and traffic control devices and use caution in the work zone. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2026.

- **LANE CLOSURES:** Drivers who use Route 460 (Orange Avenue) and Route 658 (Laymantown Road) in Botetourt County should expect possible lane closures on Route 460 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on Laymantown Road from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7 a.m.

- **ROAD CLOSURE WITH DETOUR:** Laymantown Road will be closed with a detour in place at this location no sooner than May 21, 2026.

**ROUTE 43 UTILITY WORK** -

Drivers can expect a flagging operation to be in place on Route 43 between Springwood Road and Main Street for utility work through March 2026.

**ROUTE 11 LANE SHIFT AND CLOSURE** - Drivers should expect several impacts to Route 11 for various projects that are underway.

- Route 11 northbound will have an outside lane closure between Route 772 and the I-81 ramp through March 2026 for fiber installation.

**CRAIG BOTETOURT SCENIC TRAIL BRUSH CUTTING AND STABILIZATION WORK** - Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect data and conduct site visits and field reviews

on the railbed. The design plans for Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail are still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined.

**CRAIG COUNTY ROUTE 743 AND ROUTE 148 IMPACTED FOR I-77 CULVERT REHABILITATION PROJECT** - A culvert rehabilitation project is underway in two different locations under I-77. Flagging operations and temporary lane and shoulder closures will be in place. Expected completion by the end of 2026.

- Culvert Location 1: Under I-77 at mile marker 23.6 on Route 743 (Pleasant View Road). Intermittent flagging between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Route 743 (Pleasant View Road) impacts to be in place. There are no traffic impacts to I-77 at this location.

- Culvert Location 2: Work is underway at mile marker 8 on I-77, a second culvert project will take place. There will be some impacts to the ramp

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Charles "Chuck" Zimmerman as "wrongfully detained" and urged swift diplomatic action to secure his release.

Zimmerman, a Salem native, retired Navy veteran and master electrician, has been detained in Russia since June 2025 after his sailboat was intercepted in the Black Sea.

"We write to elevate the plight and wrongful detention of American Charles 'Chuck' Zimmerman," the lawmakers wrote. "A father of two, Navy veteran, master electrician, and sailor, Zimmerman has been held for more than 250 days ... under what can only be described as politically retributive pretenses."

According to information shared by advocacy group Americans Left Behind and outlined in the letter, Zimmerman set out to fulfill a lifelong goal of sailing around the world after retiring. He invested his life savings into a 35-foot sailboat, the Trude Zena, and planned to travel to New Zealand for work.

After reaching the Mediterranean Sea, Zimmerman made a detour into the Black Sea. On June 17, 2025, shortly after entering via the Bosphorus Strait, he was intercepted by the Russian Navy in international waters.

Zimmerman texted his sister during the encounter, indicating he was ordered to follow Russian forces under threat of military action. He was escorted for approximately 22 hours to the Russian port of Sochi, a timeline his family and advocates say supports that the initial encounter occurred outside Russian territorial waters.

Upon arrival, Zimmerman voluntarily declared and surrendered a firearm kept onboard for self-defense, which advocates say is common among sailors traveling internationally. He was then arrested on arms smuggling charges and later sentenced to five years in prison.

Lawmakers raised concerns about his treatment and lack of access to U.S. officials, noting that no American

representative has seen him in more than seven months. They also cited reports that he is being held in a penal colony with limited nutrition and no confirmed opportunity for exercise.

"We therefore ask that this case be made a priority for the Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs so that the U.S. Government can work expeditiously towards his release," the lawmakers wrote.

Zimmerman's sister, Robin Stultz, has been advocating for his release and recently traveled to Washington to meet with lawmakers and administration officials.

In a January statement, Stultz described her brother's detention as an example of "hostage diplomacy," in which Americans are detained abroad to gain leverage in negotiations.

"Today, Chuck sits in a Russian prison, held on bogus charges," she said. "If the U.S. government does not intervene with the Russians, he will remain there for at least the next five years."

Stultz said she has been encouraged by engagement from Virginia's congressional delegation, including outreach from Cline and the offices of Warner and Kaine, but stressed that more urgent action is needed.

"If that is true, then urgency must match rhetoric," she said.

She has also called on the public to raise awareness and press federal officials to act.

"No American family should have to learn the inner workings of hostage diplomacy because a loved one has been wrongfully detained," Stultz said. "Help us bring him home."

Zimmerman has been held since mid-June 2025. Lawmakers said they are continuing to press the State Department to designate him as wrongfully detained and to include his case in ongoing negotiations with the Russian government.



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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I must've been about 10 years old the first time I remember trying an artichoke. It was at a restaurant in Monterey, California. We were there on vacation, visiting the California Missons and Cannery Row. I remember I observed sea otters float on their backs in the Pacific Ocean.

When we went to dinner that night, my dad ordered artichokes for us to try. I found out later that he had always wanted to try them. To me, as a kid, the idea of dipping flower petals in butter and mayonnaise was surreal. Soon, I was scraping the base of each petal off with my teeth like I was born to it. I now know we were only a short way from Castroville where 99 % of American artichokes are grown. Dad and I shared our love of artichokes from then on.

Even though artichokes are widely considered a vegetable, they're typically prepared and eaten like a vegetable, they taste like a vegetable, and they have a similar nutrient profile to many vegetables, they aren't vegetables at all.

Artichokes are the edible flower buds of a type of thistle plant, native to the Mediterranean. They are prized for their meaty hearts and the tender flesh at the base of their leaves. Artichokes are nutrient dense, offering high amounts of fiber, vitamins (C, K, folate), and minerals like magnesium and potassium. The artichoke is in the sunflower family and can be grown as perennial or annual. In full growth, the plant spreads to about 6 feet in diameter and about 3 to 4 feet high. It has long arching leaves that give the plant a fern-like appearance.

The first reference to artichokes dates to 371 B.C., when the Greek philosopher Theophrastus wrote about seeing the plants growing in Italy and Sicily. Scientists and historians believe the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans all enjoyed artichokes.

Artichokes originated in the Mediterranean and North African region from the wild cardoon thistle, cultivated by North African Moors around 800 A.D. and brought to Europe by Saracens, becoming popular in Italy and France, especially after Catherine de' Medici introduced them to the French court in the 1500s, eventually spreading to the Americas with the



**Shelly Koon**  
Contributing Writer

French, who brought them to Louisiana, and the Spanish, who brought them to California.

I don't like cooking fresh artichokes. It's too much work for me, all that peeling and scraping of the choke. The leaves are good but so much work for so little reward is not my idea of fun. So, I stick to the hearts when I make them at home.

I always have a jar of marinated artichoke hearts in my pantry. I add them to pasta, put them on pizza, and eat them straight out of the jar.

Frozen artichokes are more like fresh artichokes and cook up quickly for pasta when needed. I add them to boxed mac and cheese. No need to thaw or cook them separately, just toss them into the pot of pasta in the last few minutes of cooking. Then drain and add in the sauce ingredients.

I add them to the pan when I roast large, diced potatoes in the oven. Just toss them both with olive oil and roast for 30-35 minutes at 425 degrees.

Here are two of my favorite artichoke recipes for you to try.

### Baked Lemon Chicken and Artichokes

#### Ingredients

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts pounded to even thickness, OR 6 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup quartered artichoke hearts
- salt and pepper to taste
- ½ cup butter, melted
- juice of 1 lemon, (3-4 tablespoons)
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 4 teaspoons minced garlic
- ½ teaspoon Italian seasoning

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and grease a large baking sheet. Spread chicken and artichokes out on the baking sheet and season with salt and pepper. Whisk together butter, lemon juice, honey, garlic, and Italian seasoning. Pour sauce over chicken and artichokes. Bake for 20-30 minutes, spooning sauce from pan over the chicken and artichokes



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2 tablespoons butter in the same pot over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until it starts to turn golden, about 1 minute. Crank up the heat to medium high, add half of the spinach and cook until just starting to wilt, about 30 seconds. Add the remaining spinach and continue cooking until wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove the spinach from the pot with tongs and put it in a strainer over a bowl. Use the tongs to squeeze the excess liquid into the bowl. Return the liquid to the pot. Add the artichokes and cook, stirring occasionally, until the liquid evaporates and the artichokes start to turn golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the artichokes to the strainer with the spinach and set aside. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in the same pot over medium heat. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Gradually add milk and sherry, whisking until smooth before adding more. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is slightly thickened, 3 to 4 minutes. Sprinkle in the 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper and stir. Taste and adjust the seasoning, if necessary. Remove the pot from the heat and add the cream cheese, whisking it to melt. Stir in the tuna, then stir in the spinach and artichokes and half of the parsley. Add the noodles and stir until coated. Transfer the mixture to the baking dish. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter in the microwave. Toss with the panko and remaining parsley. Top the casserole with the panko mixture. Place on a rimmed baking sheet and bake until golden, 25 to 30 minutes.

halfway through and again at the end. Garnish with fresh thyme or oregano and serve immediately.

### Spinach-Artichoke Tuna Noodle Casserole

#### Ingredients

- 1 stick salted butter, plus more for the baking dish
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more for the pasta
- 1 12-ounce package wide egg noodle
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 10-ounce package baby spinach (about 8 packed cups)
- 1 14-ounce can artichoke quarters, drained, rinsed and chopped (not marinated)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups whole milk, warmed
- 1/4 cup dry sherry
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 4 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature, cut into 4 pieces
- 3 5-6 ounce cans white albacore tuna in water, drained
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs

#### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch or other 3-quart baking dish. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the egg noodles and cook according to the package directions for al dente. Drain and set aside. Melt

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- Salem Small Business: Salem Golf Simulator
  - Roanoke County Small Business: Salem Animal Hospital
  - Nonprofit: HopeTree Family Services
  - Franchise: Express Employment Professionals
  - Manufacturer: Medeco Assa Abloy
  - Salem New Business: Valleydale Apartments
  - Roanoke County New Business: Align Neurology
  - Service: Feeding SWVA
- Individual honors were also presented. Carey Harveycutter was named Citizen of the Year, and



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### Carey Harveycutter was named Citizen of the Year.

Tullio O'Reilly was recognized as Volunteer of the Year.

Public safety awards went to Brendan Carroll for Salem Police, Natalie Maxey for Roanoke County Police, Andrew St. Clair as Salem First Responder, and Caitlin

Ward as Roanoke County First Responder.

The breakfast serves as a key annual event for the chamber, bringing together business and community leaders to celebrate achievements and strengthen regional connections.

## Fire Engine

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that has served the city for more than 30 years sprayed the new apparatus before firefighters pushed it into the station bay, honoring a tradition that dates back to the early days of firefighting.

The new additions are part of a broader investment in equipment and infrastructure for the department. In total, the city is acquiring two Sutphen fire engine pumpers, three Braun ambulances, two Stryker patient loading systems, a swiftwater rescue boat and a firefighter personal protective equipment gear washer. Additionally, the city's primary ladder truck, originally purchased in 2016, is undergoing refurbishment.

The upgrades are funded through a combination of \$2.73 million in capital funds, \$238,767.50 from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund and a \$21,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

Simon said the investment reflects the city's ongoing commitment to public safety.

