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Record-setting VA250 stock car drew crowds at Salem Fair before national tour

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Salem Fair visitors had the opportunity to see the nation's fastest stock car before it began a cross-country journey as part of the America250 celebration.

The VA250 Car Project brought its record-setting VA250 Car to the fair on July 1 and 2, giving attendees an up-close look at the current 253 mph stock car land speed record holder before it traveled to Philadelphia for the national kickoff of the yearlong America250

celebration on July 3. The vehicle, built by Martinsville engine builder Joey Arrington, set the current stock car land speed record on March 23, 2026, reaching 253 mph on the Shuttle Landing Facility runway at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The Salem Fair appearance marked one of the car's final public stops before the launch of the 253MPH: Speed Meets Heat Tour – The Road to 270, a cross-country journey from Virginia to Texas and back. Organizers said the tour celebrates American

innovation, engineering, manufacturing, entrepreneurship and achievement as part of the nation's 250th anniversary commemoration.

Fairgoers were able to meet Arrington, view STEM and engineering exhibits, try racing simulators as part of the "Be the Next Legend" Challenge, explore Danny's Wall of Hope interactive exhibit, take family photos and learn about the engineering behind the record-setting vehicle.

"This project has never been just about speed," Arrington said. "It's

about showing people what can happen when you combine hard work, engineering, innovation, and a willingness to chase something that has never been done before. We're proud that the journey begins here in Virginia, and we're excited to share the story with families at the Salem Fair before we take it across America."

The VA250 Car Project was created as part of Virginia's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary and focuses on engineering, motorsports, STEM education and



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD
The VA 250 Car Project is pictured at the Salem Fair on July 1.

innovation. Following its national tour, the team plans to return to Cape Canaveral in March 2027 to attempt to become the first stock car program to exceed 270 mph.

Opening day draws crowds to Salem Fair



PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD
Visitors enjoy rides, games, food and entertainment during the 38th Salem Fair at the Salem Civic Center and Taliaferro Complex on opening day, July 1. Billed as America's largest free-gate fair, the annual event continues through July 12 with approximately 40 carnival rides, free daily entertainment, more than 30 food vendors, exhibits, special attractions and a fireworks display on July 4. The fair is open from 4-10 p.m. weekdays and noon-10 p.m. on weekends.



Fort Lewis DAR marked Independence Day with annual Ringing of the Bell ceremony



Regent Adele Morris, Fort Lewis Chapter DAR, listing by state the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Fort Lewis Chapter of the American Revolution commemorated Independence Day with its 29th annual Ringing of the Bell ceremony on July 4, honoring the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the

nation's Revolutionary War patriots.

The ceremony was held at the statue of Andrew Lewis, a Revolutionary War patriot, where members reflected on the sacrifices made by the nation's founders 250 years after the Declaration



Attendees gathered for the ceremony around the statue of Andrew Lewis.



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Garrett Channell speaking as Andrew Lewis.

of Independence was adopted. Adele Morris, regent of the Fort Lewis

Chapter, read the names of the Declaration of Independence signers. See DAR, page 3



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A local signpost for TransAmerica Bike Route 76.

Virginia Tech professor to discuss Bikecentennial history at Salem Museum

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The Salem Museum will host a free program exploring the history of cycling and Virginia's role in the nation's 1976 Bicentennial celebration on Thursday, July 9.

"A Winding, Rolling Route: America's Bikecentennial (1976) Beyond the Blue Ridge" will begin at 7 p.m. at the museum. The presentation also will be livestreamed via Zoom for those unable to attend in person through a link available on the museum's website.

Virginia Tech professor Tom Ewing will discuss TransAmerica Bike Route 76, a cross-country cycling route created as part of the United States Bicentennial celebration in 1976. The trail stretches from Yorktown to Astoria, Oregon.

Ewing will examine how the route connects communities through public history and recreational tourism, while highlighting how the Virginia portion of the trail and other segments continue to provide opportunities to experience cycling and

history 50 years later. He also will discuss ongoing efforts to expand cycling infrastructure in the region.

Ewing serves as project director of Bike 76 VA, a Virginia Tech-led initiative that produces a podcast, weekly public essays and funding for public exhibitions focused on historic bicycling tours across the commonwealth.

One such exhibition, created by Grace Kostrzebski under Ewing's guidance, is currently on display at the Salem Museum. "On the Map: The History of Virginia Along Bikecentennial Route 76 Explored Through Maps" is located on the museum's ground floor and will remain on display through early fall.

The Salem Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free, although donations are accepted.

The museum is located in the historic 1845 Williams-Brown House at 801 E. Main St. in Salem. The entrance is located at the Oakley Field Complex sign across Main Street from the Berglund Ford service entrance.

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

Roanoke College launches online three-year bachelor's degrees in public administration, cannabis studies

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Roanoke College announced July 2 that it is expanding its academic offerings with two accelerated, fully online bachelor's degree programs designed to help working professionals earn degrees in less time.

Enrollment is now open for three-year Bachelor of Science degree programs in public administration and cannabis studies. College officials said the online

format is intended to provide flexibility for students balancing work, family and other commitments. Classes

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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.

Salem Fair: The 38th Salem Fair, billed as America’s largest free-gate fair, will be held July 1-12 at the Salem Civic Center and Taliaferro Complex, featuring rides, live entertainment, food vendors, free shows and a July 4 fireworks display.

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 Parks & Recreation, Jazz in July is one of Salem’s longest-running summer traditions.

Virginia Vintage Comics and Collectibles Show: The show will return to the Salem Civic Center for the 29th year on Saturday, Aug. 22. Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for those 12 and under.

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 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.

