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## Raines, Janoschka elected to Salem School Board leadership

The Salem City School Board elected Andy Raines as chair and Macel Janoschka as vice chair during its annual reorganization meeting July 14 at the school division's central office. The appointments were approved unanimously and took effect immediately. Raines was first appointed to the board in 2014 after replacing

retiring Chair Sally Southard. A graduate of James Madison University, he serves as chief commercial officer for Restoration Bioproducts. His wife, Amy, is a former teacher at East Salem Elementary School, and their two adult children graduated from Salem High School. Raines is serving his fifth term on the board

and has been chair since January 2025. Janoschka joined the board in June 2024 after being selected to complete the remainder of former board member Rachel Thompson's term. She and her husband, Stephen, have two sons who attend Salem City Schools. Stephen Janoschka is a technology and engineering teacher at Salem High School.

A graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of South Carolina, Janoschka studied law and serves in the Salem Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. School officials expressed appreciation for the board members' commitment to serving the division and supporting quality educational opportunities for



**Raines**  
teachers, staff and students.



**Janoschka**  
-The Salem Times-Register



Participants of the program pose with sponsors and employers.

## Salem City Schools earns statewide workforce readiness award for summer manufacturing camp

Salem City Schools' innovative "Forge the Future" Summer Manufacturing Inclusion Camp concluded Friday with a statewide honor recognizing the school division's efforts to prepare students for careers in manufacturing. The Virginia School Boards Association named Salem City Schools the recipient of its 2026 Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award for the program,

which school officials said is the first of its kind in Virginia. The month-long camp combines classroom instruction on workplace safety and workforce readiness with hands-on training at local manufacturing facilities. Students gain real-world experience while learning skills designed to prepare them for future employment. During this year's program, students ages

16 to 30 participated in three-week internships at Wabtec, APCO, Integer, Alro Steel and Mersen USA. The camp concluded Friday afternoon with a celebration at Salem High School, where students were recognized for their participation and accomplishments. Representatives from the participating manufacturing companies joined students and school officials for the event.

The program was made possible through a \$25,000 grant from SparkForce, the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association Foundation. School officials also recognized Salem City Schools Coordinator of Assessment and Accountability Jeff Bird for his leadership in organizing and implementing the program. -The Salem Times-Register

## Pickin' in the Park returns to Salem with Junior Sisk headlining

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Bluegrass artist Junior Sisk will return to headline Salem's annual Pickin' in the Park concert for the sixth consecutive year when the free event takes place Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Longwood Park Amphitheater. The concert will also feature local bands Wound Tight and Southern Rail Express. Sisk, a Ferrum native, said this year's performance will feature a newly assembled backing band following the departure of his longtime group, now known as Red Camel Collective. "My longtime band, now known as Red Camel Collective, will be touring on its own starting this July, so I have put together a new bunch of talented young men to help me finish out 2026 and accompany

me on my farewell tour for 2027," Sisk said in a news release. "I'm very excited to be bringing back some old material from my catalog, and I know this is going to be fun." The new lineup includes Carter Lester of Glade Spring on banjo, Mason Wright of Winchester on fiddle, Gabe Hebert of Canada on upright bass and Sam Zolla of Connecticut on guitar. Sisk has performed traditional bluegrass music for decades. His latest single, "Brand New Whippoorwill," was released in 2026. In 2022, Sisk's album *Load the Wagon* earned Album of the Year honors from the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America, while the single "Just Load the Wagon" received Song of the Year recognition. The album also spent six months atop the bluegrass charts. He also was named Male Vocalist of the



**Junior Sisk will return to the Longwood Park Amphitheater on Saturday, Aug. 15.**

Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association in 2013 and 2017 and has received multiple IBMA awards for song and album of the year. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for the outdoor performances. Food vendors scheduled to attend include Bootleg BBQ, Dale's Diner, The Tailgate, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream and Star City Sips. Guests may bring

outside food, but outside alcohol is prohibited. Adult beverages will be available for purchase from on-site vendors. Children's games will be available, but pets are not permitted. The event is presented by the Salem Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Skyline National Bank and Renewal by Andersen. Organizers said Pickin' in the Park has become one of Salem's most popular annual events.

## Salem VA Health Care System receives funding for infrastructure improvements

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The Salem VA Health Care System has received third-quarter fiscal year 2026 funding through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Non-Recurring Maintenance program to continue infrastructure improvements across its campus. The funding is part of a record \$4.8 billion nationwide investment in fiscal year 2026 to modernize, repair and improve VA health care facilities through the Veterans Health Administration's Non-Recurring Maintenance program. Projects funded at the Salem VA Health Care System include infrastructure upgrades to support the Department of Veterans Affairs' Electronic Health Record Modernization program, renovation of Building 19 for student housing, modernization of the cardiac catheterization laboratory, renovation of the main lobby, repairs to the administration building, repairs to underground fuel storage tanks, and the second phase of heating, ventilation and air conditioning system upgrades. According to the VA, the electronic health record infrastructure improvements are designed to support the department's modernization efforts and enhance care delivery for veterans. The student housing renovation is intended to support the education and recruitment of future health care professionals, while the cardiac catheterization laboratory renovation will modernize facilities for cardiovascular care.

The main lobby project will improve accessibility and efficiency for veterans, caregivers, visitors and staff. Repairs to the administration building and underground fuel storage tanks are intended to improve safety, reliability and emergency preparedness. HVAC upgrades will improve indoor air quality, energy efficiency and comfort throughout the facility. "This funding allows the Salem VA Health Care System to continue modernizing and improving, so our facilities remain safe, efficient, and equipped to provide high-quality care for our Veterans across Southwest Virginia," Health Care System Executive Director Tammy Snyder said. The VA said it has obligated \$2.2 billion of the \$4.8 billion committed for fiscal year 2026. Third-quarter funding includes \$915 million for repairing and upgrading aging infrastructure systems at medical facilities, \$229 million for facility improvements supporting future electronic health record updates and \$11 million for major building upgrades such as elevators, electrical systems and boiler plants. The announcement said the funding is part of broader efforts to improve VA facilities and services nationwide.