"Today marks a milestone in Salem's

## Garst

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the end of this academic year and graduation.

"Under her watch, Salem High School's statewide ranking saw a remarkable rise, and she leaves behind a culture grounded in high expectations and student-centered success," said Hicks. "Her legacy of strengthening our career and technical education programs and community partnerships has set a very high standard for the future."

Garst earned his bachelor's degree in biochemistry in 2003 from Virginia Tech and later acquired two master's degrees in biochemistry and curriculum

commitment to public safety, as the city unveils a comprehensive fleet upgrade designed for operational excellence," Simon said. "While these new engines and ambulances are vital investments, the true strength of our department remains with the dedicated members who serve Salem every day."

He added that the new equipment will significantly enhance emergency response capabilities.

"The city's fire response capabilities receive a major boost with two high-specification engines featuring durable stainless-steel bodies and reinforced aluminum cabs, along with three state-of-the-art ambulances, including advanced patient loading systems to improve both care and provider safety," Simon said.

Simon also credited Salem City Council for prioritizing emergency services.

"Salem City Council has made a strong commitment to ensure Fire-EMS is equipped to meet the emergency needs of our citizens," he said.

and instruction from Tech. He also has a master's degree in educational leadership from Radford University. Later this year he will begin pursuit of his doctorate degree from Old Dominion University.

"I truly love this school and I love this city," said Garst. "I'm so grateful I have the opportunity to work, live, and raise my family in such a caring and supportive community."

Garst and his wife, Sarah, a teacher at G.W. Carver Elementary, reside in Salem with their three boys.

-The Salem Times-Register

# POLICE REPORT

## City of Salem Police Department



### Weekly Arrest Report

Week of March 10, 2026 – March 16, 2026

| DATE      | NAME                    | AGE | OFFENSE   |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----|---|
| 3/10/2026 | Marquisha S. Brown      | 43  | Interfere With Property Rights of Another                                 |
| 3/10/2026 | Madonna M. Marchese     | 40  | Fail to Appear  |
| 3/10/2026 | Sean T. Mickle          | 51  | Public Intoxication   |
| 3/10/2026 | Keldon L. McFarland     | 45  | Public Intoxication   |
| 3/13/2026 | Michael R. Jones        | 30  | Breaking & Entering   |
| 3/13/2026 | Perpetua Z. Saint Jean  | 32  | Fail to Appear  |
| 3/13/2026 | Lisa A. Moyer           | 39  | Fail to Appear  |
| 3/13/2026 | Lowell Blankenship Jr.  | 41  | Forgery, Uttering, Obtain Money by False Pretense                         |
| 3/13/2026 | Joshua B. Graham        | 30  | Possession of Controlled Substance  |
| 3/13/2026 | Taryn M. Thompson       | 21  | Public Intoxication   |
| 3/14/2026 | Taryn M. Thompson       | 21  | Assault on Healthcare Worker, Simple Assault & Battery, Indecent Exposure |
| 3/15/2026 | Robert M. Vandoren, III | 47  | DUI   |
| 3/15/2026 | Anthony L. Miller, Jr.  | 41  | DUI   |
| 3/15/2026 | Danais C. Diaz          | 41  | Firearm Violation   |
| 3/16/2026 | Jasmyn N. Mease         | 31  | Fail to Appear  |

## City of Salem Police Department



### Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of March 10, 2026 – March 16, 2026

| DATE REPORTED | LOCATION                     | OFFENSE REPORTED    |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 3/10/2026     | 700 BLK W 4 <sup>th</sup> St | Grand Larceny       |
| 3/13/2026     | 100 BLK N Broad St           | Breaking & Entering |
| 3/14/2026     | 0 BLK E Main St              | Credit Card Theft   |

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

America is in trouble. Our government is infiltrated at all levels by Israel First people. Both houses of Congress and both parties are aligned with Israel's lobby, AIPAC. U.S. congressmen are assigned AIPAC "watchers" to make sure each Rep votes for everything Israel wants although not in America's interest. AIPAC "primaries" congressmen who buck Israel. President Trump appointed a near 100% Israel First cabinet and diplomatic corps like Christian Zionists Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth, and Israel Ambassador, Mike Huckabee. There is also Israel First U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham loudly prioritizing Israel over S. Carolina.

With funding and military support for decades diverted to sustain Israel, funding for Americans' needs is deprioritized because decades of budget-busting Middle East wars are fought at Israel's command even though America is not threatened. (The Ukraine War is a different unnecessary war related to NATO expansion and America's Russophobia.) Now America faces potential insolvency because across the world, U.S. treasuries are being

unloaded right as Trump prepares to request a supplemental \$50 billion for Iran. The petrodollar reserve currency that allowed unlimited war spending is being replaced by the gold standard.

After a long line of previous U.S. presidents wisely rejected attacking Iran, Trump recklessly ignored U.S. intelligence and military warnings of disastrous consequences and was duped by Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu (Bibi) and Israel First advisers to join Israel on February 28 for a war based on shifting comments and the unfounded, recycled rationale from the failed Iraq war of "imminent" nukes (the old WMD scare lie).

Trump miscalculated Iran's ability to strike back. He was tricked by Bibi into a "War Plan" that assumed that a quick decapitation of Iran's leadership would cause a popular uprising and regime change. Within three days, this plan failed, leaving Trump to begin seeking a face-saving exit strategy while leaving a trail of confusing and contradicting statements like: Iran struck the school with Tomahawk missiles (really?) and "The war will be over soon, but it could last a long time." This is a man without a plan.

Trump called President Putin to

ask for advice and help in ending the war even though Putin told him that Trump was the aggressor and that Russia sides with Iran. Trump is also asking allies and his arch-enemy China, to help unblock the Strait of Hormuz. It seems China (well supplied with oil and able to cross Hormuz), will instead capitalize on this unique moment of U.S. vulnerability to surround Taiwan. European countries also declined helping, citing that they were not consulted and it is "not their war."

Iran did not want this war. Iran gave Trump a second chance to negotiate after Trump undiplomatically assassinated Iran's first negotiating team and surprise-attacked Iran both times. Iran, who did not threaten the U.S. according to Trump's own Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, is convinced they need to punish the U.S. enough that it will not be attacked every few months as Israel regularly attacks Gaza. Iran also wants U.S. bases out of the Gulf.

Hegseth, (recruited from Fox News) a Christian Zionist with a Jerusalem cross menacingly tattooed on his chest, incompetently leads our military and is profoundly harming our security. Trump should immediately fire his

bully Secretary Hegseth and also his real estate businessmen, so-called "diplomats"—Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff for getting us into a war that is spiraling out of control.

Trump has pushed the world into unprecedented instability. Even while taking immense destruction from Iran in Haifa and Tel Aviv, Israel pushes into Southern Lebanon, driving one million people from their homes in its quest to build a "Greater Israel" to fulfill the map arm patch worn by every Israel fighter.

Iran has been preparing for this war for years and has not yet used its hypersonic missiles that evade missile defense systems which are being borrowed and rapidly running out leaving some allies unprotected. While events play out, Americans will suffer the increasingly disastrous economic, military, diplomatic, energy and food security consequences of our Israel First government. Fasten your seatbelts! Iran now has Trump over a barrel of volatile oil that could explode the world economy.

-Cynthia Munley  
Salem

## Local author to hold book signing, talk at Salem Museum

Local author Charles Gwaltney will hold a book signing and reflective talk Saturday, March 28, at 11 a.m. at the Salem Museum. The program is free and open to the public.

Gwaltney's latest book, *Spanning the Years: A Collection of Poems*, reflects on memories shared with family and friends in Salem

over several decades. The collection features acrostic poems and odes dedicated to friends, as well as rhyming quatrains honoring loved ones who have died. Throughout the book, Gwaltney emphasizes two central themes: a deep love for family and for God.

During his presentation, Gwaltney plans to discuss the inspiration behind

several poems, including those about his late brother, Russell "Russ" Gwaltney, a former deputy chief with the Salem Police Department who also won the National Marbles Tournament championship in 1952. Gwaltney will share childhood memories of teaching his younger brother to play marbles, Russ Gwaltney's victory at the tournament in Asbury Park and his celebratory return home to Salem.

He will also reflect on poems inspired by weddings, births and family celebrations that have shaped both his life and his writing.

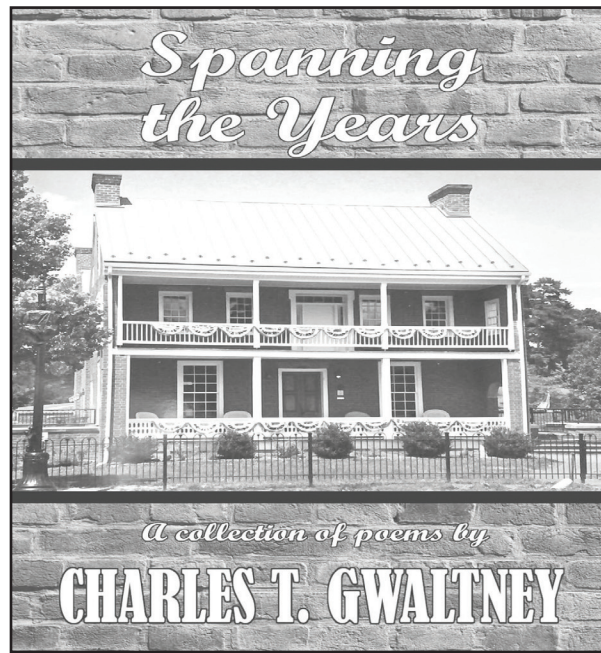
A portion of the proceeds

from each book sold will benefit the Salem Museum.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located in the historic Williams-Brown House at 801 E. Main St. Admission and parking are free, though donations are accepted. The entrance is located at the Oakey Field Complex sign across Main Street from the Berglund Ford service entrance.

For more information, call 540-389-6760 or visit SalemMuseum.org.

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The cover of Charles Gwaltney's latest book, "Spanning the Years."

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### Council

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of the late Dr. Esther Brown, Salem's first female physician. Earlier this year, the historical society sold it to the 501 c 3 foundation for \$2.50.

Preston Place was home to the White Oak Tea Tavern for several years until it closed during the COVID pandemic. Afterwards GLOW Healing Arts holistic wellness center was located in the house until recently.

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

Foundation officers present at Monday night's meeting were President David Robbins, Vice

President Dr. Whitney Leeson, Secretary Stella Reinhard and Treasurer Susan Garrison, with board members John Long, Frankie Robbins, John Garrison and Victoria Brown, Dr. Esther Brown's granddaughter. Jack Susser and Marlene Preston are also board members.