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of June 23, 2026 – June 29, 2026

6/24/2026	James L. Campellone	27	Petit Larceny
6/24/2026	James R. Allison	34	Setting Fire, Possession of Paraphernalia
6/24/2026	Jami L. Staton	48	Public intoxication
6/24/2026	Lennon R. Velasquez	23	Damage Property, Interfere With Property Rights of Another
6/26/2026	John W. Watts V	29	Public Intoxication
6/27/2026	Allison N. Crotts	33	Fleeing from Police Officer, Obstructing Justice
6/27/2026	Tyshea A. Cunningham	26	Domestic Assault & Battery
6/29/2026	Paul R. Hairston	62	Public Intoxication

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Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of June 23, 2026 – June 29, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
6/24/2026	100 BLK Spartan Dr	Burglary
6/26/2026	100 BLK Valleydale Ave	Grand Larceny

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Area Country and Western performer is determined to make the big time

By Ron Miller managing editor
From the March 7, 1985 edition of The Salem Times-Register

Chuck Love is a veteran of the country music business. It’s in his blood, has wizened his boyish face and grayed his trim beard and styled hair.

In good times he has traveled to Nashville more often that he can count, has performed in clubs and honkey-tonks “from the hills of West Virginia to many other states,” according to the lyrics of one of his songs, and has played elbow to elbow with some of country and western’s best-Bobby Bare, Connie Smith, Marty Robbins and Johnny Paycheck.

In worse times, he says he’s been “ripped off, lied to and everything else.”

But even as a veteran of the business, Love doesn’t drive fancy cars or wear expensive boots. In fact, the singer is a utility man on the night shift at Mohawk Tire Co. in Salem where he has worked since 1971.

Born Charles Franklin Lovelace Jr., Love came to the Valley at age 19 when his father moved the family from Marlinton, W. VA. to take a job as a truck driver. At that time, Love had already been playing the guitar for almost 10 years-he learned from his father-and had been writing songs for nearly five years.

Since then, Love has been trying to make it in country music, either by performing a hit song or, as he would rather have it, by having someone perform one of the songs he has written. But so far, no luck. Now, at age 42, Love has spent \$3,400 to release an

album of his songs entitled, “Music with Love.”

“A lot of people say they think my music’s a big fantasy. But to me, it’s not a dream-It’s something that’s real,” Love says in a gravely, gentle drawl.

“I feel that sooner or later I’m going to write a hit song or that my break will come. Sometimes when you’ve got this feeling you can’t relate it to somebody else, unless they have it too. I don’t get discouraged with what people say to me. I feel like somewhere down the line, you know, that sll this stuff-there’s a reason for it. I know it’s not going to be easy. But any dream you have in life, you’ve got to work to fulfill it.”

Those ideas are reflected in the songs on the album:
*And we don’t let things people say
Stand in our way
Because we know tomorrow
will be a brighter day.*

There have been successes over the last 20-plus years of Love, like his first recording in 1967, “She Back in Town,” which saw some air time and brought limited recognition. There was also a half-hour variety show on Channel 15 Love hosted for 20 weeks in 1971. “But at that time,” he says, smiling, “there weren’t too many people could get that UHF. It was hard to get because mostly the newer (TV) sets were the only ones that had the UHF on them.”

In 1978, The Salemite went to Nashville and recorded four songs at Bradley’s Barn. The producer was impressed with the material so Love took the songs to RCA. Executives at that label said the songs were saleable, but they weren’t willing to take on a new talent. “Record on a smaller label,” they told Love, which brought him back to local bookings and his job at Mohawk.

“You get confused,” Love confesses. “Like I tell my wife, sometimes you wonder if you have any talent, do I or don’t I? You feel like, if I can write, how come someone hasn’t recorded y songs? “

Then, Love says, he’ll read the success story of another country musician who struggled for years before finally making it, and he is encouraged to keep the faith.

And now there is the album, 500 of them, plus 5600 cassettes which Love is spending weekends talking to



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every radio station within a 300-mmile radius. He’s handling the distribution personally, he says, to avoid the ripoffs he’s experience in the past. Locally, WFIR has played some cuts off the album.

Love is also applying, with Marie Crawford, a Scottish woman who sings duets with Love on some tracks on the Album, for an appearance on Nashville’s “You can be a Star.”

Love has been married nearly 20 years. His wife and two children, 17 and 19, encourage him in his music. “Behind every successful man, there’s a good woman and I think I’ve got a food one behind me,” Love says.

With that encouragement, Love has persevered in his dream to make the big time. “It takes luck and talent both to make it he believes.

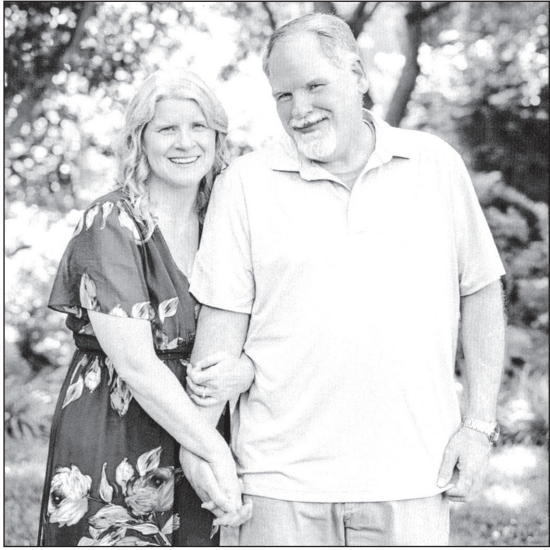
Whatever happens, Love is determined to remain in the public eye, and not only as the driver of the light bule, 60s model, Chuck Love van he has driven around for the past 15 years.

“That’s what’s hurt me, it’s been too many years between releasing a record. So this time if I get part of my money back, I ’m going to put it right back into myself. I’m going to keep on working at it. If I can’t release another album, I’ll release another single, but I won’t let people forget who Chuck Love is.”

Love has taken most of the licks the country music businesscanmusterandhassharedfewoftherewards.He sill stands straight, however, his dreams strong as ever.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

Crawford - Early Engagement



Mrs. Linda Crawford and the late Barry Crawford announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Crawford of Roanoke, VA to Brian Early of Salem, Va son of Mr. and Mrs. John Early. Jennifer has a degree in arts and sciences with a major in biology from James Madison University. Brian has a degree in Arts and Sciences with a major in Biology from Virginia Tech and a degree on Doctor of Pharmacy from Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy. The wedding will take place August 2026.



