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Two ask Council to establish Architectural Review Board

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Two citizens speaking at the June 8 Salem City Council meeting asked Council to establish an Architectural Review Board.

John Breen and Stella Reinhard said an ARB could help protect what they believe are historical structures worth saving.

Reinhard told Councilmembers during the Citizen Comment period at the beginning of the meeting adopting an ARB could establish a list of protocol steps that would allow Council to vote on demolitions of historic importance.

"We are losing some of the stories," she said.

Breen noted 70 percent of Salem houses are 50 years old, and suggested the city initiate tax abatements as well as city beautification projects.

He also said the current housing survey is not up to date.

In actions, Council:

* Adopted, on second reading, a change to the zoning ordinance requested by ABoone Real Estate Inc. to allow windows on the sides of townhouse groupings, and reduce the separation between townhouses to 20 instead of 40 feet;

* Adopted on first reading a special exception to allow a two-family dwelling at 213 Rutledge Circle;

* adopted a resolution in support of SMART SCALE Round 7 Funding applications;

* Adopted a resolution supporting the Interstate 81 Widening project in the City of Salem;

* Adopted a Remote Participation Policy for Councilmembers in fiscal year 2026-2027;

* Approved Fiscal Agent Contracts for the next fiscal year, to be the fiscal agent for Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy;

* Approved the Opioid Settlement Strategic Plan and authorized staff to apply for additional available Individual Distribution and Gold Standard funding;

* Approved Salem Schools' Operating Fund budget as approved by the School Board on May 12.

Council also canceled the June 22 meeting for lack of items for the agenda. Four Councilmembers attended in person, with Councilman John Saunders participating remotely due to a temporary medical condition. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.



COURTESY OF SALEM-ROANOKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The ribbon cutting celebrated the opening of QualiChem's headquarters on June 3.

QualiChem celebrates opening of new Salem headquarters

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QualiChem marked a major milestone in its growth with a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 3 celebrating the opening of its new headquarters in Salem.

"It was our sheer pleasure to help QualiChem celebrate this momentous occasion. Since it's inception in 1989, QualiChem has been a part of Salem. This marks the 6th expansion of QualiChem and every single time they have chosen to remain in Salem. It is thrilling to see Salem-Roanoke County Chamber members supporting other members. Chamber members Circle Design Studio and Westwood (formerly Balzar) were deeply involved in this $9 million renovation that took a year to complete," Amanda Livingston, president of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, said. "We wish QualiChem continued success in their beautiful new space and we thank them for being a part of the history and future of Salem."

Representatives from the Salem-Roanoke

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Salem schools receive $37K in grants for summer manufacturing camps

CAMP IGNITE
BUILDING TOMORROW'S MANUFACTURERS

COURTESY IMAGE

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The Salem School Division has received $37,000 in grant funding to support two summer manufacturing camps designed to provide students with hands-on technical education and workforce development opportunities.

The funding, awarded by the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association Foundation through its SparkForce program, marks the second consecutive year the division has secured grants for its Forge the Future and Camp Ignite summer camps.

"We are grateful to SparkForce for its continued investment in Salem students and our community," Salem Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks said. "These grants provide valuable opportunities for students to explore high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing while developing the skills, confidence and experiences that will

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Big Spring Mill is grinding again

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Historic Big Spring Mill in Elliston is under new ownership and once again selling the mill's much-sought-after seasoned flour. Soon it will sell other flours and cornmeal.

Customers lined up to buy bags of the flour that has been a longtime favorite for breading and making gravy on Monday. The mill is open from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We're trying to make all the products exactly the same as in 2022 when the mill closed," explained General Manager James Elkins. "We purchased the original recipes and are buying from the same grain elevators and suppliers. We're just waiting for bags to come in for other flour and cornmeal."

Head Miller Benny Hollins, who was the head miller at the mill when shut down and has 30 years of experience, is back, along with seven other employees. Four of those were employed in 2022, Elkins said.

Hollins reconditioned the mill and got it ready to run.

"Without Benny we wouldn't be here," added Elkins, who worked for Big Spring for 40 years before it closed. "He lives a quarter of a mile from mill and can see it from his house when leaves go down."

Elkins said two brothers who previously worked at the mill have returned to hand-tie with string each bag of flour.

Big Spring Mill was started in 1850 as a water-powered grist mill that sole livestock feed. Former owner Bob Long said the mill was built by Joseph Pepper. Long's great-grandfather, Fleetwood Long, purchased the mill in 1935. He was later joined by son Woodrow, before his sons, Bill and David Long, took over.

Bob Long said in 2022 they were closing the mill because he was ready to retire and spend more time with family.



RADFORD NEWS JOURNAL PHOTOGRAPH.

Big Spring Mill in Elliston is once again milling seasoned flour at the mill that closed in 2022. Shelor Motor Mile's Larry Shelor and David Hagan purchased the mill at auction last year.

Bob Long has been to the mill several times since October, Elkins said, "and has been very helpful."

Larry Shelor and David Hagan, who grew up in Elliston, purchased Big Spring Mill in March 2025 when it went up for auction.

"David really wanted to get the mill back on line," said Elkins, who lives in Christiansburg. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1990 and Radford University in 1996.

Elkins said people had been calling and stopping by since October. "It's really overwhelming that there's so much support for a local business, with a lot of local and regional support."

For now, all sales are at the mill, and seasoned flour will be available online soon, Elkins said. "In about two weeks we will start supplying smaller stores, and later, Food Lion and Kroger, he added.

Seasoned flour sells for $5.79 for two pounds. "We have 7,000 bags ready to sell," Elkins said.

Overnight lane closures, Orchard Drive detour planned for Salem intersection project

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Motorists traveling through the Apperson Drive and Orchard Drive area should expect overnight traffic disruptions this week as work continues on a major intersection improvement project.

According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, overnight lane closures and flagging operations on Apperson Drive (Route 11) began Tuesday, June 9, and are scheduled to continue through Thursday morning. The work is being conducted between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night, weather permitting.

The most significant traffic impact is expected tonight, June 11, when Orchard Drive will be closed from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Friday. A detour will be in place during the closure, and the roadway is expected to reopen by 7 a.m. Friday.

Apperson Drive will remain open throughout the project, although motorists should anticipate delays during nighttime work hours and use caution in the construction zone.

The work is part of a safety improvement project at the intersection of Apperson Drive and Orchard Drive. Plans include installation of a new traffic signal that will be coordinated with the nearby signal at Route 419, construction of a new right-turn lane from eastbound Apperson Drive onto southbound Orchard Drive, and reconfiguration of the eastbound approach to provide separate right-turn, through and left-turn lanes.

Transportation officials say the improvements are intended to enhance traffic flow and safety at the intersection.

The project is expected to be completed by late fall 2026.

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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.

Cub Scout Summer Day Camp: The Great Valley District of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Scouting America, will host a Cub Scout Summer Day Camp June 8-12 at Hope Tree Family Services, 931 Mt. Vernon Lane, Salem. The camp is open to youth entering first through fifth grade and will feature outdoor adventures, STEM activities, crafts, games, fishing, archery and nature programs. Tara Kelley serves as camp director.

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.

Happy Trails Film & TV Festival: The Happy Trails Film & TV Festival will return to the Roanoke Valley June 26-28 with events centered at Community Church and a special side program at Pink Cadillac Diner. The festival promotes faith-friendly productions and raises money for cancer research. Film and television stars will meet fans and present new projects during a weekend featuring films, music, workshops, panels and a banquet. Award-winning performer Don Richmond will present a special Elvis-style performance. The 2026 event marks the festival's ninth year and traces its roots to the RoVaCon media events that began 50 years ago in Roanoke County.

Justin Moore: Justin Moore will return to the Salem Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27. The multi-platinum country artist last performed in Salem in 2017 during his "Hell on a Highway" Tour with Dylan Scott. Known for hits including "This Is My Dirt," "You, Me, and Whiskey," "Small Town USA" and "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away," Moore's show tickets go on sale Friday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Prices start at $39.50. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center box office, open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online through Ticketmaster.

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 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.

Salem Museum to host Gwynn's Island Weekend celebrating Revolutionary War history

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The Salem Museum will commemorate a pivotal Revolutionary War victory with Gwynn's Island Weekend on June 27-28, offering two days of living history demonstrations, lectures and family-friendly activities highlighting the role of Gen. Andrew Lewis in Virginia's fight for independence.

The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the museum. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with historical interpreters, attend lectures, view a documentary and meet a reenactor portraying Lewis.

The event focuses on the 1776 Battle of Gwynn's Island, during which Lewis, a frontier leader and Continental Army general, led Virginia Patriot forces in defeating the Loyalist troops of Lord Dunmore, Virginia's last royal governor. The battle resulted in the permanent expulsion of British authority from Virginia just days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of the Fincastle Company, a colonial living history group, will be on site throughout the weekend demonstrating trades, crafts and daily life from the Revolutionary era while sharing stories of the men and women who lived through the conflict.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Dr. Robert Willingham, a professor at Roanoke College, will present a lecture titled "1776, 1976, 2026: How We Remember." The presentation will examine how Americans have commemorated independence through the years, comparing the nation's Bicentennial celebration in 1976 with the upcoming Semiquincentennial in 2026.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, the museum will screen Blue Ridge PBS' documentary, "Resolved to Live and Die: The Revolutionary Roots of Southwest Virginia," which explores the lives of regional colonial leaders and their efforts to organize resistance against British rule.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Salem Museum Executive Director Garrett Channell, portraying Lewis in period military uniform, will present "The Battle of Gwynn's Island." The program will examine the causes of the battle, Lewis' leadership and the significance of the Patriot victory.