# Briefly: Salem News In Brief

**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.

**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.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home will host its third annual American

Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel on Aug. 11. This year’s theme is “Be One in a Minion because you are One in a Minion.” Light refreshments will be provided, and donors will receive a thank-you gift and a \$20 American Red Cross gift card. Organizers hope to exceed their goal of collecting 27 units of blood. Appointments are encouraged.

**Pickin’ in the Park** — Salem Parks and Recreation will host the annual Pickin’ in the Park concert on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Longwood Park Amphitheater. The free event will feature bluegrass headliner Junior Sisk, along with Wound Tight and Southern Rail Express. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Food trucks will be on site, and outside food is permitted, but outside alcohol is prohibited. Adult beverages will be available for purchase, children’s games will be offered, and pets are not allowed.

**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 27.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 10.  
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Aug. 11.  
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 12.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 24.  
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 14.  
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 16.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13.  
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13.  
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 14.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 26.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9.  
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10.  
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 23.  
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8.  
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 14.  
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 16.

## Salem businesses expand with new lease agreements downtown

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Two downtown Salem businesses have expanded their footprints through recent lease agreements announced by Cushman & Wakefield|Thalhimer. According to the commercial real

estate firm, Collector Card Diehards LLC expanded by leasing an additional 1,500 square feet of office space at 110 E. Main St. Boyd Johnson of Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer represented the landlord in the transaction. Dr. Kost Acupuncture also expanded at the same downtown

building, leasing an additional 1,150 square feet of office space at 110 E. Main St. Johnson also handled lease negotiations on behalf of the landlord. The lease transactions were included in Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer’s Western Virginia leasing report released July 9.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Ron Miller  
*From the January 3, 1985 edition of The Salem Times-Register*

The Roanoke College Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of 78 acres of property on Idaho Street owned by Lutheran Children’s Home, according to board chairman Henry A. Dudley. The sale is expected to close in March. Ron Herring, executive director of the Lutheran Children’s Home, confirmed that negotiations on the property which have been underway for over a year are “getting serious” and that an agreement is likely by March.

“We’ve agreed in principle to buy the property,” said William R. Walton, vice president for business affairs of Roanoke College. “Now we’re down to working out the details.”

One of the details already decided in the agreement which gas been on the drafting table since early December is that Lutheran Family Services, the agency which operates the children’s home, will retain possession of about 10 acres of the 88-acre tract which occupies a hill across from the civic center.

The organization is retaining the land near the entrance on Idaho street for the operation of two group homes and possible some other facilities.

A purchase price has not been settled, but the property was appraised two years ago at \$1.7 million. Because Lutheran Family Services will retain 10 acres, the college’s price will be “less than that,” Walton said.

Another major provision to be worked into the contract is that the property be rezoned so that Roanoke College may operate the existing buildings as an institution for higher learning. The property is currently zoned R-1. It must be zoned R-2 in order to be operated as a college under Salem zoning ordinances.

According to Randy Smith, Salem’s assistant city manager, the board of trustees of



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

Roanoke College have applied for the rezoning which would allow the college to operate on the property.

Neither Walton nor Smith expect any opposition to the application for rezoning of the property. Walton has met with “two or three” residents neighboring the property who say they are happy the college plans to purchase the property rather than a developer.

The college’s request to have the property rezoned from R-1 to R-2 will be heard by the Salem Planning Commission Jan. 16 and by city council Jan. 28.

Walton expects the acquisition to be an extension of the present campus, but does not anticipate an increase in the number of students attending the college, nor does he believe the purchase will mean the addition of advanced degree programs. “Part of our mission is to remain a four-year liberal arts college. We won’t change what we’re doing,” he said.

According to the application for rezoning, the property will be used to house students possible while Sections dormitories are being renovated in the 1985-1986 school year.

The buildings on the property are in “pretty good shape” and won’t require a great deal of renovation, Walton said. Some of the residences may need paint work on the floors, and servicing of heating and plumbing fixtures he added.

Student s will be expected to drive between the two campuses, Walton Said. Only those students with cars could live in the newly acquired facility.

There is an immediate need at the college for the athletic fields on Lutheran Home property which the college has leased from the children’s home for the past several years, Walton

said.

The college also plans to continue to lease the facility’s heated pool. Revenues will be used to help pay the cost of pool maintenance, Walton said.

The college’s board of trustees is looking at the use of the property as a cultural center and for a center of continuing education. The property will be used for community outreach programs which have heretofore been limited to summer session because of alack of space on the Salme campus. Those outreach programs currently include Elderhostel, Elderscholar and the science Olympics.

AS part of the agreement, Lutheran family service will continue to occupy the Administration Building at the children’s home at least until July 1, 1986, to allow an ad hoc planning committee time to research the relocation of offices now housed there.

In the 1950’s the century old Lutheran Children’s Home cottaged its largest population of 140 children. Now, due to an updating of family services which places emphasis on serving families in their communities, there are two remodeled structures on the 10 acres the organization plans to retain, each housing six boys, a married couple and an assistant.

The mission is converting its assets in order to keep long range plans of decentralization in motion, according to Herring. The decision to serve families in crisis on their own turf will require the Lutheran Family Services to open centers in other communities, rather than bring children toa central location.

The idea of selling the land has been discussed for several years, Herring said. The mission no longer needs the land which was once used as a profitable farming operation.