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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

On work days, I have found out that if I don't plan my lunch, I am tempted to go out and get fast food. While at 8am I think I will choose a healthy grilled chicken salad with no dressing, I can guarantee I will forget that when I am hungry and in a hurry at noon. My order will be full of bad decisions and include dessert.

If I make my lunch and bring it with me, I always eat better and feel better afterward. No afternoon slump and no guilt weighing me down. If I don't bring a satisfying lunch I will be tempted to get fast food on the way home.

There's no way around it; if you want to stay on track with your health goals, packing your own lunch is the way to go.

Figuring out what to make for lunch every day is already tough, but it gets even more complicated when you realize you won't be near a stovetop or microwave come lunchtime (or have been disallowed from using yours after someone microwaved fish in there...). We have a microwave available at the newspaper so I can heat up things if necessary. I generally take a little bit of several things to eat in between helping customers. I change up what I bring so I don't get bored with lunch.

You don't need anything fancy, but a few simple tools can make packing lunches a whole lot easier. A roomy (so you're not cramming everything in), insulated bag for long days in the office. I have several reusable ice packs to keep food cold all day. I use divided containers with lids to keep the amounts reasonable. Small containers for dips and dressings keep you from using too much and from making a mess. If you take the whole bag, you will eat the whole bag. I've learned that if lunch is easy to pack, it actually gets done.

The easiest way to pack a cold lunch (without overthinking it) is to use this simple formula:

- Protein:** chicken salad, tuna, eggs, deli meat
- Carb:** wraps, crackers, pasta, bread
- Produce:** fruit or veggies
- Extra:** cheese, dip, or something sweet

Mix and match what you have on hand, think adult Lunchables, and you've got a lunch that actually satisfies. Here are some recipes that I like to make and take for lunch.

Cold Taco Pasta Salad

- Ingredients
- 16 ounces rotini pasta
 - 1 pound lean ground beef
 - 1 ounce packet taco seasoning
 - 1 cup cherry tomatoes halved
 - Half of a green bell pepper diced
 - Half of a red bell pepper diced
 - 4 green onions chopped green parts only
 - 1 15 ounce can sweet corn, drained
 - 1 15 ounce can light red kidney beans, drained and

rinsed

- 1 ½ cups Catalina dressing
- Tortilla strips for garnishing

Instructions

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Salt the water if you prefer and cook the pasta according to the package directions. *Don't overcook it, we want it to be al dente or still have a little bite so it holds up with all the ingredients. Drain the cooked pasta and rinse with cold water. Tip: spread it on a rimmed baking sheet to cool faster. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat and cook the ground beef until no longer pink, crumbling as it cooks. Drain the grease if needed. Add your taco seasoning and a few tablespoons of water, just like making tacos. Cook on medium for 5 minutes until combined. Remove from heat and set aside to cool. In a large bowl combine the cooled noodles, cooled ground beef, tomatoes, peppers, green onions, corn and beans. Add the dressing and toss together gently until all combined. Cover and place in fridge to chill for at least 2 hours. Before serving top with tortilla strips.



Pinwheel sandwiches

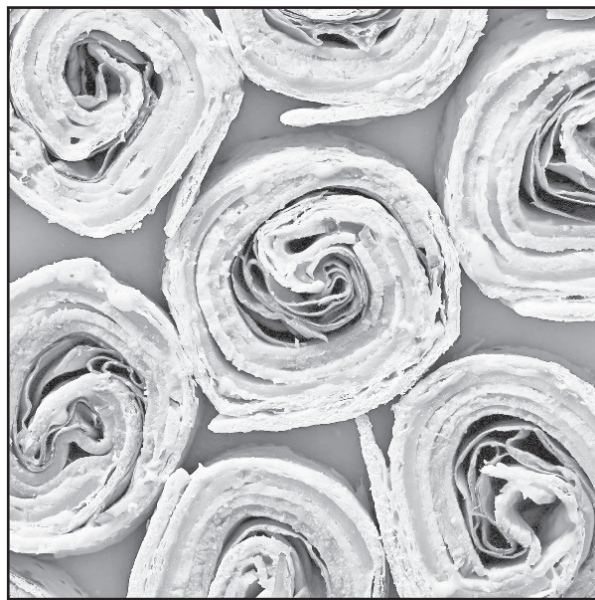
Ingredients

- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp. ranch seasoning
- 8 (10") flour tortillas
- 8 oz. sliced American or cheddar cheese
- 1 lb. deli-sliced baked ham
- 1 lb. deli-sliced turkey breast
- 16 butter lettuce leaves

Directions

In a small bowl, mix mayonnaise and ranch seasoning. On a clean surface, lay tortillas flat. Spread each tortilla with 1 tablespoon mayonnaise mixture. Place 2 to 3 slices cheese on bottom two-thirds of

each tortilla. Top cheese with ham and turkey. Top meat with 2 to 3 lettuce leaves and tightly roll up. To serve right away, slice into 1" rounds and arrange on a platter. To make ahead, place seam side down on a baking sheet and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Slice when ready to serve.



Tuna Macaroni Salad

Ingredients

- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded carrot
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dill pickles
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 8 oz. elbow macaroni
- 2 (5-oz.) cans solid white Albacore tuna in water, drained
- 1/2 cup spicy mayo
- 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced, for garnish

Directions

In a medium bowl, stir together onion, carrot, pickles, lemon juice, sugar, and ½ teaspoon salt. Set aside. In the meantime, in a medium pot over medium heat, combine macaroni, 2 cups water, and remaining ½ teaspoon salt and bring to a boil. Cook, stirring frequently, until pasta is al dente, about 5 minutes. Drain immediately and let cool slightly. In a large bowl, stir together tuna, mayo, paprika, and pepper. Fold in pasta and pickle mixture until well combined, then top with eggs. Garnish with scallion before serving.



