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Republican Senate primary held in Salem

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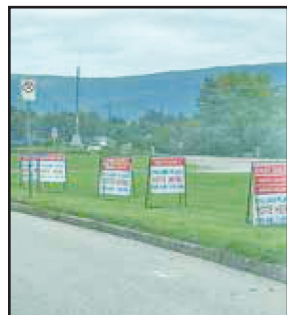
Salem voters went to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in Virginia's Republican primary for the United States Senate. The City of Salem consolidated all Election Day voting at the Salem Civic Center, where polls were open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters also had the opportunity to cast ballots during the state's early voting period or by absentee ballot if they met

applicable deadlines. Three candidates appeared on the Republican primary ballot for the U.S. Senate nomination: Bert Mizusawa, Kim Farington and David E. Williams. Voters were instructed to select one candidate. Unofficial results showed Bert Mizusawa winning the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, receiving 122,056 votes, or 51.47%, statewide. David E. Williams finished second with 68,561 votes (28.91%), followed by Kim Farington with

46,501 votes (19.61%). In Salem, Mizusawa also carried the city with 453 votes (56.41%). Williams received 235 votes (29.27%), while Farington received 115 votes (14.32%). The Republican nominee will advance to the Nov. 3 general election. Virginia election officials accepted mailed absentee ballots postmarked by Aug. 4 if they were received by the City of Salem General Registrar's Office by noon Aug. 7, in accordance with state election law. As a result, final certified



The Civic Center polling location on Tuesday morning.



PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD

Road signs direct voters toward the Salem Civic Center.

vote totals may differ from the unofficial Election Day results. Provisional ballots, including those cast through same-

day registration, also will be reviewed before certification. The City of Salem General Registrar's Office

is expected to certify local election results after all eligible absentee and provisional ballots have been processed.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Peacock-Salem Laundry building sells at auction

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

The historic former Peacock-Salem Launderers & Cleaners building on 231 S. Colorado sold last week. Although the auctioneer would not confirm details until the sale is final in about 30 days, bystanders at the July 28 event said the buyer was Faisal Khan. Khan purchased and developed former Ridenhour Music building on Main Street in Salem and turned it into apartments. His company, 501 Salem LLC, also developed Ponce De Leon apartments in Roanoke and Locker Room Lofts in a former

YMCA facility. Walker Commercial Services conducted the auction. Asher Walker said he could not disclose the buyer's name nor purchase price at this time because of confidentiality agreements. The old steam laundry building has been vacant for years. It was originally built in 1916 and operated continuously for almost 100 years, first as Salem Steam Laundry. It is listed as being 18,998 square feet on .65 acres. At one time it had a listed price of \$380,000. Bystanders said it sold at auction for \$160,000. The property is on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places, listed on the state



in 2018 and the national list the following year. In 1934 brothers John Lee Logan and Joseph Logan acquired the business and renamed it Peacock-Salem. Family members had a fondness for peacocks, and once had the birds on the family farm on Wildwood Road in Salem.

The family operated the business for nearly 70 years. At one time the cleaners employed dozens of workers, and was said to have served thousands of residential accounts and more than 100 commercial clients. The Logan family operated the cleaners until 2000 when it was sold to Air-Lee Laundry.

Council candidates' interests range from more jobs to youth activities

Meg Hibbert
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Issues Salem City Council candidates are interested in range from economics to more youth activities. The five running in the November election are young mother A.J. Harpold, Mark Henrickson, Jeffrey Nickels, J.D. Taylor and current Councilmember Hunter Holliday. They are running for two seats, one currently held by Randy Foley who is retiring after 20 years, and the other Holliday now holds that expires the end of December.. Holliday and Taylor are running as Republicans. **J. Harpold**



Harpold

Harpold, 37, lives with her 6-year-old daughter Mavis in a historical home on East Calhoun Street that once was a creamery and later known as the Christmas House. She plans to open it soon as the Gilded Rose Tea Room for afternoon teas.

Although she lived in various locations with her entertainment career that includes choreography for Justin Timberlake dancers in a Super Bowl, Harpold said she grew up in the Roanoke Valley and recently moved to Salem because she enjoys the smaller town feel. "Opening a small business I encountered a lot of issues," said Harpold who wants to see that process streamlined. She is particularly interested in Salem having more activities for young people, such as middle schoolers walking home from Andrew Lewis Middle School. The member of the PTA board at G.W. Carver Elementary School hopes

a teen center can be started, perhaps in the former Salem-Peacock Dry Cleaners building that recently sold at auction.



Henrickson

Mark Henrickson Henrickson is a member of the Salem Planning Commission. He is a builder, developer

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Hanging Rock Tavern closes permanently; property sold to Homeplace Restaurant owners

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Hanging Rock Tavern at 1790 Thompson Memorial Drive in Salem has permanently closed, and its property has been sold to the owners of The Homeplace Restaurant, according to public announcements made by both businesses on social media on Sunday. The announcement came after the tavern's final evening of business, during which management thanked customers, staff, entertainers and vendors for their support over the years. "Last night was super fun! Thank you to all who joined us!" the tavern wrote, also thanking the band Phat Anchovies and That Guy's Food Truck for helping mark its final night.

