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38th Salem Fair to bring rides, music, fireworks to Salem

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The 38th Salem Fair, billed as America's largest free-gate fair, will return to the Salem Civic Center and Taliaferro Complex from July 1-12, offering rides, entertainment, food and special events for thousands of visitors. The annual event is expected to draw between 250,000 and 350,000 patrons during its 12-day run. Fair organizers said the midway will feature approximately 40 rides spread across 14 acres of carnival space, along with more than 30 food vendors, free daily shows and 2,000 parking spaces. Shuttle buses will operate from a parking lot at 1501 Roanoke Blvd. once fair parking lots reach capacity.

Fair hours will be 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon-10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. A highlight of the fair will be a fireworks display scheduled for approximately 9:30 p.m. on July 4, weather permitting. The show is presented by VA250 and the Marines as part of Virginia's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary. New attractions for 2026 include Circus Incredible, the Extreme Raptor Show, Pretty Bird Paradise, the All American Petting Zoo and a VA250 Car Project display on July 1-2. Returning attractions include Danny Grant Cowboy Circus, the All American Pig Races and Hilby: The German

Juggling Boy. The fair also will feature nightly live music on the Hart Motors Musical Stage with two performances each evening at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Scheduled performers include Patchwork, The Brothers Young, Freak Rangers, Travis Reigh, Glen Shelton, Thunder Ridge, Midnight Blue, Tommy Wood, The Kings, Shoobies, Vinyl Nation and Cimmaron. Among the midway attractions are the Giant Wheel, Zipper, Typhoon, Tornado, Wave Swinger, Music Express, Dragon Coaster and Zero Gravity, along with numerous family and children's rides. Organizers noted that the ride lineup is subject to change. Ride promotions will

be offered throughout the fair, including discounted wristbands on select nights and special fundraising events supporting local organizations. Promotions include Help a Pet Night on July 7, WSLs Sock Night on July 8 benefiting Rescue Mission and Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet, and Salem Food Pantry Night on July 9 presented by Kroger, WFXR and Spirit FM. A new sensory-friendly initiative, Sunflower Hours, is scheduled from 4-6 p.m. July 2. During that time, the fair will be noise- and light-free to provide an opportunity for individuals with sensory conditions to enjoy the event. Visitors also will find a wide variety of food options, including



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funnel cakes, corn dogs, turkey legs, barbecue nachos, Korean corn dogs, gyros, tacos, pizza, smashburgers, fried Oreos and soft-serve ice cream. Commercial exhibits inside the Salem Civic Center will be open in air-conditioned comfort from 4-9 p.m. on weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. Blue

Ribbon exhibits in the arena will include special categories celebrating America's 250th anniversary. The area in front of the Salem Civic Center will be closed to vehicle traffic during the fair to improve pedestrian access between parking areas, shuttle bus drop-off locations and the fairgrounds.

Salem VA marked America's 250th anniversary with History Walk/Roll and ceremony

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The Salem VA Health Care System hosted a History Walk/Roll and ceremony June 18 as part of the national Freedom 250 campaign, honoring the men and women who have protected and strengthened the nation throughout its history. Held at the Salem VA Medical Center campus, the event featured outdoor historical displays tracing the history of the United States and the role veterans have played in serving the nation since before its founding. The displays highlighted military service dating to the establishment of the U.S. Army in 1775 and included information about early laws enacted to support veterans injured while defending colonial settlements. Attendees also explored exhibits focused on local history, including the history of the Salem VA Medical Center. Displays highlighted the facility's presidential distinction,



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The event was held last Thursday, June 18.

its listing on the National Register of Historic Places and an employee who developed a piece of technology at the medical center to serve veterans. The event concluded with a ceremony featuring patriotic music by the 29th Infantry Division Band of Troutville and a presentation of the colors by the American Legion

Post 16 Color Guard of Lynchburg. Retired U.S. Army Col. John R. Miller delivered the keynote address, reflecting on the generations of Americans who have served in the nation's military. "From Valley Forge to Yorktown, from San Juan Hill to Manila, from the Battle of the Bulge

to Iwo Jima, from Seoul to Saigon, from Kuwait to Kandahar, and from Baghdad to Kabul, our citizens have borne the cost of America's wars and stood watch over America's peace," Miller said. "We acknowledge all who have answered the call to service — whether

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Salem's Amaryllis Law expands with new Lynchburg office

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Amaryllis Law, an immigration and adoption law firm headquartered in Salem, has expanded its presence with the opening of a new office in Lynchburg. The firm, founded in 2003 as Poarch Law and renamed Amaryllis Law in 2024, said the decision was driven by its longstanding ties to the Lynchburg community and a desire to remain accessible to both clients and staff. "We have always maintained a close connection to Lynchburg, and in fact, two of our attorneys have called it home for several years," attorney Jaime McGuire said. "Expanding into

a new Lynchburg office location was a natural step." McGuire said the move was also influenced by family considerations for one of the firm's managing partners and helps ensure office locations remain convenient for attorneys and clients throughout Virginia. While the new office marks the firm's first expansion outside Salem, officials said it does not signal plans for a broader geographic footprint. "The Lynchburg office reflects our deep, established ties to the community rather than a signal of broader geographic expansion," McGuire said. At this time, the firm has no plans to open additional offices in the near future. Instead,



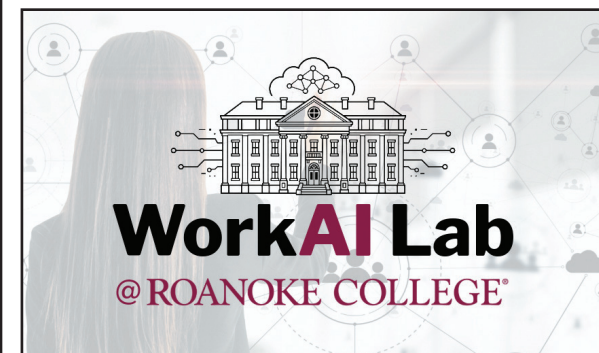
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Amaryllis Law's main office is located at 201 S College Ave. in Salem.

its growth strategy focuses on strengthening existing relationships and infrastructure while continuing to serve clients regardless of location. The firm said remote services remain a key part of its operations. Through its case management and filing systems, clients can communicate securely

with attorneys and staff, while consultations are available by phone and Zoom. "In that sense, the Lynchburg office is less about physical expansion and more about reinforcing our long-

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Roanoke College launches WorkAI Lab to help professionals lead AI adoption

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Roanoke College recently launched WorkAI Lab, a seven-week training program designed to help professionals develop the skills needed to implement and lead artificial intelligence initiatives within their organizations. The cohort-based program combines training, expert instruction and peer collaboration to move participants beyond experimentation with AI tools and toward practical workplace implementation. The college said graduates will be prepared not only to use AI tools effectively but also to guide teams through the opportunities and challenges associated with AI-assisted work. "The workforce is changing fast, and the employees who thrive are going to be the ones who understand the tools reshaping how work gets done," Ryan King, Roanoke College innovation officer and chief of staff, said in a statement. "At Roanoke College, we built WorkAI Lab to close that gap. The training is designed for professionals who want both the technical understanding and strategic perspective needed to drive innovation."

The program is open

to individuals seeking to expand their AI knowledge as well as employers interested in sponsoring employees. Participants will learn how to identify opportunities to integrate AI into workplace processes and conduct AI training within their organizations. According to the college, the program includes instruction from professionals who have implemented AI within their own companies, training on how AI functions and can be managed responsibly, guidance on developing customized AI strategies and implementation plans, and the opportunity to earn an "AI-Forward Leadership" badge. WorkAI Lab participants will take part in hands-on exercises designed to help them build systems that can be quickly applied in their daily work. The program also includes asynchronous learning modules that allow

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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.