“We are pleased to be purchasing this property not only because of its value the college as a means of expansion, but also because of its long Lutheran History,” said Roanoke College President Norman Fintel of the agreement.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

## POLICE REPORT

### City of Salem Police Department



#### Weekly Arrest Report

Week of July 7, 2026 – July 13, 2026

|           |                                  |    |                                                                                |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/8/2026  | John R. Watkins, 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 39 | Threat To Bomb, Simple Assault & Battery                                       |
| 7/9/2026  | Paul F. McLaughlin               | 50 | Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct                                        |
| 7/9/2026  | William A. Creasy                | 25 | Install devices for smoke screens, gas projectors or flame throwers prohibited |
| 7/10/2026 | Jessica G. Rock                  | 48 | Public Intoxication                                                            |
| 7/11/2026 | Jessica P. Harmon                | 45 | DUI, Obstruct Justice                                                          |
| 7/12/2026 | Barbara J. Eddy                  | 28 | Public Intoxication                                                            |
| 7/12/2026 | Edward G. Locke, Jr.             | 53 | DUI                                                                            |
| 7/12/2026 | Jessani D. Jappa                 | 26 | Malicious Wounding                                                             |
| 7/12/2026 | Sarah J. Kelly                   | 42 | Public Intoxication                                                            |
| 7/13/2026 | Zacobia K. Galloway              | 20 | Simple Assault & Battery                                                       |
| 7/13/2026 | Trayvon D. Muse                  | 32 | Simple Assault & Battery                                                       |

### City of Salem Police Department



#### Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 7, 2026 – July 13, 2026

| DATE REPORTED | LOCATION             | OFFENSE REPORTED                                                               |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/8/2026      | 1400 BLK E Main St   | Threat To Bomb                                                                 |
| 7/8/2026      | 1000 BLK W Main St   | Fugitive From Justice                                                          |
| 7/9/2026      | 1600 BLK Apperson Dr | Grand Larceny                                                                  |
| 7/9/2026      | 1600 BLK E Main St   | Install devices for smoke screens, gas projectors or flame throwers prohibited |
| 7/12/2026     | 500 BLK Wildwood Rd  | Malicious Wounding                                                             |
| 7/13/2026     | 100 BLK Electric Rd  | Grand Larceny                                                                  |





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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Shelly Koon

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*Contributing Writer*

Caprese salad is an eternal favorite of mine in the summertime. There’s just something so magical about the combination of beautiful tomatoes, thick slices of fresh mozzarella, basil, and balsamic glaze. I love a caprese sandwich on a hot summer day. It’s the perfect picnic food.

The Caprese salad, with its simple yet iconic combination of tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil, has a rich history rooted in the Italian island of Capri. Some believe that a bricklayer on Capri created the salad post-World War I as a patriotic dish, using the colors of the Italian flag (red, white, and green) as inspiration. Another story suggests that the dish was created at the Grand Hotel Quisisana on Capri as part of a “Dinner of the Future” for a Futurist conference in the 1920s. The Futurists, an avant-garde movement, rejected traditional heavy dishes like pasta, and the Caprese salad, with its fresh and simple flavors, became a symbolic alternative. As tourism to Capri increased, the Caprese salad became a popular dish, showcasing the island’s fresh ingredients and culinary traditions. By the 1970s, the Caprese salad had gained international recognition, becoming a staple of Italian cuisine and a symbol of fresh, simple flavors. Today, it’s enjoyed worldwide.

In Italy, the dish is often eaten as an appetizer (antipasto), without vinegar, and sometimes with pepper and olives. The components are used as the basis for various dishes, including uncooked in sandwiches, and lightly cooked in sauces for gnocchi or ravioli. In the US, it is eaten as a side dish, and in Argentina, components often fill empanadas.

To make the perfect caprese salad, use peak-season heirloom or beefsteak tomatoes, fresh mozzarella packed in water, and high-quality extra-virgin olive oil. Key tips include slicing ingredients to uniform thickness, seasoning only the tomatoes with flaky sea salt to avoid slimy cheese, and adding fresh basil just before serving to prevent wilting.



**Caprese salad**  
Ingredients  
1½ pounds ripe tomatoes (3-4 medium) sliced ¼” thick

12-16 ounces fresh mozzarella sliced ¼” thick  
1 bunch fresh basil ⅓ cup basil leaves  
3 tablespoons olive oil for drizzling  
Maldon salt and freshly cracked black pepper  
2 tablespoons balsamic glaze  
Instructions

Start by layering slices of tomatoes on a serving platter. Tuck slices of cheese between each tomato so both are visible then tuck whole basil leaves between the cheese and tomatoes. Arrange the slices so you can see every layer.

Season generously with salt and pepper, drizzle all over with extra virgin olive oil and drizzle with 2 tablespoon balsamic glaze or add it to taste.



**Caprese chicken casserole**  
Ingredients  
1 pound cooked boneless skinless chicken breasts  
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved  
8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, chopped into ½-inch pieces  
¼ cup basil pesto  
1 cup mayonnaise  
¾ cup shredded parmesan cheese, divided  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Instructions  
Preheat oven to 400°F.  
Lightly grease a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray.  
Shred cooked chicken breasts with two forks and transfer chicken to the baking dish. Set aside.  
(If you need a good recipe for baked chicken, grab my recipe for perfectly baked chicken breasts)  
In a mixing bowl combine the basil pesto, mayonnaise, half of the parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper; stir until well combined.  
Add the pesto mixture to the chicken mixture in the baking dish and stir to mix it all together.  
Arrange cherry tomatoes and mozzarella cheese over the chicken.  
Sprinkle remaining parmesan cheese on top.  
Bake for 20 to 22 minutes, or until golden brown on top.

**Caprese Pasta Salad**  
Ingredients  
8 oz. radiatore pasta (or small pasta shape of choice)  
1 1/2 cups cherry or grape tomatoes, quartered

1 heaping cup fresh basil, chiffonade  
8 oz. mozzarèlla balls, pearls or ciliegine  
flaky sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
balsamic glaze (optional)  
Dressing  
1/3 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar  
1 lemon, juiced  
1 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1 tsp. crushed garlic  
salt and pepper, to taste  
Shake all salad dressing ingredients in a sealed mason jar or bottle until combined. Or whisk until emulsified in a bowl. Taste and adjust. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse under cold water. Add the cooked pasta to a large bowl along with the tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella. Pour the dressing on top and toss to combine. Taste and adjust any seasonings as desired and drizzle with balsamic glaze, if using. Serve and enjoy! Storage: sealed in an air-tight container for 3-4 days. The pasta will soak up the dressing so you can make more if desired when serving again. Make ahead: If you want to make this in advance and chill prior to serving, either reserve some dressing or make extra. Drizzle the



dressing on and toss when ready to serve.