In its announcement, Hanging Rock Tavern expressed gratitude to its loyal customers, musicians, comedians, vendors and employees. "We will miss you all and hope that we have the opportunity to serve you again sometime in the future," the post said. The Homeplace Restaurant also publicly confirmed the sale and thanked the Hanging Rock Tavern team for its years of service to the community. "It has truly been our pleasure to take this next chapter forward," the restaurant wrote. "We want to thank the Hanging Rock Tavern team for the heart, dedication, and memories you've created over the years. We know this place means so much to the community, and we are honored to carry that legacy into an exciting

new season." The Homeplace Restaurant said it looks forward to sharing more about its plans for the property and serving the community in the years ahead. Neither announcement included details about the sale, a timeline for reopening or future renovations. "We have officially acquired the Hanging Rock Tavern property and are excited about its future. Our vision for the space is a mixed-use concept that will allow The Homeplace to expand its catering operations while also serving as the production home for a new line of Homeplace-branded products. As we move forward, we'll be working closely with former Hanging Rock Tavern team members and others familiar with its history to thoughtfully recreate the smokehouse flavors and menu items that so many people have fond memories of, while introducing our own vision for the future," Homeplace owners Dustin and Kali Henegar said. "Our goal is to create an Appalachian-inspired smokehouse where families, outdoor enthusiasts, pet owners, music lovers, and visitors alike can gather to enjoy great food, genuine hospitality, and everything our mountain community has to offer. We look forward to sharing more details as plans continue to come together."



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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

The Losers Club: Held at the Salem Center but not just for seniors. All adults are welcome. Every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. No registration fee with \$3/month dues. Contact: Charlene Lester 540-293-7753.

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 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.



REAL ESTATE TAX FREEZE DEADLINE

Kristie D. Chittum, Commissioner of the Revenue, would like to remind residents that individuals who were age 65 or older, or totally and permanently disabled, as of December 31, 2025, may be eligible to apply for the Real Estate Tax Freeze during the month of August. Applications must be completed and filed with our office no later than **August 31, 2026**.

To qualify, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- Your name is on the deed for the property in which you are applying.
- You were at least 65 years of age **OR** totally and permanently disabled as of 12/31/2025.
- You were the property owner as of 12/31/2025.
- The house you are applying for is your primary residence.
- The gross income from all parties living in the residence and/or named on the deed \$65,000 or less.
- All assets, excluding the home you are applying for, is \$185,000 or less.

Applications are available in our office and online at www.salemva.gov. Assistance with completing the application is available by appointment only. Please contact our office at (540) 375-3019 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, if you have any questions.

CORRECTIONS

A July 30 article incorrectly reported who is running for Salem City Council. It should have said four men and one woman, A.J. Harpold. Also the amount of money Jeffrey Nickels raised is more than \$21,000. City Council meetings are now being broadcast at the link <https://www.YouTube.com/CityOfSalem-CityHall>.

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 21, 2026 – July 27, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
7/22/2026	0 BLK Wortham St	Burglary
7/24/2026	900 BLK E Main St	Grand Larceny
7/27/2026	1800 BLK W Main St	Conceal Merchandise

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City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of July 21, 2026 – July 27, 2026

7/21/2026	Alley M. Stultz	26	Domestic Assault & Battery
7/23/2026	Reginald E. Brantley	47	Petit Larceny Not From Person
7/23/2026	Samantha L. Rakes	32	Public Intoxication
7/24/2026	Z'Marea N. Stanfield	20	Simple Assault & Battery
7/24/2026	Seth E. Smith	18	Disorderly Conduct, Impersonating Law Enforcement Officer
7/25/2026	Doreen P. Tolley	68	DUI
7/25/2026	Kevin W. Felvus	45	Petit Larceny Not From Person
7/27/2026	Kevin W. Felvus	45	Conceal Merchandise

DESIGNER CLOTHING

Clearance Sale

August 14–16

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SATURDAY, 8/15 | 10AM - 5PM
SUNDAY, 8/16 | 10AM - 3PM

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- NO RETURNS OR EXCHANGES
- By purchasing, you acknowledge and accept the condition of the merchandise.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

8.5.26 First of August

The fact that it’s already the first of August doesn’t surprise me one bit. Summer always goes by so quickly. My dad had a garden many summers. He had varying success. He would get tomato plants that grew big and bushy but never set a bloom. The war against tomato worms was ongoing.

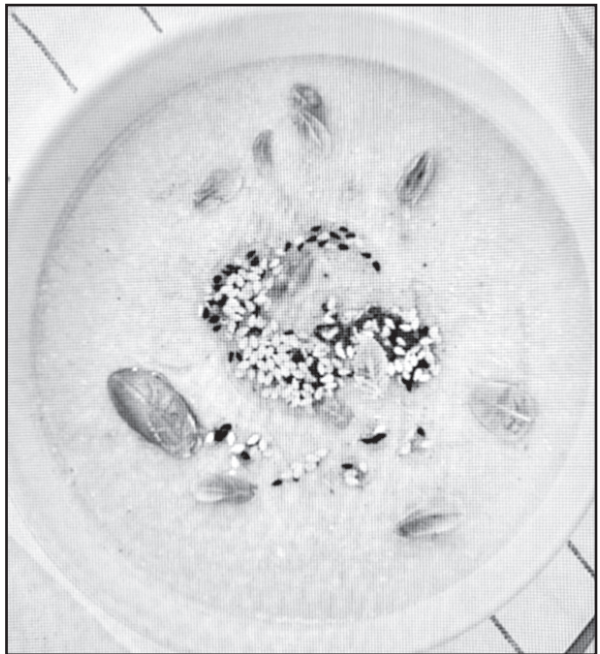
He was a chronic over planter so when we did have a harvest, we had zucchini and squash galore. The neighbors never minded getting the excess though. When we had excess tomatoes, mom would blanch, peel and freeze them. She then used them for vegetable soup and chili in the winter.

Even when he had tomato plants and a garden, he would stop at any driveway with a table and vegetables for sale. Other gardeners over stock would become our dinner. His drive home from work became a shopping spree.