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Webb appointed to Virginia Commission for the Arts

Gov. Abigail Spanberger has appointed Ashley Webb to a board seat on the Virginia Commission for the Arts, where she will represent Region 6, which includes nine counties north and south of Salem.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is a state agency responsible for promoting the arts across the commonwealth, including administering grants funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Virginia General Assembly. The commission awards grants to Virginia artists, arts organizations, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, educators, and local and tribal governments.

The commission allocated more than \$5.1 million in grant funding during fiscal year 2025.

Webb serves as executive director of the Historical Society of Western Virginia and the O. Winston Link Museum. She also serves as an at-large director on the board of the Virginia Association of Museums.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history and anthropology from Longwood University and a master's degree in museum studies from Bournemouth University in Dorset, England.

-The Salem Times-Register

Brush fire burns about 100 acres in Roanoke County, fully contained

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A brush fire that burned approximately 100 acres in the Havens Wildlife Management Area in the Fort Lewis area of Roanoke County was fully contained by Saturday, according to Roanoke County Fire & Rescue.

The fire was first reported Friday in a heavily wooded area with thick brush. Initial estimates placed the fire at 1 to 2 acres, but officials warned it was expected to grow because of the dense vegetation, which also produced heavy smoke.

By Friday afternoon, the fire had expanded to about 10 acres. Fire & Rescue personnel from three stations responded alongside crews and equipment from the Virginia Department of Forestry. Officials said no structures were threatened, and there was no danger

to the public.

By 9 p.m. Friday, the fire had grown to approximately 100 acres. Crews had the blaze about 80% contained, and officials advised that heavy smoke would likely remain visible into Saturday. The cause of the fire remained under investigation, although officials said it was not believed to be intentional.

Fire officials announced Saturday that the blaze was 100% contained. Remaining vegetation within the containment lines will continue to burn, and smoke may linger for several days unless rainfall extinguishes the remaining hot spots.

Approximately 25 personnel from Roanoke County Fire & Rescue and the Virginia Department of Forestry responded to the incident. No injuries or medical issues were reported.

The Virginia Department of Forestry will investigate the cause of the fire. Officials said no structures were damaged or threatened during the incident.

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by colony. After the signers from each of the original 13 colonies were recognized, Carey Harveycutter rang the historic Salem Fire Department bell while chapter members with direct lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot stood to represent their ancestor's colony.

Organizers also shared the history of the bell during the ceremony. The bell was purchased for \$500 and installed in 1883 to summon volunteer firefighters to operate a horse-drawn pumper. It was removed in 1986 and refurbished by the Henry McShane Bell Company before being remounted for use in parades and community events.

Following the outdoor ceremony, attendees gathered inside the Salem Civic Center, the site

of Andrew Lewis' former home. The program included the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed and the singing of the national anthem. Refreshments were served.

Garrett Channell, executive director of the Salem Museum, presented a living history program titled "Revolutionary Thoughts of a Leader." Dressed in colonial attire, Channell portrayed Andrew Lewis and discussed the challenges and leadership of the Revolutionary War era.

According to the Fort Lewis Chapter, the annual event began in 1998 under the leadership of Honorary State Regent LeAnn Turbyfill. The chapter plans to celebrate the 30th annual Ringing of the Bell on July 4, 2027.

-The Salem Times-Register

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OPINION

July events for everyone

Reminder: Drop off your tiny artwork at the Salem Public Library for the annual art show by Saturday, July 11th!!!

The Tiny Art Show will be held Saturday, July 18th, at 1pm. Drop in and admire tiny art created by local artists—or yourself!

Tuesday, July 21, All ages. Mill Mountain Theatre’s Presents *Gorg the Gargoyle*. Join us for an exclusive showing of “Gorg the Gargoyle,” an original production by Mill Mountain Theatre! This 25-minute show will be followed by a craft and activity. Space is extremely limited, so registration is

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required. Register at [saalemva.libcal.com](#)
Saturday, July 25, 11:00am: SRP Family Finale!

Make Your Own Time Capsule! Cap off our summer reading program by making your own time capsule and commemorate what’s important to you! Register at [saalemva.libcal.com](#)

July events for t(w)eens

Tuesday, July 21, 2pm, Grades 6-12; Mosaic Workshop: Create mosaic wall art. Register at [saalemva.libcal.com](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 3:30pm, Grades 6-12; Ice Cream Topping Taste-Off. Which ice cream topping is the BEST ice cream topping? Register at [saalemva.libcal.com](#)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salem is about to make big mistake . Is anyone in Salem is happy about the idea of developing 300+ homes on the Hope Tree property except the three on City Council that passed it over the outcries and pleadings of the neighborhood residents?

This land is historic because it began at the time of the Civil War as a working farm orphanage. It evolved to become the Baptist Children’s Home an eventually to its current name of HopeTree Family Services.

What was the majority of the previous City Council thinking by passing a rezoning of the Hope tree that would basically obliterate the history of that well-

loved Valhalla location that overlooks our beautiful Valley? There are other places to build homes, but saving that history is essential for Salem to capture, reserve and maximize this unique historic asset.

Saving historical places in ways that tell a story is golden for communities. The Broad Bloom event organized by the Virginia historic garden club this spring was an eye-popping demonstration of that. People attended from all over the nation and many said it was the best garden tour they had ever attended. Five homes were featured from the same street allowing an interior tour followed by showcasing of the exquisite gardens.

I live near the other historic working farm in Salem that was the lovely Elizabeth campus which was changed into a hodgepodge development of architecture that makes no sense. Cabel Brand offered to pay himself for a professional planner to create really nice business campus that would have been an attractive incentive for new businesses to locate here. The city council at that time wouldn’t even listen to the idea. Salem badly needs an architectural review board and visionary planning to avoid mistakes that haunt us forever.