**Caprese Sandwich**  
**I sometimes add a grilled chicken breast to this sandwich for a hearty supper.**  
Ingredients  
4 (3.5-inch) squares Focaccia, sliced in half (Fresh baguette, ciabatta rolls, and crusty sourdough are good options too).  
Handful arugula  
1 (8-ounce) ball fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced  
2 large tomatoes, sliced  
½ cup Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, optional  
Pickled Red Onions, optional  
Fresh basil leaves  
Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling  
Flaky sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Instructions  
Assemble the sandwiches on the bread with the arugula, mozzarella, and tomato slices. Add the roasted tomatoes and a few pickled onions, if desired. Top with basil leaves and a drizzle of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.



# VDOT Roadwatch

**INTERSTATE 81**  
**Interstate 81 bridge rehabilitation over Route 670 in Botetourt County**  
A bridge rehabilitation project is underway on I-81 at the bridge over Route 670 (Trinity Road). Drivers can expect periodic nighttime lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81. Work will also be performed under the bridge on Trinity Road. Expected completion is summer 2027.

**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.

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.  
Ramp closures: Ramp closures with detours are possible and drivers should watch message boards for updates.  
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.  
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. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

Ramp closures: Drivers may see 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.

Traffic shifts at I-81 exit 140: Drivers may experience traffic pattern changes, periodic lane closures, narrow

See **VDOT**, page 5



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OPINION

Summer Reading Family Finale! Make your own time capsule!

Cap off our ‘Unearth a Story’ summer reading program theme and make your own time capsule! Join us Saturday, July 25, at 11am. Register at salemva.libcal.com or call the Salem Public Library (540-375-3089).

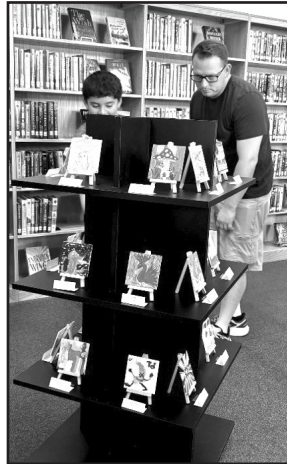
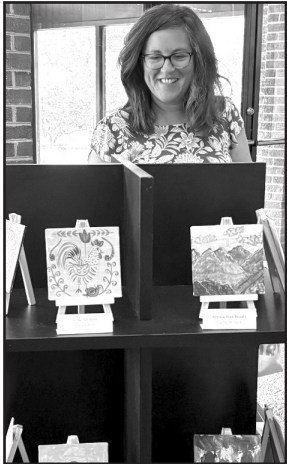
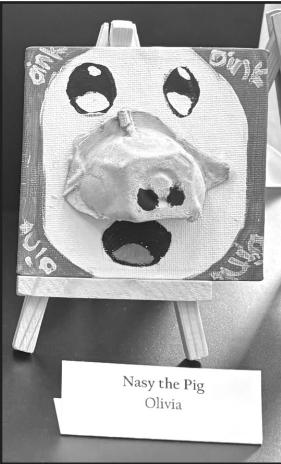
Commemorate what’s important to you now, your special memories, and your hopes for the future. While you’re here you can write a letter to your future self, complete your favorites list, and list the memories you want to remember and revisit in the future!

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Benita VanCleave

Bring special items from home to customize your capsule. Examples include:  
Dated photos  
Family Tree  
Floor Plan of Home  
Memorabilia, (ticket stubs, report cards, receipts, letters from family members, menus from your favorite restaurant, small trinkets, etc)  
We will provide the container and a few prompts to get you started. You’ll leave with your completed Time Capsule and a spade to bury it with!



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Tiny Art Show from July, 18.

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Investing in Our Nation’s Future Has Never Been Easier

Last week, Trump Accounts officially launched. These are tax-advantaged investment accounts for qualified American children under the age of 18. These accounts allow families to start their children off with a \$1,000 seed contribution, and the ability to continue funding it through their lives. Supporting American families has been a priority of mine since first being elected to Congress, and Trump Accounts are a great way for families to invest in their children’s futures and set them up for financial security.

Families across Virginia’s Sixth District work hard to give their children the best start possible. Too often, that work runs up against a tax code that punishes saving and rewards spending. Trump Account contributions grow over time, and the compounding that follows turns modest deposits into real assets by

Ben Cline

Congressman

the time a child reaches adulthood. A family that sets aside a small amount each month can build a foundation for their child’s first home, a college degree, a trade certification, or the capital to start a business.

This is a tool that respects the choices families make for themselves.

Trump Accounts reflects a simple principle. Parents know what their children need, and Trump Accounts put decisions and dollars back where they belong: with American families. If you are a parent or guardian in the Sixth District and want to learn more about eligibility, contribution limits, or how to open an account, my office is happy to assist you in taking advantage of this program.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Listen to

5. Presents

10. A type of guitar

14. Actor Idris

15. A citizen of Iran

16. Pretentiously artistic

17. Harness

18. Diamond weight measurement

19. “Better Call \_\_\_\_”

20. Fervent support

22. Male cat

23. Jewish spiritual leader

24. Disposed to venture or take risks

27. A way to nail

30. Cool!

31. Women’s \_\_\_\_ movement

32. “Losing My Religion” rockers

35. Step-shaped recess

37. A princess can detect it

38. Tractor-trailer

39. Leslie and Leon are two

40. Color at the end of the spectrum

41. Lines where fabrics are sewn

42. Dodgers great

43. Hersher

44. Floor covering

45. Traveled aimlessly

46. Rocker Stewart

47. Body art

48. Congressman (abbr.)

49. No seats available

52. Breaks apart

53. Hand gesture

55. Ballplayer’s tool

56. Sword

60. Baseball team

61. Upper bract of floret of grass

63. Italian Seaport

64. Mars crater

65. Tube on a shoelace

66. U. of Miami mascot

67. South American nation

68. Video game series

“Max \_\_\_\_”