He didn’t grow green beans but I snapped many during the summer. He would get produce he knew my mom would know how to cook.

August is the peak of summer produce. It’s a time to celebrate fresh, peak-season ingredients like juicy peaches, sun-sweet tomatoes, zucchini, and sweet corn.

Sometimes the easiest summer meal is made up of vegetables.



Corn Soup

- Ingredients
- 2 ears of corn, shucked
 - 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
 - 2 cups new potatoes
 - ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- Directions

Cut the kernels off the cobs and cut the cobs in half. Heat 2 tablespoons of the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the corn kernels and sauté for about 2 minutes. Add 2½ cups water, the corn cobs and potatoes and bring to a boil over medium heat. Cover the saucepan and simmer until the potatoes are tender, 12 to 15 minutes. Remove and discard the cobs. Transfer three-quarters of the soup from the pot to the bowl of a food processor or blender. Puree until smooth and then return it to the pot with the remaining soup. Add the cayenne and season with salt and pepper. Melt the remaining butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Cook until the butter begins to turn golden and smell nutty, 6 to

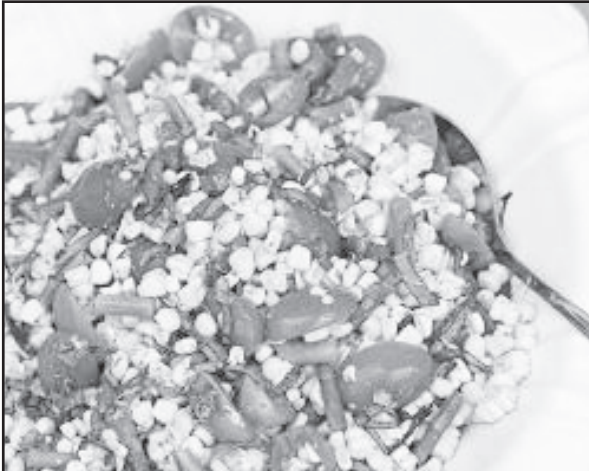
7 minutes. Add the sesame seeds to the hot butter and cook until golden brown, about 1 minute. To serve, drizzle the soup with the sesame seed brown butter.



Low-Carb Zucchini Enchiladas

- Ingredients
- Zucchini: 8 zucchini, halved lengthwise
 - 3 tablespoons kosher salt
- Filling:
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 1 bunch (90g) scallions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced
 - 2 medium (91g) poblano peppers, deseeded and finely chopped
 - 1 cup (195g) cooked black beans
 - 1 cup (175g) canned corn, drained
 - 1 rotisserie chicken, skin removed and meat shredded
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - ½ cup (130g) enchilada sauce
 - Hot sauce, as needed
- Assembly:
- 2½ cups (650g) enchilada sauce
 - 1 cup (113g) shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
 - Sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro, for serving
- Directions

Prepare the Zucchini: Preheat the oven to 375°F. Use a metal spoon to scrape out the seeds from the zucchini; discard the seeds and place the flesh in a colander. Be generous when scooping, making as much room as possible for the filling without breaking the zucchini. Season the zucchini with the kosher salt and toss gently to combine. Place the colander in the sink and let sit for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove the zucchini from the colander, pat it dry with paper towels and place in a single layer on a baking sheet. Transfer the baking sheet to the oven and roast until the zucchini are just tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Make the Filling: In a medium skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the scallions and poblano peppers and sauté until the peppers are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in the black beans and use the back of a spoon to mash and break them up slightly. Stir in the corn and chicken, and toss to combine. Season the filling with the cumin, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Stir in the 1 cup enchilada sauce and hot sauce, to taste, and continue to cook for about 2 minutes. Set the filling aside. Assemble the Enchiladas: Pour ½ cup of the remaining enchilada sauce in the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan, spreading evenly. Arrange the roasted zucchini boats in an even layer on top of the sauce. Using tongs, fill each piece of zucchini generously with the filling, repeating until you’ve used it all up. Pour the remaining 2 cups enchilada sauce evenly over the zucchini and filling, and top with the shredded cheese. Transfer to the oven and bake until the cheese is melted and the sauce is bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes. Garnish with sour cream and cilantro.



Sweet Corn, Asparagus, Tomato Salad

- Ingredients
- 4-6 Ears of sweet, white corn removed from the cob
 - 1 Large bunch of asparagus, cut into 2” pieces
 - 1 cup Tear drop & cherry tomatoes, cut in half
 - 1/4 cup Basil, cut into ribbons
 - 3 Tbsp Red onion, minced
 - 1 Tbsp Lemon juice
 - 3 Tbsp Olive oil
 - Salt & pepper to taste
- Directions
- In a large saucepan filled with heavily salted boiling water, cook corn kernels for 4 minutes. Add asparagus pieces to corn and continue cooking for 3 minutes. Drain into colander and immediately plunge into a large bowl of ice water. Once cooled, strain, shake off excess water and place in large bowl. Toss in tomatoes and basil. In a measuring cup or small bowl, whisk together red onion, lemon juice, olive oil and a pinch of salt. Pour dressing over veggies and season with salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature or refrigerate until ready to use.