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

In other matters at the meeting, Council:

\* Adopted a resolution paving the way for the City of Salem to purchase \$3.2 million in electricity

from AEP Energy Partners for the city's needs over the next few years;

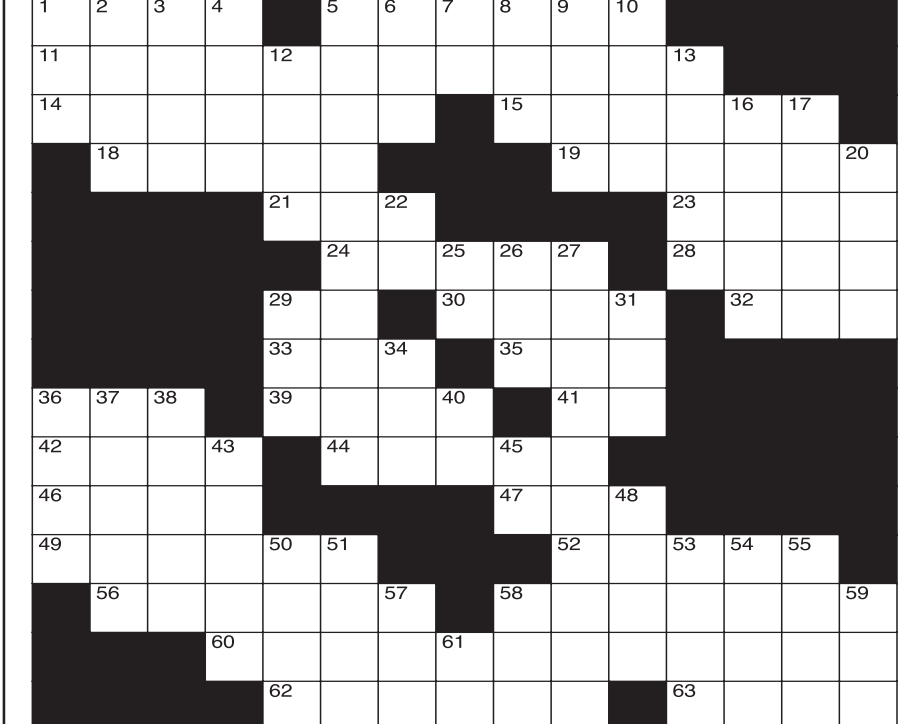
\* Heard from Salem Planning Commission Chairman Dee King, who presented the planning commission's annual report;

\* Heard the annual update from Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Executive Director Jeremy Holmes. The commission is one of 21 in Virginia created by the state to help localities create solutions to local and regional problems;

\* Awarded certificates of convenience to two B Early and Reid Taxi to provide taxi services in Salem. The action came after a public hearing at which no one spoke.

The meeting concluded at 7:16. All five councilmembers were present.

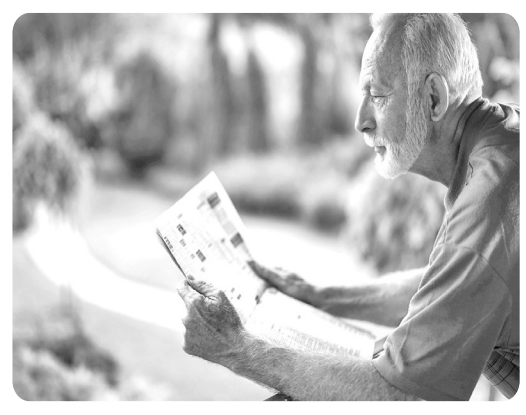
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  - 5. Narcotic drug
  - 11. Accident
  - 14. Formal submissions
  - 15. Popular 70s rock band
  - 18. Discourage from doing
  - 19. More socially elite
  - 21. Arid
  - 23. A way to look
  - 24. Heroes
  - 28. A surfer rides it
  - 29. Potato state
  - 30. Insect repellent
  - 32. Cool!
  - 33. Have already done
  - 35. Collegiate women's fraternity
  - 36. To the \_\_\_ degree
  - 39. Gasteyer and de
- Armas are two
- 41. Blood type
  - 42. Looked over
  - 44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
  - 46. Species of armadillo
  - 47. Touch softly
  - 49. Part of your upper body
  - 52. Large, stocky lizards
  - 56. Lack of social or ethical standards
  - 58. Congressman
  - 60. Unofficial force
  - 62. As a result of this utterance
  - 63. A main branch of Islam
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Woman (French)
  - 2. Province of Pakistan
  - 3. This (Spanish)
  - 4. Transportation device
  - 5. Greater in importance or priority
  - 6. The human foot
  - 7. Within 8. Consumed
  - 9. Respectful Malaysian term
  - 10. Therefore
  - 12. Ceased to exist
  - 13. Type of macaroni
  - 16. English composer
  - 17. Wooded tract
  - 20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
  - 22. 36 inches
  - 25. Take too much (abbr.)
  - 26. Allow
  - 27. Individually
  - 29. Journalist Tarbell
  - 31. Bar bill
  - 34. Hong Kong food
  - stall: \_\_\_ pai dong
  - 36. Not messy
  - 37. Species that includes reed mace
  - 38. Former MLB catcher Ed
  - 40. Northern U.S. state
  - 43. Wilt
  - 45. Commercial
  - 48. Bolivian river
  - 50. Nursemaid
  - 51. A car needs four
  - 53. Guns (slang)
  - 54. American state
  - 55. Clusters of fern fronds
  - 57. Body part
  - 58. A person's brother or sister
  - 59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
  - 61. Of I

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## Salem Animal Shelter promotes longtime employee to manager role

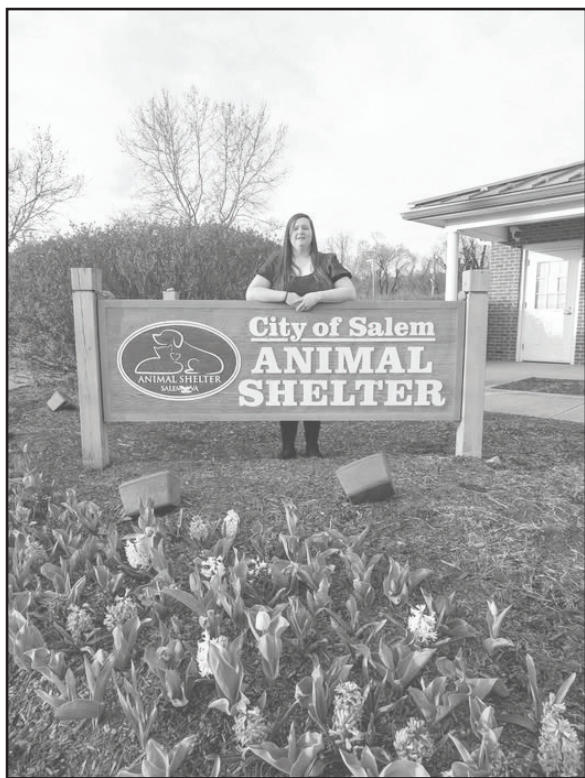
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The City of Salem Animal Shelter has announced the promotion of Kate Nichols to shelter manager.

Nichols has been a member of the shelter's team since 2015. During that time, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to animal welfare and service to the Salem community, according to a release.

Shelter officials said Nichols' experience and dedication make her well-suited for the leadership role, citing her passion for the animals in the shelter's care and her ongoing efforts to support and advance its mission.

City officials expressed enthusiasm



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### Nichols

about Nichols stepping to her continued into the position and contributions as shelter manager.

## G.W. Carver welcomes state superintendent following Blue Ribbon honor



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**Conway is pictured sitting in a classroom at G.W. Carver Elementary School.**

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Jenna Conway, Virginia's superintendent of public instruction, visited G.W. Carver Elementary School last week to recognize the school's recent Blue Ribbon School designation.

Conway, who serves as the executive officer of the Virginia Department of Education, toured the school alongside a group of department staff members from Richmond. The visit lasted more than an hour and included classroom observations across all grade levels.

The stop was part of the state's

"Commonwealth Listening Tour," an initiative aimed at gathering feedback from teachers and principals to help establish priorities for improving student outcomes in public schools.

During the visit, Conway and her team engaged with students and teachers in each classroom they observed, immersing themselves in the learning environment.

Following the tour, Conway and school leaders participated in a question-and-answer session with principals, providing an opportunity for discussion on educational priorities and challenges.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Student is semifinalist in 'Teen Magazine

*From the February 21, 1985, edition of The Salem Times-Register*

Most little girls dream of growing up to be famous models or movie stars, but for most, the dream never comes true.

The story is a little different for Laura Jones, a pretty blond-haired blue-eyed senior at Salem high school. Her dream is just beginning.

With encouragement from her mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, and her boyfriend, Laura entered her picture in 'Teen Magazine's 1985 Great model Search contest and out of hundreds of entries, was selected a semifinalist. For the first time in her life, Laura's picture was featured in a national magazine.

"I was shocked, very shocked," Laura laughed. "My parents thought I could win, but I didn't think I had a chance. I didn't even tell my friends about it because I didn't think I could win."

Laura's feelings have now changed. "I have tried not to get my hopes up about the contest, but when I received the letter I thought, wow, maybe I really can do it."

As for her parents' reaction, Laura said her mother bought every magazine she could find. "She is going to send them to all our friends and relatives," Laura explained.

Although this is Laura's first contest, she has always wanted to be a model.

"Ever since I was real tiny I have wanted to be a model," Laura laughed. "I wanted to enter contests in the past,"

she added, "but I didn't know how to go about it."

Laura said she has taken modeling classes sponsored by Leggett Department Store and Seventeen Magazine, and added she has considered modeling locally but has not compiled a portfolio.

Although Laura is anxious to find out how far she will go in the contest, she must wait until November before hearing if she is a super semifinalist. Laura said it may be early 1986 before she hears whether she has made the finals.

If Laura wins, she will be featured on the cover of Teen Magazine and will win a \$5,000 modeling contract with the Gillette Company, a 1985 Mazda, a vacation to San Francisco to select a Levi Strauss wardrobe, plus a number of other prizes. Many of the past contestants such as Cheryl Tiegs, Christina Ferrare and Cheryl Ladd have also become top models.

Is the tiny 5-foot, 2 inch student getting her hopes up?

"I sort of am," Laura said, "I wouldn't feel real bad about it if I didn't win. I wouldn't have any hard feelings, but I would be disappointed."

Laura added that if she doesn't win, she will just continue her plans to major in fashion merchandising at a local college, and to try and "break into modeling."

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

## OBITUARY

### Keeney, Janet Ruby

Janet Ruby Keeney, 93 of Salem, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; William E. Ruby in 2003, Richard A. Keeney in 2020, and son-in-law Arthur J. Provenzano in 2020.

Known by friends as Jan and family as Gran, she was born to the late Eldon and Mildred Brown in Frankfort, Indiana on September 21, 1932.

Jan attended Indiana University and was a member of Phi Mu sorority. Jan was an active volunteer in many roles within the

community. She was also as a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Hidden Valley Country Club.

She is survived by her loving blended family; Sharie Provenzano, Paula and Bill Gerrol, Russ Ruby and Valerie Casler, Scott and Miles Ruby, Monsignor Tim Keeney, Kay and Kevin Madden, Bridget and Mike Waterman, Bill and Dana Keeney, 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and many dear friends and extended family.

A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at St Paul's

Episcopal Church, 42 East Main Street Salem. The family will receive friends after the service at Hidden Valley County Club, 2500 Romar Rd, Salem.

In lieu of flowers please make donation in Jan's name to the St. Paul's Endowment Fund, 42 East Main St Salem, Virginia, 23153

Online condolences may be expressed to Ms. Keeney's family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com

Cremation services entrusted to John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home and Crematory, Salem.