69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title

2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy

3. Jewish calendar month

4. Family of long-legged frogs

5. Photo

6. Delivered a speech

7. Lute used in Indian music

8. Decorated

9. Cease to stand

10. The bottom layer

11. Member of a Semitic people

12. Part of a ticket

13. Defunct monetary unit

21. Challenges

23. Body part

25. Tell on

26. By way of

27. Shady green alcove

28. Egyptian city

29. \_\_\_\_ and flowed

32. Widens a hole

33. Eurasian wheat

34. Act incorrectly

36. “Be back later”

37. Al Bundy’s wife

38. Ocean

40. Large root eaten as a vegetable

41. Units of subjective loudness

43. Music genre

44. A way to drench

46. Popular hot beverage

47. Silk-like cotton fabric

49. Rumanian city

50. Come back

51. Vaccine developer

52. Canadian law enforcers

53. Wings

54. Observational comedian Bill

57. Small fry

58. \_\_\_\_ Clapton, musician

59. Take a chance

61. Semi-liquid food for babies

62. Consumed food

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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. Northbound and southbound lane closures possible during nighttime hours. Various tasks are being performed throughout the project. The expected completion for this project is summer 2031.

Ramp closures: Various closures and narrowing of ramps will be in place over the next few weeks. Drivers can use alternate exits at 150 during any of the ramp closures or use exit 146 for access to Route 11 to return to the area at exit 150. Message boards will alert drivers of the closures and should watch for any changes or updates as these closures are weather dependent.

From Monday, July 13 through Tuesday, July 21, the southbound and northbound I-81 150B off-ramps may be closed or narrowed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Watch message boards for updates.

On Sunday, July 19, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning, the off-ramp of I-81 northbound at exit 150B will be closed. Message boards will alert drivers.

Additional ramp closures or changes to the above closures are possible. Watch message boards for updates.

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 experience periodic closures or be narrowed at exit 150, 146 and 143.

Shoulder 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 widening from mile marker 133.8 to 137**

The I-81 widening project from mile marker 133.8 to 137 will begin with work to collect survey and geotechnical data that may require periodic northbound and southbound right and left lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours. This is the northern portion of a larger project that extends to mile marker 127 at Ironto. It is being performed in three sections with this being the first section and is expected to start in early 2027.

**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 realign 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

**Route 220 traffic pattern change at Clearbrook Village Lane and Indian Graves Road**

As of Thursday, July 9, after 7 p.m., a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Clearbrook Village Lane and Indian Graves Road on Route 220 is in place. Motorists who used to drive straight across Route 220 at this intersection will instead turn right or left onto Route 220 and make a U-turn at the next available median crossover or signal. Message boards will be in place and drivers will see barrels in place as barriers to separate left and right turn movements until concrete islands are constructed. Motorists will still be able to access Clearbrook Village Lane and Indian Graves Road from Route 220 by using existing turn lanes. Nighttime work to improve the intersection will continue and lane closures and flagging operations are possible between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Drivers should pay attention to signs and message boards in the area. Work is expected to be completed by August 11, weather permitting.

**Apperson and Orchard Drive safety improvement**

The installation of a new traffic signal and new turn lanes has been underway as part of safety improvements at the intersection of Apperson Drive and Orchard Drive in Salem. Paving and marking work has been completed. Lane closures are still possible. Electronic message boards and signs will alert drivers with updates. Estimated completion is late fall 2026.

**Dry Hollow Road safety improvements**

A safety improvement project on Dry Hollow Road that will reinforce the retaining wall and install a roadside barrier is expected to begin in July. A new signal is now in place as the first part of this project and will direct traffic.

**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 July 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.

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# Investing

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## Cosponsored Legislation to End Harmful EPA Practices

The *End EPA Abuse Act* stops the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from using the Clean Air Act to restrict vehicle choice, force fuel switching at power plants, or impose regulations that jeopardize the electric grid or require technologies that do not exist. In recent years, the EPA has stretched a statute written to address air pollutants into a tool for engineering the American economy. It has pushed de facto electric vehicle mandates, discouraged internal combustion engines, and pressured the power sector into rapid transitions that threaten grid reliability. Several recent standards depend on technologies that are not commercially available, not technically feasible at scale, and not viable without substantial federal subsidies. Congress never authorized this. Unelected regulators wrote these rules on their own authority, and families in the Sixth District pay for them at the pump, at the dealership, and on their monthly utility bill.

This legislation draws a clear line. The federal government should not decide what type of truck a farmer in the Sixth District can buy, or force a utility to retire reliable power generation before a replacement exists. Grid operators have warned repeatedly that the pace of forced retirements outstrips new capacity, and the result is higher prices and greater risk of blackouts during the

coldest and hottest days of the year. The *End EPA Abuse Act* codifies durable protections so that a future administration cannot revive these policies through regulatory fiat. This bill defends the working families and rural communities who bear the cost when the federal government demands they buy a certain car or forces the power sector to adopt new technology at great expense to the consumer.

## Discussed the Future of Independent Colleges

Virginia’s Sixth District is home to some of the Nation’s top universities, and it is my honor to represent them as a co-chair of the Congressional Independent Colleges Caucus (CICC). The CICC is a bipartisan group of members who, like me, are passionate about furthering higher education in America and seeing how Congress can help independent colleges advance an education-focused agenda. Independent colleges are resilient, creative, and mission- driven. They provide a pathway for students of all backgrounds to pursue their goals and prepare themselves to contribute to the Nation’s economic, cultural, scientific, and social life. In the Sixth District, educational institutions anchor their communities. They employ our neighbors, educate our students, and shape the character of the Shenandoah Valley region.