Oven-Roasted Green Beans

- Ingredients
- 1 pound green beans, trimmed
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 2 large cloves garlic, minced
 - Salt + pepper, to taste
 - 1/2 cup parmesan, freshly grated (I recommend Parmigiano-Reggiano)
 - 1/2 a lemon, juice
 - 1-2 Tbsp fresh parsley, chopped (to garnish)
- Instructions
- Preheat oven to 400F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment.
- Place green beans on baking sheet. Toss in olive oil, minced garlic, salt, and pepper. Spread in an even layer after tossing.
- Sprinkle grated parmesan over green beans, covering evenly.
- Transfer green beans to the oven for about 20 minutes, or until they are lightly browned and the cheese is melted and slightly crispy. The beans should be fork-tender, with a slight bit of resistance – you still want a little crunch to them (not mushy)!
- Remove green beans from oven and top with freshly squeezed lemon juice and parsley. Season with extra salt and pepper, as needed. Serve hot!



Council

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and remodeler. In his campaign and on his door hanger he is emphasizing a need for the city to maintain quality municipal services, ensure educational excellence, capitalize on Salem events, support business expansion and ensure smart growth in housing. supporting community engagement, hosting neighborhood town halls to listen to community residents.

Henrickson is advocating for accessible sidewalks, updated parks, prioritizing street repairs, and strict fiscal oversight of city budgets. Among his civic activities have been being a past chairman of Olde Salem Days and past president of the Salem Rotary Club.

Jeffrey Nickels



Nickels

Nickels is a small business owner who says “Our community needs new, proven leadership and common sense solutions to responsibly guide Salem into the future.” He adds “Public safety is the first and most important responsibility of local government...Salem

should focus on preventing property crimes.”

Nickels also says “Roads, utilities and public safety services and schools should be able to support new growth before major new development projects are approved.”

His businesses are i77 Strategies LLC and i77Real Estate LLC.

D. Taylor



Taylor

Taylor is a tax assessor for the City of Roanoke. He said if he is elected to

Salem City Council, he is unsure if he would need to resign from the tax assessor position. “That remains to be seen,” he said. “I would like to be both.”

The 35-year-old said “My experience as a banker, public servant and worship pastor has shaped my belief that government should be practical, transparent and focuses on families and local businesses.

He said he and his wife chose Salem to raise their family because of the strong, tight-knit community.” He added he is running to help keep Salem strong, fiscally responsible and help us become a destination to do business.”

He particularly wants to help Salem brand itself, he said, and to attract new

manufacturing, “to replace lost jobs with the closing of Yohama Tire and to fill the front of the former General Electric building.”

Taylor and his wife Casey have three children: Lillian, 6, who attends West Salem Elementary; Hadley, 4, and Jonathan, nine months.

Hunter Holliday



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Holliday

Holliday has served on

Salem City Council for four years, and has held a dozen monthly “Coffee with Council” informal meetings with citizens to hear from them on city issues. He is president of Veterans Events Management Inc. The Salem native is a graduate of Andrew Lewis High School.

He has supported developing and maintaining skilled manufacturing jobs in Salem to replace those lost with the closing of Yokohama and General Electric, lowering of taxes and emphasis on improvements in vocational education and training.

Holliday is a 36-year Army veteran. and his wife, Amy, have been married for two years.

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OPINION

Pet Adoption & Pet Food/Pet Supplies Drive: Saturday, Aug. 8

The City of Salem Public Library and Animal Shelter join forces for a pet adoption fair and pet food/pet supplies drive this Saturday, August 8, from 10am to 2pm at the library. Help pets in need with your donations while finding a new furry friend! The Salem Animal Shelter is accepting donations of pet food, pet supplies, toys, blankets, and more.

Back to School: Library Card Provides Free Access to Homework Help!

Need help with those homework meltdowns? Going back to school and need to dust off those math or paper-writing skills? Working on earning your GED or preparing for a Citizenship Test? Access Brainfuse HelpNow, an online homework help database for kindergarteners through adults, with a library card from your local library and a laptop, tablet, or smartphone. An app is available for iPhone or Android. Access the

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Benita VanCleave

database on the Salem Public Library’s website (www.salemlibrary.info). Click on the “Research” link and scroll down to HelpNow.

HelpNow’s features include:
Homework Help Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests.

Skills-Building Choose your topic to receive real-time help.

24-Hour Writing Lab Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.

Homework Send Question Submit homework questions for expert guidance.

Adult Learning Center Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, MS Office Essential Skills Series, and more!

Foreign Language Lab /Spanish-Speaking Support.

Related databases, JobNow and VetNow, provide online training and career assistance geared specifically towards these populations.

These databases are provided to all Virginia Public Libraries through donors and government funding to the Library of Virginia.

SIXTH DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE

Strengthened Our Nation’s Defenses

Last week, House Republicans took decisive action to rebuild American military strength. The House passed the *Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act* (NDAA), which authorizes \$1.15 trillion for our national defense. The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

I was especially glad to see the NDAA close a specific vulnerability I have been working to fix. My amendment, drawn from my *Servicemember Payment Data Privacy and Security Act*, directs the Department of War to remove Chinese-owned and operated point-of-sale systems from its facilities. These systems process the personal and financial data of the men and women who serve our country, and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) should have no access to it. Removing this hardware is a commonsense step that closes off a real avenue for



Ben
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Congressman

exposure and infiltration.

This year’s NDAA also prioritizes military readiness and increases investment in the technology, artificial intelligence, and weapons innovation needed to defend our Nation against adversaries such as the CCP. This legislation gives our armed forces what they need to deter aggression and carry out President Trump’s peace through strength agenda.

Voted to Restore Trust in the Elected Officials

The House of Representatives passed the *Stop Insider Trading Act* last week by a vote of 232-198. As an original cosponsor, I was proud to support this legislation. This is important ethics reform, and a meaningful step toward restoring the American people’s trust in their elected officials.