-Nora Smith
Salem

The Mother-of-all-Ironies is that the world’s first popular democracy, America, just celebrated its 250th birthday of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with Americans aware that our military war machine and political system has been captured. Tiny supremacist and genocidal Israel nicknamed “America’s unsinkable battleship” has enslaved America to carry out the Greater Israel Project. Is Israel America’s “proxy” in the Middle East or its master? Is this due to blackmail intelligence against our political class? Why have leaders from George W Bush to Presidents Joe Biden and Donald Trump blindly followed Israel into a self-destructive morass with the world condemning and turning away from American leadership and nonstop Israeli criminal

wars-- now undeniably both rogue regimes?

The world rejoices at Iran’s success in the ill-advised Iran war as the largest-ever gathering of humans in history on Earth (estimated from 12 to 30 million mourners) for the delayed funeral of their leader with crowds shouting: “Death to America!” This is not a “free” war for the US. The collective memory of Iranians who did nothing to provoke America, will last forever. Just imagine Pearl Harbor along with killing our US president, his family including young children and bombing a girls’ school killing over 160 young girls all combined with a sneak attack!

America must regain its independence by unapologetically casting off Israel as our master. Trump is not going to force Israel out of Lebanon. Trump signed an MOU crafted by Vice President Vance, who had opposed the war, but is now backtracking to follow Marco Rubio’s plan instead to restart the war once the world refuels its gas tanks. The competition is on for Vance’s plan or that of Rubio, favored by Trump. Trump quickly signed the MOU—a complete and necessary capitulation to Iran to open Hormuz—but never intended to follow it.

and rigorous enchainment of each US congressman who is on a leash of individual Israeli lobbyist AIPAC “minders.” To end this may require a rewrite of our outdated constitution which is still on its first “Republic” although the French are on their 5th. The Supreme Court boosts that corruption with Citizens United saying that money is speech and in the Trump v the United States SCOTUS case where the court ruled that former US presidents have absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within their core constitutional powers and presumptive immunity for all other official acts. Then there are presidential pardons where a president can pardon his entire family empire members. Biden pardoned family members who were merely amateurs at corruption compared to the fortunes currently being amassed by the billions by the Trump Family Inc.

Our democracy and political system are in shambles and the ruling class is a bunch of pedophile billionaires who have “kompromat” on the political class and on each other. They also benefit from our regime’s new structure of eliminating the parts of the government that serve people and provide a safety net. We now have a replacement government where the middle class is taxed to subsize their unregulated unspeakably-extravagant assault of bipartisanly opposed and hated data centers across our landscape. We are supposed to swallow this so we can “win the AI race with China.” That cannot happen because at this time, our president has a foreign policy aimed at forcing the world as much as possible to stay on fossil fuels that he controls from the Western Hemisphere. That explains paying companies to stop their windfarms, etc. The Chinese follow “all of the above” long-term plans, build bridges instead of blowing them up and they have insanely cheap and abundant electricity and electric charging stations for EV’s everywhere.

I attended an event honoring veterans at the American Legion last week. Candidate for Virginia Sixth District, Beth Macy, made an appearance and spoke about veterans. She said that Congressman Cline had voted three times to cut VA benefits. This is after sending them into wars fought for the sake of Israel’s project. What a betrayal! During the 2024 election cycle, Representative Ben Cline received \$10,000 in direct PAC contributions from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Citizen voters must ask where Congressman’s allegiance lies.

-Cynthia Munley
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mended
7. Hymns
13. Commercial transport of goods
14. Poked holes in the ground
16. They precede C
17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
19. Larry and Curly’s pal
20. Injured
22. Popular type of dance
23. Moon crater
25. American state
26. Places to lock valuables
28. Stalk that supports the capsule
29. Keyboard key
30. ___ death do us part
31. A type of cage
33. A place to sleep
34. Annual music awards show

36. Made over
38. Hard, stony substance
40. Incantations
41. Long-legged, wading bird
43. Breathe noisily
44. Congressman
45. Rip off
47. Golf score
48. Popular pickup truck
51. Where infants sleep
53. Music term
55. Small opening in a surface
56. Musical term meaning “very”
58. Soviet Socialist Republic
59. Treats with powder
60. Email subject line feature
61. A British lawyer
64. Expression of laughter

65. Farmer’s calendar
67. Seeds used as food
69. Eurasian shrubs
70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

1. Hard things to kick
2. Collective of countries
3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
5. One’s sense of self-esteem
6. Of the teeth
7. Treat with care
8. Type of whale
9. Curved structure
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Netherlands seat of government
15. Gives to charitably
18. Lout
21. Pastas

24. Release from restrictions
26. Female sibling
27. Title of respect
30. Silver coins
32. Region in India
35. Partner to cheese
37. Dark or dusky
38. Pacific Northwest tree
39. Exaggerate
42. Toddler
43. Touch lightly
46. Fundamentals
47. Jeopardies
49. Curved structures
50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
52. Forming the bottom layer
54. Reciprocal of sine
55. Genus of Old World birds
57. New York college
59. Cloak
62. Kawhi Leonard’s team (abbr.)
63. Vietnamese offensive
66. “The Great Lakes State”
68. “___, myself and I”

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Virginia Western named NC3 Leadership School, expands mechatronics training

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Virginia Western Community College has been designated an NC3 Leadership School by the National Coalition of Certification Centers, a recognition that college officials said will expand opportunities for students pursuing careers in advanced manufacturing and industrial technology.

The college’s Workforce Solutions division marked the designation during a July 2 event that highlighted its advanced manufacturing training labs and the expanded credentialing opportunities available through the program.

The NC3 Leadership School designation is the highest level of participation within the National Coalition of Certification Centers and recognizes institutions that serve as models for career and technical education.

As part of the designation, Virginia Western will offer new applied mechatronics courses in:

Applied Fluid Power with Vacuum Technology

Applied Mechanical Systems

Applied PLCs and Smart Sensors

College officials said the skills developed through the mechatronics career pathway are transferable

across multiple industries, including advanced manufacturing and industrial technology.