These schools are also economic engines. Nationwide, independent colleges and universities directly employ more than one million people,

support and sustain 3.4 million jobs, and generate \$99 billion in local, State, and federal tax revenue. Their collective national economic impact reaches \$652 billion. That impact comes with real pressures. Federal reporting requirements consume resources that should go toward instruction. Regulations written with large public systems in mind fall hardest on smaller institutions with limited administrative staff. Students who choose an independent college deserve the same access to federal aid as students anywhere else, and the accreditation process should reward results rather than compliance paperwork. Through the Caucus, I work to reduce burdens that do not serve students, protect the independence that makes these institutions unique and valuable, and ensure that families in the Sixth District have a genuine choice in where their children study.

## Supported the USDA’s New Program for Beef Processors

Residents of the Sixth District know and appreciate the vital work our ranchers and beef processors do to feed our community and our Nation. That’s why I strongly support the USDA’s new Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers Program, or “SPUR”. Under the program, USDA will provide up to \$500 million in payments to eligible beef processing establishments to support stronger and more stable market opportunities for American ranchers. These payments are intended to help

processors who have faced increased costs of acquiring cattle because of the abnormally low number of cattle being raised in the United States and other conditions affecting the cattle market. Eligible entities must be beef processing establishments under federal inspection, including those inspected under the Talmadge-Aiken Cooperative Inspection Program and the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program. They must be United States-owned, and they cannot be nationally dominant in beef processing or owned by an entity that is.

This program matters to the Sixth District because our cattle producers depend on regional processors to reach the market. For decades, the beef processing industry in the United States has been heavily concentrated and today just four companies control nearly 85 percent of the beef processing market, including two foreign-owned companies. The United States cattle herd sits at a 75-year low. When a small or midsize plant closes, the producers who relied on it lose leverage, lose options, and often lose the value-added and branded programs that made their operations viable. Preserving independent processing capacity keeps competition in the supply chain and keeps decisions closer to the people who raise the animals.

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**SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office. **WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Ministers Luke Tatum and Jerry Anderson, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:000 PM.

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

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

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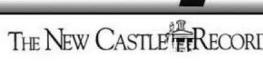


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**Fincastle United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Adult Choir Director**

to join our worship team, lead our adult choir effectively and joyfully, and improve and encourage the musical capabilities of our musicians. Responsibilities include selecting music for the choir, leading weekly choir rehearsal (September – June), conducting the choir and congregation for Sunday morning and special services, planning and coordinating special music for summer services, and serving as coordinator/advisor for related musical groups.

**Qualifications:**

- Experience directing church choirs.
- Formal education and background in music or music education.
- Ability to collaborate with, teach, and inspire volunteer musicians in an affirming manner.

**Compensation:**

- Choir Director: \$11,000 - \$13,000

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Accompanist to join our worship team and help lead our congregation in meaningful, spirit-filled worship. Responsibilities include playing music for Sunday morning and special services, practicing with and accompanying the choir and other musicians, selecting music, and maintaining our instruments in good working order.

**Qualifications:**

- Proficiency with piano and/or organ
- Ability to sight-read music
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, choir, and other musicians
- Strong sense of musicality and sensitivity to worship flow

**Compensation:**

- Pianist: \$5,000 - \$7,000
- Organist: \$12,000 - \$16,000

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### Retirement Notice

**NOTICE**

N. Laura Liles, D.O. is retiring from her medical practice as of 7/31/26. If you would like to send/obtain a copy, or part of a copy or a summary of your medical records, you may call 540-366-6729 until 7/31/26. After that date, you may send a Release of Records form to Dr. Liles at 10969 Freeman Court, Indianapolis, Indiana 46234. A reasonable cost-based fee will be associated with copying and sending."

### Notice

**NOTICE**

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 29.5 feet on a 24-foot building at the approx. vicinity of 109 College Ave, 235 North Main St, Blacksburg, Montgomery County, VA 24060. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: [Trileaf Corp, Maggie Vincent, m.vincent@trileaf.com](mailto:TrileafCorp,MaggieVincent,m.vincent@trileaf.com), 303 International Circle, Suite 150, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, 410-853-7128.

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**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. 26-1292 VIRGINIA: IN THE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE **COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,** Complainant, Vs. **PURCELL BARRETT, 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. 026.19-01-27.00-0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Clyde B. Barrett and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Clyde B. Barrett, 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 12, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant of Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Salem Times, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026.

Hon. Charles N. Dorsey, Judge

I ask for this: Amy H. Geddes, Esquire VSB#38650 OPN Law 3140 Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke Va 24018 Ph: (540) 725-8181 FX:540)772-0126 Email: [ageddes@opnlaw.com](mailto:ageddes@opnlaw.com) Counsel for Complainant

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on August 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing and consider the establishment of a Stormwater Utility and associated fees. Questions concerning the proposed Stormwater Utility may be addressed to the City of Salem Community Development Department, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia, at 540-375-3032. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said request.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
H. Robert Light  
Clerk of Salem City Council

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of 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

### Legals - City of Salem

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

### 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 on August 10, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd Floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, to hear citizen comments on the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 2 entitled Administration, of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia by amending Section 2-36 Return Check Fee, to include electronic payment of taxes or any other sum due, which is subsequently returned without payment by the receiving bank, depository institution or other recipient of the order. No fee shall be imposed under this section as the result of an electronic payment order that is not honored as the result of the nonexistence of any account matching the account information provided by the taxpayer, provided that the taxpayer has not tendered any other electronic payment order that was not honored during the 12 months preceding the tender of the payment order in question. This fee shall be in addition to any other fee or penalty provided by law. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available for public inspection or copying. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Angela M. Hill  
County Administrator

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Conditional Use Permit request by Jeffrey T. and Jamie M. Zoellner, 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

### Legals - Montgomery County

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

#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2676 DRY VALLEY ROAD, RADFORD, VA 24141.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$60,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2003010550. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on September 16, 2026, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT UN-NUMBERED PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.731 ACRE DESIGNATED AS RETAINED BY OLLIE BAIN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT FOR KYLE E. DAVIS AND SHARON B. DAVIS OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.0005 AC. LOT NEAR BAINS CHAPEL IN RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERYCOUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 5, 1997, DESIGNATED PLAT NO. 97-505, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 991, PAGE 410, AND TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCED IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE

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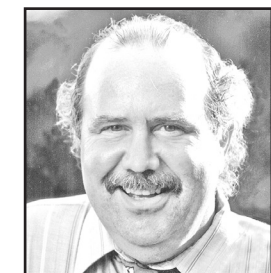
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Gators go for "Three-Peat"

The Stonegate Swim Club will be going for a third straight Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association championship this weekend when the annual City-County meet is held at the Liberty University Natatorium in Lynchburg. Events will be held Friday and Saturday.