Visitors also will be able to explore the museum's featured exhibit, "Andrew Lewis: Salem's Revolutionary Champion," which chronicles Lewis' life and contributions to the American Revolution. The exhibit includes hands-on activities allowing guests to try on period clothing, handle reproduction tools and interact with materials representative of Revolutionary-era Virginia.

The event is sponsored by Blue Ridge PBS, the City of Salem VA250 Committee, The Law Office of I. Ray Byrd Jr., P.C., Sherwood Memorial Park, Robert H. Hunt and the Robertson Endowment for Exhibits and Events.

The program is part of Virginia's ongoing commemoration of the nation's 250th anniversary. The Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission, known as VA250, is encouraging communities across the commonwealth to host events that highlight local contributions to the Revolutionary War era ahead of the July 4, 2026, semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence.

The Salem Museum is located in the historic Williams-Brown House at 801 E. Main St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free, though donations are accepted.

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



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A mural of Andrew Lewis in the Salem Civic Center.

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Winner's will be published in
New Castle Record & Fincastle Herald on July 29
& Salem Times Register & Vinton Messenger July 30

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 26, 2026 – June 1, 2026

5/27/26	John C. Padgett	40	Brandishing Firearm
5/27/26	Darwing M. Rocha Guevara	33	Assault & Battery – Family Member
5/28/26	Robert G. Jones	60	Assault & Battery – Family Member 3rd Offense
5/29/26	Damon M. Nolasco	24	Public Intoxication
5/30/26	Caleb T. Johnston	29	Prohibited Possession of Firearm
5/30/26	Luis A.J. Blas	47	Public Intoxication
6/1/26	Charli L. Jones	39	Care of Animals
6/1/26	Durwood C. Mallory Jr.	26	Assault & Battery, Tampering w/ Vehicle, Breaking & Entering.

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of May 26, 2026 – June 1, 2026

DATE REPORTED	*LOCATION*	*OFFENSE REPORTED*
5/28/26	1500 BLK E. Main St.	Assault & Battery – Family Member 3rd Offense
5/31/26	1700 BLK Margaret Ln	Breaking & Entering

Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

One of my dad's favorite desserts was pineapple upside down cake. He wasn't a big fan of chocolate so this satisfied his sweet tooth very well. Unlike some of the recipes I write histories about, this is a dessert that my mother did make quite a bit in my early childhood when she bothered to bake. I have written about pineapple in the past but this week I am writing about upside down cakes.

Early versions of upside-down cakes used ingredients like apples and cherries, often cooked in cast-iron skillets called "spiders" over open fires or on stoves.

The Dole company sponsored a recipe contest in 1925, which saw an overwhelming number of submissions for pineapple upside-down cake—one account claims 2,500 of 60,000 entries were for this specific cake.

Following the contest, the Dole company aggressively promoted the cake through advertising, making it one of the most famous cakes in North America by the late 1920s and early 1930s.

You can use almost any fruit in upside-down cakes. Pineapple, apples, pears, peaches and plums hold their shape during baking and create a defined, glossy topping. Softer fruits like berries or cherries also work, but will not look as defined after baking. Instead of choosing just one fruit, mix a few together, like pineapple and cherries or peaches and blackberries, for more color and flavor contrast. If using fresh, seasonal fruit, don't use it when it's super ripe, or it will disintegrate during baking.

The easiest way to prevent an upside-down cake from sticking is to coat the pan generously with butter before adding the sugar and fruit. A heavy-duty cake pan or skillet also helps, so the sugar caramelizes but does not burn. Once baked, let the cake cool briefly, about 5 to 10 minutes, then run a knife around the side before flipping it onto a plate. If you wait too long, the caramel will harden and glue the cake to the pan.

Upside-down cakes prove that the best desserts don't need frosting or fancy layers to impress. These fruit-topped desserts are dramatic yet comforting, with soft, sturdy cake bases that soak up sweet fruit juices and caramel. With the flip of a pan, a mosaic of glistening, caramelized fruit reveals itself, looking more like art than dessert. Pineapple is a traditional choice, but these recipes show how to make an upside-down cake with any fruit, for a unique dessert every time.



Blueberry-Lemon Upside-Down Cake

Ingredients

4 cups fresh or frozen unsweetened blueberries, thawed
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
Whipped topping

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. In a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, layer blueberries, sugar and marshmallows. Prepare cake mix batter according to package directions, adding lemon zest before mixing batter; pour over marshmallows. Bake 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm with whipped topping.



Peanut Butter Banana Upside Down Cake

Ingredients

1/3 cup dark brown sugar
4 Tbsp. unsalted butter
1 tsp. kosher salt, divided
3 medium bananas, sliced lengthwise
1/4 cup chopped salted roasted peanuts, plus more for garnish
2 large eggs, at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup sour cream, at room temperature
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup smooth peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray. Stir together brown sugar, butter, 1 tablespoon water, and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt in a small saucepan; cook over medium until sugar is dissolved, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer mixture to prepared pan; spread in an even layer. Top evenly with sliced bananas. Set aside. Whisk together eggs, granulated sugar, sour cream, oil, peanut butter, vanilla, and remaining 3/4 teaspoon salt in a large bowl. Sift in the flour, baking powder, and cinnamon. Gently fold flour mixture into sour cream mixture using a spatula until just combined. Spread batter over bananas in an even layer. Bake in preheated oven until top is golden brown and a wooden pick inserted into center of cake comes out mostly clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Let cool in pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Place a cake plate on top of pan; invert cake onto plate. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Strawberry Upside-Down Cake

Ingredients

3/4 cup granulated sugar
3 Tbsp. cornstarch
6 1/2 cups fresh strawberries, halved or quartered if large (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. lemon zest
1 (15.25 to 16.25-ounce) package (2-layer-size) yellow cake mix, plus ingredients on box to make cake
2 Tbsp. lemon juice

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease the bottom and sides of a 13x9-inch baking pan. Line bottom of pan with parchment paper; set pan aside. In a large bowl combine sugar and cornstarch. Add strawberries, vanilla, and lemon zest; toss to coat evenly. Transfer strawberry mixture to prepared pan spreading evenly. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Beat in lemon juice until combined. Pour cake batter over strawberry layer and smooth evenly. Bake about 40 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack for10 minutes. Loosen sides of cake; invert onto a serving plate. Let cool atleast15 minutes before serving. Serve warm or cooled.

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help them succeed in the future."

A $25,000 grant will fund Forge the Future, an inclusive manufacturing camp for individuals with special needs ages 16 to 30. Participants will receive one week of classroom instruction followed by three weeks of on-the-job training.

Business and community partners supporting the program include Alro Steel, Appalachian Power, the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, Integer, Mersen, New Millennium and Wabtec.

"We are excited to welcome Camp Ignite and Forge the Future back for Summer 2026 through our continued partnership with SparkForce and our outstanding business and industry partners," said Jeff Bird, Salem's coordinator of assessment and accountability. "Last year's camps provided students with hands-on manufacturing experiences, workplace readiness skills and meaningful career exploration opportunities."

According to school officials, several participants in last year's Forge the Future camp secured employment opportunities, apprenticeships and other workforce pathways after completing the program.

"Through Forge the Future, we witnessed firsthand how meaningful work-based learning experiences can open doors for individuals with disabilities," Bird said. "The overwhelming support from our business and industry partners, combined with the success stories of our students, have reinforced the importance of these programs."

The division also received six separate $2,000 grants, totaling $12,000, to support Camp Ignite, a weeklong manufacturing camp for middle school students.

Partners for that program include Alro Steel, Altec, the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, Blue Ridge Color Company, GE Verona and GJ Hopkins.

Students participating in Camp Ignite will develop workplace-readiness skills, complete hands-on manufacturing projects and tour a local manufacturing facility.

Current students at Andrew Lewis Middle School enrolled in the summer program will participate in either an automotive manufacturing camp or a STEM manufacturing camp while also receiving math and English instruction. Rising eighth- and ninth-grade students interested in the program may also enroll.

"Programs like Camp Ignite and Forge the Future demonstrate the power of partnerships between education and industry, creating meaningful pathways for students of all abilities to engage in hands-on learning, workforce readiness and career exploration," Hicks said. "We are excited to once again offer these outstanding programs and look forward to seeing the impact they have on participants this summer and into the future."

The 2026 summer camps will begin June 22 and run through July 24.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STORMWATER UTILITY FEE

Community Development will be holding public information meetings about a potential stormwater utility fee that would begin in 2027.

Like all other urbanized areas in Virginia, the City of Salem is required by law to proactively keep stormwater pollution from entering creeks and streams like the Roanoke River. These state and federal requirements make it necessary for Salem to invest in stormwater management programs, activities and capital projects.

Please visit one of the two community meetings to be held on June 18 and June 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center to learn more about the City's plan to present to City Council.