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

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.

Jazz in July: Jazz in July will celebrate its 25th year on Saturday, July 18, at the Longwood Park Amphitheater in Salem. The free event begins at 3 p.m. and features performances by The Sway Katz, Flat Five Jazz, Copycat Syndrome, Root Down and the John D'Earth Quintet with Laura Ann Singh. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for an afternoon and evening of live music. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Dale's Diner, Empanada Nirvana, Star City Sips and The Tailgate food truck, with beer and wine also available on-site. Outside alcohol and pets are not permitted. Music continues through 9:45 p.m. Sponsored by Renewal by Andersen and Salem

Public meetings:
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.

For sale: Beer can collection is a steal at \$300

"When I started collecting, 10 cans

A member of a national beer can collecting club, he traded for many of his



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

Mick said he wouldn't be too

Week of June 9, 2026 – June 15, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
6/11/2026	100 BLK of Electric Road	Grand Larceny
6/11/2026	1700 BLK of Margaret Lane	Breaking & Entering
6/15/2026	4 th Street / Union Street	Hit and Run

Week of June 9, 2026 – June 15, 2026

6/9/26	Tiara R. Crowder	38	Disorderly Conduct
6/10/26	Sherri R. Jarmans	49	Public Intoxication
6/10/26	Mohammad S. Amini	30	Domestic Assault
6/13/26	Michael E. Jenkins	50	Assault and Battery
6/13/26	Garry B. Kiser	49	Public Intoxication
6/13/26	James R. Helton Jr.	61	Public Intoxication
6/14/26	Zion O. Shaver	20	Domestic Assault, Larceny
6/14/26	James R. Helton Jr.	61	Public Intoxication



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UPCOMING GWYNN'S ISLAND WEEKEND EVENTS:

Saturday, June 27:

- 10:00am to 4:00pm – Fincastle Company living history interpreters on site
- 11:00am – “1776, 1976, 2026: How We Remember” talk w/Dr. Robert Willingham of Roanoke College
- 2:00pm – Blue Ridge PBS’ *Resolved to Live and Die: The Revolutionary Roots of Southwest Virginia* documentary screening

Sunday, June 28

- 12:00pm to 4:00pm – Fincastle Company living history interpreters on site
- 2:00pm – “The Battle of Gwynn’s Island” talk w/Garrett Channell in uniform as General Andrew Lewis

June 27 – 10:00am to 4:00pm
June 28 – 12:00pm to 4:00pm
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A detailed illustration of General Andrew Lewis in a yellow and blue Revolutionary War uniform. He is standing next to a cannon, holding a sword, with an American flag in the background. The illustration is framed in a decorative border.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

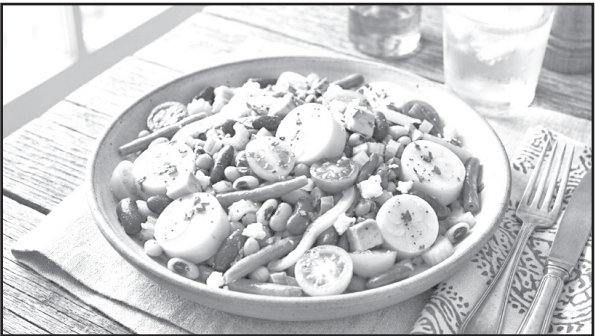
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Vegan Tuna salad

Ingredients
15.5 ounces canned chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained and rinsed
14.4 ounces canned hearts of palm, drained and rinsed, then cut in half lengthwise.
1/3 cup vegan mayo, more to taste
1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic, more to taste
1/2 teaspoon dried dill, more to taste
1/2 teaspoon sea salt, more to taste
Fresh ground pepper, to taste
Optional Add-Ins
1 stalk celery, finely diced
1/2 small red onion, finely diced
1/2 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning, more to taste
Instructions

In a food processor, add the chickpeas and pulse 3-5 times, or until the beans are mostly broken down, but still have texture. Add the hearts of palm and pulse 3-5 times until it has a tuna-like consistency. Scrape down sides in between pulses. Don't pulse too many times or it will turn to mush. In a large mixing bowl, combine mayo, garlic, dill, salt, pepper, and optional Old Bay and Dulse/Kelp granules. Now add the garbanzo bean/hearts of palm mixture and optional celery, and onions. Combine well. Taste and add more seasoning or mayo if preferred. Line a slice of bread with lettuce and tomato, then spread the mixture on the other slice. Close the sandwich together and cut diagonally. Use a toothpick to secure each half and add a pickle slice on top, if preferred. Repeat with the additional sandwiches. Serve with potato chips and enjoy!



Hearts of Palm and Bean salad

Ingredients
1 (14.1 oz) can hearts of palm
1 (15 oz) can Great Northern Beans
2/4 cup thinly sliced cucumber, bite size pieces
1/3 cup small diced red onion
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley, or fresh herb of choice
Lemon Dressing
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, or more if desired
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

1 teaspoon pure maple syrup
1 teaspoon dijon mustard
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
Salt and black pepper, to taste.

Directions
Make the dressing. You can either make the dressing right in the bowl you will be assembling your salad, or you can make it in a small bowl or jar. Add all dressing ingredients and whisk well until completely combined.

Start by opening the can of hearts of palm, draining out the liquid and giving them a rinse under cold water. Pat dry with a clean kitchen towel and then dice into thin discs. I left the smaller ones whole and cut he larger ones in half or fourths, lengthwise, before cutting cutting the discs. It's ok if some of the hearts of palm fall apart a little bit.

Add the hearts of palm to a bowl, along with the white beans, cucumber, onion and parsley. Pour dressing over salad and mix well until combined. You don't have to use all the dressing if you don't want to. This salad is a little dressing heavy, but I like that because it can easily be used as a dip for crackers or bread.



Fried Hearts of Palm

Ingredients
1 Can Hearts of Palm, drained and sliced
1/2 Lemon, squeezed
1 Teaspoon Seaweed Flakes
Sprinkle Sea Salt
1/3 Cup Flour
1 Tablespoon Arrowroot Starch, or cornstarch
1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
1/2 Teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
Cooking Oil
Cocktail Sauce:
2 Tablespoons Ketchup
Squeeze Lemon Juice
1 Teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
1 Teaspoon Horseradish
Directions
Drain and slice hearts of palm about 1/2 an inch thick. Remove small circular portion in the middle of the heart of palm to give them a ring shape. Toss hearts of palm in lemon juice, sea salt, and seaweed flakes. Combine and sift flour, baking powder, starch, and old bay. Toss hearts of palm until each is coated. Fry in cooking oil for 5-7 minutes or until golden. Serve: With a side of cocktail sauce, squeeze of lemon juice, and topped with fresh parsley. Cocktail Sauce: Mix ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, and horseradish.

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they live in honor among us, or sleep in valor beneath the sacred ground at Arlington or Dublin.”
Miller noted the contributions of millions of veterans throughout the nation’s history.
“We give thanks to the 24 million Americans that have strengthened our nation with their example of service and sacrifice, discipline, dedication, and respect for others,” he said. “They came from America’s cities and America’s farmlands — some charged across great battlefields, some fought on the high seas, some patrolled the open skies — but all contributed to the character and greatness of these United States of America.”
In concluding his remarks, Miller compared the

service of today’s military members and veterans to the sacrifices made by the nation’s founders.
“The men and women of America’s armed forces today, as well as all our veterans, serve a cause as great as the 56 original signatories on the Declaration of Independence,” he said. “In public ceremonies and in private reflection, let us give thanks for the freedom we enjoy because of their willingness to serve yesterday, today and tomorrow.”
Salem VA Health Care System Interim Executive Director Tammy Snyder also addressed attendees, emphasizing the significance of the nation’s upcoming semiquincentennial.
“Today is a celebration of our nation’s history,

our shared values, and the people who continue to strengthen our communities through service,” Snyder said. “As we look ahead to the next 250 years, may we be inspired by the values, resilience, and spirit of those who came before us.”
The event was part of the Freedom 250 initiative, a national effort commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States. Salem VA officials said the observance celebrated veterans who have defended the nation’s freedoms and highlighted the enduring connection between military service and American history.
The Salem VA Medical Center will celebrate its 92nd anniversary later this year.