Brian Hoffman

### Local coaches love World Cup

The World Cup is now over and I’ve watched more soccer on TV in the past month than I have in the past four years combined. I really enjoyed watching these exceptional athletes compete on the world’s biggest stage.

Sunday’s final was about as exciting as it gets for a nil-nil score after two hours of play. Spain ended up winning 1-0 but the Spaniards easily could have had four or five goals if not for the exceptional play of the Argentina goalkeeper.

I’m amazed at not only the skill these players have, but the condition their bodies are in. As you know, it’s been hot the past month and there are few breaks in the game of soccer. For the most part the participants are running for 45 minutes save for a short “hydration break” or when a goal is scored or there is an injury. Compared to other team sports it’s probably the most grueling, and you’ll notice I didn’t count individual stuff like cross country and tennis.

Let’s take a look at our most popular sports in this country. In football you have short bursts of effort, then a break. I know those bursts are difficult, but at least you have time to catch your breath.

Basketball is another grueling sport, but other than college men’s games you have four quarters, and there are lots of timeouts and substitutions. Plus, you get a blow during the many foul shots in a game.

We won’t even get into baseball. I recall John Kruk relating how a fan yelled at him from the stands, “Hey Kruk, you’re a disgrace for an athlete,” to which Kruk replied, “I’m not an athlete, I’m a baseball player.”

Motor sports can be draining, especially for the long races, but at least you’re sitting down. Pro golfers have a long walk but they have someone to carry their bag.

As I’ve mentioned before, I’m a far cry from an expert on soccer. The closest I got to playing was recess in elementary school, when the teacher rolled the ball onto the field and 30 nine year olds all started kicking at it at the same time.

With that in mind, I’ve reached out to folks who I consider to be experts at the game. I put four questions to high school boys’ coaches David Atkins of Salem and Josh Jones of Glenvar and Roanoke College coaches Ryan Phlugrad(men) and Phil Benne(women) for their impressions of the World Cup. The following are the questions and their responses. We’ll do this again in another four years.

**AI-Did you watch a lot of the games and did you enjoy them?**

JONES

Yes, I am watching every game that I get a chance too. I have enjoyed watching the games, especially the knockout games.

ATKINS

I am watching as many games as I can and have really enjoyed watching this World Cup.

PHLUGRAD

As many as I can, which fortunately has been most. It's been amazing. For me, it's been the most exciting World Cup in my lifetime. The games have been unreal. The amount of late goals that have been scored, the big time goal scorers like Messi, Kane, Haaland, and Mbappe producing, and some of the smaller nations getting big results have made it super exciting and entertaining.

Obviously supporting the US run has also been great, and I was impressed by our team. It's also always interesting to follow the nations of some of our international players that we have at Roanoke College, and currently we have DR Congo, Norway and England natives so I have been pulling for them after the US.

BENNE

I probably watched 90 percent of the games, maybe missed a few bit because of work or they were at midnight. I went out of the Salem bubble and saw Cape Verde play Spain in Atlanta. It was great because I saw other Salem people there, too.

**BI-What is your impression of the skill level?**

JONES

The skill level is top notch, especially from the top teams in the world such as France, Spain, England and Argentina.

ATKINS

The skill level of the players is incredible. Love seeing this high a level of play, especially with the expanded field further this World Cup.

PHLUGRAD

Extremely high. It's phenomenal really, especially the play in the final thirds, both defensive and attacking. The precision and creativity in the attacking play is so impressive, there are times when the defending is committed, compact and it seems almost impossible for a team to get a goal scoring chance created, but then a moment of attacking magic is formed and the attacking team finds a way through.

BENNE

You are watching top level matches and legends of the game in Messi, Mbappé, Ronaldo and Harry Kane. Haaland and Yemeni Yamal, not to mention the US players.

**CJ-Did you pick up anything that might help coaching your own team?**

JONES

As far as picking up things, there is a ton to pick up. The set pieces are always interesting to watch as we are always looking for new and creative set pieces(free kicks and corner kicks). I also think it is always good to watch how the teams build up their attack on goal.

ATKINS

I think the thing I’ve watched most for my own coaching purpose are the set pieces (freekicks and corner kicks). I like watching the creativity of teams and how teams defend these plays.

PHLUGRAD

Yes, absolutely. Watching this whole tournament could be characterized as professional development.

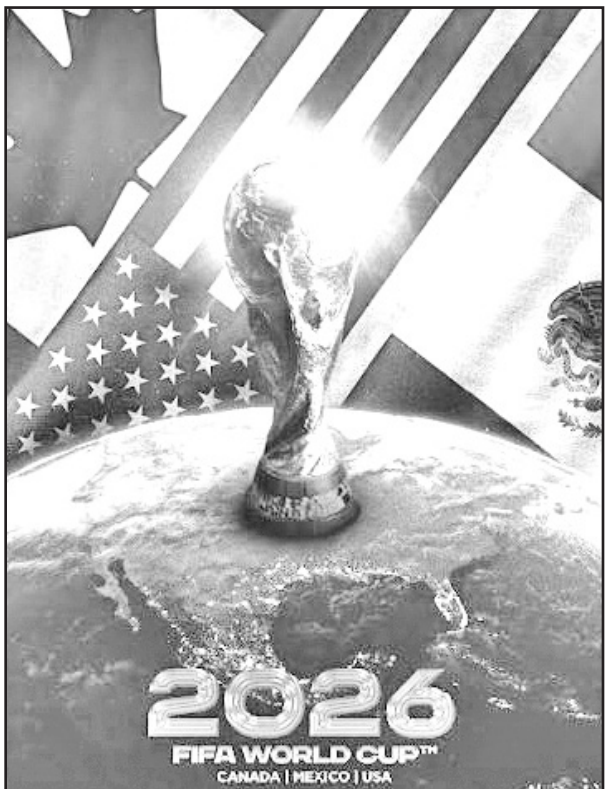
For me, I feel this tournament has reiterated how important resilience is in soccer. There have been an absurd amount of late goals and comebacks. The amount of late goals, which I call "critical moments goals" and also comebacks shows the team that can stay the course can succeed late.