The *Stop Insider Trading Act* prohibits Members of Congress, their spouses and their dependent children from purchasing individual stocks while in office. It also requires a member to file public notice between seven and fourteen days before selling a covered investment, so that the public can see the transaction in advance rather than long afterward. Members who break the rule face real penalties: the supervising ethics office must impose a fee of either \$2,000 or 10 percent of the value of the transaction, whichever is greater, plus any net gain realized on the investment.

The American people deserve to know that their Representatives are working for them and not for their own portfolios. Public service is a trust, not a business opportunity. When that trust erodes, it undermines confidence in every institution of our government.

Despite broad public support for a congressional stock trading ban, only 13 Democrats voted for this bill. I believe this legislation is a good path toward restoring the trust and faith of the American people in their elected representatives. It is unfortunate that not all my colleagues across the aisle could support it and instead chose to place partisan politics over reasonable and responsible governance.

Codified President Trump’s Successful Border Policies

Last week, I voted to advance the *Permanent Trump Secure Border Act* through the House Judiciary Committee, moving the legislation to the full House for consideration. This is a significant win for the American people and for the safety of our communities. The bill would permanently codify key Trump Administration border security policies, strengthen border enforcement, and enhance public safety. By making these measures permanent, the legislation aims to bolster border security and help keep Americans safe from criminal illegal aliens.

Key provisions of this bill include tighter limits on asylum and parole eligibility, an end to “catch and release” by requiring most illegal aliens to be detained or returned while their cases are pending, increased penalties for visa overstays, and modernized facilities, expanded staffing, and new surveillance technology for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

This bill is clear evidence that House Republicans are delivering on our promises to secure the border and put American families first.

Prevented a Democrat Shutdown

Republicans have taken responsible action to prevent another needless government shutdown. Last week, the House passed a clean continuing resolution that would keep the government funded through December. A government shutdown is costly for hard-working families, but Democrats have chosen to put their radical agenda and political theater over the American people. This Continuing Resolution preserves stability for families, communities, and the federal workers and service members who depend on timely paychecks. The House has done its job with months to spare. Now the Senate must do the same.

While most Democrats opposed the measure, Republicans supported its passage to help ensure the federal government remains open and continues operating without interruption. Preventing a government shutdown is an essential responsibility of Congress. This piece of legislation ensures dependability, cooperation, and stability within our nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

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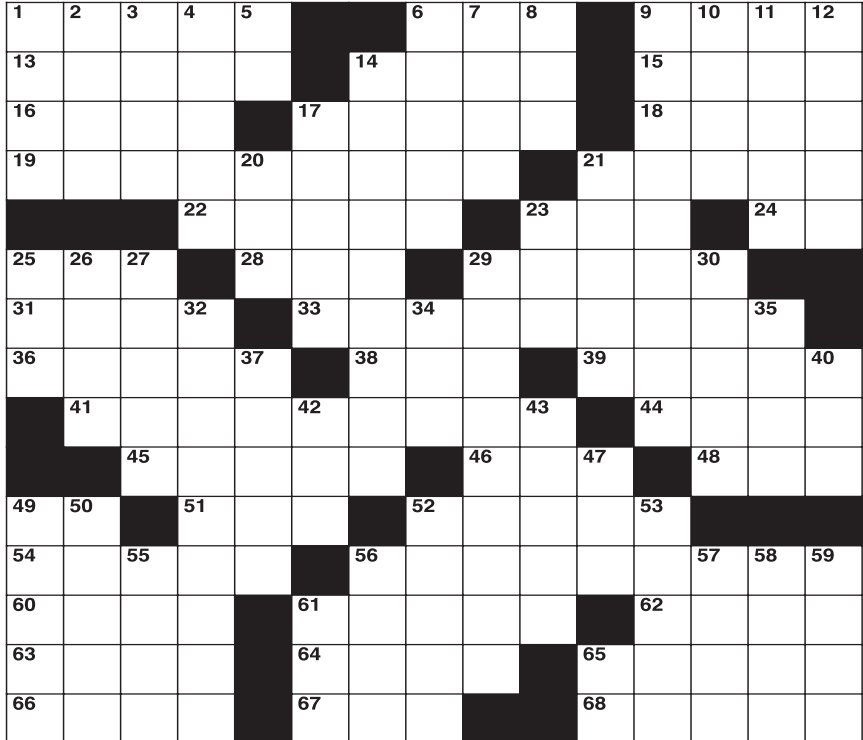
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6. Snakelike fish
9. Database management system
13. Social evolution anthropologist Service
14. American rocker Grohl
15. Greek personification of compassion
16. Negatives
17. Rescued
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Popular type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. The whole quantity
24. New York Giants legend
25. Indicates before
28. Lentils
29. Extremely angry
31. Body part
33. "North Star State"
36. David __, US playwright

CLUES DOWN

38. Lower and raise one's head
39. Private rendezvous
41. In a way, improved
44. A place to play
45. Astronomical period of 18 years
46. Automobile
48. Something you can take
49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Short-billed rails
54. Chinese province
56. Shameless
60. Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
61. Indian respectful titles
62. Fail to entertain
63. Dried-up
64. Central Utah city
65. Southern U.S.
66. German river