For more information about Salem's Stormwater Enterprise Fund, visit the QR code.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
JUNE 18 & 24

QualiChem from page 1

County Chamber of Commerce, the Roanoke Regional Chamber, the City of Salem and other community leaders attended the event, which highlighted the company's investment in a newly renovated facility designed to support future growth and innovation.

Located in Salem, QualiChem has grown into a global leader in specialty chemical manufacturing, serving industrial customers around the world.

"What a great day celebrating the continued growth of QualiChem Metalworking," the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce said in a statement following the event. Chamber officials noted that despite the company's growth, it has remained committed to its Salem roots and continued investing in the local community.

The company recently relocated into what officials described as a state-of-the-art headquarters featuring expanded laboratory space, collaborative work areas and room for future growth.

"Our new facility reflects who we are as a company and where we are headed," Facilities Manager Rebecca Smith said. "We designed every detail with intention, emphasizing an innovative, tech-driven facility, focusing on a highly collaborative culture, and featuring state-of-the-art lab space."

Smith said the project was designed to create an environment where employees can thrive while helping the company continue delivering high levels of service to customers.

According to QualiChem, the new facility will allow the company to increase production, improve efficiency and turnaround times, expand testing and development capabilities, and continue developing new products and formulations.

Company officials said those improvements are intended to provide customers with greater reliability and support while helping the business keep pace with growing demand.

"Our new headquarters is a significant milestone in QualiChem's growth journey," President Tim Davis said. "It was thoughtfully designed to leverage our collaborative culture while enhancing our ability to support customers today and well into the future."

Davis said the facility includes a world-class laboratory, a modern office environment and space for future expansion. He added that the headquarters was designed to accelerate innovation, attract top talent and strengthen the company's ability to meet changing customer needs.

The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce also recognized CIRCLE Design Studio for its role in the renovation project.

The June 3 ribbon-cutting included tours of the facility and an opportunity for community leaders to learn more about QualiChem's operations and future plans.

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

What Does the Rule of Law Mean to *You?*

Do you think the "Rule of Law" is just legal mumbo-jumbo that has nothing to do with you? It's not. The Rule of Law protects the way you live your life in our community. It means:

You can travel throughout our country without a pass.

Your landlord can't evict you without your being able to challenge him in court.

You can challenge in court anyone who tries to take your car, your home, or your kids away from you.

You can worship any God, or none at all.

You can say or write anything you want, and get together with as many people as you want, unless you're trying to hurt someone.

You can elect representatives who make the laws that govern us.

You can vote without the government knowing how you voted.

You can keep and carry weapons unless you are threatening someone with them.

Your house can't be searched without a warrant.

You can't be charged with, tried or convicted of a crime without having the right to be represented by a lawyer before an impartial jury or judge.

These are just a few of the ways the Rule of Law affects YOU.

Some people want to do away with the Rule of Law in America. They want to put themselves outside the reach of the Rule of Law to gain influence, power or money. Call out these people out when you see them. Oppose them every way you can.

Your way of life is at stake.

- Curt Steele
Salem

Dear Editor,

Grand larceny on unimaginable scale is happening before our eyes. Our country is being broken and stolen. Some Americans can't admit it. This unprecedented scale of presidential theft is thinly obscured by Trump's bombastic boasting—his daily distractions of increasingly disgraceful announcements and shocking self-dealing schemes like his latest effort to use the US Department of Justice to create an "anti-weaponization fund" to reimburse violent offenders he favors, including himself, and relieve his family from any future IRS scrutiny forever. Really unbelievable trying to put himself so far above the law! Some watchdogs like Public Citizens confront Trump's criminal regime with a deluge of lawsuits. Let's hope the US's democracy can survive this ferocious stress test.

Some Americans "cleverly" proposed to run America "like a business." Trump is forcing his own version of this on America. But democratic government is the non-profit side of society. We need functioning public schools, law enforcement, fire suppression, research etc.—not stripped-down versions that fail to excel and instead make America "ungreat." Trump's favored criteria for cuts are social support systems like SNAP, endangering the health of future generations. Trump also cuts research documenting the effects of the greatest threat to mankind besides nuclear war--global warming. The US Agency for International Development and the diplomatic corps were scalped so viciously and indiscriminately that many let go had to be rehired. Trump's partner-in-crime--the richest man on earth, Elon Musk, bragged about taking a chainsaw to our government while illegally mining Americans' personal and professional data. Corrupt self-dealing and threats are involved in virtually every presidential action. This is the result of empowering a malignant narcissist with the most powerful position on Earth who ran on popular anti-war positions that he is currently running away from, doing a "180" on all his campaign promises and even admitting that he doesn't care about the effects on Americans' pocket books. He lives up to the true meaning of "trump" by carrying out the biggest scam in history.

Trump and "Secretary of War," Pete Hegseth, proposed streamlining government to a war machine. We are left with a dysfunctional shell as Trump and his sycophantic cohorts suck the vast equity out of our country. Economist Ben Norton states that the billionaires don't have enough money to complete their build out of DATA centers, so they got Wall Street to change the rules to allow Tech billionaires to access our 401 K retirement funds more easily. Please beware.

It is not too early to conclude that President Trump's only priority is to use his office to enrich "Trump Inc." He supports Israel's infliction of a genocidal attack on Gaza while he plans to build a mini-empire there to enrich himself and his cronies. This conspiracy, together with the unprovoked attack on Iran, opposes the US's national interest, suggesting that Israel is in possession of blackmail info that even master media manipulator Trump cannot spin into "virtue."

Trump stupidly abrogated the Iran Nuclear Deal in his first term, a deal which would have left no doubt that Iran would not develop nuclear weapons. And now he tries to justify this hapless backfiring effort by endlessly warning that "Iran must not have nukes." Every attempt Trump now makes to extricate himself from the war is viciously sabotaged by Israel who is on a rampage--recently wiping out 30 entire Lebanese villages (despite Trump's so-called warning to stop) and now attacking Southern Beirut in violation of Israel's ceasefire with Lebanon. The upshot of Trump's new low in strategic disaster is Iranian control of the Hormuz Strait and rumors that Iran now has nukes. Trump is a traitor to honest, rule-of-law governance and to our country which now faces an unsustainable $40 trillion debt for a string of endless pro-Israel wars for a "Greater Israel."

We can rebuild our government, but our future depends on Americans comprehending, then definitively ending Trump's reign of error.

-Cynthia Munley
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Bradshaw Road to close temporarily for bridge replacement in Roanoke County

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A section of Bradshaw Road in Roanoke County will be closed to through traffic for approximately 10 days beginning June 22 as crews replace a bridge over a tributary of Mason Creek.

According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, Route 864 (Bradshaw Road) will close at 8 a.m. Monday, June 22, between Route 874 (Plunkett Road) and Route 861 (Havens Trail Road).

The closure is expected to remain in place through July 2 while the bridge replacement project is completed. The road is scheduled to reopen at approximately 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2.

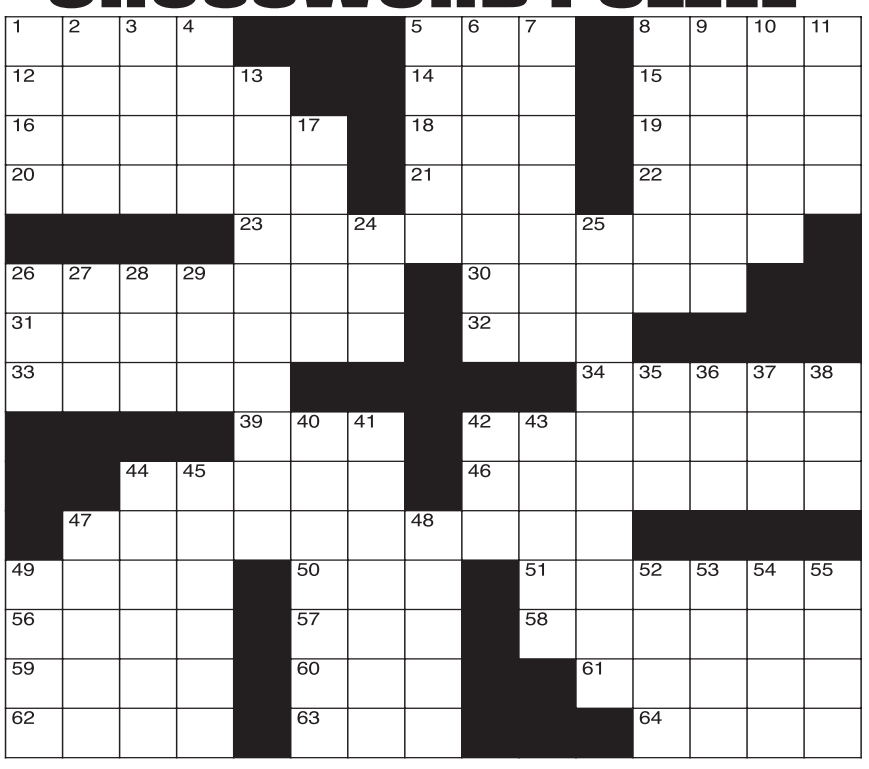
During the closure, motorists will not be able to cross the bridge. However, residents will continue to have access to homes on either side of the work zone.

Drivers may use Old Catawba Road as a detour, although large trucks will not be permitted because the road is not suitable for truck traffic.