“Nationally, NC3 has supported more than 430,000 students and issued over one million stackable certifications,” said Dr. Elizabeth Wilmer, Virginia Western’s vice president of academic and workforce solutions. “We are delighted that students in our region have been successfully earning certificates at the fundamentals level, and we know that offering applied level courses as a Leadership School will advance regional opportunities that much more.”

The designation also provides instructors with additional professional development opportunities through NC3’s Train-the-Trainer events, where faculty can gain hands-on experience with emerging technologies. Instructors may also become NC3 Master Instructors, mentor other educators and visit model campuses to strengthen curriculum and training facilities.

Regional manufacturers said the expanded program will help address workforce needs by providing employees with advanced technical training and nationally recognized certifications.

“Our industry is always changing, and it’s important that our technicians keep learning and have access to the best tools and training available,” said

Ginger Hultquist, business operations for Jewell Machinery in Rocky Mount. “The program at Virginia Western Community College gives us that opportunity. The ability to schedule classes around our work demands makes it easy for employees to participate while gaining valuable knowledge and hands-on training that they can use every day.”

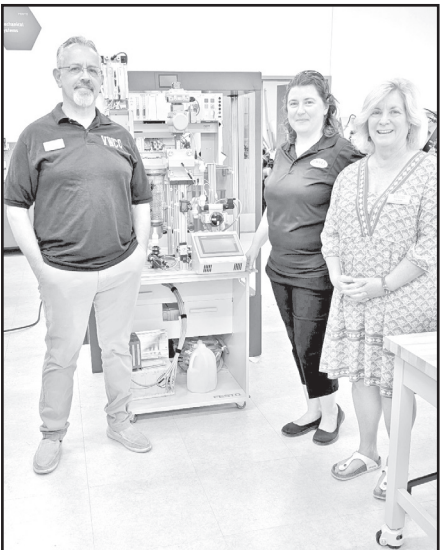
NC3 Leadership Schools offer students industry-recognized, portable certifications aligned with national skill standards.

C. Shay Whitlow, director of human resources and safety for StikPak Solutions Inc. in Rocky Mount, said several company employees have completed Virginia Western’s mechatronics curriculum and advanced into leadership positions after earning industry credentials.

“This new designation and the expansion of educational pathways will further enhance workforce development and provide manufacturers like StikPak with the talent needed to drive growth, innovation and long-term success,” Whitlow said.

Doug Agner, general manager of Graham-White Manufacturing, a Wabtec company in Salem, said the partnership will strengthen the company’s workforce pipeline.

“The partnership with Virginia Western reflects our commitment to building a skilled, future-ready



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. David Berry, program head of mechatronics at Virginia Western; Ginger Hultquist, business operations manager for Jewell Machinery in Rocky Mount; and Amy White, dean of STEM and workforce solutions at Virginia Western, pose in the campus mechatronics lab following the announcement of the College’s new status as an NC3 Leadership School.

workforce,” Agner said. “The NC3 Leadership School status and enhanced mechatronics courses will strengthen our talent pipeline and accelerate adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies.”

Salem resident earns master’s degree from Emporia State University

Johnathan Lendley of Salem graduated from Emporia State University in May 2026, earning a Master of Library Science degree.

Lendley was among more than 500 students who graduated during commencement ceremonies held May 15 and 16.

During the ceremonies, Neelima Parasker, a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, delivered commencement

remarks.

Emporia State University offers academic programs through seven schools, including Applied Health Sciences, Business and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Library and Information Management and Library and Archives, Science and Mathematics, Visual and Performing Arts, and The Teachers College.

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Vinton man dies after crash on Interstate 81 in Roanoke County

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A Vinton man died following a two-vehicle crash early Sunday on Interstate 81 in Roanoke County, according to Virginia State Police.

The crash occurred at about 2 a.m. Sunday on southbound Interstate 81, about one mile north of Wildwood

Road.

State police said a 2009 Pontiac G5 was stopped on the right shoulder of the interstate when it was struck by a 2018 Ford F-350.

The driver of the Pontiac, 19-year-old Tyler Cole Williams of Vinton, was transported to LewisGale Medical Center, where he later died.

The crash remained under investigation.

Degrees

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will begin in the fall semester.

“These programs are part of our commitment to ensuring higher education is accessible and aligned with the needs of the modern workforce,” Lisa Stoneman, assistant vice president and head of Roanoke College-Roanoke Valley, said in a news release.

Stoneman said the accelerated programs are designed to help professionals advance their careers while maintaining the academic quality associated with a Roanoke College degree.

According to the college, Roanoke is among the first institutions approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to offer three-year bachelor’s degrees. The college said the model is intended to make higher education more accessible for people already in the workforce. Stoneman was recently appointed to a committee developing a statewide

model for expanding three-year degree opportunities.

College officials said the public administration program was developed with employer input and includes coursework in team management, public policy and data analysis. Graduates can pursue careers in government, public safety and nonprofit organizations.

The cannabis studies program builds on Roanoke College’s existing leadership in the field. The college launched Virginia’s first four-year bachelor’s degree in cannabis studies in 2024. Officials said the new accelerated program comes as cannabis legalization continues to expand across the country and workforce demand grows for professionals with education in the science, ethics and best practices of the industry.

More information about the new online degree programs is available at Roanoke College Online Degrees.

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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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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1514 Goffside Avenue NW, Roanoke, VA 24017 Tax Map: 2461312

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated December 15, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as Instrument No. 230010160, the Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on July 23, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke City Circuit Court, 315 W. Church Ave, Roanoke, VA 24010.

All that certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Roanoke, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Twelve (12), Block Five (5), according to the map of Carol Heights dated February 21, 1955, prepared by David Dick, State Engineer & Surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerks' Office of Circuit Court of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, in Map Book 1, Page 55.

Date of Sale: July 23, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke City Circuit Court, 315 W. Church Ave, Roanoke, VA 24010.

Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS:
1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third-party purchaser.