CLUES DOWN

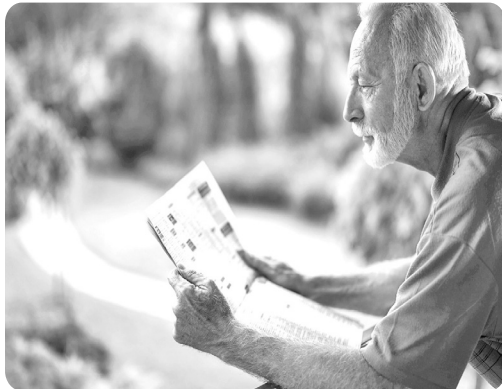
1. Curved segment
2. Wings
3. Yellowish volatile liquid
4. Makes less severe
5. Debit note
6. Overhang
7. The nights before
8. Type of light
9. Lacking enthusiasm
10. Tattle
11. Some is "heavy"
12. One who is canonized
14. Indicates date and place of writing
17. "Peace" in Arabic
20. "Olaf" actor Josh
21. Fragmented rock
23. They __
25. Advanced degree
26. Backside
27. Influential architect and design couple

CLUES DOWN

29. An act of undue intimacy
30. Words from which later words are derived
32. 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Fungal sacs
37. The law of God revealed to Moses
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. British Air Aces
49. Large bank
50. Served as an omen
52. Cavalry sword
53. Vaccine developer
55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules
56. Italian Seaport
57. Hip joint
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Insect repellent
61. Constrictor snake
65 "The First State" (abbr.)

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Cline reintroduces bill to expand entrepreneurship opportunities for veterans

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Ben Cline on Tuesday reintroduced legislation that would expand opportunities for veterans interested in starting small businesses by allowing them to use federal benefits to pursue entrepreneurial training.

The Republican lawmaker’s proposal, the Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2026, would establish a three-year pilot program administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration for up to 250 veterans who are eligible for GI Bill benefits.

Under the proposal, participating veterans would enroll in an approved entrepreneurial training program and complete an application process. Participants also would be required to develop a business plan that must be approved by both their training program adviser and the SBA’s associate administrator for veterans business development.

The legislation would provide grants equivalent to up to 36 months of GI Bill educational assistance, based on

each veteran’s benefit rate. If approved, veterans could use the funding to start a business or purchase a franchise.

“Veterans often face significant challenges as they transition from military service back to civilian life,” Cline said in a statement. “Throughout my time in public service, it has been a top priority to serve those who served and sacrificed for our Nation. My legislation will empower them to achieve the American Dream while creating jobs and strengthening our economy. Expanding pathways for veterans and providing the support they need to start small businesses is just one of the ways we can give back to the brave men and women who defended our freedoms.”

The legislation was reintroduced Aug. 4 and has been referred for consideration in Congress. If enacted, the pilot program would be overseen by the SBA and would be limited to 250 eligible veterans during its three-year duration.

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem VA Medical Center to temporarily relocate specialty clinics during renovations

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The Salem VA Medical Center will temporarily relocate several specialty clinics as facility enhancements begin in portions of Building 143.

Beginning Aug. 10, the Cardiology, Rheumatology, Neurology and Infectious Disease clinics will move to the second floor of Building 7 while renovation work is underway.

The locations of all other clinics at the medical center will remain unchanged.

Medical center staff stationed at the main entrance and throughout the campus will assist veterans, family members and caregivers in finding the temporary clinic locations. Signs directing patients to the relocated clinics will also be posted throughout the facility.

Valet parking services and wheelchairs for veterans will continue to be available at the medical center’s main entrance. Veterans needing directions or wheelchair assistance to Building 7 are asked to use the main entrance.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Coming down soon

From the January 16, 1986 edition of *The Salem Times-Register*

Three buildings on the corner of East Main and Broad streets will be razed in early April to make was for a parking lit and a possible mini-mall. Salem City council voted unanimously Monday night to demolish the buildings awarding the contract to Alan L. Amos Wrecking Company. The low bid by Amos includes the cost of taking the debris toa private landfill. “We do not want the debris dumped in the city landfill,” Vice Mayor Mac Green said. Amos plans to begin work Monday, with the hand o labor taking two weeks to complete and the demolition one week. Green said a temporary parking lot will be constructed on the site, but he emphasized the city hoped it will only



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be temporary. E would like to have a mall, bazaar-type operation located on the site,” he said. The city purchased the property last year from the partnership of E. Cabell Brand, John Rocovich and Leon Mitchell. Five businesses located in the buildings were uprooted in February by the city to make way for the project.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

OBITUARY

Virginia “Jenny” Anna Newton, age 84, a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Salem, Va., and formerly, St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church in Shallotte, N.C., passed away with the comfort and deepest love of her family on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Jenny was born in Washington, D.C., on Aug 12, 1941, to the late Joseph M. and Virginia I. Donnelly, was raised in Salem, Va., and graduated from Andrew Lewis High School. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, John P. Newton; her brother, T. Patrick Donnelly; and sister, Christina Charlton.

She is survived by her brother, Joseph M. Donnelly, Jr.; her children, Matthew E. Newton (Laura), Veronica N. Bandy (James), and John J. Newton; and grandchildren, John

gardening, crafts, cruises with John, and playing games with family and friends. Abiding love for her family was manifested by her persistent determination and sacrifice. Her greatest pride and joy were in her children and grandchildren.

A celebration of Jenny’s life will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Family and friends may visit from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home located at 305 Roanoke Boulevard in Salem, Va. A graveside service will then be conducted at 3 p.m. at Sherwood Memorial Park located at 1250 East Main Street, also in Salem.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in her memory to goodsam. care or michaeljfox. org. Remembrances and condolences may be offered at johnmoakey. com.

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 (Brughes Mill Road). Expected completion is fall 2026.

Slow rolls: Slow roll operations are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m. to 5 a.m., on I-81 will be in place for bridge jacking and blocking. Slow roll operations for northbound will start at Exit 150 and slow roll operations for southbound will start at the Troutville Rest Area at mile marker 158. Flagging operations will be in place on Route 640 under the bridges at Exit 156 will also be in place.