Truck drivers needing access to the landfill and Watkins Market will be able to travel on Bradshaw Road from the Ironto side but will be required to return the same way because through traffic will not be possible.

VDOT officials said electronic message boards will be placed in the area to notify motorists of the upcoming closure and detour.

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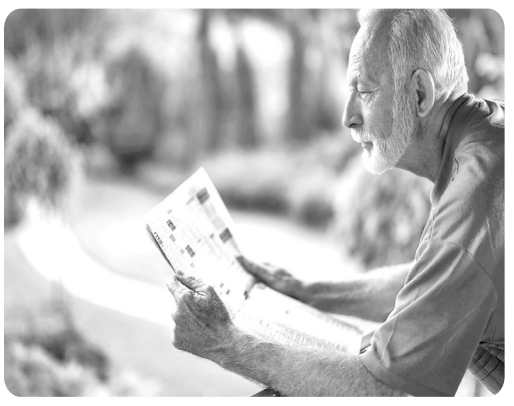


CLUES ACROSS
1. Sealed with a kiss
5. Large sandwich
8. Swiss city
12. Japanese persimmons
14. When you hope to get somewhere
15. Wings
16. A name of God
18. Elected official (informal)
19. Abnormal breathing
20. ÒSeinfeldÓ character
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
22. Something for sale
23. Gets rid of
26. One who touts
30. Blemished
31. Less than exciting
32. Born of
33. N. German town
34. Notes
39. Move away from land
42. Vulcanite
44. More ignoble
46. Child actor Kirk
47. Written works
49. Sea vessel
50. Residue
51. Engraved
56. Having sufficient skill
57. One and only
58. Erase
59. Broad inlets
60. Nightmarish street
61. Play again
62. Formerly (archaic)
63. Add a color to change the color
64. Move swiftly and lightly

CLUES DOWN
1. Scottish island
2. River in the Netherlands
3. Asian people
4. Fuzzy fruit
5. Ninth month (abbr.)
6. An idealistic social reformer
7. What you owe
8. Colorless mineral
9. Overjoyed
10. Rattling breaths
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. A citizen of Senegal
17. Greek mythological beauty
24. Wrath
25. Instrument to measure wind speed
26. Luxury carmaker
27. Bitterly regret
28. Not or
29. Google certification
35. Midway between northeast and east
36. Space station
37. Relating to the ears
38. Congressman
40. Yelled at
41. Rudely assertive
42. Defunct European money
43. Shared oneÕs soul
44. Onion rolls
45. A way to state clearly
47. Relating to a lobe
48. Underlying message
49. Hollywood pig
52. Indicates pitch
53. Filament of a feather
54. Small ornamental ladiesÕ bag for small articles
55. Diminish

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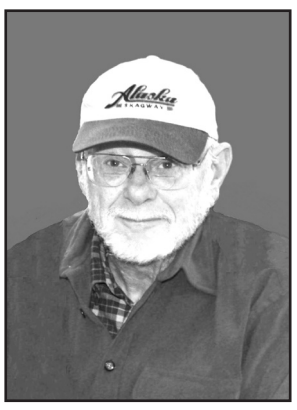
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OBITUARY

Thomas Marshall "Tom" Davis Jr.



Thomas Marshall "Tom" Davis Jr., 85, of Roanoke, VA, passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

Tom was born in 1940 and was a graduate of Andrew Lewis High School in Salem, Virginia in 1958. Upon graduation, he was offered a scholarship to Virginia Tech but chose instead to enter the workforce. He began his career with Roanoke Paint & Glass and then went on to purchase White House Galleries on Maple Avenue in 1961. Eventually, he moved the business to 220 South after he purchased Dr. Pinkard's property where he owned and operated the art gallery. He continued serving the community as a Custom Art Framer for more than 30 years.

A dedicated worker throughout his life, Tom was known as a true workaholic both on the job and at home. He enjoyed restoring over 100 automobiles and held a degree in Fine Art Restoration.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Davis Sr. and Nelda Ragland Orr; his sister, Rebecca "Becky" Grissett; and his beloved dog, "Redbud," who was a constant companion to Tom.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of more than 20 years, Sula K. Davis of Roanoke; his sons, John Matthew Davis of Stewartsville, VA and Danny (Dan) Marshall Davis (Dana) of Callaway, VA; his nephew, Tracy Alexander Grissett of Marion, VA; his niece, Catherine "Cathy" Yerkes (Rick) of Melbourne, FL.Also left to cherish his memory are Angela Sengson (John) of Fincastle, VA, Douglas Schmittler (Kathy) of Oklahoma City, OK, Noah Pace of Frederick, MD, Harper Pace of Charlottesville, VA and Barrett Pace of Fincastle, VA; his sister, Nancy Routson (Dan) of Des Moines, IA; his first cousin, Mary Jane Reid of Winston-Salem, NC; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family members, friends and neighbors.

The family extends a special thank you to Dr. Quasir Raza for the exceptional medical care and compassion shown to Tom over several years.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Oakey's South Chapel. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service. An inurnment will follow at Fair View Cemetery on Melrose Avenue in Roanoke.

In lieu of flowers, they family requests memorial contributions be made to the SPCA, Star City Greyhound Adoption, or to Angels of Assisi. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.Oakeys.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Oakey's Funeral Service - South Chapel, Roanoke, VA (540) 989-3131.

Cline invites 6th District residents to submit photos for congressional time capsule

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U.S. Rep. Ben Cline is inviting residents of Virginia's 6th Congressional District to submit photographs for consideration in a congressional time capsule commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary.

The initiative is part of America's semiquincentennial celebration and seeks photographs that capture life in the Shenandoah Valley, Roanoke Valley and Alleghany Highlands during 2026.

In a statement, Cline said the district's landscapes, communities and traditions make it a unique part of the Commonwealth.

"From the rolling farmland of the Shenandoah Valley and the scenic peaks surrounding the Roanoke Valley to the natural beauty and close-knit communities of the Alleghany Highlands, Virginia's Sixth District is rich with history, tradition, and hometown pride," Cline said.

He encouraged residents to submit images that reflect the character of their communities, including mountain vistas, historic downtowns, family farms, local festivals, high school sporting events, small businesses and everyday moments.

Selected photographs may be included in Virginia's official contribution to the Congressional Time Capsule, which will preserve a snapshot of life in the commonwealth during the nation's 250th year.

Photographs must be submitted digitally through the designated online submission portal. The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 12.

The Congressional Time Capsule will be sealed in the Capitol Visitor Center as part of the nation's semiquincentennial observance and is scheduled to remain unopened until July 4, 2276, when Americans celebrate the country's 500th anniversary.

According to Cline's office, the project offers families, students, farmers, community organizations, businesses and outdoor enthusiasts an opportunity to leave a record of their communities for future generations.

The 6th Congressional District includes much of western Virginia, including the Shenandoah Valley, Roanoke Valley and Alleghany Highlands.

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Virginia's Blue Ridge announces 2026 Restaurant Week

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Restaurants across Virginia's Blue Ridge are being invited to participate in the 2026 Virginia's Blue Ridge Restaurant Week, scheduled for Sept. 12-20.

The weeklong event will showcase the region's culinary offerings and encourage residents and visitors to explore local dining establishments throughout the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, Salem, Vinton, Botetourt County and Franklin County.

Nearly 80 restaurants participated in last year's event, which featured special menus, discounts and promotions designed to highlight the region's diverse food scene while supporting local businesses.

Organizers said the regional collaboration provides participating restaurants with a larger audience and greater exposure than a traditional single-jurisdiction restaurant week.

"VBR Restaurant Week is such a special moment for our community," Salem Mayor Renee Turk said in a statement. "It's a chance to celebrate the incredible talent of our local chefs and enjoy the thoughtful, limited-time menus they've crafted with so much care. Our independent restaurants truly are the heartbeat of Salem, and this week offers the perfect invitation to explore somewhere new or experience a fresh twist on a longtime favorite."

Alexander Jones, assistant director of economic development for Roanoke County, said the event demonstrates the benefits of regional cooperation while helping restaurants attract new customers.

"VBR Restaurant Week helps restaurants reach new customers, encourages residents and visitors to explore the different communities across our region, and showcases the unique dining experiences that make Virginia's Blue Ridge a great place to live, work and visit," Jones said.

Roanoke Mayor Joe Cobb said the event highlights the area's chefs and dining establishments.

"We're thrilled to partner with our neighboring municipalities to highlight the region's vibrant culinary scene," Cobb said. "With a wealth of food enthusiasts and talented chefs offering diverse cuisine, VBR Restaurant Week promises to be an exciting and enjoyable experience for both residents and visitors."

Kyle Rosner, Botetourt County's director of economic development, said the event gives restaurants an opportunity to attract customers from across the region while showcasing new menu offerings.

Franklin County Board of Supervisors Chair Lorie Smith said the county is excited to once again participate in the event and showcase its restaurants alongside other dining destinations throughout Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose said last year's event generated strong support for local restaurants and helped highlight the town's dining options.

Organizers are encouraging restaurants throughout the participating localities to register for the event. Businesses will have the opportunity to promote specialty dishes, attract new customers and participate in a regional marketing effort highlighting the area's dining scene.