## Roanoke Valley commissions hire greenway coordinator

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The Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission have hired a longtime city and trails planner from Illinois to help guide regional greenway efforts.

Molly Maxwell, AICP, has accepted the position of planner III: recreation and Roanoke Valley greenway coordinator. She joins the regional commission after working as a city and trails planner for the city of Carbondale, Illinois.

Officials said Maxwell's hiring will help maintain momentum in greenway connectivity, planning and project development across the region.

"Molly brings the valuable mix of planning experience and on-the-ground trail project work we need as we move into the next phase of the Roanoke Valley greenway network," said Barry Trent, chair of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission. "Her experience securing funding and coordinating multi-jurisdictional trail efforts will be an asset as we work with our localities on priorities like the greenway 10-year plan update and an upcoming economic impact study that will help quantify the value of our greenway investments."

Maxwell has nine years of experience in community planning, active transportation and trail infrastructure. During her more than six years with Carbondale, she worked on general planning, land development and active transportation initiatives. She also helped secure more than \$6 million for greenways, trails and related projects.

Her experience includes coordinating trail and greenway efforts, including work on the Saluki Greenway.

"Molly's background in active



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### Maxwell

transportation, trail systems and community planning will strengthen our ability to support the recreation planning work we're building across the region," said Jeremy Holmes, executive director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission. "As planner III, she'll coordinate greenway priorities while also helping RVARC assist member localities — from Franklin County to the Alleghany Highlands — with recreation planning and related projects tied to community development, tourism and outdoor economy opportunities."

Maxwell said her interest in outdoor recreation began after participating in an outdoor leadership program following college and has continued throughout her career.

In her free time, she enjoys biking and hiking with her husky, Allie.

Maxwell is scheduled to begin her new role April 7.



Laura Jones

# VDOT

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shoulder on exit 8 and a lane closure may be in place on Route 148 (Chances Creek Road) for several days.

**CRAIG BOTETOURT SCENIC TRAIL BRUSH CUTTING AND STABILIZATION WORK** - Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect data and conduct site visits and field reviews on the railbed. The design plans for Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail are still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ROUTE 460 BUSINESS**

**PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - Work is underway on a pedestrian improvement project for Route 460 Business between the intersection of Route 460 and Laurel Street (Entrance to Walmart) and to the intersection with Spradlin Farm Drive. Drivers can expect lane closures in the eastbound and westbound lanes from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Closures of turn lanes onto 460 Business from each side of the intersection with Laurel Street may also be in place. Message boards will alert traffic. Expected completion is Summer 2026.

• **LANE CLOSURES:** Lane closures may be in place in the following locations during allowable work hours listed above:

o Nighttime lane closures including left hand turn lanes may be

in place on the eastbound side of North Franklin, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. These closures will also involve restricting turn lane access from Pepper's Ferry Road through the signaled intersection.

o Eastbound left lane closures from the intersection with Pepper's Ferry to just past the intersection with Laurel Street.

o Westbound lane closure from Farm View Road to just past the intersection with Laurel Street. Inside turn lane may be closed from westbound Route 460.

**ROUTE 8 PARK AND RIDE PROJECT** - Work is underway to build a park and ride lot on Route 8 near the entrance/exit to I-81 at mile marker 114. This project will include a parking structure, bus shelter, as well as road and pedestrian improvements

for adjoining streets. Traffic impacts will include alternating lane closures on Route 8 between Mud Pike Road and the entrance/exit ramps for I-81 at MM 114 and shoulder and single lane closures with flagging operations on Route 666 (Mud Pike Road) at the intersection with Moose Drive and between the intersections of Mud Pike Road and College Street except during peak hours, Monday through Friday. Expected completion is winter 2027.

• **PAVEMENT MARKING:** Temporary lane closures and/or shifts may be in place on Route 8 for pavement marking operations.

• **TRAFFIC SHIFT:** Traffic shifts may be in place on Route 666 (Mud Pike Road). Drivers should use caution.

• **PAVING:** Alternating single lane closures along Route 8 is possible for paving, weather permitting.



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**BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - 1683 Red Lane Extension, Salem, Va. Senior Pastor Jesse L. Bass. 540-580-7748. Sunday morning worship 10:30am. Wednesday night, Bible Study Bible Engagement Project (A Walk through the 66 books of the Bible in one year), 5:00pm.

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**THE BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH OF SALEM**, 307 N. Bruffey Street, Salem, VA, and **THE BEACON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY K-12**, 307 N. Bruffey Street, Salem, VA, Phone: (276) 340-2445, Sunday Services: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Thursday Evening Services: 7 p.m. Find us on Facebook at: The Beacon Baptist Church or on the Web@bbcsalem.org, Pastor Jeremy Raby and the Congregation Welcome You! Independent, Fundamental, Bible Believing, KJV Bible Church

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**LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH** - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Connect Groups 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:30, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

**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.

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**MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH** - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. with nursery available and children's ministry, Ladies Mission Group.

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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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**CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN**

**GREEN HILL CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN**, 2699 Harborwood Road, Salem, Pastor J. 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**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH** - 314 Turner Rd, Salem VA. 540-387-0491. Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10:30 am (nursery available). Visit our website: olphsalem.org for our full schedule.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST/ CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

**DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Will you "come back to the Bible", learn more and follow Him? If you live locally in this beautiful Roanoke Valley or Botetourt County area, there is a Church, you will know it's the ONE when you see the name on the end of the building that reads Church of Christ. 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. We offer a free 3 lesson, OPEN Bible course entitled "Back to the Bible." Only available in home or where our Church meets: Sign up now on our website, daleridgechurchofchrist.net or email us at comeback2thebible@gmail.com and request to be scheduled for lesson #1 of 3 entitled "who has the Authority In Religion today". You will be contacted promptly. All studies are conducted by 2 individuals, never alone. May God Bless you in choosing this "open book Bible study."

**SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

**WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Ministers Luke Tatum and Jerry Anderson, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

**CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON**

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH** - 955 Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

**CHURCH OF GOD/CLEVELAND**

**SALEM CHURCH OF GOD** - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemco.g.church

**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  
**FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - 2931 West Main Street, Salem - Pastor Matthew Cox - 380-4636 - website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

**ECKANKAR**

**Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom**, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. We offer a Spiritual Event on the 2nd. Sunday of each month. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more information

visit www.eck-va.org or call 540- 353-5365. People of all faiths are welcome.

**EPISCOPAL**

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Rev. J. Edward Morris, Minister. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**

**COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

**FOURSQUARE**

**the BRIDGE SALEM CHURCH** - 4335 West Main Street, Salem. 540-404-1414 | bridge.salem@icloud.com • www.salemva.church Saturday service, 6pm (Nursery & Kids Church available). Mail: PO Box 1954, Salem. Twitter/ Instagram: @thebridgesalem Joey Lyons, Senior Pastor | joey@salemva.church | 540-831-9864

**INDEPENDENT**

**RESTORATION CHURCH** - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

**NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. SundaySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

**SHILOH BAPTIST**- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) via zoom and conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in person for adults, children and teens. Adult class is also streamed on Facebook. Men's Bible Study Saturday at 7:00 a.m.(Zoom). Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

**PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS**

**CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH** - 1 CLI Way, Salem, VA, 540-343-3801 |www.clichurch.org. Sundays @ 10 am | Wednesdays @ 7 pm. Livestream on YouTube & Facebook.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day).You may still worship with us online live at www.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

**UNITED METHODIST**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Sunday: Genesis Contemporary Service at 8:45 a.m., Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School classes meet at 9:50 a.m. www.fumcsalemva.org.

To list your church, contact Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email advertise@ourvalley.org



Help Wanted

Field Engineer sought by TMEIC International Corporation in Roanoke, VA, to provide Tech1 Advisory Services (TAS) to coord installation & commissioning activities for assigned projects while meeting project schedules & performance criteria.

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to dsgn, dvlp, test, & manage initial deployment of custom control systms to enable the Co's expansion of new mkts & new areas of existing mkts. Telecommuting is allowed. Availability to travel, domestically & interationally, more than 50% of the time, sometimes w/ limited notice.

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

RADFORD TRIPSTOP INC., trading as TRIPSTOP RADFORD TRAVEL CENTER, 2395 TYLER ROAD, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA 24073

Legals - City of Radford

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store, Beer and Wine, Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices.

ABC NOTICE

SOKO RDU INC., trading as SOKO CANTINA, 314 Tyler Avenue, Suite A, Radford, VA 24141-2653.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices.

Legals - City of Salem

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 13, 2026, 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 William Hart, LLC, property owner, for issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow for a two-family residence to be built on the property located at 740 North Mill Road, (Tax Map # 48-2-7).

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLARE INTERMENT RIGHTS ABANDONED.

Evergreen Development Co., Inc., owners of Evergreen Burial Park declares its intention to recover the abandoned cemetery lots listed in this notice. If there is no response from said lot owners, their heirs or assigns within 120 days from the publication of this notice, the interment rights shall be deemed abandoned and shall revert to Evergreen Burial Park, 1307 Summit Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24015.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. CL24-2145 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE JOHN K. PRILLAMAN, and COMPTON M. BIDDLE, Plaintiffs v. TRACY MABES, JASON MABES, and UNKNOWN PARTIES, Defendants.

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to:

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Determine the proper disposition of surplus funds from a foreclosure sale of certain property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 6090447.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Shepherd (a/k/a Mary Martha Mabes), who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 6th day of April, 2026, and claim such excess funds.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-317, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

Entered this 13th day of February, 2026 L.K. Ciaffone, Judge

I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillaman, Esq. VSB #81306 OPN LAW PLC 3140 Chaparral Drive Suite 200-C Roanoke, Va 24018 P: 540) 725-8194 F: 540) 772-0126 E: jrillaman@opnlaw.com

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

VINTON TOBACCO INC. trading as VINTON TOBACCO INC/HCK HOT CHICKEN, 2499 E Washington Ave, Vinton, Roanoke County, Virginia, 24179-1505.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant, Wine, Beer, On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Mohammad Khalili, Owner.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, on the following, to-wit:

TO SET A PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF VINTON.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Megan Lawless Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning a proposed amendment to, and additional appropriation from, the Town of Vinton's FY 2025-2026 budget in order to provide funds for

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the Gus Nicks and Gish Mill Water Improvements Project in the total amount of \$814,000.00. If the budget amendment and appropriation are approved following the public hearing, the action will amend revenue and expenditure lines in both the Town's General Fund and the Town's Capital Fund for a total across both funds in the amount of \$1,628,000. State law requires a public hearing to be held whenever a proposed budget amendment exceeds 1% of the locality's total budget.

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Megan Lawless Town Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

THE BLUE HEN VA, LLC, trading as SICILY ITALIAN & MEDITERRANEAN GRILL, 904 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, 24060

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application - Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Magdy Ghaly Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. CL25001172-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

LEIA RAQUEL KING v. JAMES RUSSELL SMITH IV

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE It is ORDERED that JAMES RUSSELL SMITH IV appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 27th, 2026 Entered 2/24/2026 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. JJD1488 MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 2A, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 MONTGOMERY COUNTY DSS v. SHANNON NICOLE BAILEY

The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Shannon Bailey, legal parent of James D. Bailey, Jr., a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.