Temporary traffic barrier in place on westbound side of Route 640 under the I-81 bridges off exit 156 with lanes narrowed to 11 feet.

Nighttime outside and inside lane closures may be in place on I-81 from mile marker 155 to 157, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

Interstate 81 acceleration ramp extensions at mile marker 94 in Pulaski County and 105 in Montgomery County

Work is underway on the extension of two acceleration lanes on I-81. The first one will be the entrance ramp onto I-81 southbound at mile marker 94, the entrance ramp onto I-81 southbound. The second one will be the entrance ramp onto I-81 northbound at mile marker 105 in Montgomery County. Scheduled completion date for both projects is summer 2026. During construction, drivers can expect:

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

Ramp closures: Ramp closures with detours are possible and drivers should watch message boards for updates.

Shoulder closures throughout the work zone area.

Slow rolls on I-81 between mile markers 98 and 105 of up to 15 minutes may be in place during nighttime hours.

Narrowed or shifted ramps during nighttime hours.

Interstate 81 lane widening construction project exit 137 to exit 141

The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

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

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

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

Blasting: Blasting and noise impacts are possible.

Truck entrances on I-81: Openings for trucks to enter into the work zone for deliveries are possible where barrier walls are present. Watch for trucks that may slow down on the interstate to enter these areas.

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.

Daytime flagging operation on Reservoir Road until Tuesday, September 1.

Daytime flagging operation on Belle Haven Road until Tuesday, September 1.

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

Shoulder closures: Shoulder closures in place with additional barrier wall to be installed next year.

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

‘Pink’ detour signs: While pink detour signs are in place on I-81 and routes around the project such as Route 11 and Plantation Road, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents

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including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for traffic incident detours only.

I-81 widening from mile marker 133.8 to 137

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

I-81 northbound at exit 105 New River Bridge replacement in Montgomery County

Work on this project continues with the initial work beginning behind the barrier wall. Then, beginning in May and through September, the barrier wall will be moved, and the existing lanes will be narrowed. In the fall of 2026, I-81 traffic will be shifted into a new pattern at the bridge. Two lanes of traffic will continue to be open in the work zone, but motorists will be traveling on a different portion of roadway on the right side of the bridge.

Throughout construction, two lanes of northbound I-81 will remain open during daytime hours with nighttime closures possible during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker

98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. The project is expected to be complete and the bridge in its final configuration with two lanes of Interstate 81 and the right deceleration lane/exit ramp by the end of 2026.

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

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

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

I-81 bridge deck repairs

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

Interstate 581

Interstate 581 exit 2N at Peters Creek Road

Work is underway on this \$4 million project to re-align and signalize the exit 2N ramp from northbound I-581 to northbound Peters Creek Road, eliminating the current merge ramp and making it easier for drivers to

access Valleypointe Parkway. One lane each direction will remain open during work. During spring and summer 2026, the current exit ramp will be narrowed as construction begins on the new exit ramp. Construction is expected to be completed in late fall 2026.

Road closure: On Wednesday evening, August 5, at around 11 p.m., the northbound side of Peters Creek Road will be closed for approximately 15 minutes for a signal arm installation across the roadway. The location of the road closure will be just after the I-581 entrance ramp onto I-581 southbound. Message boards will alert drivers

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

I-581 patching operations

Weather permitting, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-581 bridge deck repairs

Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581, right and left lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and work zone areas. Delays are possible.

Roanoke County Dry Hollow Road safety improvements

A safety improvement project on Dry Hollow Road that will reinforce the retaining wall and install a roadside barrier is expected to start. Beginning Monday, August 10, drivers may encounter flagging operations and delays of up to five minutes throughout the life of the project. Delays of up to 15 minutes are also possible during the hours of:

5 a.m. to 7 a.m.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Nighttime road closures are expected to begin in summer 2027 after Roanoke County Public Schools have closed. Drivers should pay attention to message boards that are already in place. A new signal has already been installed as the first part of this project. Expected completion is fall 2027.

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

As of Thursday, July 9, after 7 p.m., a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Clearbrook Village Lane and Indian Graves Road on Route 220 is nearing completion. Motorists who used to drive straight across Route 220 at this intersection will instead turn right or left onto Route 220 and make a U-turn at the next available median crossover or signal. Message boards will be in place and drivers will see barrels in place as barriers to separate left and right turn