For information about restaurant registration, interested establishments can contact the City of Salem Office of Economic Development at econdev@salemva.gov or 540-375-3007.

Salem students earn academic honors, degrees

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Several Salem students have been recognized for academic achievement and graduation honors at colleges and universities across Virginia and the Southeast.

At Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, Elijah Bowery of Salem was named to the President's List for the Spring 2026 semester after earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

James Madison University announced several Salem students who graduated during its May 2026 commencement exercises.

Graduating with honors were Treya Gunn, Honors Scholar, Communication Studies; Mateo Moore, summa cum laude, Dietetics; Katelyn Creger, summa cum laude, Elementary Education; Lydia Galbreath, summa cum laude, Elementary Education; and Tate Spitnale, cum laude, Media Arts and Design.

Additional Salem graduates included Bailey Fralin, Psychology; Chloe Butt, Health Sciences; Edward Ball, Athletic Training; Graham Roudebush, Media Arts and Design; Kaitlyn Knee, Accounting; Kayli Blankenship, Media Arts and Design; Nathan Richardson, Accounting; Richard Williams, Health Sciences; Sara Bassford, Health Sciences; and William Work, Accounting.

James Madison University also announced its Spring 2026 Dean's List. Salem students receiving the honor were Clayton Davidson, Sport and Recreation Management; Graden Bowen, Architectural Design; Gabriel Bryson, Music; Chloe Butt, Health Sciences; Ian DelCid Martinez, Architectural Design; Bailey Fralin, Psychology; Treya Gunn, Communication Studies; Mateo Moore, Dietetics; Evan Poindexter, Biology; Andrew Rea, Business Management; Claire Robertson, Art; Jonathan Shenal, Social Work; Tate Spitnale, Media Arts and Design; Logan Wade, Computer Information Systems; and Jake Wallding, Marketing.

At Radford University, Ashlyn Smith of Salem was named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Additional Salem students recognized on Radford University's Spring 2026 Dean's List were Ryland Darby, Ava Janney, Clara Gunter, Eliza Hoback, William Jenkins, Dekoda Lovecchio, Alyssa Oldham, Sophia Shearer, Ava McGhee, Rebecca Price, Elizabeth Bost, Elizabeth Duhon, Dylan Forster, Andrew Harshbarger, Emma Puckett, Carmen Sheppard, Kaylee Mundy, Shayln Bandy, Lucas Birdlebough, Emily Callaghan, Amaya Chapman, Brenyn Duff, Hunter Englishish, Emma Farmer, Catherine Henderson, Elise Jupin, Tabia Khan, Ashleigh Langfitt, Avery Luper, Alexandria Makay, Morgan Manetta, Carleigh Martin, Maria Miguel, Isabella Miller, Natasha Miranda Angeles, Thomas Morton, Kyleigh Smithey, Samantha Smithwick, Macy Thompson, Tyler Smith, Kylie Jones, Kaylon Boothe, Hanna Eveland, Caleb Furmage, Sophia Crawford, Jakob Sowers, Allison Garcia-Martinez, Ruby Mills, Emma Snead and Kayleigh Taylor.

Students named to the Dean's List at Radford University must complete at least 12 semester hours of graded coursework, earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher, receive no grade lower than a C and have no incomplete grades.

Movies in The Park returns on June 26

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The Salem Parks and Recreation Department has announced the lineup for its 2026 Movies in the Park series, which will return to Kiwanis Park for a third consecutive summer.

The free family-friendly movie series will feature four films between June and September at the historic park, located at the corner of Florida and Sixth streets. Kiwanis Park has hosted sports and entertainment events since opening in 1932.

The series begins June 26 with the DreamWorks animated film "Bad Guys 2." Gates will open at 7 p.m., and the movie will begin at dusk, approximately 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Additional movies scheduled for the summer include "Lilo & Stitch" on July 24, "Elio" on Aug. 21 and "How to Train Your Dragon" on Sept. 18.

The Friday evening events are sponsored by Renewal by Andersen and are designed to provide families with a free outdoor movie experience. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Refreshments will be available for purchase at the Kiwanis Park concession stands. Cash only.

City officials noted that pets are not permitted at the events.

For more information, contact Salem Parks and Recreation at 540-375-3057.

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Legals - Botetourt County

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**VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CRAIG
IN RE:
ESTATE OF DICKIE LOUIS EAKIN
SHOW CAUSE ORDER**

It appearing that a report of the account of Frank H. Eakin, Administrator of the Estate of Dickie Louis Eakin, deceased, and of the debts and demands against his estate has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Craig, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the Administrator on October 21, 2022.
On the motion of the Administrator, it is hereby ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested, in the Estate of Dickie Louis Eakin do show cause, if any they can, on the 20th day of July,2026, at 1 1 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Craig, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Dickie Louis Eakin, deceased, to the distributees under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without requiring refunding bonds, subject only to the retention by the Administrator of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining costs of administration.
ENTER this 27th day of May, 2026.
Hon. Joel R. Branscom, Judge

I ask for this:
Scott A. Butler
(VSB # 34544)
Rhodes, Butler & Dellinger, PC
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(540) 342-4664 (fax)

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of $175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on June 25, 2026, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:
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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.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.
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**VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY LEE AVIS, DECEASED
NOTICE**

Having been requested to do so by Lenden Eakin, attorney for Tamara Smith, executrix of the estate of Gary Lee Avis, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Gary Lee Avis, and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 8th day of July, 2026 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Gary Lee Avis or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due.
All creditors of Gary Lee Avis, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.
Given under my hand this the 2nd day of June, 2026.

Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia

that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, to receive public comment on a Proposed Ordinance Enacted Pursuant To Section 62.1-44.15:27, Of The 1950 Code Of Virginia, as amended, Amending Chapter 8 Entitled Planning And Development Of The Code Of The County Of Montgomery, Virginia Article III Erosion And Stormwater Management Section 8-87 in Order to Increase the Fee Schedule for Permit Issuance (Table 1), for the Modification or Transfer of Registration for the General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Construction Activities (Table 2) and Permit Maintenance Fees (Table 3).
A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available for public inspection or copying Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.**CL26000843-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073
ASHLYN KING,
CAMDEN ZEKE DILLOW
v.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR
It is ORDERED that CHANDLER DILLOW appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 22, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.
Entered May 18, 2026
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk
Judge

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Legals - City of Radford

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a facility to continue to conduct cleanup (formerly called corrective action) activities at a series of cleanup units at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant facility in Radford, Virginia.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 10, 2026 to August 10, 2026.
PUBLIC HEARING: An informational briefing will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and a public hearing will be held immediately after at 7:00 pm, at the Radford Public Library located at 30 West Main Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the informational briefing is to provide information and discuss related issues, and the purpose of the public hearing is to receive any public comments.
PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Hazardous Waste Management Permit for Cleanup, EPA ID No. VA1210020730
APPLICANT NAME: Radford Army Ammunition Plant
FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Radford Army Ammunition Plant, 4050 Peppers Ferry Road Radford, Virginia 24141.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) facility applied for a reissued permit on October 29, 2025, to continue to conduct cleanup (formerly called corrective action) activities at a series of cleanup units at the facility in Radford, Virginia. The draft permit incorporates the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed remedies as detailed in two Statement of Basis documents from 2011 and 2014. Final remedies were selected for nine solid waste management units (SWMUs), four Site Screening Areas (SSAs), and the Army Reserve Small Arms Range (ARSAR). Selected remedies consisted of Institutional Controls, Engineering Controls, and Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) and/or Long-term groundwater monitoring. The Former Mortar and Gun Range is also included in the draft permit, and the Corrective Measures Study for this site is under development. Additionally, SWMU 17A, the Stage and Burn Area, was added to the draft permit and will be included in this permit until RFAAP determines that the site is no longer needed as an active unit, at which time the site will be investigated and evaluated for either closure or corrective action/cleanup.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may also write to the contact person at the address below to be added to the facility mailing list. The public may review the draft permit, fact sheet, supplemental work plan documents, and this public notice at the Radford Public Library located at 30 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia 24141, during open hours. Copies of the permit are also available every workday by appointment at DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office at 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153 and DEQ Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Richmond, Virginia 23219, as well as the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sarah Dyer; DEQ, Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia, 23218;
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Legals - Town of Vinton

**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, June 16, 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 the proposed amendment and additional appropriation to the Town of Vinton's FY 2025-2026 budget to appropriate funding for building equipment, furniture and fixtures, traffic signals, a vehicle purchase, paving and striping, stormwater projects, and various operational expenditures, including personnel expenditures, maintenance projects, contractual services, and training in the total amount of $1,612,300 in the General Fund and the Capital Fund. 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.
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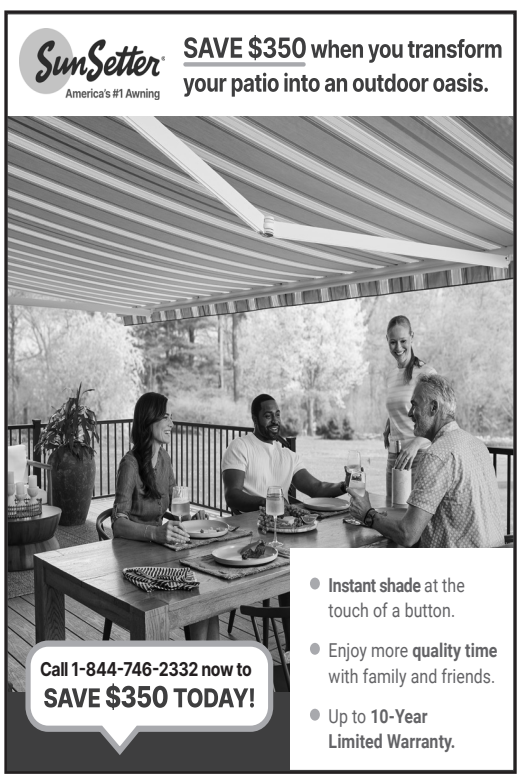
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Lots to cheer about at Rec. Camp