2. The Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by Jeffrey T. and Jamie M. Zoelner, Applicants, and Ray D. Cragett Trust, c/o Anna C. Rogers, Trustee, Property Owner, to allow a Planned Housing Development consisting of one Two-Family Dwelling in the General Business (B-3) zoning district on property located at 185 New Street NW, identified as Tax Parcel 526 - ((A)) - 238; (Parcel ID 004144), and consisting of approximately of 0.465 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Samuel Bishop, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow residential use in the General Business (B-3) zoning district on property located at 465 Stuart Street NE, identified as Tax Parcel 527-((3))-50A and 527-((3))-49B; (Parcel ID 001756 and 001755), and consisting of approximately 0.18 acres. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on September 3, 2026, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT, A ROD SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT. ZION ROAD (VA. RTE. 655), CORNER TO PROPERTY OF RALPH L. AND THERESA P. RUPERT; THENCE LEAVING MT. ZION ROAD AND WITH THE RUPERT LINE, N. 00° 24' 13" E. 284.49 FEET TO A POINT, AN EXISTING ROD FOUND AND CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF GLEN E. AND DENISE G. PRICE; THENCE LEAVING RUPERT AND WITH THE PRICE LINE, S. 88° 21' 17" E. 76.84 FEET TO A ROD FOUND AT AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH PRICE, S. 01° 31' 00" E. 191.00 FEET TO A ROD SET AT AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE STILL CONTINUING WITH PRICE, S. 64° 26' 19" E. 33.48 FEET TO A POINT, A ROD SET CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF ROY B. MILLER, JR. AND DONNA C. MILLER; THENCE LEAVING PRICE AND WITH THE MILLER LINE, S. 15° 23' 00" W. 108.00 FEET TO A POINT, AROD SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT. ZION ROAD (VA. RTE. 655); THENCE LEAVING MILLER AND WITH MT. ZION ROAD, N. 72° 15' 48" W. 79.15 FEET TO A ROD FOUND ON SAME; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID ROAD, N. 72° 45' 29" W. 10.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING ALL OF THAT PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO JAMES PATRICK ELLIOTT, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLATOF SURVEY AND BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2005, PREPARED BY JOHN R. CHRISTMAN, LAND SURVEYOR, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK PAGE 25, PAGE 81. 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.aldridgepите.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepите.com. VA-353027-3.

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Legals - City of Salem
Notice is hereby given
to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Community Church Inc, property owner and Cornerstone Classical Academy, lessee, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow for an Educational Facility, Primary/Secondary, on the property located at 1923 East Main Street (Tax Map #78-1-14).

2. Consider the request of Robertson Family Revocable Trust, property owner and Amer Alsayadi, lessee, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a retail sales, smoke shop, on the property located at 501 West 4th Street (Tax Map #143-3-14).

3. Consider the request of The Preston Place Preservation Foundation Inc., property owner, for a Special Exception Permit to allow an assembly hall, nonresidential uses in an accessory structure, and nonresidential uses out of doors, and a Use Not Provided for Permit for outdoor gatherings of less than 500 people on the property located at 1936 West Main Street (Tax Map #138-2-7).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.
At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.
THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:
Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legals - City of Salem
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, 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, 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

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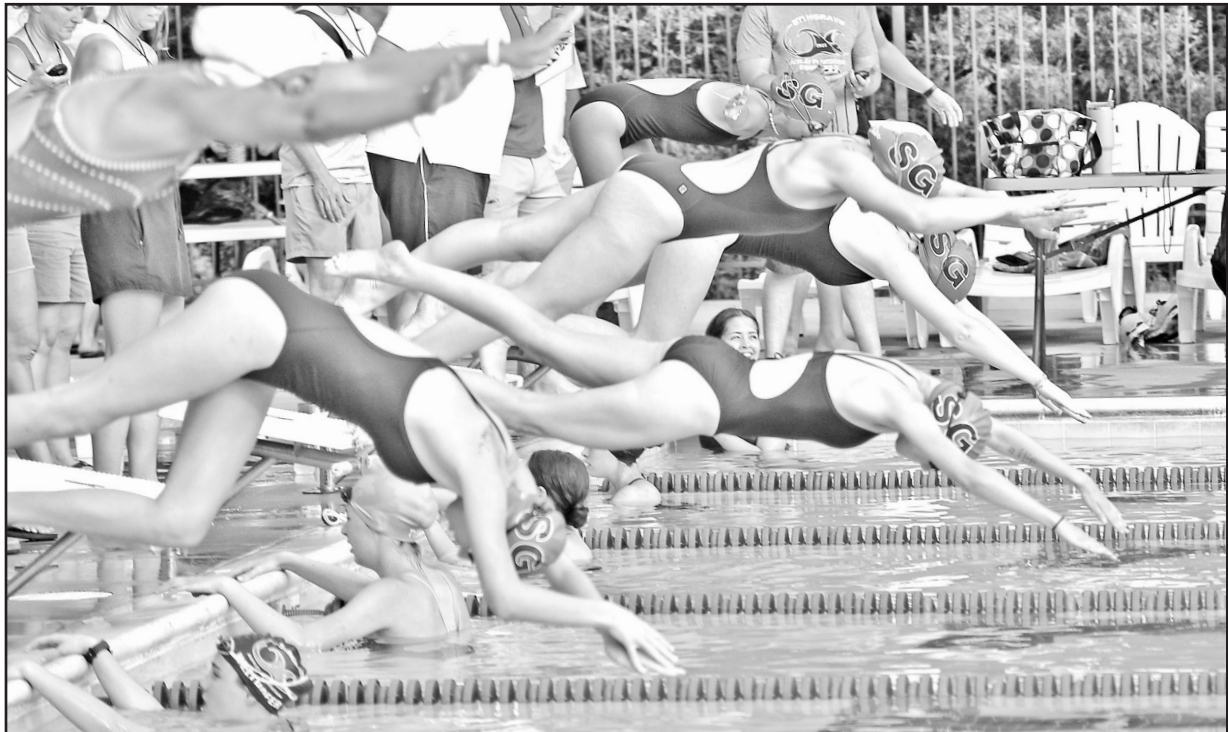


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Last Monday meets

Next Monday, July 13, will be the last week of Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association Monday night meets. The Stonegate and Hidden Valley Country Club swim teams will both be at Castle Rock for a 6 pm meet. The season ends with the annual City-County Meet on July 24 and 25, and this year it will be held at the Liberty University Natatorium. Above, Stonegate girls dive in at last week's meet at the Ashley Plantation pool, and right Levi Howard of the Gators competes in the breaststroke.