It's a mentality lesson to bring into our team. Additionally, I've enjoyed learning by watching the

several teams’ different approaches to breaking down low defensive blocks. I could go on forever on the many different things I've taken from the tournament in this phase.

BENNE

I might pick up some set pieces but really the game is simple and there are so many different levels so it’s hard to compare. I hope my team is watching the game and just learning.



**DJ-Do you feel having the games in the United States will be a big factor in growing the game in our country?**

JONES

I do think having the games in the US is great for the sport. It has brought a lot of excitement for soccer and people who don't usually watch are now paying attention. I have seen soccer on ESPN now more than ever. The fact that games are being played during the daytime and at night is awesome, it's like soccer is always on TV. It also has exposed some of the best players in the world to people in the US which is really good for the sport as well.

ATKINS

I’ve been to several watch parties and have enjoyed seeing people who normally don’t watch soccer enjoy a game. Some of the US game crowds were amazing!

PHLUGRAD

Absolutely. We just ran one of our youth soccer camps and the excitement and knowledge of the players and the teams from the young campers was outstanding. I remember how much it grew after 1994 the first time we hosted, and I think it will continue to explode now. I was fortunate enough to go to some games in 1994 and it was an amazing experience, but my feeling is the volume of people following in the US is even greater this go around.

BENNE

The World Cup is a huge success. We are putting on the games safely and all the stadiums are sold out. It's a big world out there and soccer continues to grow in this country and I am proud of our countries showing in the games.

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Roanoke College puts 296 on ODAC All-Academic team

Roanoke College placed a record 296 student-athletes on the 2025-26 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) All-Academic Team as announced by the conference on Friday morning. Eligibility for the ODAC All-Academic Team is open to any student-athlete that competes in a conference-sponsored sport, regardless of academic class. A student-athlete must achieve at least a 3.25 grade point average for the 2025-26 academic year to be considered for an ODAC All-Academic award.

RC surpassed their previous record of 290 student-athletes on the team which was set in the 2023-24 academic year. Roanoke ranked fifth amongst ODAC schools in student-athletes on the All-Academic Team. The is the fourth straight year RC has had over 200 Maroons earn the honor. Softball led all Roanoke teams in honorees with 29 while baseball was close behind at 25. Men's track & field, women's lacrosse, women's soccer, football, and wrestling all surpassed the 20+ honoree mark as well.

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## Salem Youth Football Camp

Salem Stadium was the site for the annual Salem Parks & Recreation Department football summer youth camp this week. The camp is for kids in grades second through ninth and is conducted by Salem High varsity football coach Don Holter and his assistants along with many of the Salem High School players. The camp was held in the morning, Monday through Wednesday, with the high school, middle school and recreation seasons fast approaching.

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## RidgeYaks take two of three from Shorebirds to move into first place

Shorebirds to jump into first place in the Carolina League North Division. The Birds are a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles.

After two weeks on the road due to the Salem Fair being in town, then another four days off for the Major League Baseball All-Star game, the Yaks were glad to be home last Friday to host Delmarva for a short three-game series. Salem lost the opener, a 14-11 slugfest, but bounced back to win the next two games, 10-5 and 4-2.

On Saturday night Salem fell behind 3-0 in the second inning but scored once in the bottom of the second, then put three on the board in three consecutive innings, the fourth, fifth and sixth, for a 10-3 lead. Franklin Primera had a two-run homer in the sixth and Louis Andujar had three hits and scored three runs for the Yaks.

Former Salem High pitcher Ethan Walker started the game and had no decision, allowing one earned run over the first two innings. Jose Bello pitched the next five and a third and picked up the win, allowing one run and fanning four.

On Sunday Salem jumped on top with three runs in the first inning on a three run homer by Kleyver Salazar. That turned out to be all Salem needed for a 4-2 win. Salazar had three hits for the game.

Leighton Finley started and pitched the first five innings to pick up his fifth win of the season. He allowed two runs while striking out six. Trennor O'Donnell pitched the final four innings, shutting out the Birds to pick up his first save.

After the weekend the RidgeYaks moved into first place in the Carolina League North Division second half standings with a 13-11 record. Heading into Tuesday's games Fayetteville was a half game out, Wilson was one game behind the Yaks and first half winner Fredricksburg was two games out of first place.

Salem is home again this week to host the Augusta GreenJackets for six games. Game times are 6:35 pm through Saturday with a 4:05 pm start Sunday. The

Jackets are a farm team of the Atlanta Braves.

This week's promotions include "Christmas in July" with fireworks on Friday, a "Mac the Yak" plush giveaway to the first 750 fans on Saturday and "Kids Run the Bases" following Sunday's getaway game.

After this week's homestand the RidgeYaks will head to Kannapolis for half a dozen games with the Cannon Ballers beginning July 28. The Ballers are a farm team of the Chicago White Sox.



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Andrews Opata of the Salem RidgeYaks slides safely into third in last Friday's game against Delmarva.



Left, Starlyn Nunez of the Salem RidgeYaks admires the watch he was presented by Salem's Jane Johnson last Saturday night for being named RM Johnson and Sons Player of the Month for June. Right, catcher Franklin Primera of the Yaks makes the tag at the plate in a game against the Delmarva Shorebirds on Friday. PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHEN