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Council meetings are now live streamed on YouTube

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As of Monday night, Salem City Council meetings are now being broadcast live on the city's YouTube channel.

"I would like to commend the city manager, assistant city manager and the administration for doing something that has been four years in the making," said Councilman Hunter Holliday at the close of the July 27 meeting.

Council meetings can be accessed on the city's website governmental page, so people can follow along live or view later.

After the meeting, City Communication Specialist Clark Ruhland explained people can go to the official City of Salem governmental page

and click on the YouTube channel. People can even subscribe so they can be notified when there is a new city posting.

The full link is <https://www.youtube.com/CityOfSalem-CityHall/streams>.

Communications Director Mike Stevens added this information. "In the spring, a vendor installed new Council microphones, streaming hardware and software, and a camera in Council chambers."

At Monday's meeting during the Citizen Comment period John Breen asked the city to do something about protecting its historic lands and structures, and for rezoning process to be more transparent.

City Manager Chris Dorsey summarized an

update of happenings in the city, including:

- * That night was the first to live stream Council meetings. "While we encourage citizens to attend in person, this is another way for those who cannot get to the meetings to still be part of the process";
- * July 9 the city began voluntary water conservation "until the river rises and our ground water levels approve";
- * August 8 will be the 52nd year of the Salem Distance Run with 5 K and 10 K runs. Holliday said he would be presenting special awards to Coach Richard Browder, Coach Darr Graham and Tom Roth. He noted the Salem Distance Run is the oldest road race in the Roanoke Valley;
- * August 15 will be Picking in the Park with Junior Sisk headlining Picking in the Park, free in Longwood Park. Admission is free;
- * Summer Music Games of Southwest Virginia to be July 29 at Salem Stadium. Proceeds benefit the Salem High School Band;
- * Construction projects, some planned and some emergencies, Dorsey said. Those include a block of South Market Street will closed for another week or so, he said, for Verizon to replace an underground diesel storage tank Closed Mill Lane because the sewer line collapsed. He estimated a week from Wednesday it should be repaired and reopened.

In other actions, Council:

* Held a second reading and approval of revisions to the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Roanoke Valley Greenway, changing it from a commission to a committee of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission.

* Approved sale of a surplus 2000 GMC truck for \$10,000 to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority to use to plow the road to the regional landfill.

During the Council work session preceding the meeting, Salem Economic Development Director Tommy Miller and consultants Matt Brown and Carrie Cousins of LeadPoint Digital presented proposed economic development branding looks for the

city. Those included stained-glass type logos of featuring Blue Ridge Mountain blue, maroon - Salem High School and Roanoke College colors, and a stylized dove reminiscent of an origami bird, as Vice Mayor AnneMarie Green said.

Council went into a closed session for the purpose of discussing the City Manager's annual evaluation and that of the Assistant City Manager. Mayor Renee Turk said there would be no action that night.

The regular part of the meeting ended at 6:53 p.m. Four Councilmembers were physically present, with Councilman John Saunders participating remotely due to a temporary medical condition.

Roanoke College mural takes shape on Ayres Hall



Nicole Gray is working on a mural on the back wall of Roanoke College's Ayres Hall at the corner of E. Clay Street and College Avenue in Salem. When finished the mural will be a mountainscape theme with the RC logo in the middle. Gray is hoping to have the work completed in a couple of weeks.

Snyder named executive director of Salem VA Health Care System

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Tammy Snyder has been named executive director of the Salem VA Health Care System after serving in the role on an interim basis since October 2025.

Snyder was sworn in July 13 following the retirement of former Executive Director Rebecca Stackhouse. She now leads the Salem VA Health Care System, which includes the VA Medical Center in Salem, a Level 1-C tertiary care teaching hospital, and outpatient clinics in Danville,

Lynchburg, Staunton, Tazewell and Wytheville. The health care system serves more than 78,000 eligible veterans across 26 counties and 8,800 square miles of Southwest Virginia.

"I am honored and humbled to lead a committed, compassionate, top-notch team," Snyder said in a news release. "I am proud to continue Salem VA's 92-year legacy of putting Veterans first, providing quality care and a heart for every hero who walks through our door."

Snyder has worked at the Salem VA Health Care System for more than 23 years. She joined

the organization in 2003 as a social worker in the homeless program and later served as chief of social work service. She was assistant director from 2021 to 2024 before becoming associate director from 2024 to 2025.

"When I first started at Salem in 2003, I was a social worker for the homeless program, and I knew then that serving our nation's Veterans was my calling. And I have been doing it ever since," Snyder said.

Snyder earned a master's degree in social work from Radford University and a bachelor's degree in psychology



Snyder

with a minor in business administration from Emory & Henry College. She is a member of the Central Virginia Healthcare Executives Group, an independent chapter of the American College of Health Care Executives.



Payne

Salem Museum to host lecture, film screening honoring actor John Payne

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The Salem Museum will host a lecture on the life of Hollywood actor and Roanoke Valley native John Payne, followed by a screening of his 1952 film noir "Kansas City Confidential," on Aug.

13. The free event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the museum and will include light refreshments during the film screening.

Hunter Haskins, assistant director of the Salem Museum, will present a biographical

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Five men run for two Council seats

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Five men are running for two Salem City Council seats in the November election.

The two terms that will expire at the end of this year are Hunter Holliday III, who is running for a seat again, and Randy Foley, who chose not to run again after 20 years on Council.

The other candidates are Jonathan "J.D." Taylor, Mark Henrickson, Jeffrey Hoefflich-Nickels and A.J. Harpold.

Holliday and Taylor are running as Republicans.

On the Virginia Public Access Project site, Nickels shows he has raised more than \$21,000, Holliday shows \$900, and Jonathan Taylor,

\$200, with Harpold and Henrickson showing no money raised so far for the November 3 election.

In other election matters, this Saturday, Aug. 1, is the last day for early voting at the Salem Registrar's Office for the Aug. 4 Republican primary for U.S. Senate. On the ballot are Bert Mizusawa, Kim Farington and David Williams.



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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.

Touch-a-Truck: Roanoke County will host the 15th annual Touch-a-Truck from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Green Hill Park. The family-friendly event will feature dozens of vehicles for children and adults to explore, meet-and-greets with vehicle operators, a sensory-friendly hour from 9 to 10 a.m., bucket truck rides, a foam pit, car smash, inflatable dump truck, dig pit and food vendors. Ear protection will be available. Admission is free.

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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Stump brothers sweep spelling bee contests

By Tim Daniels
From the February 20, 1986 edition of The Salem Times-Register

The Stump brothers, Christopher and Kevin, were the winners at the local level of competition for the National Spelling Bee contest held Feb. 12 at their respective schools, Glenvar High and Glenvar elementary, and both will now advance to county competition to be held March 5 at Hidden Valley Junior High School, informed school officials.

School Officials believe it is the first time that two brothers have won the competition in the same year. "It's quite an accomplishment," remarked Cherie Burton, an English teacher at G.H.S. "It speaks well of both Christopher and Kevin and their educational

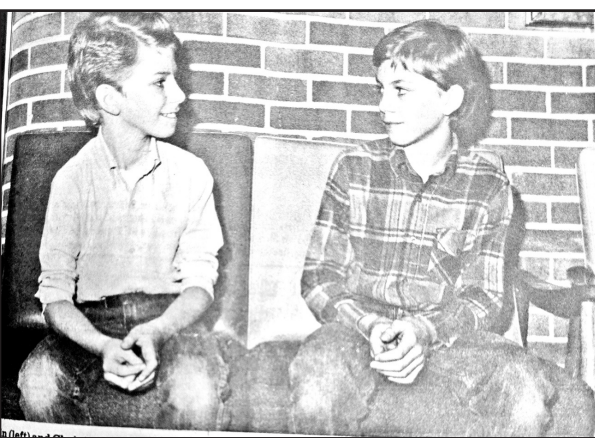
background. They're both good students."

The contest was sponsored locally by the *Roanoke Times and World-News* and for their winning efforts, both Christopher and Kevin were awarded certificates and a pen and pencil set b the Roanoke Times. In addition, eighth grader Christopher won a set of books contributed by the Roanoke County Teachers Organization; fifth-grader Kevin was awarded a plaque that will remain at the school. Christoher and Kevin are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Stump of Salem.

Mrs. Stump said both sons have been avid readers since a very early age. "I began reading to them when each was a year old. Both have always been good students and Chris has always placed high in previous spelling contests, but it's the first time he's won."

Kevin won his contest when he correctly spelled the words 'tempting' and 'peppermint.' Brother Chrisotpher won his competition when he correctly spelled the words 'tedious' and 'amateur.' It was a bit easier than I thought," said Chris of his victory. Despite his skills in spelling, he says his favorite class is drama, but he and brother Kevin both are fast becoming masters of the computer.

"They both have a home computer," said Mrs. Stump, "and both are quite familiar with it. Chris even makes up his own programs on his computer." Mrs. Stump said whether or not the computer has



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Weekly Arrest Report			
Week of July 14, 2026 – July 20, 2026			
7/16/2026	Bryan C. Spitzform	43	DUI
7/16/2026	Mark J. Greene	36	Identity Theft to Avoid Arrest, Fugitive From Justice
7/16/2026	Christopher A. Lindamood	64	Public Intoxication, Trespassing
7/17/2026	Lisa A. Moyer	40	DUI
7/18/2026	Tyler A. Johnson	39	Public Intoxication
7/18/2026	Roderick W. Akers	70	Urination in Public

City of Salem Police Department		
		
Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)		
Week of July 14, 2026 – July 20, 2026		
DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
7/16/2026	400 BLK Litchell Rd	Fugitive From Justice
7/17/2026	700 BLK Goodwin Ave	Vehicle Theft
7/18/2026	1600 BLK Lancing Dr	Strangulation
7/18/2026	400 BLK E Main St	Strangulation
7/19/2026	1900 BLK Electric Rd	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

Chicken drumsticks are the lower portions of the chicken leg. Known for their rich dark meat, they are highly affordable, difficult to dry out, and feature an easy-to-render skin that becomes incredibly crispy. They are perfect for roasting, grilling, and baking. The chicken drumstick has been eaten since humans first domesticated chickens in Southeast Asia thousands of years ago.

Highly prized for its succulent, fat-rich dark meat, its modern name is a uniquely Western linguistic invention that dates back centuries

During the 18th and 19th centuries, however, the name took off as a matter of etiquette. The Victorian era was famously prudish, and saying words like “leg” or “thigh” at a polite dinner table was considered vulgar. To avoid embarrassment in mixed company, polite society rebranded the bird’s legs as “drumsticks” and its other parts as “dark meat” or “white meat”

Because chickens were historically expensive, a fascinating culinary workaround was born in the American Midwest during the Great Depression: City Chicken. Home cooks would mold inexpensive pork and veal offcuts onto skewers so they physically resembled chicken drumsticks. Once breaded and deep-fried, it gave cash-strapped families the experience of eating drumsticks.

Historically, preparing the whole bird was the standard until the late 20th century, when butchers began separating parts. Today, the drumstick remains one of the most popular and culturally significant cuts globally. In India, marinated and spiced bone-in legs (often known as tangdi kebab) are a culinary tradition that traces its roots all the way back to the Indus Valley civilization. Deep-fried or roasted drumsticks are staples worldwide, valued for their natural portion control and built-in handle (the bone).

Chicken drumsticks are a good source of protein and contain various vitamins and minerals, such as niacin (vit. B3), Vitamin B12 & B6, Iron, Zinc and selenium.

However, drumsticks are also relatively high in fat, particularly saturated fat, so they should be enjoyed in moderation as part of a balanced diet.

A drumstick is a term for the calves of any bird, though the term is only applied to edible fowl. A dark meat cut, the muscles here are actually different then the upper body white meat portions. The legs are used much more frequently and for longer periods of time then the upper body wing muscles. So white meat doesn’t pull as much oxygen from the blood for short bursts of activity. That’s also why dark meat, being tougher, takes longer to cook. When cooking a whole chicken this is also why cooking the entire bird at once often results in overcooked breasts (too dry) in order to get the dark meat cooked enough. That’s also why dark meat, with more connective tissue, needs to be broken down at higher temperatures. Therefore, it’s cooked 5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit higher.

Quick Oven-Roasting Guide

Simple method to cook chicken drumsticks in your oven. Preheat your oven to 400°F. Pat the drumsticks dry and toss them with about 1–2 tablespoons of olive oil. Coat generously with a blend of smoked paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Arrange in a single layer on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 35–40 minutes, flipping halfway

through. The chicken is safe and perfectly juicy when an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part reads 175°F.



Slow cooker smothered drumsticks

Ingredients
8 chicken drumsticks
1 teaspoon kosher salt
3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
8 ounces sliced mushrooms
1 (10 ounce) can cream of chicken soup or cream of chicken with herbs
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons chicken bouillon paste, such as better than bouillon, or 1 chicken bouillon cube
3 tablespoons water

Directions
Stir together salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, and cayenne in a small bowl. Rub seasoning mixture evenly all over the chicken and place chicken in the bottom of a slow cooker. Top chicken with onions and mushrooms. Stir together cream of chicken soup, Worcestershire, bouillon paste, and water, and spread creamy mixture over mushrooms and onions. Cover and cook on High for 3 hours or on Low for 5 to 6 hours.

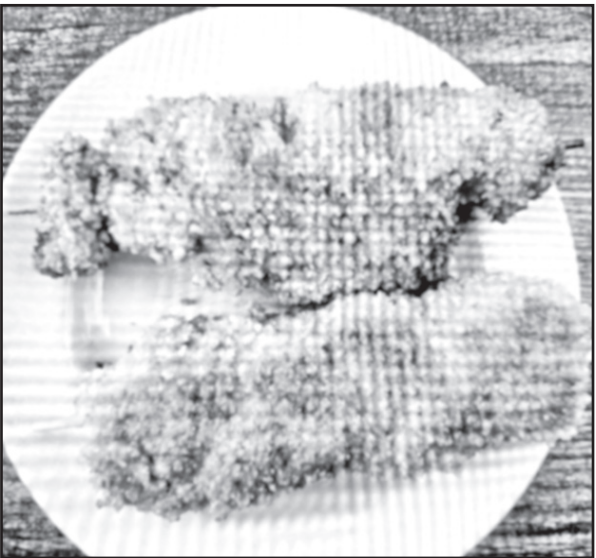


Oven BBQ Chicken Drumsticks

Ingredients
6 chicken drumsticks
½ cup ketchup
½ cup white vinegar
½ cup water, or more to taste (Optional)
¼ cup brown sugar
4 teaspoons butter, cut into small chunks
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce, or to taste
2 teaspoons dry mustard

2 teaspoons chili powder, or to taste

Directions
Assemble ingredients, preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C), and place drumsticks in a 7x11-inch baking dish. Whisk ketchup, vinegar, water, brown sugar, butter, salt, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, and chili powder together in a bowl; pour mixture over drumsticks. Cover with aluminum foil. Bake in the preheated oven until no longer pink at the bone and the juices run clear, about 1 hour, turning chicken about halfway through. Uncover during the last few minutes of baking to let the skin crisp up and the sauce caramelize. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165 degrees F. Serve hot and enjoy!



City Chicken

Ingredients
3 pounds pork shoulder or loin cut into 1½-inch cubes
Salt to taste
black pepper to taste
garlic powder to taste
paprika to taste
1 cup all-purpose flour
3 large eggs beaten
2 tbsp milk or water
2 sleeves saltine crackers finely crushed (about 3 cups)- can also use breadcrumbs or Panko breadcrumbs
3 tbsp butter melted
1/3 cup vegetable oil for browning in batches, using 2 tbsp at a time
1 cup chicken broth or water

Instructions
Prep the skewers – Soak wooden skewers in water for at least 30 minutes to prevent burning. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Thread 4–5 cubes of pork tightly onto each skewer so they resemble little drumsticks. Season on all sides generously with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and paprika. Set up a dredging station of 3 large shallow bowls: first bowl- flour, second bowl- eggs whisked with milk, third bowl-crushed saltine crackers. Add salt and pepper to taste. Roll skewers in flour, dip into egg mixture, then coat generously with crushed saltines. Press gently to help crumbs stick. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet 2 tablespoons at a time over medium-high heat. Brown skewers on all sides, about 2–3 minutes per side. Work in batches to not over crowd the pan. Add 1-2 tablespoons more vegetable oil as needed if the pan gets dry. Pour chicken broth into the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish. Place browned skewers in the dish (overlapping is ok). Drizzle melted butter over skewers. Cover with foil and bake at 350°F for 1½ hours, until pork is fork-tender. Remove foil during the last 15 minutes for a golden, crispy coating. Enjoy hot with mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered noodles, or sauerkraut.

Local Office on Aging receives national aging achievement award

ROANOKE, Va. — The Local Office on Aging’s Emergency Food Pantry has received a 2026 Aging Achievement Award from USAging, recognizing the program’s efforts to address food insecurity among older adults.

The Emergency Food Pantry was one of 33 local aging programs nationwide to receive an Aging Achievement Award during USAging’s 51st Annual Conference and Tradeshow, held July 18-21 in San Diego. An additional 16 agencies received Aging Innovations Awards.

The USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards recognize Area Agencies on Aging and Title VI Native American Aging Program members that develop innovative programs to help older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers remain in their homes and communities.

“The award-winning programs reflect the ingenuity, dedication and local leadership of Area Agencies on Aging across the country,” USAging CEO Sandy Markwood said in a statement. “They show what is possible when communities invest in the innovative approaches that Area Agencies on Aging develop to respond to the real needs of older adults and caregivers, and we are proud to celebrate the organizations leading this important work.”

The Local Office on Aging’s Emergency Food Pantry provides supplemental nonperishable groceries to agency clients who face food shortages because of limited incomes, unexpected expenses or rising food costs. Eligible clients may receive a food bag once each month to help bridge the gap until their next Social Security or retirement check.

Food bags include canned vegetables and fruits, protein items, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, soups and other pantry staples.

Ron Boyd, president and CEO of the Local Office on Aging, accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

“By providing emergency access to nutritious food, the Emergency Food Pantry Program helps reduce food insecurity, supports health and independence, and offers peace of mind to older adults facing financial hardship,” Boyd said. “No senior should have to go hungry simply because their grocery budget doesn’t last until the end of the month.”

The 2026 USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards recognized programs in categories including caregiving, elder abuse prevention, healthy aging, nutrition, housing, transportation, technology and workforce development.

The Local Office on Aging is a nonprofit organization



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serving Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Roanoke counties, along with the cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem. The organization provides 30 community-based services designed to help older adults remain independent in their homes and communities.

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OPINION

The Book Closes on the 2026 Summer Reading Program!

The “Unearth a Story” summer reading program is coming to an end, so remember to pick up any prizes you have earned at the Salem Public Library. Also, pick up your entries from the Tiny Art Show! All attendees enjoyed seeing your creativity on display!

August events for kids!

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 am: Story Explorers: Create lifelong readers! Join us for stories, songs, and boisterous fun as we share our love of books with your child. Open to children ages 0-5 and their families. Register at saalemva.libcal.com

Thursdays, 10:15am: Book Babies: Did you know? Literacy development begins at birth! Create lifelong readers with us at this special story time designed especially for infants and crawlers.

August adult events

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Benita VanCleave

Monday, August 3, 11am: 2026 Summer Financial Literacy Series: Social Security and Medicare Planning. Join Jamie Lynn Byram, Registered Social Security Analyst, for a practical review of the factors that influence Social Security and Medicare benefits. Register at saalemva.libcal.com or call the Salem

Library at 540-375-3089.

Tuesday, August 4, 10am-4pm (Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm) DMV Connect at Salem Library. Walk ins only.

Saturday, August 8, 10am-2pm. Pet Adoption & Pet Food/Pet Supplies Drive with Salem Animal Shelter. Help pets in need while finding a new furry friend! Accepted donations: Pet food, pet supplies, toys, blankets, money.

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30pm. True Crime Book Club: *Down the Bone* by Caitlin Rother

Wednesday, August 12, 2pm. Solo Aging Book Club: Looking for a thoughtful, supportive space to read and talk about books on aging? Join us. Register at saalemva.libcal.com or call the Salem Public Library at 540-375-3089.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Robert Benne’s letter of July 16 stands in serious need of clarification and correction. Benne accuses Cynthia Munley of “loathing” the USA and Israel. Neither Cynthia nor I loathe the US whose people, culture, and natural resources are treasures we must protect. But we are staunch critics of Eisenhower’s 1961 Military-Industrial Complex writ large, viz., the US National Security Complex (NSC). This power structure imperially bullies other countries and is forever replacing diplomacy with war, including sanctions which are a form of siege warfare directed at the country’s citizens. The NSC’s trigger-happy tendency has led to numerous humiliations of the US (Vietnam and Afghanistan, to cite a few). And

we stringently oppose the NSC’s indiscriminate support of Zionist Israel despite its brutal repression of Palestinians.

Benne is far out of line in saying Cynthia’s opposition to Israel “borders on, if not is, antisemitism.” His conflation of criticism of Israel with antisemitism “borders” on slander or worse. The Biden and Trump administrations, in their effort to cover for Israel’s crimes in Gaza, used this nefarious conflation to suppress students exercising their free speech in demonstrating against Israel’s pummeling of innocents. Their free speech was not antisemitic as evidenced by the many, many Jews, in both the US and other Western countries, who staunchly oppose Israel’s actions in Gaza. Who dares call these Jews

“anti-Semites”?

Benne goes on to claim that Israel is “the only democracy in the Middle East.” Why? Because it has elections? Well, Iran has elections too that have empowered some leaders wanting reconciliation with the US and others that didn’t, so is it a democracy? Not by Western standards, and neither is Israel. Was South Africa a democracy when it was an apartheid state and a bosom buddy of Israel? No, and neither is Israel which has been judged to be an apartheid state by Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and Israel’s own (excellent) human rights organization, B’Tselem.

Any claim that Israel is a democracy must confront the fact that alone among the world’s nation-states,

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Dear Editor,

The personal attack against Cynthia Munley published in the Salem Times Register’s July 16, 2026 edition by Robert Benne (retired Roanoke College religion professor) was astounding in its tone, verifiably false assertions, unsupportable claims and unscholarly level of writing.

After reading Munley’s many studiously researched letters, Benne seemed incapable of distinguishing a clear difference between America and the American

Empire that anti-war activist Munley criticizes due to America’s empire increasingly stirring up unnecessary wars in Europe and in the Middle East. Benne attacks Munley’s informative letters and even her patriotism as she sounds the alarm of America losing its independence to Israeli control over America’s military and government at a time that coincides with America celebrating its 250th birthday of declaring its independence on July 4, 2026. Benne stated that in Munley’s post-July 4 letter published on July 9th, she expressed “loathing of the USA.” Not so.

I can vouch for Cynthia’s July 4, 2026 activities. She is a member of the Fort Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). On July 4 morning, Cynthia attended the local DAR

celebration with her DAR sisters and friends at the Salem Civic Center (historically, the Richfield home of Salem’s original patriot, General Andrew Lewis). She photographed the event. One of the photos of the Andrew Lewis statue included Garrett Channell, (Executive Director of the Salem History Museum) in the foreground garbed in General Andrew Lewis attire. The photo appeared on the Salem Times Register July 9 front page. She also photographed Carey Harveycutter ringing the historic bell installed in 1883 to summon firefighters. Cynthia ensured her DAR sisters were activated to send an article of this event to this newspaper. She then attended Garrett Channell’s talk where the large group was invited for refreshments provided by the Salem Civic Center

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40. 1959 Nobel biochemist Severo
43. Weights deducted to obtain net
44. To lie scattered over
47. 6th Jewish month
48. Physical mal-treators
49. Founder Franklin
50. Published

23. Hasidic spiritual leader
24. Aluminum
25. Considerate and solicitous care
28. Popular Canadian phrase
29. Consumed food
30. Hayfields
31. About Andes
34. Secondary School Certificate
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Israel has never declared its borders, a policy consistent with its Zionist intention to take over the West Bank and Gaza in addition to its annexations of East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, and in the grand scheme, possibly territory out to the Euphrates River. With Gaza as a convenient distraction, Israel is now allowing illegal settlers in the West Bank, with the support of Israel’s occupying troops, to attack Palestinian villages and towns, some that have been there for millennia.

Another measure of democracy is the ethos of the citizens of the country. True democracy requires a recognition in the body politic of human rights—“liberty and justice for all”—regardless of ethnicity or religion. Sad to say, Israel fails to measure up here too. A poll last year commissioned by Israeli daily Haaretz found that 82% of Israelis support the expulsion of Gazans from the territory. And 56% support Israeli settlers in the West Bank attacking Palestinians villages and towns. Ethnic cleansing is a black hallmark on Israel’s Zionist state.

Benne makes the startling claim that Israel’s actions in Gaza, while worthy of criticism, do not measure up

Editor (2)

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while enjoying Channell’s informative talk about the life and revolutionary activities of General Andrew Lewis.

Benne’s attack is the only published challenge to Munley’s thirteen 2026 LTE’s on various topics addressing national and international politics as a counter-balance to 6th District congressman, Ben Cline. She shares what the mainstream press omits from recurring press narratives and the analysis of experts who have proven correct in their predictions. She correctly predicted that President Trump would betray his own Memorandum of Understanding with Iran. In her post-July 4 letter, she warned that as our nation celebrates its 250th birthday of America’s

Editor (3)

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times background levels, and copper (blue), potassium, and magnesium see severe, short-term spikes in the local air. Perchlorates are chemical used to provide oxygen for the propellant and contaminate local ponds, lakes and rivers following fireworks displays, and they disrupt aquatic ecosystems.

What’s more, annually, over 19,000 fires are started by fireworks and there are approximately 15,000 firework injuries treated in our Emergency Rooms. In the U.S., July 4th is the top day of the year for lost pets. Like Brigid, many pets, and wild animals don’t understand what is happening when we humans send hundreds of small explosions off within and around their habitats. They panic, expect impending danger, and fear losing their lives. Animal shelters

Payne

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talk on Payne, who was born and raised in Roanoke County. Payne attended Roanoke College and worked as an actor before entering the motion picture industry in the mid-1930s.

During his career, Payne appeared in numerous films for 20th Century Fox, starring alongside performers including Milton Berle, Sonja Henie and Glenn Miller. He is best known for portraying

OBITUARY

Margaret Lee Flora Miller, 100, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2026. Born on July 18, 1925, to Laura Virginia Garst Flora and Levi Thomas Flora, she spent her early years on the family farm near Troutville, Virginia. The family moved to Roanoke in 1937 into a large extended family of aunts and uncles and first cousins who became her best friends. She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1944 and went to work for her uncles at Garst Bros. Dairy. On August 13, 1949, Margaret Lee married E. J. Miller at Central Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, and they settled in Salem to raise their family.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, E. J. Miller; her sister and brother-in-law, Lucile Flora Weeks and John Weeks; her brother and sister-in-law, Walter L. Flora and Alice vonSeldeneck Flora; sons-in-law, Terry Murphy and Gary Smith; and daughter-in-law, Betty Johnston Miller.

Margaret Lee was happiest surrounded by



family to celebrate holidays and birthdays or simply enjoy homemade tacos or burgers on the grill. She had a gift for friendship, with life-long friends from childhood and circles of friends among the families at the Penguin Club in Salem, the men and their families in E. J.’s WWII army unit who meet in reunion every year, and more recently the Archer family and her neighbors in the Villas at Richfield Living.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Willard Flora and Sylvia Montgomery Flora; her children: Cindy Miller (Russ Craighead), Kathy Murphy, Joe Miller (Jackie Archer), and Candy Smith; her grandchildren: Laura Murphy (Mike Lautenschlager), Erin

to genocide. He justifies his claim by saying Israel could eliminate “the whole population of Gaza,” implying that because it doesn’t it is not genocidal. This claim shows how ignorant Benne is of genocide. Israel’s horrific and genocidal actions in Gaza have shown the world what settler-colonialist Zionism is.

Every major religion in the world has addressed the conditions for a war to be just, and proportionality of response is a common theme. Israel’s response to the October 7, 2023 effort of certain Gazan forces to break out of Israel’s concentration camp there is extraordinarily disproportionate, leading the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, and the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGC) to brand Israel’s response as genocidal. I encourage readers to check out the IAGC web site and see their careful indictment of Israel on this point. But Benne, a former religion teacher, appears to have his own incorrect definition—Israel killing all Gazans—and claims: “Genocide? Hardly.” Genocide? Certainly, I say.

-Frank Munley
Salem

independence, that America’s very own Congressman Cline and President are leading and voting to further submit to fighting wars for Israel—as a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) merging Israel’s and America’s militaries. This provision was already passed by the House and now faces a US Senate vote. Such an action is unaligned with the American people’s engrained sense of justice and belief in rule-of-law values.

It is Benne who misleads Salem citizens in claiming that Israel is a democracy and “hardly committing genocide”! Robert Benne is disingenuous.

-Nora Smith
Salem

nationwide experience surges in intakes and missing pet reports between July 4th and July 6th. Some humans experience panic too. The loud noises made by fireworks mimic combat conditions, so their displays become a major trigger for veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), causing flashbacks, anxiety, and panic attacks.

Given what we know about the harm caused to the environment and to its living organisms, fireworks, like helium balloons, should be banned. There are alternatives. Many communities, like Chapel Hill, San Jose, Los Angeles, and Tucson, are replacing fireworks with drone light displays.

Sincerely,
-(Dr.) Michael L. Bentley
Salem

attorney Fred Gaily, the lawyer who defends Kris Kringle in the 1946 holiday classic “Miracle on 34th Street.”

After World War II, Payne continued acting before later working in real estate in Hollywood during the 1960s and 1970s. He frequently returned to the Roanoke Valley before his death in 1989.

Following the lecture, the museum will screen “Kansas City Confidential,”

Murphy, Meg Miller (Kai Schnier), Anne Garst Miller (Todd Chalmers), Ryan Murphy (Meghan), and Katie Miller Keyes (Hunter); her step-grandchildren Patrick Smith (Leah, and children Nicholas, Caelan, and Ashlyn) and Greg Smith (Sherry, and children Abby and Gary Wayne); four precious great-grandchildren: Henry, August, Mae, and Cam; and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers at the Richfield Health Center and Good Samaritan Hospice for their care and support over the past few months. A memorial service will be held at 11 am on August 22, 2026, at Peters Creek Church of the Brethren, with a reception to follow in the Church Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Peters Creek Church of the Brethren, 5333 Cove Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019.

Online condolences may be expressed by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

Cline amendment included in House-passed defense bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act on July 22, including an amendment introduced by U.S. Rep. Ben Cline, R-Va., aimed at removing Chinese-owned and operated point-of-sale systems from Department of War facilities.

According to Cline’s office, the amendment directs the department to eliminate Chinese-owned point-of-sale technology from its facilities in an effort to safeguard sensitive personal and financial information.

“Our government agencies should never rely on technology owned or

operated by companies tied to our foreign adversaries, like the Chinese Communist Party,” Cline said in a statement.

He said technology linked to foreign adversaries could create vulnerabilities that threaten national security by allowing sensitive information to be collected.

Cline said inclusion of the amendment in the annual defense authorization bill represents “a commonsense step” to remove Chinese-owned point-of-sale technology from Department of War facilities and better protect the personal and financial data of U.S. service members.

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem students earn ODAC All-Academic honors at Shenandoah University

Three Salem students were among the 366 Shenandoah University student-athletes named to the 2025-26 Old Dominion Athletic Conference All-Academic Team.

Recognized from Salem were Kameron Brown, Cara Butler and Hannah Hylton.

Shenandoah University set a department record with 366 student-athletes earning All-Academic honors, surpassing the previous mark of 355 recipients set last year. The university ranked second in the

conference in total honorees, behind Washington & Lee University, which had 549 student-athletes recognized.

To qualify for ODAC All-Academic honors, student-athletes were required to earn a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 or higher during the academic year.

Conference-wide, 3,308 student-athletes received ODAC All-Academic recognition for the 2025-26 academic year.

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem VA Medical Center began main lobby renovation project

Aila Boyd
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The Salem VA Medical Center began a multi-phase renovation project of its main lobby on Monday, July 27.

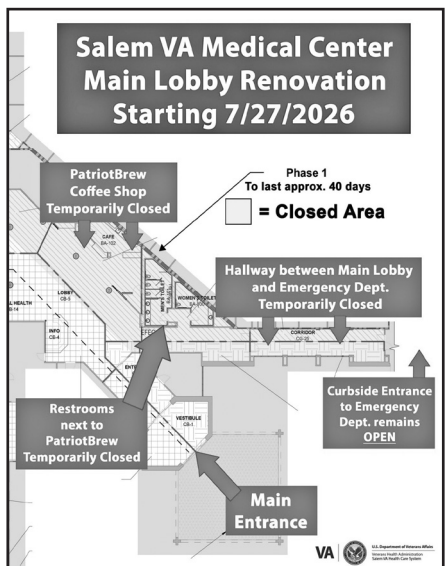
The first phase of the project was expected to last approximately 40 days and included several temporary closures and service changes.

During the initial phase, the Veterans Canteen Service PatriotBrew Coffee Shop closed. Coffee continued to be served from the Medical Center Canteen Kitchen.

The hallway connecting the main lobby and the Emergency Department also closed during construction. However, the primary curbside entrance to the Emergency Department remained open.

The restrooms next to the PatriotBrew Coffee Shop became unavailable during the first phase of the project. Restrooms near Patient Travel inside the main entrance remained open for visitors.

In addition, the Salem VA Credit Union ATM next to the PatriotBrew



COURTESY IMAGE

Coffee Shop became inaccessible during construction. The drive-thru ATM in front of Building 77 remained available.

Tammy Snyder, executive director of the Salem VA Medical Center, announced the project and the temporary service changes as renovations began.

a 1952 film noir starring Payne as a man falsely accused of participating in an armored car robbery. His character travels to Mexico to uncover the real criminals and clear his name.

The film also stars Coleen Gray, Jack Elam and Lee Van Cleef. Now in the public domain, it remains popular among fans of the film noir genre.

The Salem Museum is located in the

historic 1845 Williams-Brown House at 801 E. Main St. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free, and donations are accepted. The museum entrance is located at the Oakey Field Complex sign across Main Street from the Berglund Ford service entrance. For more information, call 540-389-6760 or visit SalemMuseum.org.

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 which may also require lane and road closures. 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

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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:

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

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.

Exit 140 on I-81, may have ramp closures in place July 20 through July 27.

Traffic shifts at I-81 exit 140: Drivers may experience traffic pattern changes, periodic lane closures, narrow ramps, or quick merges into traffic as well as full stops at the bottom of the ramp onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Periodic work zones located at bottom of the ramp for

work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass is also possible.

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

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

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.

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.

Flagging operations: Flagging operations are possible on various secondary roads impacted by bridge work. Watch for message boards and signage.

Ramps: Ramps on I-81, northbound and southbound, may experience periodic closures or be narrowed at exit 150, 146 and 143.

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

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



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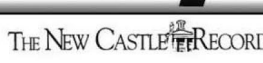
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Fincastle United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Adult Choir Director

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 rehearsals (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
Please reply to office@fincastleumc.org or call (540) 473-3001

Fincastle United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Piano and/or Organist

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
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Compensation:
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BUSINESS STRATEGIST

Torc Robotics, Inc. seeks Business Strategist based out of U.S. headquarters in Blacksburg, VA. However, purely telecommuting/WFH position - EE may reside anywhere within U.S. Position requires up to 25% dom. & intl travel/yr. Offered Salary: \$113,797/yr. Job duties: Support design, development, construction, testing operations, and eventual commercialization of the Autonomous Truck Hubs and their network; and lead design, development, and implementation of Class 8 terminals designed to enable and optimize the use of Torc's self-driving trucks. To apply, email resume to careers@torc.ai with subject REQ#810.

STAFF SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Torc Robotics, Inc. seeks Staff Software Engineer based out of U.S. headquarters in Blacksburg, VA. However, purely telecommuting/WFH position - EE may reside anywhere within U.S. Position requires up to 20% dom. & intl travel/yr. Offered Salary: \$207,870/yr. Job duties: Execute full software development life-cycle activities using modern C++; analyze and improve current ego-motion estimation and localization algorithms; define software requirements, design software architecture, and develop robust verification strategies, among other duties. To apply, email resume to careers@torc.ai with subject REQ#809.

SENIOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER

Torc Robotics, Inc. seeks Senior Systems Engineer based out of U.S.

Help Wanted

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Public Auction

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION TO SATISFY MECHANIC'S LIEN PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IN C/O EXCEL EQUIPMENT, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Virginia Code §43-34, Excel Equipment, LLC, will offer for sale at public auction, outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Courthouse, 205 North Roanoke St., Fincastle, VA, 24090, on August 12, 2026 , at 12:00 p.m., a New Holland L228 Loader (Serial No.: NGM418546) ("Loader"). For reference, a picture of the Loader is included below:



In accordance with Virginia Code § 43-34, Excel Equipment, LLC, is advertising the aforementioned public auction in this newspaper of general circulation in Botetourt County, Virginia. Likewise, notice of the aforementioned sale has been provided to the present owner of the Loader by certified or registered mail at least ten (10) days prior to the sale and notice has been provided to any secured party who has filed a financing statement against the Loader. TERMS: Cash- Bidder's deposit of one-hundred (100%) of the sales price at the time of sale. For Information Regarding the Sale, Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeverter Black, PLC. 10 S. Jefferson St. Suite 1800, Roanoke, VA 24011. (540) 983-7560. For Information Regarding the Loader, Contact: Dustin Cole, Vice-president, Excel Equipment, LLC. (540)-580-6747. The Loader is currently located at 1020 Lee Highway, Roanoke, VA 24019.

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Commissioner's Sale

Pursuant to the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Chapter 38A and the Secretary's Foreclosure Commissioner designation, a COMMISSIONER'S SALE of 360 Maple Ridge Lane, Fincastle, VA 24090 (Short Legal Description: TAX ID 27569) will occur at public auction outside the main entrance to the building of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on August 21,2026 at 1:00 PM, pursuant to a default of a note secured by a deed of trust executed by Cary W. Obenshain and Patricia Y. Obenshain recorded 4/24/2012, in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA, Instrument Number 120001707, and the Assmiont in favor of

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the Secretary of HUD recorded 10/31/2019, in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA Instrument Number 190004095. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TERMS OF SALE can be reviewed by the recorded notice of default on file with the Botetourt County Circuit Court Circuit Court, for which all terms are incorporated herein into this notice. A 10% deposit payable to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is immediately required for winning bidder in certified funds. Third party certified checks will not be accepted. Full Terms of Sale and opening bids are listed at <http://www.virginialawoffice.com/hud>. Anderson Law, 2492 N. Landing Rd, #104, Va Beach, VA 23456.

ABC NOTICE

THE GLEBE INC. trading as THE GLEBE INC., 200 The Glebe BLVD, Daleville, Botetourt County, VA 24083.

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

ELLEN D'ARDENNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Salem

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 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 7th 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 Counsel for Complainant

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on 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 a retail sales, smoke shop on the property located at 501 West 4th Street (Tax Map #143-3-14).
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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission.

at its regular meeting on August 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold public hearings, 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 Terry Properties of VA Inc., property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 432 Chestnut Street, (Tax Map # 161-3-1).
- 2.Consider amending

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Chapter 66, Signs, Article I In General, Section 66-11.1 Minor signs during voting, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to minor signs during voting.

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 - 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 g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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, August 17, 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. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Sec. 42-397 – Permitted uses. Data centers are currently allowed by right in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District, and the request is to require a conditional use permit for data centers in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment 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 g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

7120 Roanoke Road, Shawsville, Virginia (a/k/a Shawnee Mini Mart)

9311 Roanoke Road, Elliston, Virginia (a/k/a Elliston Food Mart)

Pursuant to the terms of a Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") dated as of July 22, 2016, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") as Instrument Number 160005662, and an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated November 19, 2018, recorded in the Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 2018008463, the property briefly described below (the "Property") will be offered for sale at public auction on August 14, 2026, at noon, at the Shawnee Mini Mart, 7120 Roanoke Road, Shawsville, VA 24162.

Shawnee Mini Mart - 7120 Roanoke Road, Shawsville, VA 24162:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Tax Map Nos. 083-C1 3 13, 083-C2 5 14A, 083-C2 5 17

BEING all of Lots 13, 14A, and 17 as shown on a plat of survey entitled, "Plat Showing Boundary Survey of Lot 13 and Lot 17, Boundary Line Vacation on Lot 14, Lot 15, and Lot 16, and Vacation of Drainage

Easement on Lot 14 and Lot 15 'Map of Shawsville Subdivision' located in Shawsville Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia", prepared by Marvi D. Stine, L.S, dated November 15, 2007, designated as Plan No. S-83269, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 2008001140.

BEING the same property conveyed to 7 Hills, Inc., a Virginia corporation, by deed from Gary D. Creed and Linda M. Creed, dated November 17, 2006, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 06013235.

Elliston Food Mart - 9311 Roanoke Road, Elliston, VA 24087:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL II: Tax Map Number 059-A A 109

BEGINNING at a point on marked by a monument found, being the point of intersection of Route 754 and U.S. Route 11 & 460 (Roanoke Road); thence N. 29 deg. 59' 21" E. 174.84 feet (shown as 175.00 feet in Deed Book 1037, page 659), to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence S. 58 deg. 41' 04" E. 136.47 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence S. 28 deg. 11' 16" W. 75.63 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence N. 58 deg. 59' 50" W. 55.00 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence S. 27 deg. 32' 15" W. 97.80 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence N. 59 deg. 35' 06" W. 88.00 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set, THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 0.433 acres as shown on that certain plat of survey entitled "Physical Improvement Survey for P.P. Raj, Inc.", dated January 24, 2002, prepared by John R. McAden of Balzer and Associates, Inc., and recorded as Instrument Number 2012006665. Said property further shown and described on Plat of Survey prepared by Anderson & Associates, Inc., dated January 14, 1986, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia in Deed Book 572, Page 679.

BEING the same property conveyed unto 7 Hills, Inc., a Virginia corporation, by Deed from P.P. Raj, Inc., dated August 7, 2012, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 12006665.

Terms: A deposit in the form of cash or certified funds in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid will be required at the time of sale. Closing within thirty (30) days of sale. Time is of the essence. The Property is being sold "AS IS" without representation or warranty of any sort or nature concerning its condition. Obtaining possession of the Property shall not be the responsibility of the Trustee or the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust, but shall be at the sole cost, risk, and expense of the successful bidder. The successful bidder shall pay for all recording charges, examination of title, settlement fees, and all costs of conveyancing, which shall be by Special Warranty Deed. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any bid(s), withdraw the Property from the sale at any time before the termination of the bidding, keep the bidding open for any length of time, postpone the sale, review the qualifications of all bidders, and amend and/or supplement the terms of sale by verbal and written announcements prior to and/or during the sale. For more information visit www.linkousauction.com.

The Substitute Trustee may be able to respond to inquiries concerning the sale: N. Reid Broughton, Substitute Trustee Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 540-260-9011 540-260-0022 (facsimile) rbroughton@sandsanderson.com

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The Hidden Valley Country Club swim team has gone from eight members to close to 60 in the past two years.

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CITY-COUNTY SWIM MEET

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won the 200 free and the 200 Medley team of Logan Cromer, Huffman, Izzy Supanich and Bauman also took first.

Stonegate finished with 16,972 points to 21,481.5 for victorious Olympic Park. Hunting Hills was third with 13,116, our Lady of Nazareth was fourth and Castle Rock took fifth among 13 teams competing.

The Hidden Valley Country Club was 11th with 4,252 points, with Tracy Smith winning first gold in both the 50 fly and 50 breast in the women’s 50-59 division. That’s a big improvement over what HVCC posted in recent years.

“In two seasons we’ve come from eight swimmers to about 60,” said coach Caitlin Cheatham. “I think overall we had outstanding swimmers, many who had never swam a stroke before in their life, and were at City-County placing. Other swimmers have been devoted for two or three seasons when we had only eight members. They are the real heroes.”

Hidden Valley has scheduled a fundraiser movie night for this Saturday, August 1, at the pool. All ticket proceeds go toward the swim team.

“It’s a community effort,” said Cheatham. “I remember the days when Hidden Valley had 200 swimmers. We will rise again.”

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from humble beginnings, my wife and I are living proof of what faith, hard work, education and perseverance can accomplish. I owe so much of that journey to my parents, teachers, church and coaches who invested in me long before I realized how life-changing those investments were.”

Poindexter will be entering his 23rd year of coaching track & field including stops at Franklin County High School, Northside High School, Cave Spring High School and most recently Glenvar Middle School.

“Throughout my career I've been fortunate to work with outstanding student-athletes who have broken school records, won championships, earned individual state titles, continued their athletic careers in college, with some even going on to compete professionally,” he said. “While I am proud to have been a part of those accomplishments, I view every new opportunity as a blank slate and a new challenge. Throughout my career, I have worked to build programs centered on relationships, toughness, enthusiasm and a champion-

ship mindset. My hope is to bring that same energy and culture to Glenvar High School while building upon the strong tradition that already exists.”

After three years of coaching at the middle school Jubal is quite familiar with the athletes at the high school.

“Glenvar is a close-knit community where relationships mean everything,” he said. “Pouring my heart into our kids and the middle school program over the past three years has been incredibly rewarding. During that time, our athletes broke 18 school records, captured Glenvar Middle’s first-ever Cosmopolitan Invitational team championship and successfully defended that title last season. Many of the student-athletes who helped build that success are now members of the high school program.”

While Jubal has been well-traveled, he feels like he’s found a home at Glenvar.

“I absolutely love Glenvar,” he said. “My time at Glenvar has been one of the most rewarding chapters of my career. From the students and families

to my fellow coaches, teachers and administrators, I've been surrounded by people who genuinely care about one another and take great pride in this community.

“I was also fortunate to teach at Glenvar High School in 2018 under former principal and current Roanoke County Public Schools Superintendent Jamie Soltis. To me, Mr. Soltis embodies what Glenvar represents, hard work, resilience, humility and a relentless pursuit of excellence. The phrase ‘Leave No Doubt’ isn't just a slogan; it's a mindset that reflects the spirit of this community.

“Outside of Glenvar, coaching recreation soccer and growing in my faith at Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Adrian E. Dowell has strengthened my bond with this community even more. I have a deep appreciation for the people who make Glenvar so special, and I'm grateful for the trust and relationships that have been built over the years. I'm excited to continue investing in our student-athletes and helping them grow both on and off the track.”

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Hampton is named women's basketball coach at RC

Director of Athletics, Curtis Campbell, announced the hiring of Tessa Hampton as Roanoke College's Head Women's Basketball Coach on Tuesday.

Hampton makes the move to Roanoke after spending the past four years at Shenandoah University as an assistant.

"We are very excited to have Tessa take over our women's basketball program," said Campbell. "Tessa's experience and success as both a player and coach in the ODAC stood out to us in the interview process and I think it will allow her to hit the ground running with a deep understanding of the conference, its programs, and what it takes to be successful."

Hampton was the assistant coach for the first three years of her time at SU before being promoted to Associate Head Coach in 2025. During those four seasons, she helped guide the Hornets to four consecutive ODAC semifinal appearances and back-to-back ODAC Championship games in 2023 and 2024. Hampton also mentored two WBCA All-Americans, two First Team All-Region, and 11 All-ODAC selections. Additionally, the Emory & Henry alum took part in the NCAA Basketball Coaches Academy and was SU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee leader over the course of her tenure.

"First, I'd like to thank Curtis Campbell for the opportunity to lead the Roanoke College Women's Basketball Program," said Hampton. I am excited about the holistic experience that Roanoke College offers as an institution and I look forward to cultivating a competitive atmosphere that empowers student-athletes to compete at a high level, while also studying in some of the most diverse academic

fields. Throughout my playing and coaching experience, I've grown a deep admiration for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. I am honored to be joining a rich history of impactful coaches throughout this league that paved the way for our sport. I am eager to begin connecting with our student-athletes and look forward to a bright future together!"

Prior to joining Shenandoah, Hampton returned to her alma mater as an assistant women's basketball coach during the 2021-2022 season, while also serving as an adjunct professor in the health and human performance department. She helped E&H transition to NCAA Division II this time while serving the athletic department in both the sports information department and with the student-athlete advisory committee.

Hampton served as a graduate assistant coach at DeSales University from 2019 through 2021 as she completed her master's degree in academic leadership and reform. The Bulldogs posted a 32-5 record in those two years, winning a pair of MAC Freedom Championships and advancing to the 2020 NCAA Division III Tournament. She came about that experience after being selected to be a part of the Women's Basketball Association's "So You Want To Be A Coach" program in 2019.

During her playing career, Hampton was a four-year letterwinner for the Emory & Henry from 2015-19. She helped her class to a best-ever 83-27 record with three trips to the ODAC Tournament Semifinals and a berth in the ODAC Championship game in addition to an appearance in the 2018 NCAA Division III Second Round.

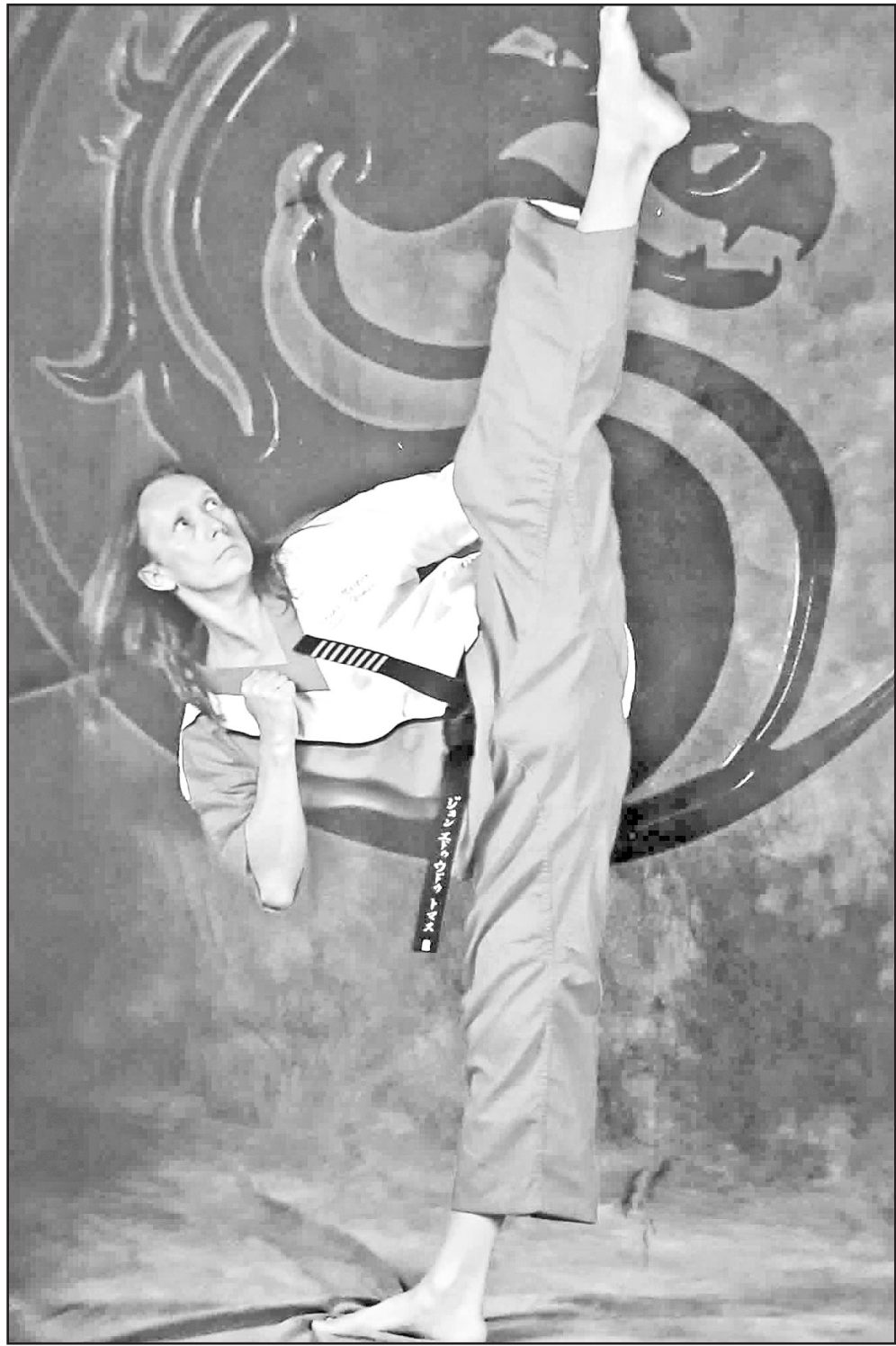
Her coaching experience also includes time with



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AAU programs, on the summer camp circuit, and at the high school level.

Hampton takes over for former head coach Carla Flaherty, who stepped down to pursue other opportunities earlier this summer.



Grand Master Eddie Thomas

Thomas is recipeint of G.O.A.T. award for martial arts

Grand Master Eddie Thomas of Roanoke is a recipient of the prestigious 2026 G.O.A.T. Honors (Greatest of All Time) Martial Arts Award, recognizing his extraordinary lifetime of leadership, championship achievement, and service to the international martial arts community.

The G.O.A.T. Honors Awards, founded by Grand Master Lawrence Arthur, recognize exceptional martial artists from around the world whose lifelong commitment to excellence, leadership, instruction, and community service has made a lasting impact on generations of students and instructors. The 2026 awards ceremony was held on Saturday, July 25, in Lynchburg.

Grand Master Thomas began his martial arts journey in 1975, studying Shotokan Karate before expanding his training under legendary martial artists including Joe Lewis, Steve “Nasty” Anderson, Charlie Lee, and numerous East Coast masters in Filipino Martial Arts, Thai Boxing, and Nihon Goshin Aikido. Drawing from decades of competition, travel, and instruction, he developed the curriculum that became the foundation of American Freestyle Karate, one of Virginia’s most respected martial arts schools.

Over the course of more than four decades, Grand Master Thomas has won more than 500 karate trophies, including five World Championships, and has taught over 10,000 students. In addition to his accomplishments in martial arts, he is also an actor and independent film maker, having appeared in numerous films while producing the martial arts feature “Talos” and its sequel. His lifelong commitment to teaching, competition, and innovation has earned him widespread respect throughout the martial arts community.

“Grand Master Eddie Thomas exemplifies everything the G.O.A.T. Honors were established to recognize,” said Grand Master Lawrence Arthur, Founder of the G.O.A.T. Honors. “His remarkable career as a world champion, instructor, filmmaker, and mentor has inspired thousands of students and martial artists. His passion for excellence and his dedication to changing lives through martial arts have created an extraordinary legacy, and we are honored to recognize his accomplishments.”

The G.O.A.T. Honors Awards celebrate martial artists whose influence extends beyond the dojo through education, mentorship, leadership, innovation, and community service. Honorees are nominated by their peers and selected based upon their enduring contributions to the martial arts profession.

For additional information about the G.O.A.T. Honors, please visit www.goathonors.org.

Former Glenvar wrestling coach Miles is named coach at Christiansburg High

By Marty Gordon
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A familiar face is returning to Christiansburg High School as its new head wrestling coach. Tim Miles takes over a program, which has been in transition for the past few years after winning 17 straight Class 3 championships.

Miles spent three years in the corner at Glenvar, winning the Region C title every year and finished third in the state this past season. He is a Christiansburg native and has served as the coaching coordinator for the Virginia Elite Club wrestling program for the past 20 years and served as an assistant a CHS under Kevin Dresser and Daryl Webber.

Miles was a 2-time state champion under Dresser and Weber in high school and also a USA Wrestling National All American, a 2-times Super 32 place winner and Powerade place winner.

“The chance to lead your alma mater is always enticing. Especially a program rich with tradition like Christiansburg. The timing was finally right and I’m excited for this new challenge,” Miles said. “My previous roles with the program have allowed me to build relationships around town and in the school system. It’s not going to be just a team effort but also a school, and community effort to really get this team back to where it was. Lots of great people here in the community, I’m looking forward to the challenge and building more relationships.”

He takes over a Christiansburg program, which has struggled over the past five years, not winning a regional title during that time, something that had become common.

“The team goal is for Christiansburg to start winning state titles again, and get back to national relevance. The goal for each of my wrestlers is to get to the next level and get help continuing their education after high school,” he said.

Miles also serves as the southwest director for Virginia Wrestling and has been on the national team coaching staff for Virginia.



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ELI BOWERY

Salem's Bowery is Academic All-District at Presbyterian

Salem’s Eli Bowery was one of five members of the Presbyterian College baseball team who earned a spot on the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team.

Eli met the criteria to be honored as among the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. To be considered for CSC Academic All-District honors, student-athletes must have at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average and be at least a sophomore academically and athletically. Student-athletes must have competed in 90 percent of the institution's games played or started in at least 66 percent of the institution's games. For pitchers, a student-athlete must have made at least 17 appearances or pitched 35 innings.

Eli finished his senior season fourth in earned run average and appearances. He had some Division I offers to pitch a post-graduate season but most were from schools farther away from home than he preferred. So, as of now, Eli has concluded his baseball career and will study for his Master of Finance degree at UNC-Wilmington.

RidgeYaks hold on to first place with 5-4 homestand

The Salem RidgeYaks will be in Kannapolis, NC this week for six games against the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers at Atrium Health Ballpark. The Ballers are a farm team of the Chicago White Sox.

The Yaks completed their only homestand in the month of July last Sunday, as they played three games with Delmarva followed by a half dozen against the Augusta GreenJackets. Salem finished the homestand with a 5-4 record despite winning five of six games from July 18-24.

After taking two of three from Delmarva the Yaks lost the first game with Augusta but then won the next three, 9-3, 8-7 and 5-3. On Saturday they were looking to make it four in a row as Jose Bello, Ethan Walker and Luis Cohen combined to shut out the Jackets for eight innings. Salem took a 3-0 lead into the ninth only to have Augusta score three runs off Cohen in the top of the inning to send the game into extra frames. Hayden Friese homered to lead off the ninth inning, Luis Guanipa followed with a single and Conor Essenburg homered to tie the game with no one out. Cohen got out of the inning with runners on second and third but Salem failed to score in the bottom of the ninth.

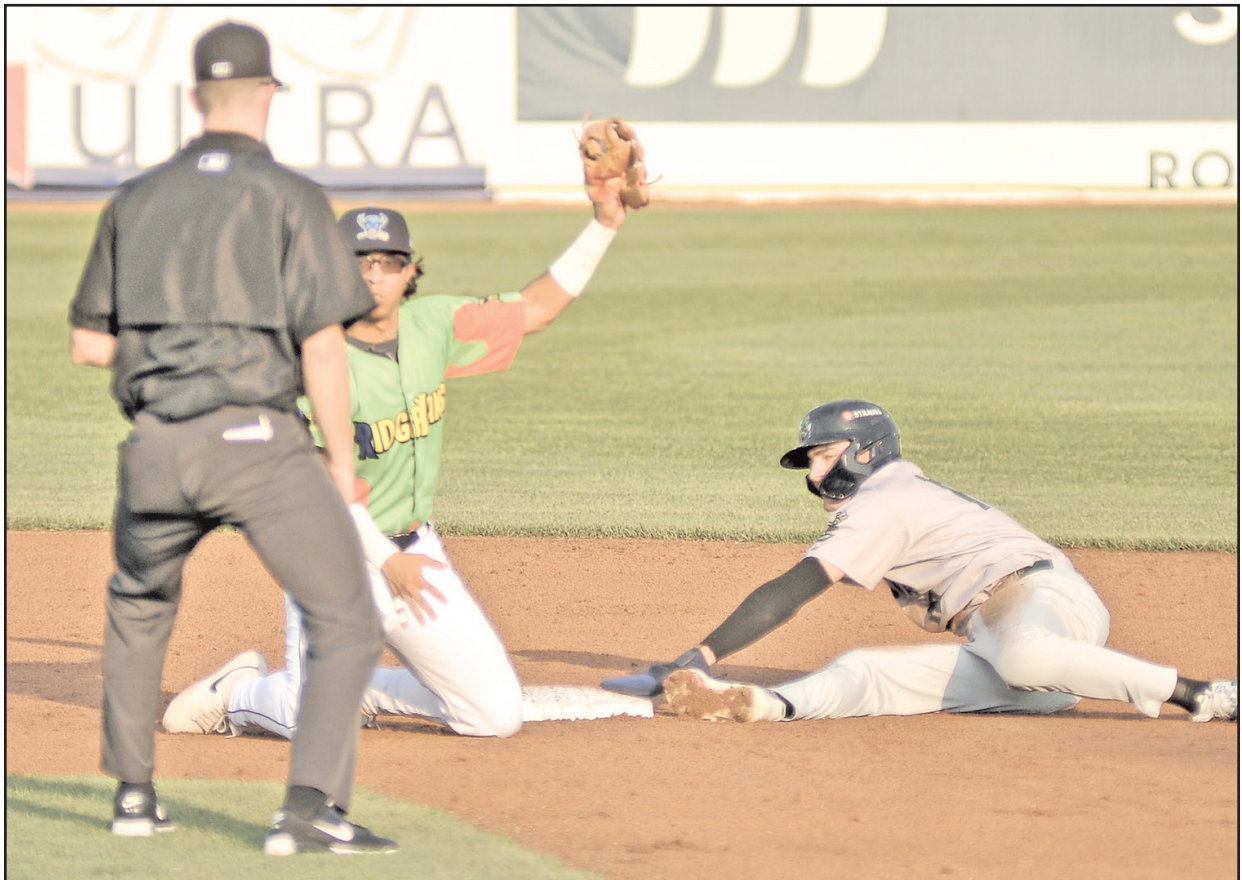
Things continued to go downhill for the Yaks in the top of the 10th, as the GreenJackets scored three runs off reliever Jay Allmer, two of which were unearned. Salem scored one run in the bottom of the inning but it wasn't enough as their three game win streak ended with a 6-4 loss, and on Sunday Augusta won the get-away game 13-3.

All Carolina League teams were off Monday and the RidgeYaks found themselves holding a half game lead over the Fayetteville Woodpeckers in the North Division second half standings with a 16-14 record. Salem will host the 'Peckers for a big six game series beginning next Tuesday, August 4.



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RidgeYaks secondbaseman Ilan Fernandez reaches to catch the ball on an attempted steal in Saturday's game with Augusta. Below, Fernandez shows the ball after making the tag, and bottom get the out call from the base umpire.



Mac is Back in Town

The first 750 fans attending last Saturday's Salem RidgeYaks baseball games received "Mac the Yak" plush squishees. Holding their Yaks are, front row left to right, Kai Hoback and El Hammerstrom. In the back are, left to right, Vayda Hoback and Alice Kingery.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Szefc wins Bellamy Award

Blacksburg High junior Sam Szefc was presented the Ray Bellamy Award by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame prior to the Salem RidgeYaks Carolina League game against the Augusta GreenJackets at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday evening.

The Bellamy award is given annually to the high school baseball Player of the Year in the area served by the Hall of Fame, which includes the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

Szefc had an outstanding spring season with the Bruins, both pitching and playing shortstop. At the plate Sam

batted .625 with 40 hits, of which 21 went for extra bases. He hit five home runs and drove in 42 runs. He was named first team All-State in Class 4 at shortstop.

On the mound, the Virginia Tech commit had a 5-2 record with a 1.93 earned run average and 85 strikeouts in 51 innings. He was named to the All-Region 4D first team as both a pitcher and a shortstop.

In addition to Szefc finalists included Tristan Lange of North Cross, Brody Hensel and Matthew Altizer of Auburn, Zach Bocock of Salem, Alex Crowl of Franklin County, T.J. McLaughlin of Jefferson Forest, Kai Rowland of Alleghany and Wynn Womeldorf of Hidden Valley.