Salem High cheerleading coach Trina Bateman, along with the Spartan staff and high school cheerleaders, conducted the annual Salem Parks & Recreation cheer camp at Salem High School last week. Over 70 girls participated in the camp, got a shirt, and learned some cool stunts in the four day camp. Look for pictures all summer long from the Salem Rec. Dept. camps.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



McDonald of Roanoke College is second team All-American in IWLCA lacrosse

Junior Maddie McDonald added to her list of postseason honors as she was named Second Team All-American by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA). McDonald becomes the first player to earn second team honors since Lilly Blair did so in 2022. The selection also makes McDonald the fourth Maroon since 2000 to take home second team or higher All-American laurels from the IWLCA.

McDonald and fellow junior Jordan Wheeler earned All-American honors from USA Lacrosse. McDonald was named to the second team while Wheeler took home honorable mention accolades.

This is McDonald's second consecutive year earning and All-American laurel from USA Lacrosse as she was named to the third team after the 2025 season. The attacker adds the honor to the list of accolades this season, which includes First Team All-ODAC, ODAC Offensive Player of the Year, and ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. McDonald finished the campaign third in goals and 13th in points in all DIII. Her final stat line for the year included a program record 89 goals, 18 assists, 107 points, 92 draw controls, 30 ground balls, and 16 caused turnovers.

Wheeler grabs the first All-American award of her career after a standout year anchoring the Roanoke defense. She finished the season with 36 caused turnovers and 43 ground balls to rank her second and eighth in the ODAC. In 2026, Wheeler doubled her ground ball total and tripled her caused turnover total from 2025, helping her to a First Team All-ODAC nod. She also was an important part of the draw team, tallying 43 draw controls on the season.

Also, McDonald, Wheeler and junior Zoe Blair have been named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-Chesapeake Region team. McDonald earned first team laurels while Blair and Wheeler were both selected to the second team.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Salem's Bailey Redford is the Region 4D girls' lacrosse Co-Player of the Year.

Salem girls lax falls in OT

The Salem High girls' lacrosse season ended with an overtime lose in the state quarterfinal round last Friday. The Spartans fell to Dominion High in Sterling, VA, 8-7.

Salem led for most of the game. The Spartans jumped on top 4-0 in the first half and still had a two goal lead at 7-5 with three minutes remaining in regulation. However, the Titans were able to tie the score, then won it in overtime.

"Our defense played amazing during this game," said Salem coach Mary Schwarz, who was missing five girls who had left for vacation. Goalie Bailey Redford picked up the team with 19 saves along with four caused turnovers and seven ground balls.

"Bailey had an amazing game," said Schwartz. "The team fought hard and with limited subs fatigue definitely set in."

Rylee McNeill had two goals for Salem and scoring one each were Vivienne Eaton, London Fralin, Ashley Davis, Anne Thomas and Maidson Southern. Eliza Blair had five caused turnovers and two ground balls.

With the loss Salem finished the season at 12-5.

"We were very young," said Schwartz. "At the beginning of the season some of the girls were just learning how to catch the ball, and no one thought we could go this far."

The All-Region 4D team has been announced and Redford, a senior, is first team at goal and co-Player of the Year. Also on the first team are Thomas and Southern on attack and McNeill at midfield. Second teamers are Davis at midfield and Blair and Gabby Crawley on defense.

"I'm very proud of this group," said Schwartz. "They accomplished so many things this year and fought till the end."

SALEM BOYS LACROSSE

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late goals with the game well out of reach.

Custer led Salem with four goals. Sparks had three goals and three assists, Marble had three goals and two assists and Dallas went four and four. Freshman Nate McNeil also had a goal.

Meanwhile, Glass beat Woodgrove in their quarterfinal, 20-6, and Tuesday the Hilltoppers beat previously unbeaten Meridian in the other state semifinal, 15-7. Glass is now 16-4 on the season.

The All-Region 4 team has been announced and Salem was well-represented. Dallas is first team attack and Region 4D Player of the Year. Also named to the first team were Marble at midfield, Ronnie Frith and Carson Garland on defense, Farber at short stick midfield and Hof in the goal. Second teamers are Tucker Preas on attack, Sparks at midfield, Andrew Nevergold at long stick midfield and Tristen Tucker on faceoffs.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wade Marble is first team All-Region at midfield.

RC laxmen are Honorble Mention All-American

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team had four players honored with the release of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) All-American team. Noah Bell, Ike Dutton, Weston Hammond and Julian Kammerman each earned honorable mentions to the All-American team.

Bell, a first-team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) midfielder, finished the 2026 season with 30 goals and 10 assists.

Dutton, a sophomore defender, led the team with 38 caused turnovers and was second with 64 ground balls en route to second-team All-ODAC honors and an honorable mention to the USA Lacrosse All-American team.

Kammerman earned first-team All-ODAC honors and also was an honorable mention to the USA Lacrosse All-American team. The senior attack/midfielder, led the team in points (80), goals (50) and assists (30).

Hammond, a four-time All-ODAC defender, scooped 40 ground balls and caused 19 turnovers.

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Andrews Opata of the Salem RidgeYaks dives around the catcher to score in Salem's last homestand. The Yaks will host Fayetteville this week. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

'Peckers in town this week

The Salem RidgeYaks are back home this week to host the Fayetteville Woodpeckers for a four game series. The Woodpeckers are a farm team of the Houston Astros, and they'll be here until Sunday with 6:35 pm starts through Saturday followed by a 4:05 pm matinee on Sunday.

Salem is coming off a six game series in Wilson that saw them go 1-5. That dropped the Yaks to 24-33 and 17 games behind the first place Fredricksburg Nationals in the Carolina League's North Division. The second half of the Carolina League split season is scheduled to begin on Thursday of next week.

Through Monday catcher Andruw Musett is leading the current team in hitting with a .353 average over 34 at bats. Givian Sirvania, who has been with the team for a couple weeks, is hitting .300 with seven stolen bases and no caught stealings. Stanley Tucker, who was called up to Greenville and came down again is hitting .306 and Starlyn Nunez, who has been in Salem all season thus far, leads the team with eight home runs.

Salem has already had 27 different pitchers throw at least an inning for the RidgeYaks. Leighton Finley, Barrett Morgan and Myles Patton have three wins each for the Yaks.

After this week's homestand the Yaks will head to Fredricksburg to begin a six game homestand next Tuesday, June 16.

RAYBA baseball at BSC next week

The Botetourt Sports Complex will host the Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association(RAYBA) all-star tournaments for youth all-star teams next week. Participating areas include host Botetourt, Salem, Glenvar, Vinton, North Roanoke and Franklin County.

Tournaments will be held for 10U and 12U all-star teams beginning Monday, June 15. In the 10U tournament Vinton and Salem will open play at 6 pm and the winner will face Botetourt at 8 pm. Glenvar and North Roanoke also play at 6 pm.

In the 12U Glenvar and Franklin County will play at 6 pm with Botetourt taking on the winner at 8 pm. North Roanoke and Salem also play at 6 pm with the winner taking on Vinton at 8 pm.

Both tournaments are double elimination. The 10U championship will be at 6 pm Wednesday, June 17, with an "if game" at 8 pm. The 12U championship is on Thursday of next week, also at 6 pm with an "if game" at 8 pm.

RAYSA softball finals are tonight

Salem and Glenvar recreation softball teams are playing in the Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) double-elimination tournaments at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem and Darrell Shell Park in Roanoke County this week. Action began on Sunday and RAYSA has tournaments for 10U, 13U and 17U teams.

In the 10U tournament Salem advanced to the winners' bracket final for a Wednesday game against Botetourt at the Moyer Complex. Salem opened with a 12-2 win over South County, then beat North Roanoke, 12-4, to advance to the winners' bracket final. Wednesday's winner advances to the championship game Thursday at Darrell Shell Park and there's an "if game" if needed.

Glenvar's 10U team was still alive at press time after losing to Vinton in their opener, 7-3. Glenvar bounced back to shut out South County in the losers' bracket, 8-0, and was scheduled to play late Tuesday in another elimination game.

In the 13U tournament Salem was also in the winners' bracket final, which was scheduled for late Tuesday against South County. The Salemites opened with a 12-0 win over Vinton on Sunday, then edged Clifton Forge on Monday, 11-9. The 13U championship game is also at Darrell Shell Thursday.

Glenvar does not have a 13U team and neither Glenvar nor Salem has a team in the U17 tournament, which includes just Vinton, South County and Franklin County. The championship in that tournament was at the Moyer Complex Wednesday, too late for press deadlines.