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standing presence in a community we already call home,” McGuire said.
The firm serves clients throughout Virginia and beyond, and many of its existing clients are located in Central Virginia. Attorneys regularly travel across the state to meet client needs.
“As one of the largest immigration law firms south of Richmond, we are always seeking to be more accessible to our clients with the relationships we have already established,” McGuire said.
The Lynchburg office provides an additional

option for clients who prefer in-person meetings with attorneys and staff.
According to the firm, referral relationships also played a significant role in the decision to establish the new location.
“We have cultivated extensive referral relationships throughout Lynchburg and Central Virginia, and the strength of these community connections is what ultimately inspired us to establish a location there,” McGuire said.
Looking ahead, firm leaders said they will

continue evaluating opportunities based on the needs of clients and employees but have no definitive plans for additional expansion.
“Our robust remote service offerings mean that a physical presence isn’t essential in every community we serve,” McGuire said. “That said, we remain consistently mindful of what best serves both our clients around the world and our long-tenured staff, and we will continue to evaluate future opportunities with those priorities in mind.”



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OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

President Trump’s renovation of our national mall’s reflecting pool now better reflects his presidency. Now, instead of serenely reflecting the surrounding monuments, the pool reflects perfectly the boondoggle that Trump’s faux government has become—one that instead of serving people, sucks resources from them to create a cash cow for Trump’s family and their cronies. Trump’s overpaid, no-bid contractor transformed the pool into a flashy Mar-a-Lago dark blue that heated up, proliferated algae and whose paint immediately peeled off. Tourists collected its paint sheets as expensive souvenirs that American taxpayers unwillingly funded before its do-nothing Congress or the courts could stop it. One tourist was arrested, but the main culprit for the hideous reflecting pool vandalism remains at large.

Like this project, Trump’s presidency is a boondoggle scam heating up needless conflicts that accelerate the end of American Empire while it abandons America’s homeland needs. The paint has peeled off the US Empire. America’s partnership with Israel has revealed its universally reviled underbelly. Just visit China to compare and see what kind of cities and absence of homeless people that well-prioritized national wealth can create for average people.

America is now an irrational player on the world scene upending order and ancient civilizations with criminal threats, bombing and genocide. Nobody trashes “America First” like Trump himself. The US is becoming like Israel, just as Americans feel a growing wave of revulsion toward that little genocidal state with no borders that has gotten control of America’s political and military systems against American interest. Post-9/11 Middle East wars have helped raise our national debt to \$40 trillion dollars—a mighty burden passed to our children.

President Trump started an unprovoked war of aggression against Iran that we were guaranteed to lose. His duty now is to minimize the damage to America and the world’s economy. Although Trump

signed an initial MOU giving Iran everything they demanded, he now threatens the negotiations with war crimes: to destroy Iran and the lives of negotiators, gaslighting all of us. Does Trump want peace after being advised that only one month of oil reserves remain? This is not the behavior of a sane man who wants peace. Vice President JD Vance attempts to minimize Trump’s criminal outbursts while dressing down the Israelis as ingrates biting the hand of the only Country giving them substantial aid. Nevertheless, peace talks had to be moved from France to Switzerland because Pakistani and Chinese intel learned that Israelis planned to assassinate the Iranian negotiators—a common Israeli practice. Israel’s newest plan is to quietly merge Israeli and American military including intelligence, strategic plans, etc.—a scheme almost impossible to undo. This plan sneaked into the National Defense Authorization Act made it out of committee where an oral vote was taken ensuring that constituents remain ignorant of how their representatives voted. To regain our sovereignty (which Israel has usurped with the cooperation of a succession of US presidents, the “special relationship” must burst apart. A succession of US presidents submitted to Israel’s demands contrary to John F. Kennedy, who prophetically tried to stop Israel’s “secret” nuclear program and was assassinated. Lynden Johnson began the traitorous collaboration with Israel when he called back the aircrafts rescuing the USS Liberty in an Israeli false flag attack that tried to blame Egypt for Israel’s sustained attack against a beleaguered American battleship. This has been an aggressive decades-long cover-up.

Recently defeated Congressman Thomas Massey read a description of that infamous day in Congress. He also worked with Congressman Rho Khanna to reveal the Epstein files that President Trump promised to expose but then covered up. Congressman Massey also opposes foreign wars that contradict America’s interests. Massey is a rare elected leader—now even more rare because Trump made sure to “primary” him out of office. With remaining time in office,

Trump’s primary interference will boomerang. How have we become more like Israel? 1. Due to our level of entitlement and exceptionalism overriding international law and rules of war that America itself set up following World War II. Now we create chaos instead of building bridges with a succession of “forever, Greater Israel” wars. 2. We assassinate leaders like Trump assassinating Iranian General Qasem Soleimani, who had helped Trump combat ISIS in Iraq and Syria. (Iran absorbed this loss without revenge.) 3. We now target children as on the first day of the Iran War when Secretary Hegseth’s “triple tap” against a private girls’ school (ages 7 to 12,) killed around 175 children. 4. We now carry out “double or triple taps.” As girls gathered in the prayer room, a tomahawk missile hit the school burning the girls up, then additional attacks hit the first responders and parents who came looking for their children. Trump added insult to injury by falsely blaming Iranians--no apology or compensation. Body parts are still being identified and returned to parents. Let us not tolerate, normalize, defend and even applaud these actions by remembering the precious lives of these children loved by their families and lost in a great war crime. America’s true and greatest exceptionalism is our First Amendment. Free speech and the ability to criticize Israel has been censored by our Bully-in-Chief and must be returned to students in universities because free inquiry and freedom to protest creates essential citizens.

America lost the ill-advised Iran war--Israel’s final regime-change battle--creating cracks in the unbreakable US-Israel pact. If this loss helps deconstruct our empire-gone-haywire, it may be a win for the American people whose democracy cannot survive the evil empire it has become. Congress is much to blame for allowing this perversion of America. Remember that our Sixth District Congressman Ben Cline stands squarely with Trump.

-Cynthia Munley
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Salem student named to University of Alabama dean’s list

Claire Rawlins of Salem was named to the dean’s list at the University of Alabama for the spring 2026 semester.

Rawlins was among 14,306 students enrolled during the spring semester who earned recognition on either the dean’s list or the president’s list. Students named to the dean’s list achieved an academic record of 3.5 or higher, while students on the president’s list earned a 4.0 grade-point average.

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daily work. The program also includes asynchronous learning modules that allow participants to practice concepts between sessions.

Participants will be placed in working groups based on the AI tools available in their workplaces to encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The curriculum is organized into seven weekly sessions covering AI foundations; data, risk and ethics; current workplace applications of AI; prompting and productivity; managing AI-enabled teams; building organizational AI strategies; and capstone presentations in which participants present AI implementation plans

to peers.

The first cohort will begin in September 2026 and meet weekly on Thursdays. Some sessions will be held in person and others remotely. In-person sessions are scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

The program will conclude with an optional hackathon.

Applications are open now. Early-bird pricing of \$1,700 is available through July 15, with standard pricing of \$2,000 available through the Aug. 1 registration deadline. Group rates are available for organizations submitting multiple applicants.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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11. Nocturnal S. American rodent

5. Requesting

12. Excitedness

16. Armed Forces branch

17. Actor Harris

18. Middle Eastern capital

19. Air hostesses

24. Partner to "Pa"

25. Percussion instrument

26. Popular computers

27. Reduce light

28. Asian mountain range

29. Every one of two or more

30. Absence of difficulty

31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage

33. Whittles

34. Impact
- CLUES DOWN

38. Serviceman

39. A French river

40. Prehistoric people

43. Messenger

44. ribonucleic acid

45. Clapton, musician

49. Ancient Greek sophist

51. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

50. Singer Hansard

51. A way to disentangle

53. Atomic #93

54. Manifesting approval

56. Indigo bush

58. Former AL MVP

59. Off-Broadway theater award

60. Fencers

63. Small Eurasian deer

64. Relating to passerine birds

65. Arrange systematically
- CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless fluid

2. Of a main artery

3. Photographer's tool

4. Blues Traveler hit "But ___"

5. Grew older

6. Not the leader

7. ___ Lang (country singer)

8. A driver's license is one

9. Nests of pheasants

10. Wildebeests

13. Equal to one quintillion bytes

14. Japanese three-stringed lute

15. Type of cat

20. It cools your home

21. The ancient Egyptian sun god

22. Pouches

23. German trigraph

27. Form of Persian

29. Measurement unit

30. Body part

31. Bridge building degree

32. Indicates position
- CLUES DOWN

33. Political action committee

34. Snack food

35. Front part of a quadruped

36. Locate

37. Pitching statistic

38. ___, myself and I

40. City in Utah

41. They play in the trenches

42. "Can't Touch This" rapper

44. Type of tree

45. Performers

46. Slang for mistake

47. More open

48. Most slick

50. Needles

51. University of Dayton

52. Atomic #11

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Beth Macy to host veterans appreciation event in Salem

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Beth Macy, Democratic candidate for Virginia’s 6th Congressional District, will host a Veterans Appreciation and Support Event on June 30 at American Legion Post 3 in Salem.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the post, located at 710 Apperson Drive. According to organizers, the gathering will provide veterans from across the district an opportunity to meet with Macy in an open forum to discuss issues affecting veterans and their families.

Representatives from local and regional organizations that assist veterans are expected to attend and provide information on veterans benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs health care, suicide prevention and other resources available to veterans.

Veterans, military family members and members of the public interested in veterans issues are encouraged to attend. Organizers said Macy plans to hold additional veterans-focused events throughout the district later this summer and fall.

A free meal, soft drinks and water will be available to attendees.

Special guests are expected to include Paul Sullivan, Rear Adm. John Butler, U.S. Navy (Retired), and Maj. Gen. Marilyn Quagliotti, U.S. Army (Retired).

Sullivan served as a cavalry scout with the U.S. Army’s 1st Armored Division during the 1991 Gulf War ground campaign in Iraq and Kuwait. Following his military service, he became an advocate for veterans and currently serves as director of veteran outreach for Bergmann & Moore, a VA-accredited law firm representing veterans in disability appeals.

His previous roles include deputy secretary of communications for the California Department of Veterans Affairs, executive director of Veterans for Common Sense and executive director of the National Gulf War Resource Center. He also worked at the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he monitored health care and disability benefit utilization among Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans.

Butler served 31 years in the U.S. Navy as a submariner and engineering duty officer. His career included leadership positions as program executive officer for submarines and commander of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

After retiring from military service, Butler spent a decade as a vice president with Lockheed Martin, overseeing naval strategic systems programs



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supporting the U.S. Navy and the United Kingdom’s Royal Navy. He later founded JD Butler Consulting, a firm specializing in undersea technology.

Among his military honors are the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and three Legion of Merit awards. In 2010, Queen Elizabeth II appointed him Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for contributions to the Royal Navy’s submarine force.

Quagliotti completed a 32-year Army career that included serving as vice director of the Defense Information Systems Agency, where she was chief operating officer overseeing network and cybersecurity services supporting national defense and military leadership.

Her previous assignments included theater signal commander for Europe and chief information officer for U.S. Army and joint forces in Europe. In those roles, she supported operations throughout Europe, Kosovo, Bosnia, Africa and Afghanistan.

Macy is a former reporter for The Roanoke Times and the author of five books examining issues affecting communities across the United States. Her works include “Factory Man,” which explored globalization and manufacturing jobs in Virginia; “Dopesick,” which examined the opioid crisis in Appalachia; and “Paper Girl,” which explored political divisions in America through the experiences of her family and hometown in Ohio.

In a statement, Macy said her family’s experience shaped her commitment to veterans issues.

“As the daughter of a U.S. Army veteran of World War II who required significant medical care after returning home, I am deeply aware of the importance of supporting our veterans with policies, resources and funding,” Macy said. “Meeting with veterans in an open forum is an important part of understanding their needs and ensuring they have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives here in Virginia’s 6th District.”



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INTERSTATE 81 ACCELERATION RAMP EXTENSION AT EXIT 162 IN BOTETOURT COUNTY

– This ramp extension project is underway and as part of the project, the on-ramp from Route 11 onto northbound 81 was previously closed but is now back open. This project will extend the on-ramp onto northbound I-81 about 1,000 feet. The project also includes installing drainage structures and constructing a retaining wall alongside the slope. As work progresses, additional ramp and lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours. During construction, barrier wall will be installed along the right shoulder of northbound I-81 at exit 162. Electronic message boards will alert drivers to the upcoming ramp closure and announce any schedule changes. Work is expected to be completed in late 2026.

LANE CLOSURES:
Weather permitting, alternating northbound and southbound lane closures for drainage improvements will be in place on Route 11 in Buchanan between I-81 and the Exxon station next to the northbound

off ramp at exit 162. All I-81 ramps will remain open.
o Drivers can expect other nighttime right and left lane closures in place on I-81. Drivers use caution in the area of the work zone.

**INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE
WORK AT EXIT 156 IN
BOTETOURT COUNTY** – Bridge work is underway on northbound and southbound I-81 at Exit 156. Milling and paving the bridge deck will take place in both directions beginning with the northbound side first and then southbound once northbound is completed. Drivers can expect lane closures on I-81 during nighttime hours. Slow roll operations are expected periodically and flagging operations will be used during barrier wall placement on Route 640 (Brughs Mill Road). Expected completion is fall 2026.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow roll operations are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m. to 5 a.m., on I-81 will be in place for bridge Jacking and blocking. Slow roll operations for northbound will start at Exit 150 and slow roll operations for southbound will start at the Troutville Rest Area at mile marker 158. Flagging operations will

be in place on Route 640 under the bridges at Exit 156 will also be in place.
Temporary traffic barrier in place on westbound side of Route 640 under the I-81 bridges off exit 156 with lanes narrowed to 11 feet.
Nighttime outside and inside lane closures may be in place on I-81 from mile marker 155 to 157, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

**INTERSTATE 81
ACCELERATION RAMP
EXTENSIONS AT MILE MARKER
94 IN PULASKI COUNTY
AND 105 IN MONTGOMERY
COUNTY-** Work is underway on the extension of two acceleration lanes on I-81. The first one will be the entrance ramp onto I-81 southbound at mile marker 94, the entrance ramp onto I-81 southbound. The second one will be the entrance ramp onto I-81 northbound at mile marker 105 in Montgomery County. Scheduled completion date for both projects is summer 2026. During construction, drivers can expect:

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime lane closures northbound and southbound from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., the following morning, Sunday through

Thursday.
Shoulder closures throughout the work zone area.
Slow rolls on I-81 between mile markers 98 and 105 of up to 15 minutes may be in place during nighttime hours.
Ramp closures are possible and drivers should watch message boards for updates.
Narrowed or shifted ramps during nighttime hours.

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE
WIDENING CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141** – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed.

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VDOT

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Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

RAMP CLOSURES TO INCREASE: Drivers will see an increase in ramp closures for paving of exit 137 and 140 on and off ramps from and onto northbound and southbound I-81 in Salem, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Watch message boards for updates on times and dates of occurrence and plan ahead.

From June 6-11, northbound exit 140 off and on-ramps closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

On June 8, southbound exit 140 off and on-ramps closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

From June 22-24, northbound exit 137 off-ramp closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

From June 11-22, southbound exit 140 off and on-ramps closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS AT I-81 EXIT 140: Drivers may experience traffic pattern changes, periodic lane closures, narrow ramps, or quick merges into traffic as well as full stops at the bottom of the ramp onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Periodic work zones located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass is also possible.

MILLING AND PAVING: Paving operations will require lane closures northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

Milling operations are being performed on Route 311, Route 635 and Route 619 as well as on I-81. Flagging operations on Route 635 under the bridge is possible. Paving and marking operations will follow. Expect delays and plan ahead.

UNEVEN ROUGH PAVEMENT: Drivers may experience some uneven pavement and/or rough surface throughout the project.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. *Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.* Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.

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

I-81 WIDENING FROM MILE MARKER 143 TO 150 – The I-81 widening project is underway with survey and preparation work. Shoulder strengthening work will require northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime hours. Barrier wall installation is possible in late fall or early winter. The expected completion for this project is summer 2031.

BARRIER WALLS: Drivers will continue to see barrier walls with an eight-foot shoulder being put into place throughout the project. Drivers should watch for changes in traffic patterns.

TRAFFIC SHIFT: Southbound traffic is shifted to the right shoulder from exit 150 in Botetourt County to exit 146 in Roanoke County.

LANE CLOSURES: Periodic right and left lane and shoulder closures in place during nighttime hours 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., on northbound and southbound I-81.

RAMPS - Ramps on I-81,

northbound and southbound, may be narrowed at exit 150. 146 and 143.

S H O U L D E R CLOSURES: Shoulder closures in place with additional barrier wall to be installed next year.

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Speed reminders are posted for drivers.

‘PINK’ DETOUR SIGNS: While pink detour signs are in place on I-81 and routes around the project such as Route 11 and Plantation Road, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for traffic incident detours only.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Work on this project continues with the initial work beginning behind the barrier wall. Then, beginning in May and through September, the barrier wall will be moved, and the existing lanes will be narrowed. In the fall of 2026, I-81 traffic will be shifted into a new pattern at the bridge. Two lanes of traffic will continue to be open in the work zone, but motorists will be traveling on a different portion of roadway on the right side of the bridge. Throughout construction, two lanes of northbound I-81 will remain open during daytime hours with nighttime closures possible during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. The project is expected to be complete and the bridge in its final configuration with two lanes of Interstate 81 and the right deceleration lane/exit ramp by the end of 2026.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime right and left lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound between mile marker 98 and 109 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

SPEED LIMIT: The speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and work zone areas. Delays are possible.

INTERSTATE 581 INTERSTATE 581 EXIT 2N AT PETERS CREEK ROAD – Work is underway on this \$4 million project to re-align and signalize the exit 2N ramp from northbound I-581 to northbound Peters Creek Road, eliminating the current merge ramp and making it easier for drivers to access Valleypointe Parkway. One lane each direction will remain open during work. During spring and summer 2026, the current exit ramp will be narrowed as construction begins on the new exit ramp. Construction is expected to be completed in late fall 2026.

LANE CLOSURES: Drivers may see intermittent lane closures in place, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Peters Creek Road northbound and southbound in the city of Roanoke between Valleypointe Parkway and Thirlane Road NW.

I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the

following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

ROANOKE COUNTY DRY HOLLOW ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION - A project to install a signal on Dry Hollow Road in Roanoke County is underway. Periodic flagging operations may be used during daytime hours and delays are possible. The signal work is expected to be completed the first part of June 2026 and is the first part of an upcoming safety improvement project that will reinforce the retaining wall and install a roadside barrier. It is expected to begin this summer.

ROUTE 221 (BENT MOUNTAIN ROAD) UTILITY WORK – Drivers should expect daytime flagging along Route 221 (Bent Mountain Road) between Poage Valley Road and Crystal Creek Drive for utility installation through June 2026. Delays are possible.

ROUTE 220/ROUTE 419 DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE - The Route 220/Route 419 interchange project is underway. It will be reconfigured with a diverging diamond concept and multiple intersections on both Route 220 and Route 419 will be modified to enhance signal timing and reduce congestion. The intersections that include Route 220 are at Valley Avenue/Southern Hills Drive, Crossbow Circle/Pheasant Ridge Road, Buck Mountain Road/Stable Road and Indian Grave Road/Clearbrook Village Lane. The intersections on Route 419 are at Ogden Road, Elm View Road and South Peak Boulevard. With multiple activities scheduled, completion at different locations will take place throughout the life of the project. Daytime, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and nighttime, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., work hours will occur depending on location. Drivers should expect alternating lane closures, turn lane closures and shoulder closures. Expected completion is fall 2028.

ROUTE 220 AT CROSSBOW CIRCLE & PHEASANT RIDGE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – Construction activities for this project are underway starting with removing the existing curb along the outer perimeters followed by removal of concrete medians. A new traffic pattern is in place. Signal pole installation and pedestrian improvements remain under construction during nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution in the area and watch for work zones and message boards providing updated information.

ROUTE 220 AT SOUTHERN HILLS & VALLEY AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – Construction activities for this project are underway starting with lane closures during nighttime hours from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next morning, Sunday night through Friday morning. Shoulder closures possible during daytime hours. A new traffic pattern is in place. Signal pole installation and pedestrian improvements remain under construction during nighttime hours.

BOTETOURT COUNTY ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK IN EAGLE ROCK - Route 220 northbound will have a lane closure with flaggers in place between Gala Loop and Prices Bluff Road to perform shoulder stonework for loading and unloading trucks through June 2026.

OVERSIZED LOADS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL THROUGH BOTETOURT COUNTY ON ROUTE 220 BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY - As part of the Rocky Forge Wind Farm project in Eagle Rock, oversized loads will be traveling northbound and southbound along the Route 220 corridor through the end of June 2026. Drivers can expect daily oversized loads to be travelling on two different routes between the

hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday:

Northbound Interstate 81 to exit 150 and onto northbound Route 220 in Daleville to Eagle Rock

Northbound I-81 to I-64 onto southbound Route 220 through Iron Gate to Eagle Rock

In addition, Route 622 (Dagger Springs Road) will be closed from its intersection with Route 694 (Gala Loop Road) for approximately four miles as oversized loads travel to their destination. Drivers and residents along the roadway can expect periodic closures on Route 622 (Dagger Springs Road) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and after 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Watch message boards for the most up to date information.

These oversized loads average up to 245 feet in length and approximately 14.5 feet wide and will be accompanied by state police escorts. Drivers should use caution and slow down when approaching or encountering these oversized loads as spacing adjustments on the roadway may be necessary. Delays in travel are expected so plan travel accordingly.

ROUTE 460 AND LAYMANTOWN ROAD I N T E R S E C T I O N IMPROVEMENTS–An intersection improvement project to replace a bridge and add a right turn lane on westbound Route 460 for drivers turning onto Laymantown Road 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.

ROAD CLOSURE WITH DETOUR: Laymantown Road is closed with a detour in place at its intersection with Route 460 as of May 21, 2026. Signage will direct traffic to use Knoll Road and Knollwood Drive to travel around the closure.

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.

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 June 2026.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2020, in the principal amount of \$115,548.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 200005614, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the front entrance of the Public Safety Building, Courthouse of Botetourt County Circuit Court, 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on July 2, 2026 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the extreme southern corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-193, the western corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-194, and the extreme northern corner of the property herein conveyed thence proceeding S. 47 degs. 15' 00" E. 234.50 feet to a point; thence S. 36 degs. 54' 23" W. 105.89 feet to a point; thence N. 47 degs. 15' 00" W. 245.21 feet to a point; thence N. 42 degs. 42' 42" E. 105.34 feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing 0.5801 acres, as more fully shown on "Resurvey for Anthony W. Smith Showing Tax No. 106-191 located along Flag Lane", dated November 3, 2019, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, with the Deed at Instrument No. 200003069, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference hereto.

Legals - Botetourt County

TOGETHER WITH a fifteen (15) foot non-exclusive, appurtenant, right of way over Flag Lane as more fully shown on the aforesaid plat of survey.

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For Information Contact:
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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104

Case No. **CL26-1091**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant,

vs.
CHARLIE L. PHELPS, a/k/a
CHARLES L. PHELPS, et al

Respondents.
TO: THE RESPONDENTS;
The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 087.11-03-25.00-0000.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Charlie L. Phelps, a/k/a Charles L. Phelps and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Charlie L. Phelps, a/k/a Charles L. Phelps, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the August 1, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land. IT is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in county of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 9th day of June, 2026.

Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge

I ask for this:
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ageddes@opnlaw.com
Counsel for Complainant



Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104

Case No. **CL26-1177**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant,

v.
RUBY C. BONHAM, et al,

Respondents.
The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No.064.01-03-17.00-0000.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Ruby C. Bonham and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Ruby C. Bonham, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the August 14, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this order of Publication be published once a week for FOUR successive weeks in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 18th day of June, 2026.

Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge

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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, July 13, 2026 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen comments on the Board of Supervisors intent to adopt a resolution amending the FY 2026-2027 Budget by more than one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget by adding carryover funding appropriated in FY 26 for county ARPA funds, donations and grant funds, encumbrances, earmarked and one-time county projects, county capital funds balances and encumbrances that were not completed at year end, and school capital balances and encumbrances, not to exceed \$79 million. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. 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 street vacation request by GAD Management Inc. for the vacation of the existing temporary cul-de-sac located on the east side of the property located at 425 Industrial Drive NE. The adjoining property is identified as Tax Parcel 500-(A))-5H (Parcel ID 032660).

The temporary cul-de-sac is shown on a plat recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 2005008100.

Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contact the Planning Department by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

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Glenvar 10U baseball team wins RAYBA tournament

The Glenvar 10U team came out on top when the Botetourt Sports Complex hosted 10U and 12U baseball tournaments last week for Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association(RAYBA) teams. The tournaments included teams from Salem, Glenvar, Botetourt County, Vinton, North Roanoke and Franklin County.

Glenvar won the 10U championship with a win

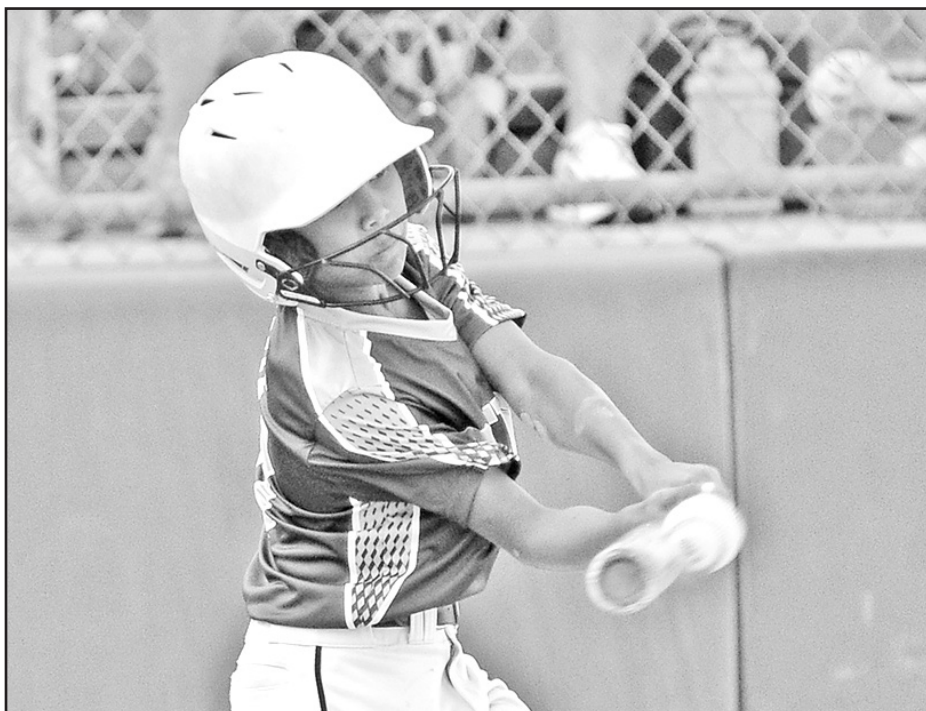
over North Roanoke, 17-2, and two wins over the Botetourt team, 17-5 and 14-3.

“We faced some very strong teams throughout the tournament, and every team competed hard from start to finish,” said Glenvar coach Raysean Priest. “Our players showed great determination and were especially aggressive at the plate. We put together several strong offensive innings, which played a key role in

our success and reflected the hard work the kids have put in all season.”

Franklin County won the 12U tournament. After taking the winners’ bracket Franklin lost to North Roanoke, forcing an “if game.” Franklin County then won that game to take the championship.

There was also a 15U division and North Roanoke came out on top in that one.



RAYBA baseball action from last week's tournaments at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Top left, Preston Hayes of the Glenvar 10U team squares one up, and top right Jaxson Priest of 10U Glenvar catches a foul pop. Above left, Salem 10U pitcher Jeff Wright cuts loose, and above right Brisco Carter slides safely into second base. Below left, Glenvar 12U shortstop Lucas Lynn fires to first, and right James Bolling pitches for the Glenvar 12U team. Bottom left, Joey Thompson runs down a ball in leftfield for the Salem 12U team, and bottom right Brayden Carlisle makes the putout at first for the 12U all-stars.

FPHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Maroon football team will open with Thursday night game

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

Head coach Bryan Stinespring and the Roanoke College football team will have five home dates this season. Ticket information, and when sales will begin for the five home games in Salem Stadium will be announced in the coming months. The Maroons finished the 2025 season, its first season of varsity competition since 1942, 5-4 overall and 4-4 in conference play.

"We are excited about the upcoming 2026 season and looking forward to building upon the inaugural year," said Stinespring. "Our team is busy prepping for spring practice and looking forward to seeing a packed Salem Stadium this fall. We thank you for all of your support and Go Maroons!"

After the Thursday night opener in Lynchburg the Maroons will follow up with a Sept. 12 home game against Greensboro College. Following a bye on Sept. 19, Roanoke travels to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 26.

The Maroons begin Old Dominion Athletic Conference play Oct. 3 at Guilford College before hosting Hampden-Sydney College the next week. RC visits Shenandoah University on Oct. 17 before hosting back-to-back home games against Averett University and Bridgewater College.

Roanoke travels to Ashland to take on defending ODAC Champion Randolph-Macon College Nov. 7 and wraps up the regular season Nov. 14 at Salem Stadium against Washington & Lee University.



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Gators make a splash

Stonegate Swim Club coaches, standing on the edge of the pool, get the team fired up before Monday's RVAA meet with Hunting Hills at the Salem pool. The meet got started late due to thunder and just 31 of the 52 events were completed before the teams threw in the towel. Stonegate was leading 813 to 616 at that point in what has been a big rivalry in the RVAA. Next Monday, June 29, the Gators are at Ashley Plantation in Botetourt County.

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BEKKA LODER

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Loder stepping away from indoor, outdoor head track coach at GHS

Bekka Loder has coached her last race as head track coach at Glenvar High School, at least for the time being. Bekka announced that she'll be stepping down as head track & field coach after an outstanding 10-year tenure leading the Highlander program.

Over the past decade, Loder has established Glenvar as one of the premier track and field programs in Virginia, guiding Highlander student-athletes to remarkable success at the state level. Under her leadership, Glenvar earned six VHSL state championships

While the championships and accolades speak to the success of the program, Loder's greatest impact has been on the countless student-athletes she has mentored throughout her career.

"Her dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence have helped shape generations of Highlanders both on and off the track," said Glenvar athletic director Andy Clapper. "Although

coach Loder is stepping away from her role as head coach, we are excited to share that she will continue to serve the program as a volunteer assistant coach. Her continued involvement will provide invaluable support to our student-athletes and coaching staff while ensuring that her knowledge, experience, and passion for Glenvar Track & Field remain an important part of the program's future."

Loder, a Salem High School graduate, has three children who have participated in sports at Glenvar High. Bradey was an outstanding football player while Sydney and Joey won state championships in girls' and boys' track.

"Coach Loder has built a tradition of excellence that has become synonymous with Glenvar Track & Field," said Clapper. "We are deeply grateful for her 10 years of leadership as head coach and are thrilled that she will continue to be a part of our program as a volunteer assistant. Her impact on Glenvar athletics will be felt for years to come."

Salem RidgeYaks leftfielder Anderson Fermin makes a diving catch in the Yaks' last homestand. Salem is home this week to host Myrtle Beach in their final homestand before the Salem Fair takes over the parking lot.

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER



Yaks are home this week for last stand before the Fair

The Salem RidgeYaks will host the Myrtle Beach Pelicans this week in the first homestand of the second half of the Carolina League split season. The Pelicans are a farm team of the Chicago Cubs.

The first half of the CL season ended last Thursday with the Fredericksburg Nationals and Charleston RiverDogs punching their tickets to the Mills Cup playoffs. The Nationals won the North Division by 10 games over second place Wilson while Charleston won a close race in the South. Hickory and Augusta finished just two games

Charleston, Columbia was three back and Kannapolis was just four games behind the R'Dogs.

Salem finished the first half with a 25-40 record, 20 and a half games behind Fredricksburg. The Yaks opened the second half against the F-Nats last Friday and won the first game of the half, 7-6, in Fredricksburg. Salem led 7-1 after seven and a half innings and held on as the Nats put four on the board in the eighth and one in the ninth as Salem escaped a bases loaded jam.

Fredricksburg won the last two

games of the series, 10-2 and 3-0, and took four of the six games on the week.

This week's homestand with Myrtle Beach will be the last home games for the RidgeYaks before the Salem Fair comes to town. The Yaks are home for 6:35 pm games through Saturday with a 5:05 pm start Sunday, then they don't have a home game for 18 straight days. They're at Augusta next week, at Columbia for six beginning July 7, then all the CL teams are off from July 13-16 for the Major League Baseball All-Star game. Salem final-

ly returns home August 17 to host Delmarva for three games followed by six home games with Augusta..

This week's promotions include Bark in the Park tonight, Southwest Virginia Wildlife Night on Friday, with fireworks to follow, and the popular Zooperstars on Saturday.

Last Friday Boston sent pitcher Matt Duffy from Salem to the Florida Coast League for a rehab assignment and promoted outfielder Justin Barry from the FCL Sox to Salem. On Sunday the Yaks activated pitcher Joe Bello from the seven day injured list.

Glenvar's Feazell is 2nd team all-state and region baseball Player of the Year

Hayes is second team all-region in softball

The Virginia High School League all-state baseball and softball teams have been released and Glenvar sophomore Cam Feazell has been named to the second team. Feazell was selected at shortstop.

King William senior pitcher Henry Kite is the Class 2 Player of the Year, and Lebanon head coach Cody Compton is the Class 2 Coach of the Year. Kite is a hard-throwing 5'11", 170-pound right-handed pitcher and King William's top hitter as a slick-fielding second baseman when he wasn't pitching. In his fourth season leading the Lebanon baseball program.

Compton's Pioneers finished with a 21-8 record and a second state title under him with a 5-2 win over Patrick County in the Class 2 finals at Kiwanis Park.

The All-Region 2C team was recently announced and Feazell was named first team at shortstop and second team as a pitcher. Cam was also named the Region 2C Player of the Year.

Joining Feazell on the All-Region first team are senior pitcher Cale Vaughan and sophomore outfielder Jack Osburn. Named to the second team from Glenvar were sophomore firstbaseman Jake Franklin, junior secondbaseman Easton Quesenberry, Vaughan in the outfield and junior Evan Johnson was a second team selection at both third base and designated hitter.

In softball Appomattox County senior pitcher Paisley Mann is the Class 2 Player of the Year, and Appomattox County head coach Janet Rawes is the Class 2 Coach of the Year.

Mann, a first-team all-state selection at pitcher for the third consecutive year, compiled a 13-2 record with a stellar 1.08 ERA. In 91 innings pitched, she threw two no-hitters, allowed just 14 runs, walked 31 batters, and struck out 167 hitters.

Appomattox County softball coach Rawes guided her Raiders team to a 23-3 record and a state runner-up finish, falling to King William in the Class 2 finals.

Glenvar was not represented on the all-state team but sophomore Zella Hayes was named to the second team All-Region 2C at shortstop.

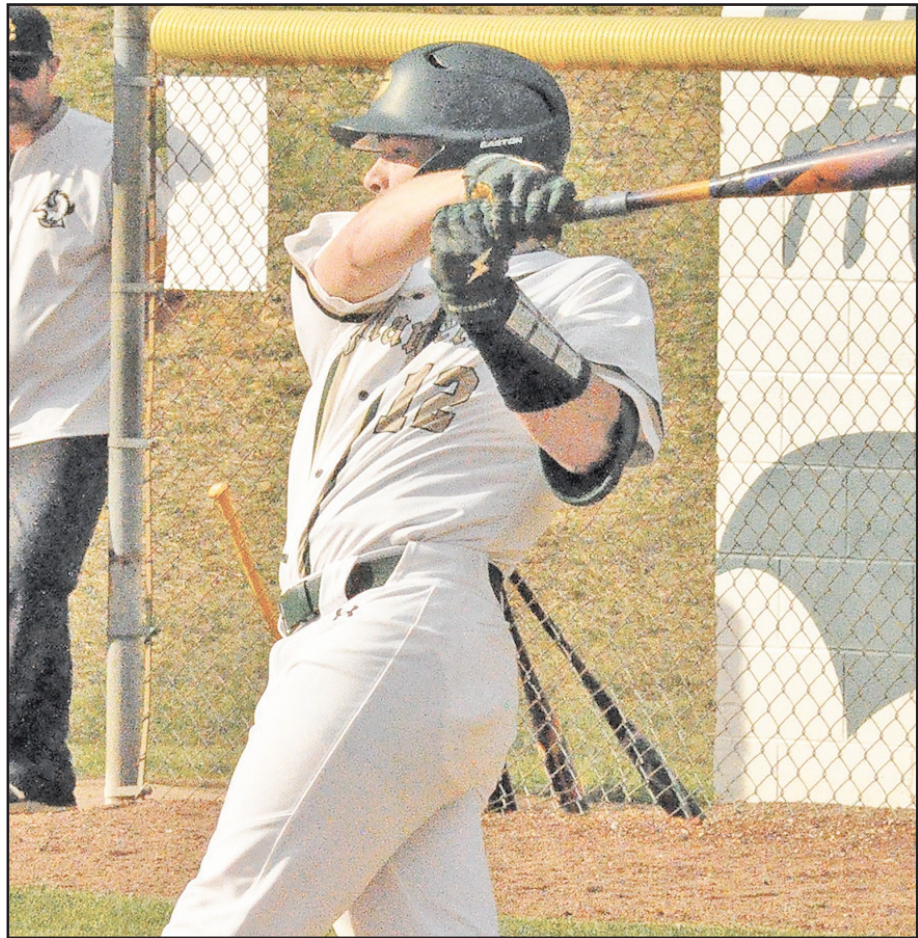


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Glenvar sophomore Cam Feazell is second team all-state at shortstop and was named on the all-region team at short and pitcher, earning Player of the Year honors.