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Maroon quarterbacks drill during spring practice.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC football tickets now on sale

Tickets are available for 2026 Roanoke College football games. Tickets are now on sale for 2026 Roanoke College home football games. Tickets will be sold for \$10 individually or \$40 for all five home games if purchased online in advance. Tickets purchased at the gate on game day will be \$15. The Maroons finished the 2025 season 5-4 overall and 4-4 in conference play in their first season of varsity competition since 1942. Roanoke will open the 2026 season on Thursday, September 3rd, at 6 p.m. on the road at the Virginia University of Lynchburg. RC's first home game is Saturday, Sept. 12 against Greensboro College. Salem Stadium, near Roanoke's Elizabeth Campus, will serve as the Maroons' home field once again and four of the five home contests will have 2 p.m. kick-offs. Roanoke's Oct. 10 game vs. Hampden-Sydney College will have a 4 p.m. kickoff.

Final all-state teams announced, Spartans on All-Region

With the release of the Class 4 All-State baseball team last week the Virginia High School League has now released all-state teams for all Class 4 sports. After a strong representation in both boys and girls state lacrosse the Spartans were shut out on the all-state teams for baseball, softball and soccer. However, Salem had some student-athletes make the All-Region 4D teams. In baseball Atlee senior pitcher Chase Blumberg is the Class 4 Player

of the Year, and Woodgrove head coach Rusty Smith is the Class 4 Coach of the Year. Blumberg, a 6'0", 180-pound hard-throwing right hander posted a 9-0 record along with five saves. Smith's Wolverines brought home the school's first-ever state baseball title with a 2-1 win over defending champion Atlee in the Class 4 finals. Salem had three players named to the All-Region 4D second team. Senior Zack Bocock was named as

a pitcher, senior Mason Hale was selected in the outfield and Aiden Poff, a sophomore, was second team all-region behind the plate. In girls' soccer Lacey Neff of Atlee is the Class 4 Player of the Year and Adam Polinski of Heritage is the Coach of the Year. Salem junior Laikyn Funk was named first team All-Region 4D, sophomore Rosie Horne was named to the second team at midfield and junior Karis Guy was Honorable Mention in the goal.

In boys' soccer Blacksburg High swept the honors with Craig Huxtable being named Player of the Year and Shelley Blumenthal taking Coach of the Year. Salem had one All-Region selection with senior Elijah Clark named to the second team. In softball Cailin Rendell of Eastern View was named Player of the Year and Bridget Kemp of Tuscarora is the Class 4 Coach of the Year. Salem had no one named to the All-Region 4D team.



Left to right, Salem's Mason Hale, Aiden Poff and Zach Bocock were named second team All-Region 4D in baseball while Laiken Funk of the Spartans was named to the All-Region first team in soccer.

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RIDGEYAKS

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Allmer pitched a scoreless seventh and Blum pitched the final two innings for the save, allowing no hits and striking out two. The Yaks had a chance to win the series on Sunday but couldn't pull it off, losing 4-1 in the getaway game. Salem had just three hits, all singles. With Sunday's loss the Yaks were 7-8 in the second half of the Carolina League's split season. Fayetteville is leading the second half, one game ahead of first half winner Fredricksburg and two up on the RidgeYaks. After this week's games all Carolina League teams are off from Monday to Thursday of next week for the Major League Baseball All-Star break. The Yaks will return home on Friday, July 17, for a three game series with Delmarva. It will be their first home game in 19 days.

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Adonis Guzman of the Salem RidgeYaks is greeted by manager Ozzie Chavez after blasting a home run in the Yaks' last homestand.

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SPORTS



Brian Hoffman

Philadelphia hosted the MLB all-star game for the Bicentennial season, will do so again for 250 celebration

I had already been working for the paper for two years in the summer of '76, having transplanted from southeast Pennsylvania by way of Roanoke College. It was a big deal for Philadelphia to host the All-Star game, much like it will be next Tuesday, and it was special to me having been a Phillies fan since I was seven years

Jones was off to a great start for the Padres that season, his fourth in the



Mark Fidrych(left) and Randy Jones were the starting pitchers for the 1976 All-Star game in Philadelphia.

Yaks hope to light up Fireflies before ending longest road trip

Salem won Friday's game, 7-4, and on Saturday it was another 1-0 contest, only this time the Yaks came out on top. Jason Gillman started on the mound for Salem and picked up the win, fanning nine and allowing just two hits. Jay

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A lot of those players are no longer with us, I hate to say. Thurman Munson died in a plane crash three years later. Catfish Hunter passed from Lou Gehrig's disease a few years after he was our guest speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame banquet. Seaver and Morgan left us in 2020 and Rose died in 2024 without making the Hall of Fame due to his gambling activities.

Above, you could get an upper deck outfield front row seat to the 1976 All-Star game at Veterans Stadium for 10 bucks. Below, President Gerald Ford gets a laugh with all-star game managers Darrell Johnson(left) of the American League and Sparky Anderson of the NL.



It's now 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the All-Star game is back in Philly next Tuesday at beautiful Citizen's Bank Park. I most likely won't be here 50 years from now to reflect on it so break out the cheesesteaks, Tasty Cakes and birch beer and kick back and enjoy the game. You'll see a lot of future Hall of Famers on the field in Philadelphia, and if some of them don't make it I hope they can at least fix cars.



Mac Johnson(left) of R.M. Johnson & Sons Jewelers in Salem presents pitcher Leighton Finley of the Salem RidgeYaks with a watch for being named the R.M. Johnson & Sons Player of the Month for May.

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