Yaks will have bobble night honoring HoF GM Lawrence

The Salem RidgeYaks have announced a special commemorative bobblehead giveaway honoring General Manager, Allen Lawrence, on Saturday, August 22nd, during Military Appreciation Night at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The evening, including the bobblehead giveaway, will be presented by Bank of Botetourt.

The limited-edition bobblehead celebrates Lawrence's recent induction into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame on February 1, 2026, recognizing his longtime impact on professional baseball in the Roanoke Valley and Southwest Virginia.

A 1996 graduate of North Cross School and a 2000 graduate of Elon University, Lawrence began his baseball career as a game-day employee with the Salem Avalanche, the Colorado Rockies' Class A affiliate at the time. Over the years, he advanced through numerous leadership roles including Food & Beverage Director, Director of Stadium Operations, Vice President of Sales, Assistant General Manager, and Interim General Manager of the Salem Red Sox before being named General Manager in 2019.

Lawrence has also been recognized as one of the community's "Ten Most Outstanding Young Professionals," reflecting his dedication to Salem, the Roanoke Valley, and the continued growth of baseball in the region.

Founded in 1991, the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame honors standout players, coaches, and contributors from across the Roanoke region. Located on the grounds of Salem Memorial Ballpark, the Hall has recognized more than 150 members and continues to celebrate the rich baseball tradition throughout Southwest Virginia.

"We are incredibly proud to celebrate Allen and all he has meant to baseball in Salem and the Roanoke Valley," said Assistant General Manager Blair Hoke. "This bobblehead is a fun and meaningful way for our fans and community to recognize his lasting contributions to our organization and the game of baseball."

As the presenting sponsor of both Military Appreciation Night and the Allen Lawrence Hall of Fame Bobblehead Giveaway, Bank of Botetourt is proud to support an evening centered around community, service and local baseball tradition.

"Bank of Botetourt is proud to support an evening that celebrates service, tradition, and the people who help shape the identity of our region," said Michelle Austin, President & CEO at Bank of Botetourt. "Much like Bank of Botetourt's longstanding commitment to the communities it has served since 1899, Allen Lawrence's legacy reflects dedication, consistency, and a deep investment in the people and traditions that continue to strengthen this area across generations. We are honored to help recognize his lasting impact."

Fans are encouraged to arrive early on August 22 as bobbleheads will be available to the first 750 fans as the RidgeYaks celebrate both Military Appreciation Night and Allen Lawrence's Hall of Fame achievement. For tickets and additional information, fans can contact the Salem RidgeYaks front office at (540) 389-3333.





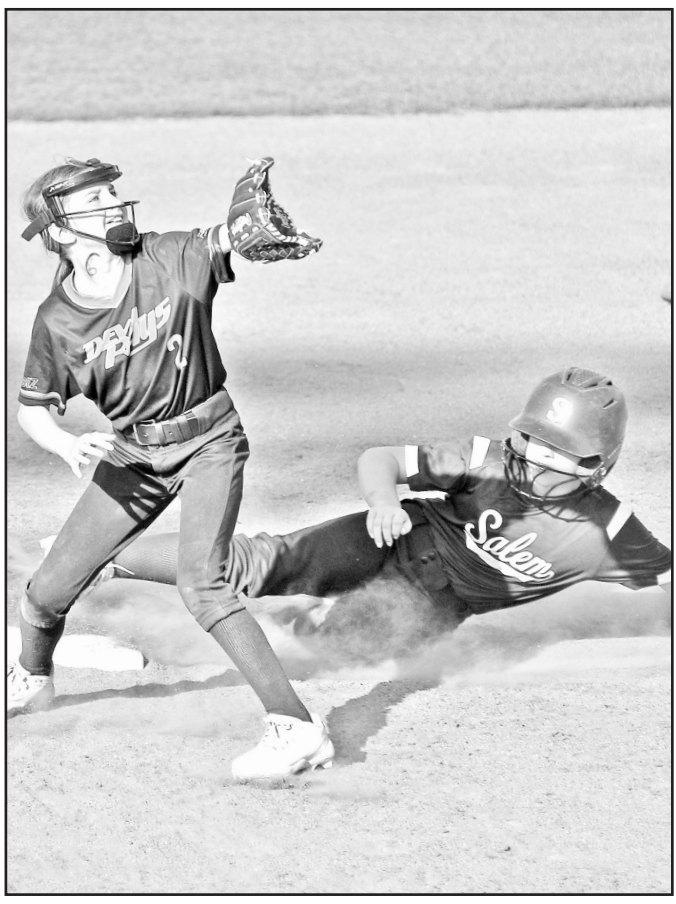


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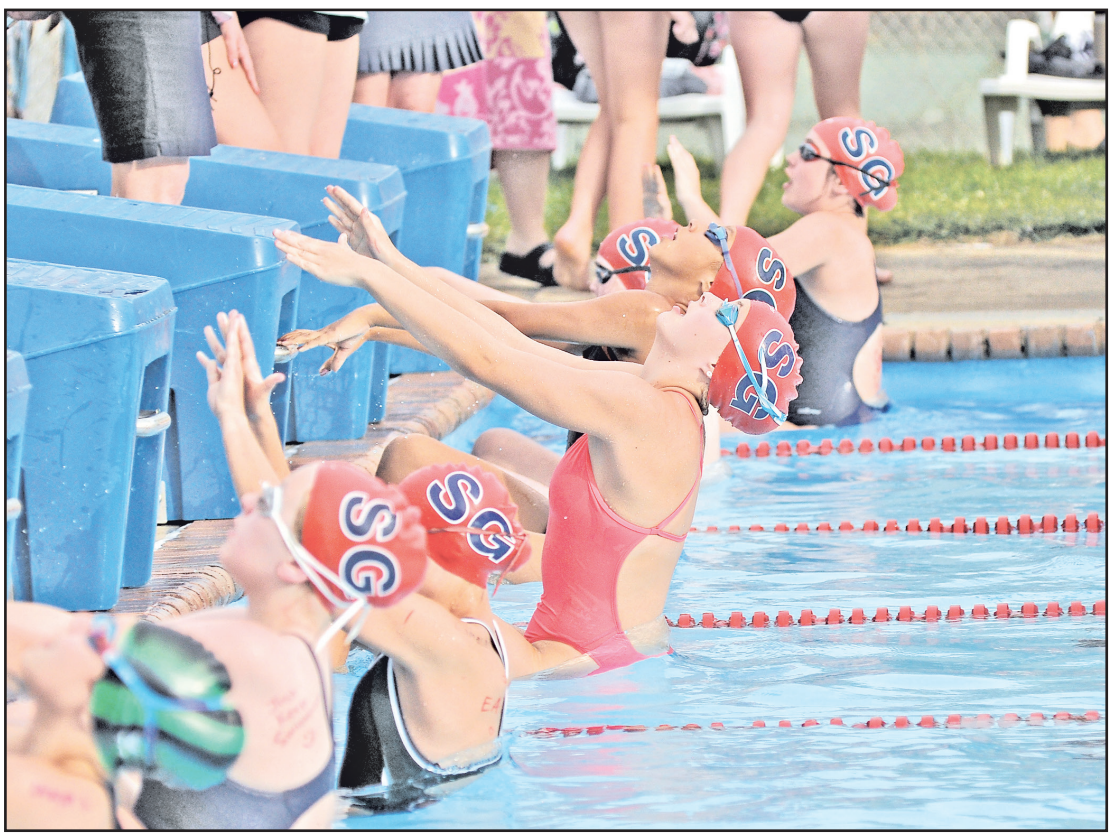
Above, left to right; Charley Worrell of Salem's RAYSA 10U team is safe at third, Annsley Kesler of the 10U team squares one up and, right, Austin Barceo of the Salem 13U team is about to tag a Vinton girl out at the plate in Sunday games. Below, left to right, Piper Creasey of the Glenvar 10U team connects, Glenvar 10U catcher Natalie Cronise makes the tag for an out and Peyton Bratton of the Salem 13U team slides safely into second. PHOTOS B Y BRIAN HOFFMAN











Gators open RVAA season

The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association summer swim season opened at five pools around the Roanoke Valley Monday, including Stonegate Swim Club in Salem. The Gators hosted Spring Run on opening night with backstroke and freestyle events. Above left, Jonah Semones swims the backstroke, and above Stonegate ladies react to the whistle for their event. Next Monday, June 15, the Gators will be swimming at the Elks Club along with Read Mountain for butterfly, backstroke and freestyle events.

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Glenvar's Loder is state champion in the 300 hurdles

The Glenvar boys tied for seventh and the girls were 15th in the Class 2 state track meet last weekend. Three Rivers District rival Floyd County swept both the boys' and girls' team titles as James Madison University hosted the Class 1 and 2 meets in Harrisonburg on Friday and Saturday.

"We had a great meet," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson.

Glenvar had a state champion in senior Joey Loder, who is headed to Radford University to run track next year. Joey won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 39.18 and he also finished second in the 110 hurdles at 14.63. Loder now has three state championship medals this school year as he took first in the 55 hurdles and 500 meters at the state indoor championships in March.

Loder also anchored Glenvar's sixth place 4x100 relay team. The foursome also consisted of Ranger Swanson, Grayson Harris and Tre Dawyot as they ran a time of 43.97.

The Glenvar 4x800 team took third. Cash Malcom, Aldin Smith, Asher Faught and Evan Harris combined for a time of 8:20.40.

In the girls' meet Elle Graffeo took fourth place in the pole vault, clearing seven feet. Sophia Hammersley was sixth in the 100 hurdles in 16.87 and just missed scoring in the 300 hurdles with a ninth place finish. Anna Hall earned a point for the Highlanders with an eighth place in the 1,600 and Rayya Bryson was one spot away from all-state with a ninth place in the 800.

Glenvar took fifth in two relay events. The 4x400 team of Hall, Bryson, Lauren Smith and Kailee McDonald ran a time of 4:20.84 and the 4x800 team of Hall, Bryson, Smith and Everly Shanks came home in 10:24.88.

"Overall, I think we had a successful season," said Swanson. "This year's team was the smallest since I've been at Glenvar and hopefully the numbers will rebound next year."



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Glenvar's Joey Loder is the Class 2 state champion in the 300 hurdles, and he also took second in the 110 hurdles at James Madison Univeristy last weekend.



Glenvar's Chaitanya Gohil plays the net at a recent match. Gohil and partner Christian Hill will compete in state doubles this week. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar boys in state doubles this week, girls' team falls to Ridgeview

The Glenvar girls' tennis season has come to an end with a loss in the state team quarterfinal round but the boys' doubles team is still alive and will play this weekend.

The Glenvar boys' doubles team of Christian Hill and Chaitanya Gohil are scheduled to play in the Virginia High School League Class 2 state semifinals this Friday at Liberty University. Glenvar, the Region 2C champ, will play the Region 2A champion doubles team from Bruton High at noon, while the other semifinal has doubles teams from Region 2B Central of Woodstock and Region 2D champ Marion High.

The state championship will be Saturday, also at Liberty University. It's also scheduled for noon.

The Glenvar girls played in the state Class 2 quarterfinals at Ridgeview High last Friday and lost to the Wolfpack, 5-0. Ridgeview beat Radford in the semifinal round on Monday, 5-4, and will play Bruton for the state championship today at Liberty University.

"They were solid top to bottom," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall.

The girls finished their season 12-8 including the post season.

Jones is sixth in Class 4 110 hurdles

The Churchland boys and Blacksburg girls won team championships at the Virginia High School League Class 4 state track meet last week. The Class 3 and 4 meets were held Friday and Saturday at Liberty Unversity.

Salem's boys finished 20th in the state, paced by the second place 4x400 relay team of Tristen Noel, Nazeser Miller, Keenan Helm and DaVon Jones. They ran a time of 3:20.88 for a new Salem High School record.

Jones also earned all-state honors with a sixth place finish in the 110 hurdles, running a time of 14.83. Jayden Wood was seventh in the triple jump at 44' 0.5". Wood just missed scoring with a ninth place in the long jump. Jones was 10th in the 300 hurdles, Noel was 11th in the 400 and Aedon Wiley was 10th in the 100 and 12th in the 200.



DaVon Jones of Salem was sixth in the state 110 hurdles and also anchored the Spartans' school record 4x400 relay team. PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

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Salem will be the site for Class 1 & 2 baseball, softball and soccer

The City of Salem is once again the destination for the Virginia High School League Class 1 and 2 schools competing in state "Final Four" tournaments for baseball, softball and soccer. "Virginia's Championship City" is designated a "Spring Jubilee" site where seven high school state champions will be crowned on Saturday at four Salem locations.

The baseball tournaments will be held on Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park. Class 1 semifinals are scheduled for 9 am and 11:30 am on Friday with the Class 2 semifinals at 2 pm and 4:30 pm. A championship doubleheader is Saturday with the Class 1 final scheduled for 10 am followed by the Class 2 state championship at 1pm.

The Class 1 and 2 softball tournaments will be held concurrently at the James I. Moyer Sports Complex this weekend. On Friday semifinals are scheduled for 10 am and 12:30 pm with Class 1 playing on Field 3 and Class 2 playing on Field 1. Likewise on Saturday both championship games will begin at 11 am with Class 1 on Field 3 and Class 2 on Field 1.

The soccer semifinals on Friday have been changed from the original schedule due to the forecast of extreme heat, with no games being played in the afternoon. Class 1 boys' semifinals will now be played at Glenvar High, Class 2 boys at Roanoke College and Class 2 girls at Salem High School with each location hosting semifinal games at 9 am and 11 am.

All soccer championships are scheduled for Saturday. The original schedule has Class 1 boys at Roanoke College at 10 am with Class 2 girls and boys at 10 am and 12:30 pm at Salem High, but check the VHSL website for possible changes due to the expected hot weather.

GHS boys in state semifinal

The Glenvar boys' soccer team will be looking for a fourth straight Class 2 state championship this weekend when the Highlanders play in the "Final 4" in Salem.

Glenvar earned a spot in Friday's semifinal at Roanoke College with a 2-0 win over Gate City at Highlander Stadium Tuesday in a state quarterfinal game. The Highlanders will play Bruton High in the state semifinal at 9 am at Roanoke College. Clark County and Appomattox will play the other semifinal at 11 am.

Glenvar got a first half goal from Levi King to take the lead, and that's how it stood at the half. The Highlanders kept constant pressure on the Blue Devils goal in the second half and finally got an insurance goal with just under 23 minutes on the clock when Ryder Francisco headed in a corner kick.

With Tuesday's win the Highlanders are now 20-0-1 on the season. They won their sixth straight Region 2C championship last week at the Smith River Complex in Axton, defeating Liberty High and Appomattox on back-to-back nights, both by shutout.

Against Liberty Glenvar took a 3-0 win. Parker Doolan, Henry Schruth and Levi King scored goals for Glenvar. Doolan also had two assists and Schruth had one as Glenvar outshot the Minutemen, 17-6. Tyler Shannon made three saves.

"It was a solid win for us against a good team," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones.

A night later Glenvar won the region title with a 2-0 win over Appomattox. Doolan and King scored with Schruth and Tyler Curfiss assisting and Glenvar outshot the Raiders, 27-4.

"I'm extremely happy of how we played this game as we had to overcome some things that didn't go our way," said Jones. "The guys did a good job of continuing to play the game and closing it out."



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar's Ryder Francisco(#11 left) heads in a corner kick for Glenvar's second goal in Tuesday's win over Gate City at Highlander Stadium.

Glenvar girls will play in state soccer semifinal on Friday



Glenvar soccer girls warm up during last week's Region 2C tournament. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Glenvar girls punched their ticket to the Class 2 state soccer Final Four with a win over Central High of Wise Tuesday. The girls won 2-0 in Norton to improve to 19-2 on the season.

Glenvar advances to Friday's state semifinal on Friday morning at Salem High's Spartan Field. The girls will play the 11 am game against Central High of Woodstock in the semifinal round.

The Highlanders earned a trip to the state tournament with a runner-up finish in the Region 2C tournament at the Smith River Complex in Axton last week. The big win was a 4-0 victory over Auburn on Wednesday that clinched a spot in the state tournament. Glenvar led 1-0 at the half and coach Kyleigh Phillips made some adjustments at halftime that paid off.

"We had to make a few adjustments but really started to click to finish it out," said Phillips. "Our girls played hard to make sure they secured their spot in the state tournament.

Gabby Barba had two goals, Sawyer Wilson had a goal and an assist, Lillia Schwab had a goal and Chloe Childers had an assist.

Glenvar played Nelson County in Thursday's championship game and dropped a 2-0 decision to a strong Governor's team.

"It was a tough battle to a talented Nelson County team," said Phillips. "We battled hard but could not find the back of the net."

Spartans will play E.C. Glass for third time Saturday with lacrosse state title on the line

The Salem Spartans will be looking to defend their Class 4 state lacrosse championship this Saturday when they take on E.C. Glass at Heritage High School in Leesburg. Game time is 10 am.

The Spartans will take a 16-2 record to Leesburg after defeating Hanover High in the state semifinal on Tuesday. The Spartans won 6-4 in Mechanicsville in a low scoring game.

The Spartans had beaten Hanover in a prior game this season, 11-4, and Salem looked good in this one with a 5-1 lead through three quarters. However the Hawks, coached by former Salem High player James Mahan, put a scare into the Spartans before the visitors escaped with a hard fought win.

Salem got two goals from Logan Sparks and one each from Parker Dallas, Holden Custer, Wade Marble and Oliver Farber. Richard Hof played an outstanding game in goal for the Spartans.

With the win Salem will play E.C. Glass for the third time this season, and this one is for all the marbles. The Spartans won the first meeting in Lynchburg, 13-5, but the Hilltoppers downed the Spartans, 7-6, in the Region D final in Salem just last week. That loss gave Glass a state quarterfinal home game while Salem traveled to Ashburn last Friday where the Spartans defeated Broad Run, 13-5.

This one was over early as the Spartans went up 5-1 after the first quarter and 8-2 at the half. Salem led 11-2 after three quarters as Broad Run scored three

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Left, Parker Dallas of Salem is the Region 4D boys' lacrosse Player of the Year. Right, Holden Custer scores in the Region 4D final game with E.C. Glass last week. Salem will play Glass again for the state championship.