Bellamy Award

Above, Blacksburg junior Sam Szefc accepts a plaque from Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame board member Art Price as winner of the Ray Bellamy Award prior to the RidgeYaks game at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday night. Left, Salem High graduated senior Zach Bocock was a finalist for the award. Bocock, who is headed to James Madison University to play in the fall, was 5-2 on the mound for the Spartans with a 2.28 ERA and 74 strikeouts in 49 innings.

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Highlanders name coaches for indoor, girls' outdoor track

Glenvar High School has filled the track coaching vacancies that came open when Bekka Loder stepped down as indoor coach in the winter season and girls' coach in the spring. James Osborne is the new indoor coach and Jubal Poindexter will take over as spring girls' track coach.

Both are familiar with the program, as both have served in other capacities for Glenvar High. Osborne is also the cross country coach, leading the boys' to their first ever state championship in his initial season as head coach last fall. Poindexter has been the middle school outdoor track coach, leading the middle school Highlanders to the Cosmopolitan Club championship for the past two years.

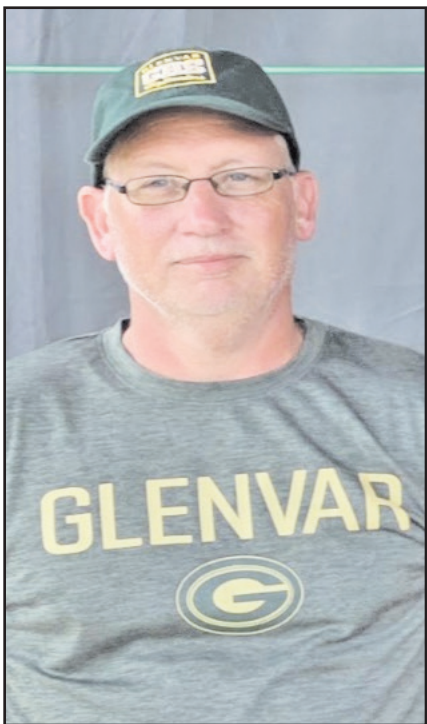
A 1993 Christiansburg High School graduate, Osborne has had a passion for running and track since his days running for the Blue Demons.

"My time there completely shaped my lifelong passion for competitive running," he said. "The absolute highlight of my high school experience was being a part of an elite running tradition, competing in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track all four years."

James ran on three state cross country championship teams at Christiansburg.

"That taught me firsthand the dedication, sacrifice and mindset required to build a winning culture," he said. "A massive part of that success, and my growth as both a runner and a person, came from being coached by two legendary mentors, Jeff Custer and Steve Shelton. Learning the sport under their guidance didn't just help us win titles back then; it laid the exact foundation for how I approach training, mental toughness, and building a championship-caliber program today."

While Osborne interacted mostly with the distance runners last year, he was familiar with many of the other athletes.



James Osborne, left, has been selected to coach the indoor track team at Glenvar High School. Right, Jubal Poindexter(center in photo) is the new girls' spring outdoor track coach. Both already had ties to the program as Osborne coaches the cross country team and Poindexter has been the middle school coach for the past three years, Here Jubal is flanked by middle school athletes Matthew Gard(left in photo) and Joshua Foster.

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"I actually already knew a lot of them from my previous coaching stops," he said. "When I coached indoor and outdoor track at Eastern Montgomery I got to meet and know several of the Glenvar track athletes during both of those seasons. Because our state championship meets happened at the same time and location, and our schools attended a lot of the same invitationals throughout the year, it gave me a great head start on building relationships with them before I even arrived here."

James has enjoyed his time at Glenvar thus far and looks forward to expanding his duties.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my coaching experience at Glenvar," he said. "From day one the parents, the community, and the administration have been an absolute joy to work

with, providing incredible support every step of the way.

When you have that kind of strong foundation backing the program, it allows us to fully focus on training hard, fostering a winning mindset, and pushing our athletes to reach their highest potential both on and off the course."

Poindexter is a 2000 graduate of Northside High, where he competed in football under legendary coach Jim Hickam and in track & field under Ed Culicerto.

"Coach Hickam was organized, demanding and old-school," said Poindexter. "His leadership helped shape strong young men and taught lessons that extended far beyond athletics. Coach Culicerto lived by a simple philosophy, both in track and in life: 'compete against yourself.' It

is a lesson that has stayed with me, and one I continue to share with my athletes today."

Jubal went on to Ferrum College, where he played four years of collegiate football as a running back and defensive back under coach Dave Davis.

"More importantly, Ferrum introduced me to my future wife, Lalita (Brim) Poindexter, an attorney and 2018 Ferrum College Athletics Hall of Fame inductee," he said. "Today, we are blessed with three wonderful daughters, Ava, Maya and Laila, who all attend Glenvar Schools. They are straight-A students, baptized members of Shiloh Baptist Church and have been blessed to enjoy success in athletics.

"As two country kids who came

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Left, Chris Tucker won five first golds swimming in the 70-79 year old men's division at last weekend's RVAA City-County swim meet at Liberty University. Austin Bauman(center) won four first golds in the 7-8 boys' division while brother Logan(right) won five first golds in the 9-10 class.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Gators are runners-up to Olympic Park in City-County meet

Hidden Valley sends largest delegation in years to Lynchburg for Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association season-ending event

The Stonegate Swim Club saw their run of Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association championships come to an end last weekend at the Liberty University Natatorium in Lynchburg. Olympic Park claimed the RVAA crown with the Gators coming in second and the Hidden Valley Country Club making their best showing in years with an expanding team.

"I knew it would be tough this year, Olympic Park had more swimmers in the meet than we did," said Stonegate coach Christen King. "We didn't win this year, but we had a great meet. Our swimmers did a great job."

Stonegate got 14 first gold swims from the Bauman family alone. Dad Andy Bauman won four first golds in the 40-49 group, sons Logan and Austin combined to win nine events and even young Charlotte won a first gold in the six-and-under 25 meter butterfly.

Also in the six-and-under class, for boys, Pryor Williams posted a third gold in the 25 free and Jackson Newton took a first silver in the 25 free.

In the 7-8 boys Austin Bauman won first gold in 25 free, 100 IM, 25 butterfly and 50 free to go with a third gold in the 25 back. Elijah Crush had a first gold in the 25 breast, a second gold in the 25 back and third golds in the 25 free and 50 free.

In the 7-8 girls Catherine Cromer had three of six first golds among the swimming Cromer family. She took first gold in the 25 back, 100 IM and 50 free

and third golds in the 25 free and 25 fly. Also in the 7-8 girls, Riley Beach swam to a fourth silver in the 50 free and Charlotte Dickson had a third bronze in the 25 back.

In the 9-10 boys division Logan Bauman took first gold in the 50 free, 100 IM, 50 fly, 100 free and 50 breast. Logan Cromer had a first gold in the 50 back as Stonegate dominated the division, and Cromer also swam to a second gold in the 50 fly and a third in the 100 free. Cayden Beach had a second bronze in the 50 breast.

Highlights for the 9-10 girls were a third gold for Saige Supanich in the 50 free, a second silver in that event for Hattie Snead and a first bronze in the 100 IM for Alder Warner.

In the 11-12 boys division Remington Huffman had a big day with first golds in the 100 IM and 50 breast. He also posted a second gold in the 50 fly and third golds in the 50 and 100 freestyles events. Chase Borloz took first bronze in the 50 free and Levi Howard brought home a third bronze in the 100 free.

In the 11-12 division Izzy Supanich won four individual gold medals, taking first in the 50 breast and seconds in the 50 back, 50 free and 100 free. Cameron Yeakel was fifth gold in the 50 free.

In the girls 13-14 division Kenless Mehmet swam to a second silver in the 50 free.

Riley Handy and Jack Lawrence of the Gators

had a big weekend in the boys' 15-16 class. Handy took first gold in the 50 back and 50 breast, second gold in the 50 free and 100 IM and third gold in the 50 fly. Lawrence won first golds in the 100 IM, 50 fly and 100 free, a second gold in the 50 back and a third in the 50 free. Aubrey Snead swam to fourth gold in the girls' 15-16 50 meter breast.

Starke Griffith took a first gold for the Gators in the men's 17-18 50 backstroke, and Stonegate had a strong delegation of adult swimmers as well. Stonegate dominated the 40-49 men's division as Andy Bauman took first gold in the 50 back, 50 free, 100 IM and 50 fly. Steve Cromer won first gold in the 50 free, second gold in the 100 IM and 50 breast and third gold in the 50 fly. David Cooper took second gold in the 50 back and fourth in the 50 breast.

Chris Tucker of the Gators moved up to the 70-79 class this year and won five first golds. He outswam the competition in the 50 free, 100 IM, 50 fly, 50 breast and 100 free. Efren Ontiveros, swimming in the men's 80-and-over class at 84 years old, won first gold in the 50 breast, 50 back and 100 free.

Stonegate also won a bunch of points in the relay events. In the 8U division the mixed team of Elijah Crush, Catherine Cromer, Josephine O'Donnell and Austin Bauman won the 100 free relay as well as the 100 Medley. In the 9-12 mixed Remington Huffman, Saige Supanich, Logan Bauman and Izzy Supanich

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