It is ORDERED that SHANNON NICOLE BAILEY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 6th, 2026 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 3, 2026 Amie Blankenship, Clerk

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. CL26000414-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 DATRIA SPENNACCHIO-PARKER, JARIA MARIE BATCHELOR v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

The object of this suit is to: name change of minor child It is ORDERED that JARVIS DEMOND BATCHELOR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 2, 2026

Entered February 27, 2026 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2113: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed ordinance would approve the Town's Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget and maintain the existing real estate tax rate of \$.26 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement being published in the News Messenger on March 25, 2026.

Ordinance 2114: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-400, 20-206, and 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Solid Waste and Recycling Fees. The ordinance will increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement being published in the News Messenger on March 18, 2026 and March 25, 2026.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item(s) above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by Madison Apartment Homes LLC and Madison Apartment Homes II LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, for an amendment to proffers on Tax Parcel 434 - ((A)) - 8A (Parcel ID 110779) and 434 - ((A)) - 8B (Parcel ID 310087), consisting of approximately 7.950 acres, located at the intersection of Peppers Ferry Road, New

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Village Drive, and Bozeman Trail. The property is zoned Multi-Family Residential (R-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2020 rezoning action. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 655 PEACHTREE HILL, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 23, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$102,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 017002136. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 21, 2026, at 5:00 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 REAL PROPERTY WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO, BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT CERTAIN 2.797 ACRE PARCEL, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED, "PLAT SHOWING FAMILY SUBDIVISION SURVEY FOR ALFRED H. & JULIA Y. BENNETT, SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA," DATED AUGUST 17, 2009, BY DALE R. BYER, LAND SURVEYOR, WHICH SAID PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 2009099949. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A50 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS/EGRESS FROM ROUTE 676 ROSEMARY ROAD, TO THE POINT THAT IT ENDS AND THEN A 20 FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT ALONG THE EXISTING 20 FOOT ACCESS EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON THE AFOREMENTIONED PLAT OF SURVEY AND BEING ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL.

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.aldridgepette.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale

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and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepette.com. VA-381781-1.

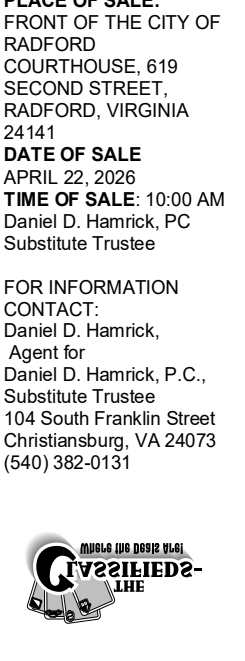
TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 821 14th Street, Radford, VA 24141 CITY OF RADFORD

TAX MAP NO: 15-(3)-4 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST DATED THE 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2013, IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$26,250.00, RECORDED IN THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201300689, DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING SIXTY (60) DAY NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, LOCATED AT: 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE CITY OF RADFORD, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING all of that certain lot or parcel of land fronting 82 feet (82') on the northwestern side Fourteenth Street, in said City, designated as Lot 3 upon a plat entitled, "Map of Lynchburg Foundry Company Lots, Fifteenth and Staples Streets, Radford, Montgomery County, Virginia," made by Childress Hall, County Surveyor, Christiansburg, Virginia, dated July 8, 1946, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Radford, Virginia, in Deed Book 45, page 99. Tax Map# 15-(3)-4 Address: 821 14th Street, Radford, VA 24141 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, WE ADVISE YOU THAT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT THE INDEBTEDNESS REFERRED TO HEREIN AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD COURTHOUSE, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA 24141 DATE OF SALE APRIL 22, 2026 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

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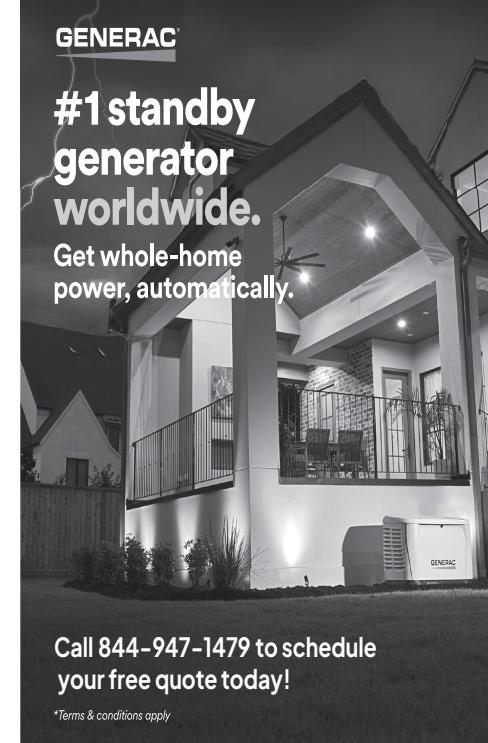
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## RC volleyball will host U. of L'burg

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team will host the University of Lynchburg in a big ODAC doubleheader this Saturday. The first match is scheduled for 1 pm at the Cregger Center in Salem.

Roanoke is 16-7 on the season and 9-2 in the ODAC after dropping a match to Randolph-Macon in Ashland last Saturday, three sets to one. The Yellow Jackets improved to 23-4 with the win and they're still undefeated in conference play after 11 ODAC matches.

The two rivals split the first two sets, with RMC winning 25-15 and the Maroons taking the second set, 25-20. The next two sets were battles, but Randolph-Macon used a big run at the end of the third and at the beginning of the fourth to take them 25-20 and 25-21.

Pierce Faulcon was the leading Maroon offensively, tallying 12 kills. He was followed closely by Andre Gates, who had 11, and Jackson Rutkowski, who posted 10 kills. Johnny Moran racked up 24 assists in the match.

## Andrew Lewis & Glenvar middle school roundup

After a week off for spring break the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School teams will return to action next week. Glenvar baseball, softball and soccer teams will play Hidden Valley on Monday and Lewis teams will take on Central Academy on Tuesday.

Last Thursday Lewis played Cave Spring and Glenvar took on William Byrd in the last games before the break. The Lewis baseball team won big over the Squires, 13-0, as Landon Bell led the offense and Wilson Dick picked up a win on the mound. Glenvar fell to a strong Byrd team, 10-4, despite two hits by Ethan Palmer.

In softball Lewis won 15-4 over Cave Spring. Kaylee Crosswhite pitched and the Wolverines had 17 hits with nine different girls contributing to that total. Glenvar fell 19-2 to Byrd at home.

In boys' soccer Glenvar shut out the host Terriers in Vinton, 2-0. The first goal was scored by Zack Smith and assisted by Anderson Feliciano. The second goal was scored by James Schrueth and assisted by Mohammad Neyazi. Aiden Driver had double digit saves in the net. Lewis tied Cave Spring, 1-1, with Camden Burns scoring for the Wolverines.

The Glenvar soccer girls also took a 2-0 win over Byrd, this one at Glenvar. Abigail Alexander and McKenzie Mowles scored the goals and the Glenvar defense only allowed the Terriers two shots.

The Andrew Lewis girls' soccer team tied Cave Spring Middle, 2-2. The match went back and forth with Mallory Franklin of Andrew Lewis scoring the first goal. In the second half Lewis scored an unassisted goal by Tessa Harmon. Lewis is now 5-0-1.



The Roanoke College Cregger Center in Salem was the site for the NCAA Division III women's basketball final four last week. In Thursday's semifinals Denison University defeated Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and in the other semi the University of Scranton downed NYU in a battle of unbeaten, ending NYU's 91 game winning streak. The championship game was Saturday and Denison gave Scranton their first loss of the season with a 55-41 victory to claim the school's first women's basketball championship. Above, everyone and their sister gets in the action as Denison(dark uniforms) and Scranton players scramble for a loose ball. Below, Big Red girls celebrate as the final horn goes off in the championship game.

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*Denison wins NCAA D-III hoops crown in Salem*



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# RC baseball team is 15-4 after sweeping Royals

The Roanoke College baseball team improved to 15-4 on the season and 4-2 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference games after sweeping a doubleheader from Eastern Mennonite University last Saturday. The Maroons won 11-2 and 12-4 in front of a "RidgeYaks FanFest" crowd at Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium.

In the opener Chase Booth earned his third win of the season as he threw five scoreless innings with two strikeouts and Riley Fitzgerald went the final four frames for his second save. Jorden Olivera and Noah Donaho topped the squad in hits with three each.

In the nightcap the Maroons struck early, tallying seven runs in the first two innings. Eastern Mennonite got two back in the third before RC added three each in the fourth and fifth to pull away. Both teams rounded out the scoring in the sixth inning with both sides adding two runs in the inning.

Thomas Burgess got his third win of the season, going 5.1 innings and striking out three. Jack Fehlner led

all Maroons with three RBIs on two hits while Kyle Tyrrell and Tyler Galloway also had multi-RBI games with two each. Galloway had three

hits and Michael Hetzel hit his first career home run in the second inning. The Maroons have a busy week with games against Averett and Mary

Baldwin before heading to Lynchburg Saturday for a noon ODAC doubleheader against the University of Lynchburg.

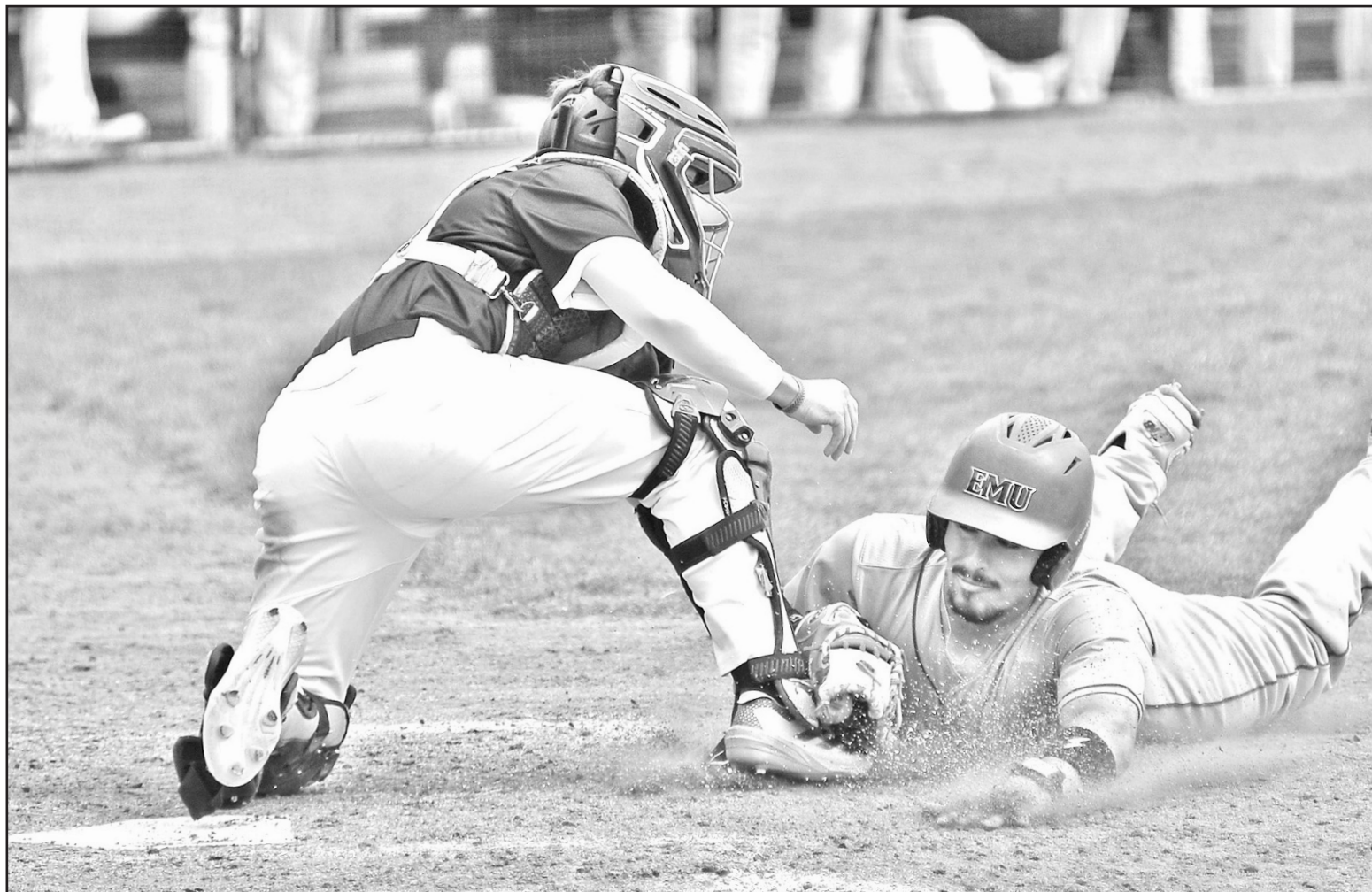


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Roanoke College catcher Danny Ferguson blocks the plate and puts the tag on an Eastern Mennonite runner in Saturday's first game win.

# Salem High band director is Brave for a week

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John got to play two games against a Yankees fantasy team at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa. It was the 30th anniversary of the Braves and Yankees playing in the World Series and the six Braves' teams played two games each against their New York counterparts. Atlanta lost the Series in '95, but this time the campers took nine of 12 from the Yanks.

"Our team won both of our games," said Wright. "Next year I'm hoping we play the Red Sox."

Each player gets an official Atlanta Braves uniform, both home and away. Wright wore number eight, his uniform number at Fleming.

"I was a big Dale Murphy fan growing up so '3' was always my favorite number, but I wore '8' at Fleming so I went with that," he said. "The uniforms are really nice, and you get to keep them, both home and away. They're the real deal NIKE uniforms, with your name on the back and everything."

Wright grew up in Alleghany County watching the Braves on the "Super Station." Those broadcasts created a lot of fans as just about every game was on your TV if you had cable. There are plenty of Braves fans in the Roanoke Valley for that very reason.

"Our family went to Atlanta every year for a three game series," said Wright. "I think I saw 20 games before I saw the Braves win."

John moved to Roanoke his junior year and played for Al Holland, a former big leaguer and charter member of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. Holland, a Roanoke native, came up with the Pirates and was one of the best relief pitchers of his time while also pitching for the Phillies, Giants, Angels and Yankees in a 10 year big league career.

Wright pitched for Fleming for two years for Holland, then played at Concord College. He also played American Legion ball for Jimmy Mitchell, another Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Famer who area fans are familiar with. Legion ball was big back then and John pitched against and played for some of the top young talent in the area. So, it only stood to reason that he took the mound at the camp.

"You get to pick what you want to play," he said. "Last year I got to pitch 17 innings but this year I only pitched three because I had some elbow soreness. I played the outfield, and I threw a guy out at

home."

John had a big camp at the plate. He was 12 for 18 for the week for a .667 batting average. He had seven doubles, and noted that he had an inside-the-park home run last year.

This was against fellow Braves fans of all ages. As mentioned, you had to be at least 35 but there was no limit on how young you had to be.

"There's one guy who comes to the camp who's 80 years old, and he can still hit," said Wright.

While John has a blast playing the games, the "down time" is just as exciting for a lifelong Braves fan.

"When I first started I wasn't sure how much you could talk to the players," he said. "Now, I feel right at home. They call you by name and hang out at night. Most of them have some great stories. Bruce Benedict was telling us what it was like to catch (knuckballing great) Phil Niekro, and Brian Jordan was awesome. They'd play cards with you and you saw that they were just regular guys, only

with cooler stories."

John took the whole family with him. His wife, Jessa, got to sing the national anthem prior to the championship game and son Jett, a fourth grader at West Salem Elementary, served as bat boy. He also has a daughter Brynn, who is a freshman at Salem High, and a daughter Elle who is a sixth grader at Andrew Lewis Middle School.

John was the team MVP against the Yankees, and that earned him two free tickets to a Braves game any time this season. He's going to use them over Memorial Day weekend when the Braves host the Nationals. That weekend the campers will have a reunion at Truist Park. And, of course, he'll be heading back to Florida for his third year at the Fantasy Camp next winter. He's already signed up.

"I'm going to go as long as my arm will let me," he said. "It's a great experience, you're literally an Atlanta Brave for a week and I just love going down there. They say it's a once in a lifetime experience you'll do over and over again."

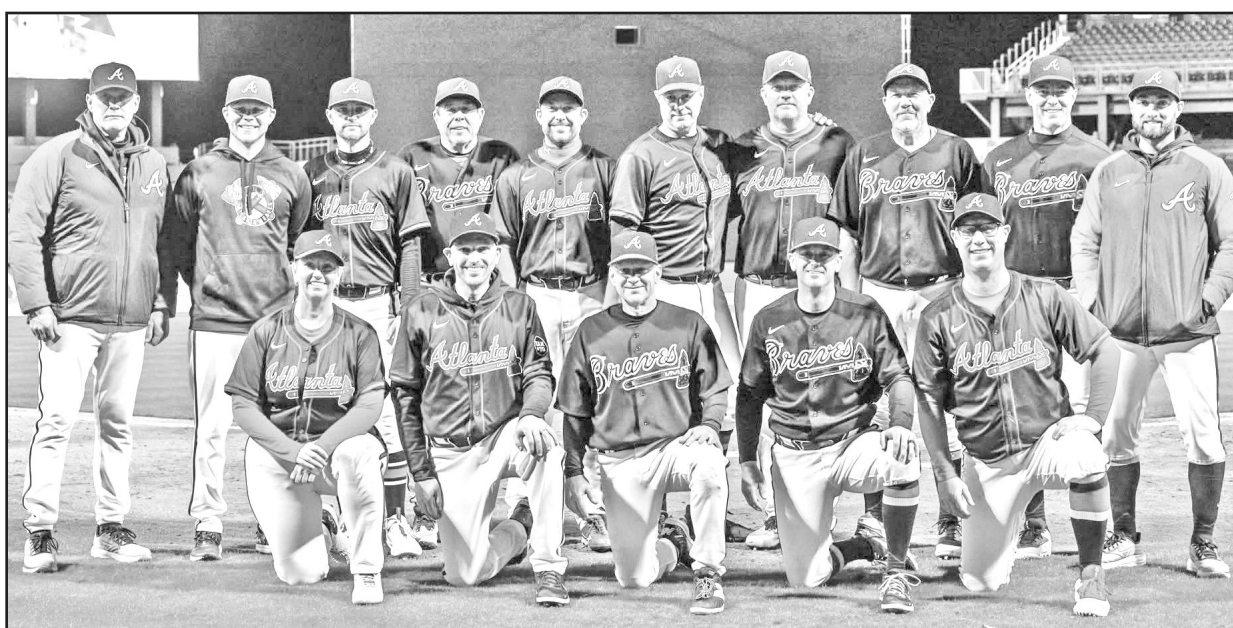


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Salem's John Wright(4th from right standing) and his Atlanta Braves Fantasy Camp teammates. Pitching coach Denny Neagle is at the left in the photo and hitting coach Kevin Pillar is at the far right in the jacket.

# SALEM-GLENVAR BASEBALL

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out. Salem skipper Jimmy Winterer called on Jack Stroud at that point and Stroud got three strikeouts to end the inning, but not before one run scored on an error and a second on a passed ball to cut the lead to 3-2.

Cam Feazell, who relieved Vaughan in the fifth, pitched two scoreless innings



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Glenvar shortstop Grayson Shearer puts the tag on a sliding Chase Rutledge.

to keep the Highlanders close. Glenvar got the first batter aboard on a walk in the top of the seventh but Stroud struck out the next three to close out the game and earn a save with Bocock getting the win.

Brown was three-for-three at the plate for Salem while Brayden White and Keffer had two hits each. Camden Summerville had the only hit for Glenvar but the Highlanders had plenty of activity on the bases with six walks and two hit batters by Salem pitchers.

"We loaded the bases twice, we just needed a clutch hit," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer. "We've been working hard on our hitting and the bats will come along. I was pleased that it was our first game and we played flawless baseball other than one error."

Salem is back in action Friday with a game at Magna Vista. Next Monday Glenvar will host Hidden Valley and Salem is at Lord Botetourt. The Highlanders are home again Tuesday to host Northside and Salem will get Northside a day later, on April Fool's Day, at Sample Field.

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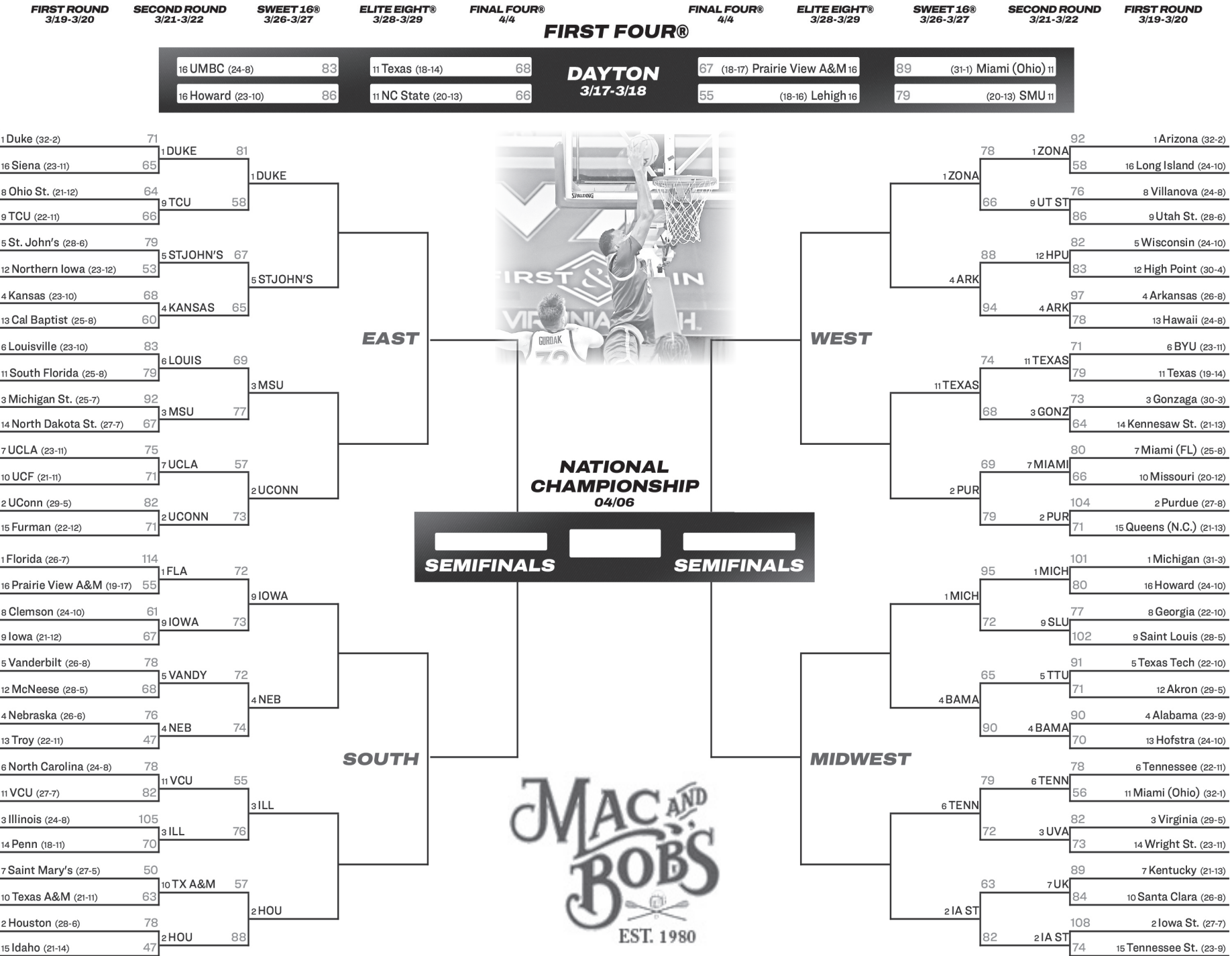
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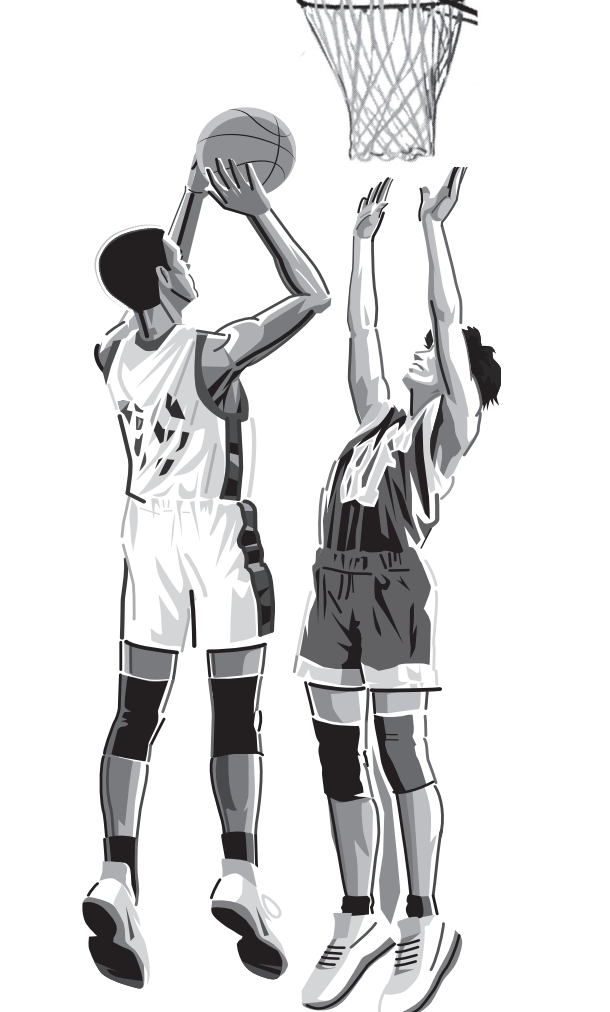
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Above, Salem's Kayden Dalton(#22) is safe at home in the Spartans win over Radford in the Salem Invitational at the Moyer Complex Saturday.

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## Spartans shut out Glenvar in softball, split in Invitational

After two days of rain the high school softball season finally got underway last week with mixed results for the local teams. Salem shut out Glenvar, 10-0, on Thursday and split two games in the Salem Invitational Saturday. Meanwhile, the Highlanders are still looking for a win.

Glenvar was overmatched in last Wednesday's home game against Magna Vista, losing 22-6 in five innings. The Warriors out-hit Glenvar 19 to 3 with freshman Paisley Hodge, sophomore Zella Hayes and senior Kyleigh Luck each having a hit for the Highlanders.

A day later, on Thursday, Glenvar was back home to host Salem in a battle of border rivals. This one was all Salem as the Highlanders lost in five innings again, this time 10-0.

Olivia Crosswhite earned the win on the mound for the Spartans, going five innings while allowing four hits and no runs. Kayden Dalton was three-for-four at the plate and Evie Van Liew had a home run and two RBIs. Kyla Rutledge had two hits and drove in two for the Spartans.

"In our first two weeks of practice six players were lost to injury," said Glenvar coach Lonnie Raines. "Then the flu bug also hit the team. We had

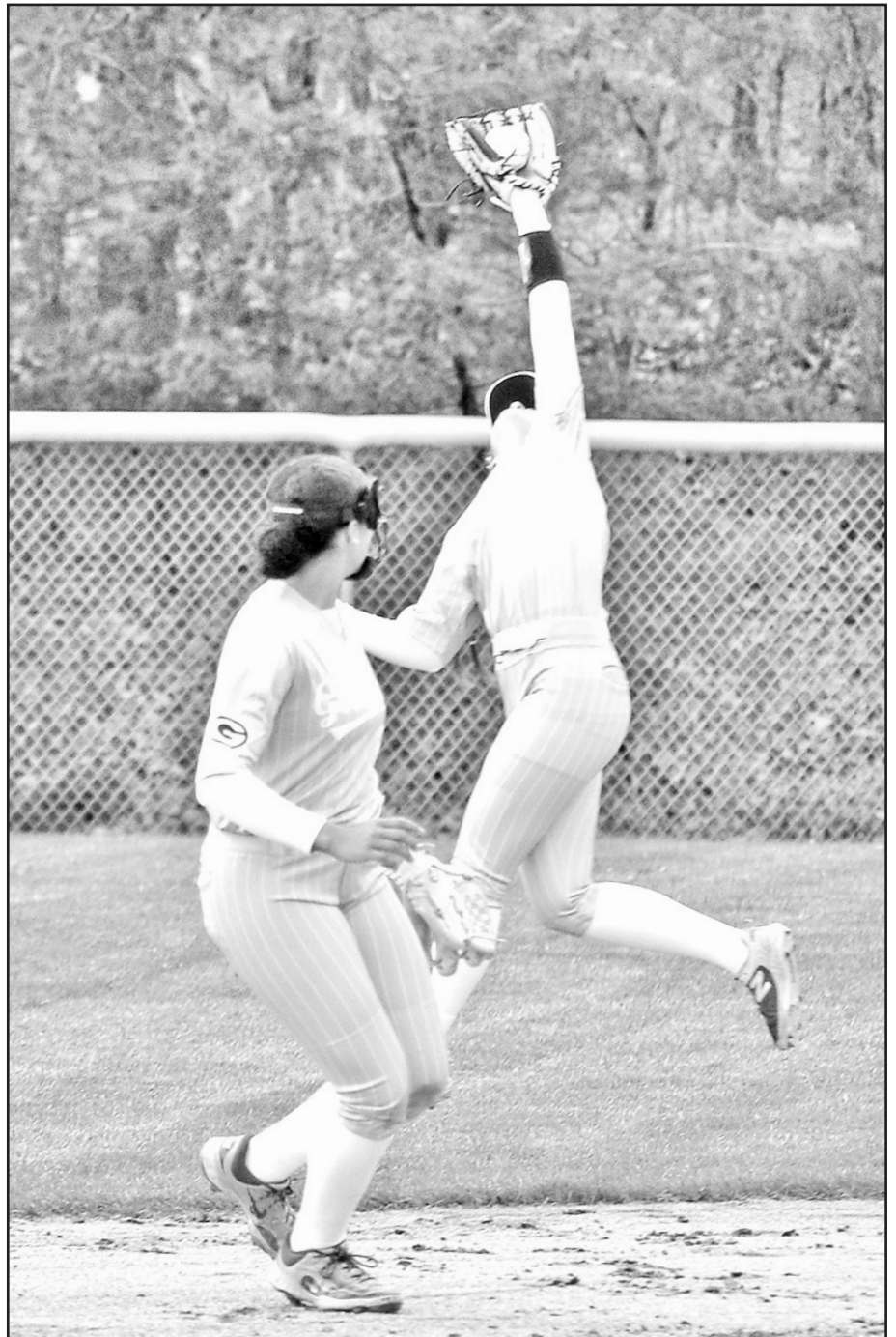
to put players in spots they wouldn't normally play and it showed. With spring break this week I hope it gives us time for some of the players to finish healing and allow them to return to the lineup."

The Salem girls got a late start on spring break as they hosted the annual Salem Invitational at the James I. Moyer Complex Saturday. The Spartans' first game was against Radford at 11 am and Salem jumped to a 9-0 lead before holding on for a 15-10 win.

Junior Piper Furrage drove in five runs on four hits for Salem and Van Liew hit a long home run with two girls on base. Emory Coe also drove in a run with a clutch hit and Crosswhite picked up her second win in two days, pitching three scoreless innings.

On Saturday afternoon it was Salem's turn to feel the wrath of a strong Magna Vista team as the Warriors took a 16-0 win at the complex. Furrage and Dalton had the only two hits for Salem as Magna Vista combined to score 38 runs in two wins over Glenvar and the Spartans last week.

Next up for the Highlanders is a trip to Hidden Valley on Monday. Salem is back on the diamond next Tuesday when the Spartans host William Byrd at the Moyer Complex.



Glenvar secondbaseman Audrey Moles goes high to rob a Magna Vista girl of a hit in last week's game.

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Shaniya Lewis rips a hit for RC in Saturday's opening game win over Pitt-Bradford.

## Maroons will host four ODAC softball games this weekend

The Roanoke College softball team swept a doubleheader on Saturday, then got swept on Sunday as they finished 2-2 on the weekend. With the results the Maroons are 9-9 overall as they prepare to host two ODAC teams at the James I. Moyer Complex this weekend.

The Maroons were at the complex last Saturday to host the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford and RC swept two, 9-1 and 14-6. Roanoke put together a nine run second inning in the opener and cruised to a big win, highlighted by Ava Colontrelle's three run double. Riley Shupe, Holly Houchins, Charlotte Gale, Carsyn Michales and Allie Bell all had two hits and Baylee Compton fanned nine in a complete game effort on the mound.

In the second game Roanoke fell behind 5-2 but put four on the board in the bottom of the second and five in the third to take control. Gale was four-for-four at the plate with three runs batted in and Colontrelle was three-for-four with a pair of doubles. Grace Clary picked up the win in relief, pitching three and a third innings without allowing an earned run.

Sunday didn't go as well as Roanoke dropped two one-run games to the University of Lynchburg, 1-0 and 14-13, in Lynchburg. Both games were decided in extra innings.

Compton pitched the first game and didn't allow a run through eight innings. The Hornets finally broke through for a 1-0 walk-off win in the bottom of the ninth with an unearned run. The Maroons left 11 runners on base, including three in the seventh.

In the second game the Hornets opened a 6-3 lead heading into the seventh, but RC scored four to go ahead 7-6. Lynchburg then tied the game with a single run in the bottom half of the frame.

Roanoke appeared to be in business when the Maroons opened a six-run lead with six runs in the top of the eighth. However, Lynchburg walked off its second win of the day with seven runs in the bottom of the eighth. Houchins was 3-5 with two doubles and four RBI for RC.

Now 2-2 in the ODAC, this is a big weekend for the Maroons After hosting Virginia Wesleyan University in a 1 pm doubleheader on Saturday the RC women will be back at the Moyer Complex to host Randolph-Macon for two conference games on Sunday, also at 1 pm.

## Glenvar tennis has close matches with Byrd

The Glenvar tennis teams opened their seasons last Thursday with two close matches against William Byrd. The boys won, 5-4, over the Terriers in Vinton while the girls lost, also 5-4, at home.

The boys got a win for new coach Jeff Hill in his first match coaching the team. Glenvar secured the win with individual singles wins from Christian Hill, Chaitanya Gohil, Aryan Patel and Quincy Huggins, and a doubles win from Gohil and Brady Smith.

The girls fell behind Byrd 4-1 but rallied to make it 4-4 before falling at number three doubles. Glenvar trailed 4-2 after the singles with wins from Riley Price at number one and Priya Patel at five. In doubles, the number one team of Shawna Garwood and Rebecca Magruder won, as did the second team of Price and Karis Gillespie.

"We played well considering the weather kept us off the courts for several practices," said Glenvar girls' coach Shannon Hall.

Both teams are off this week for spring break.

## Salem tennis splits with LB

The Salem High tennis teams opened their seasons last Thursday against Lord Botetourt. The boys took a 5-4 win on the Hollins University courts and the girls dropped a 7-2 decision at Salem High.

The bottom half of the ladder was the key for the boys, as LB won 8-0 at both first and second singles. The key match was at three as Evan Graybill won a tie-breaker. Dev Patel, Graham Mabe and Thomas Powell won at four through six singles to give Salem a 4-2 lead at that point.

In doubles Salem lost at first and second, but the third doubles team of Mabe and Powell earned the deciding point for the win.

"Teamed for the first time, Thomas and Graham secured the fifth point for the team win," said Salem coach Steve Lily. "It's an encouraging start as the warmer weather provides us time to work on our games."

The girls played a strong LB team in their opener, a 7-2 loss. Salem's points came when Elisa Nguyen won a tie-breaker at number one singles and Gracie Michael won, 8-5, at six. Elisa has gone from number five last year to number one in singles and Michael first picked up a tennis racquet four weeks ago.

"These were impressive wins by both Elisa and Gracie," said Salem coach Jill Perez. "We played a very athletic LB team where their top four

from last year returned, and our top four from last year graduated."

The Spartans are off this week for spring break, returning April 2nd with the girls at Cave Spring and the boys hosting the Knights on the SHS courts.



Salem number one Elisa Nguyen hits a return against LB.

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# Defending lax champs open season with exciting overtime win

The Salem High boys' lacrosse team opened defense of their 2025 state championship much the way they ended the season last year; with excitement!! Salem hosted Western Albemarle and took an 8-7 win in overtime.

"First game of the year, shaking some rust off but got a gritty win against a tough Western Albemarle team," said Salem coach George Revercomb.

This one was close all the way. Salem scored with 41 seconds remaining in the first half to take a 4-3 lead into intermission, but the Warriors led 7-6 with under a minute remaining in regulation. Salem's Parker Dallas found the net with 18 seconds on the clock, assisted by Logan Sparks, to send the game into overtime. Then Dallas assisted Wade Marble on the game winner in OT.

Holden Custer and Tucker Preas had two goals each for the Spartans while Dallas, Sparks, Marbel and freshman Josiah King had one each. Dallas had four assists, Sparks had two and Richard Hof came up big with nine saves in the cage.

Salem is off this week for spring break, returning next Tuesday with a home game against North Cross.



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Left, Salem's Michael Crawley reacts to a Salem goal just before the half. Right, Logan Sparks attacks the Warrior crease.

# Roanoke College lax team downs Tigers after loss to W&L

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team is 6-2 overall and 2-1 in conference play after splitting two big Old Dominion Athletic Conference games last week. The Maroons lost to Washington & Lee in Lexington, 14-10, but bounced back to beat Hampden-Sydney on the road, 9-7.

Last Wednesday at W&L's Wilson Stadium the Maroons jumped to a 6-4 lead after the first quarter, including a long shot by goalie David Hamilton and two scores from Clayton Bewick. However, the

Generals outscored RC 7-1 in the second quarter to take an 11-7 halftime lead. Roanoke cut the lead to 11-9 early in the second half but the Generals held on to win.

Bewick finished with three goals and an assist. Patrick Cullen scored twice and Noah Bell and Jack Savoie had a goal and an assist each. Hamilton finished with 10 saves.

On Saturday Hamilton had 18 saves in the crease to lead the Maroons to the win at Hampden-Sydney.

RC led 5-4 at the half and held the Tigers to just three scores after intermission, all in the fourth quarter.

Dell Vidunas, Bell, and Savoie scored two goals each, contributing six of the nine Maroon goals. Weston Hammond, Julian Kammerman, and Clayton Bewick rounded out the scoring effort, each scoring a goal.

The Maroons have another big ODAC game this Saturday when they host the University of Lynchburg at 3 pm.



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Left to right, Salem's Gabby Crawley and Emme Custer were named to the all-state second team in basketball and Bailey Rider is a first team selection.

# SHS girls drop lax debut

The Salem High girls lacrosse team will return from spring break with a game at North Cross School next Tuesday, March 31. The Spartans are 0-1 after dropping their opener to Western Albemarle in Crozet last

Thursday, 12-4.

Salem keeper Bailey Redford did her best to keep the game close against a strong Warrior team. Bailey had 12 saves and four ground balls. Anne Thomas had a goal and an assist.

# RC women host Hornets

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team will open their Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule this Saturday when they host the University of Lynchburg at noon at Kerr Stadium. The Maroons were in Ewing, New Jersey last Saturday to take on the College of New Jersey in lacrosse and dropped a 13-11 decision as they fell to 2-5 overall, all against non-conference opponents.

Roanoke scored first against the 14th ranked Lions but Jersey bounced back and led 5-2 after the first quarter. Sydney Winpiger dished out an assist and scored two of her own in the second to help RC cut the deficit to one in the second quarter but TCNJ scored twice in the final two minutes to keep their three-goal advantage going into the half.

Roanoke outscored the Lions 3-2 in the third quarter to make it a two-goal game going into the final 15 minutes. However, the Lions tallied three goals in the first five minutes of the fourth and the Maroons couldn't catch them despite netting three late scores.

Salem High grad Zoe Blair was the top performer offensively for Roanoke, tallying four goals and an assist for five points. Winpiger was right behind her with a pair of goals and a pair of helpers for four points. Maddie McDonald and Sarah Brisson were the other multi-point recorders with three and two respectively. McDonald had two goals and an assist while Brisson had one of each.

Roanoke was at Mary Washington on Wednesday of this week but results were too late for publication.

# Salem girls are Class 4 All-State in basketball

The Virginia High School League announced its 2026 Class 4 all-state girls' basketball team this week and Salem High was well-represented. The Spartans had a girl on the first team and two on the second team.

Bailey Rider, a first team All-Region 4D selection and River Ridge District Player of the Year, was named first team all-state. Gabby Crawley and Emme Custer, both first team all-region and all-district selections, were named to

the Class 4 all-state second team. All three girls are seniors.

Manor High freshman guard Jha'Ziya Babb, who led the Mustangs to an exciting 43-40 state championship win over Salem, is the Class 4 Player of the Year. Manor head coach Roger Smith is the Class 4 Coach of the Year.

Babb becomes the first freshman to earn Class 4 Girls POY honors since the VHSL started selecting all-state teams in 2014.

The 5'2" point guard averaged 23.3 points, 7.3 assists, 7.1 steals, and 3.4 rebounds per game this season for the Mustangs.

Eight players make up the first and second teams regardless of position. Only those players selected to all-region first-teams are eligible for selection to the All-State team. Each All-State selection committee comprises eight basketball coaches, with two from each Region.

# GHS boys tie Magna Vista

The Glenvar soccer teams both had scheduled seasons openers last week but neither the girls nor boys picked up a win or a loss. The girls had both of their games rained out and the boys opened with a tie.

The Glenvar boys' began their quest for a fourth straight Class 2 state championship with a home game against Magna Vista last Wednesday. The Warriors are an always formidable Class 3 team and they were a good match for the Highlanders to open the season.

As expected, this game was tight to the end. Neither team was able to score through regulation but Glenvar broke the ice in the first overtime as Ryder Francisco assisted Adam Saunders. However, the Warriors answered just 90 seconds later and the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Glenvar out-shot the visitors, 14-9, and Tyler Shannon had six saves for the

Highlanders. "We left a lot of chances on the table as we earned 13 corner kicks and didn't convert on any of them," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "There is a lot to learn from this game that will hopefully be helpful as we move

forward."

Both teams are off this week for spring break, returning Wednesday, April 1, for a girls-boys doubleheader against Auburn at Highlander Stadium. The girls will kick off at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.



Glenvar's Adam Saunders runs down a loose ball in last week's game with Magna Vista. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



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Salem girls celebrate a goal in last week's win.

# Salem soccer teams sweep LB

The Salem High soccer teams swept Lord Botetourt rivals last week to open the season. The boys took a 2-1 win in Daleville and the girls shut out LB, 4-0, on the Spartan Field pitch.

Botetourt scored first in the boys' about 10 minutes into the match. Salem battled back and tied the score off a cross from Elijah Clark that went off an LB player and into the net.

The Spartans took the lead about 15 minutes into the second half on a great shot from Clark, assisted by Gavin Horner. Freshman keeper Lin Daniel had four saves in goal.

"The guys battled hard and came away with a good team win to start off our 2026 campaign," said coach David Atkins.

The girls hosted LB and Aly Price had a big opening day with a three-goal hat trick for the Sparans. Emma Elder also had a goal and Julie Crumpacker and Keeley Prosser had assists for Salem. Karis Guy was in goal for the shutout.

Both teams are off this week for spring break, returning April 2nd to play Cave Spring teams. The girls will be at Cave Spring and the boys will have their home opener at Spartan Field.