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Highlanders win "The Cup" for fourth time



The Virginia High School League has announced the 2025-26 winners of the National Guard Cup, presented by the Virginia Army National Guard for year-long athletic success and Glenvar has done it again. Fueled by a big spring, the Highlanders won their fourth National Guard Cup in Class 2 while Salem High finished 11th in Class 4.

Glenvar was in a tight race after winter sports but the Highlanders scored 135 points in the spring to finish with 430, 50 more than second place Poquoson. Bruton wasn't far behind with 372.5 and Floyd County of the Three Rivers District took fourth with 360.

The Highlanders scored 95 spring points in soccer, 50 for the boys' state championship and 45 for the girls' runner-up finish. Glenvar also scored 22.5 points in girls' tennis and 17.5 in boys' track.

Salem finished with 187.5 points in Class 4, two and a half points behind 10th place Grafton. Atlee won the cup with 515.

The Spartans' big sport in the spring was lacrosse. Salem was state runner-up in boys' lacrosse, good for 45 points, and the girls' made the state tournament

and earned 22.5.

Familiar faces returned to claim more trophies. Western Albemarle in Class 3 led the way, earning its 11th overall Cup and fifth in a row, while Auburn in Class 1 claimed its eighth consecutive Cup and ninth overall. Atlee in Class 3 earned its third straight Cup, and Robinson in Class 6 earned its third Cup in four years and fifth overall. In Class 5 Kellam earned its second straight Cup while Glenvar claimed a fourth Cup.

First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 36 seasons of excellence. Six Cups are awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications.

A point system determines the winners based on overall performance in VHSL state championship competitions. In athletics, first place earns 50 points, second place earns 45 points, third place earns 40 points, fourth place earns 35 points, fifth place earns 30 points, sixth place earns 25 points, seventh place earns 20 points, and eighth place earns 15 points. Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

Curfiss, Jones take top VHSL honors in Class 2 soccer

To the victors go the spoils, and the Glenvar soccer team reaped the spoils of their success when the All-Class 2 boys' soccer team was announced this week. Glenvar had six players named to the first or second team while Tyler Curfiss was named Class 2 Player of the Year and Josh Jones has been named Class 2 Coach of the Year.

A first-team all-state selection for the second year in a row, Curfiss anchored a Glenvar defense that posted 14 defensive shutouts this past season. He also scored nine goals, dished out nine assists, and tallied 27 points.

Curfiss did a masterful job of constantly marking an opponent's best attacker. He also earned 62 career defensive shutouts while helping Glenvar capture four straight state titles and four straight district and region championships. A team captain this season, Tyler finished his four-year career playing in only one loss with an overall team record of 87-1-2. He also earned First Team All-District, First Team All-Region, and First Team All-State in both 2025 and '26.

"Tyler did an amazing job leading our team this year," said Glenvar coach Jones. "He has the ability to negate the opponents top player. His vocal leader-

ship, soccer ability and intensity helped us be the best we could be this year. I'm so glad he earned the honor of being named State Player of the Year as he led us on and off the field."

In six seasons leading the Highlander program, Jones' teams have won six consecutive Three-Rivers District championships, six consecutive Region C championships, and four consecutive state championships, equaling Meridian (2013-16) for most consecutive boys' titles in VHSL history. His last three teams finished the season unbeaten, going 22-0-1 this season, 23-0-0 in 2025, and 22-0-0 in 2024. Jones owns a 120-3-3 record over six years leading the Highlanders and has Glenvar on an 84-game unbeaten streak.

Before coming to Glenvar, Jones coached the girls' team at Salem High School for 18 years. He led the Spartans to a 269-72-30 record, won the state title in 2003, and made seven Final Four appearances and two state runner-up finishes. His girls also won seven district championships and five regional titles. His overall VHSL career coaching record is now 389-75-32.

Also named to the first team All-Class 2 from Glenvar are senior for-



Glenvar's Josh Jones(left) is the state Class 2 boys' soccer Coach of the Year and Tyler Curfiss(right) is the Player of the Year.

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ward Adam Saunders and junior keeper Tyler Shannon. Second team selections are junior Levi King at forward, junior Parker Doolan at midfield and senior defender Gavin Miller.

Glenvar dominated the Region 2C team, which was recently announced. Curfiss and Jones were also named region Player and Coach of the Year.

First team all-region Highlanders include Curfiss, Saunders, King, Doolan, Shannon, junior midfielder Jackson Jones and junior defender Ryder Francisco. The Highlanders put three on the second team, sophomore forward Henry Schruth, junior midfielder Evan Harris and junior defender James Housh.

Four GHS girls on Class 2 soccer 1st team

Glenvar High School had five girls named to the Class 2 all-state soccer team that was announced this week, and all five are underclassmen.

First team selections from Glenvar include freshman Gabby Barba at forward, sophomore Ryan Jones on defense and two juniors, midfielder Sawyer Wilson and keeper Maddie Frakelton. Another junior, Annie George, was named to the second team at midfield.

Nelson County took the top honors after defeating Glenvar in a shootout to win the Class 2 state championship. Nelson senior center attacking midfielder Clara Moldenhauer is the Class 2 Player of the Year and Governors' coach Bryan Ferren is Coach of the Year.

Moldenhauer and Ferren also took Player and Coach of the Year in Region 2C and Glenvar was well-represented as well. First team all-region from Glenvar include Barba, Wilson, Jones,

George, Frackelton and defenders senior Sophie Childers and sophomore Addison Conner. Of the 16 players named to the all-region first team 14 were from Glenvar or Nelson County, with each school having seven selections.

Glenvar had four more players on the all-region second team, freshman forward Ryleigh Dickerson, junior midfielders Chloe Childers and Addalee Harvey and freshman defender Scarlett McCall.



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Gabby Barba is first team All-State as a freshman.



Salem's Parker Dallas is the Class 4 lacrosse Player of the Year.

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6 SHS boys, 2 girls are all-state

The Virginia High School League Class 4 All-State lacrosse teams have been released and Salem is well-represented, including senior Parker Dallas being named Class 4 Player of the Year.

Dallas, a 6'2", 205-pound attackman, completed a brilliant lacrosse career with the Spartans by leading them to a state runner-up finish this season. Parker set a single-season points record for the Spartan boys' lacrosse program with 113 points, which was tied for ninth in VHSL history. Dallas had 54 goals and 59 assists, which is seventh most in VHSL history. Over his career the Virginia Tech signee accumulated 225 points, 119 goals, and 106 assists.

Dallas is the first Salem boys' lacrosse player to be named state Player of the Year and was recognized as a USA Lacrosse Academic All-American. He also earned Region 4D Player of the Year honors.

Joining Dallas on the first team All-Class 4 are senior goalie Richard Hof, senior defenders Carson Garland and Ronnie Frith, senior short stick defensive middle Oliver Farber and junior midfielder Wade Marble.

In girls' lacrosse Salem had two girls named to the Class 4 All-State second team, Anne Craig Thomas on attack and Bailey Redford in the goal. Both are seniors.