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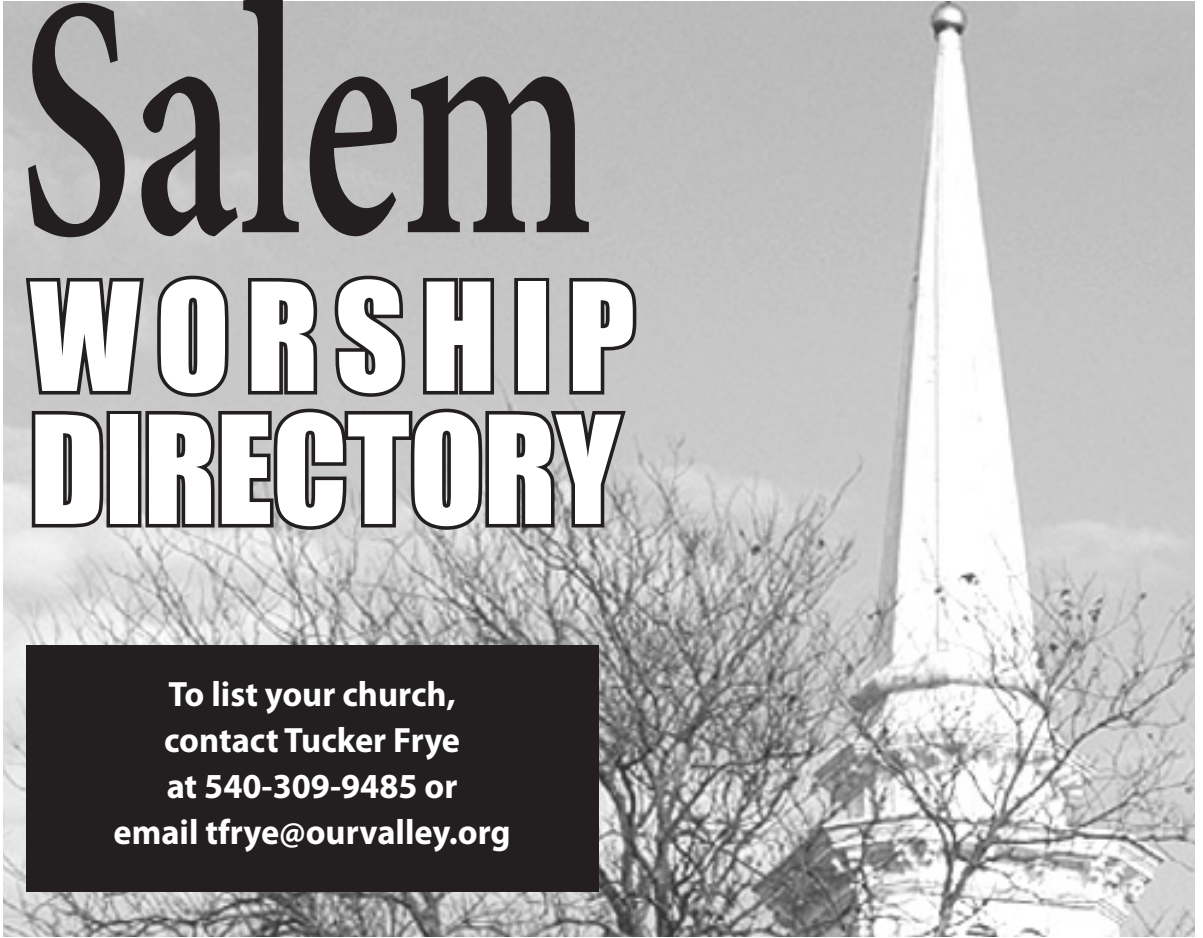
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movements until concrete islands are constructed. Motorists will still be able to access Clearbrook Village Lane and Indian Graves Road from Route 220 by using existing turn lanes. Nighttime work to improve the intersection will continue and lane closures and flagging operations are possible between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Drivers should pay attention to signs and message boards in the area. Work is expected to be completed by end of 2026, weather permitting.

Route 220 traffic pattern change at Sontag Road and Cassell Drive

As of Monday, July 20, after 7 p.m., drivers will use a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Sontag Road and Cassell Drive on Route 220 to improve safety and traffic flow. Motorists who currently drive straight across Route 220 at this intersection will instead turn right or left onto Route 220 and make a U-turn at the next available median crossover or signal. Newly constructed U-turns on Route 220 are now open. Message boards will be in place and drivers will see barrels in place as barriers to separate left and right turn movements until concrete islands are constructed. Motorists will still be able to access Sontag Road and Cassell Drive from Route 220 by using existing turn lanes. Nighttime work to improve the intersection will continue over the next few weeks. Lane closures and flagging operations are possible between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. and drivers should pay attention to signs and message boards in the area. Weather permitting, expected completion by end of 2026.

Apperson and Orchard Drive safety improvement

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

Route 221 (Bent Mountain Road) utility work

Drivers should expect daytime flagging along Route 221 (Bent Mountain Road) between Poage Valley Road and Crystal Creek Drive for utility installation through August 2026. Delays are possible.

Route 220/Route 419 Diverging Diamond Interchange

The Route 220/Route 419 interchange project is underway. It will be reconfigured with a diverging diamond concept and multiple intersections on

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

Route 220 at Crossbow Circle and Pheasant Ridge Road intersection improvements

Construction activities for this project are underway. A new traffic pattern will be put in place where drivers will turn left or right to make a U-turn instead of driving straight across Route 220. Signal pole installation and pedestrian improvements remain under construction during nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution in the area and watch for work zones and message boards providing updated information. Expected completion, weather permitting, by end of 2026.

Route 220 at Southern Hills and Valley Avenue intersection improvements

Construction activities for this project are underway starting with lane closures during nighttime hours from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next morning, Sunday night through Friday morning. Shoulder closures possible during daytime hours. A new traffic pattern will be put in place where drivers will turn left or right to make a U-turn instead of driving straight across Route 220. Signal pole installation and pedestrian improvements remain under construction during nighttime hours. Drivers should watch message boards. Expected completion, weather permitting, by end of 2026.

Botetourt County Route 666 (Haymakertown Road) bridge replacement

Weather permitting, a section of Route 666 (Haymakertown Road) will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday, August 24, for a bridge replacement. The bridge is located on Haymakertown Road between Route 665 (Country Club Road) and Route 664 (Asbury Lane). Residents will still have access to their homes on either

side of the closure. A signed detour will direct through traffic around the closure. This project is expected to be completed by early September.

Route 460 and Laymantown Road intersection improvements

An intersection improvement project to replace a bridge and add a right turn lane on westbound Route 460 for drivers turning onto Laymantown Road is currently underway. Drivers should pay attention to signs and traffic control devices and use caution in the work zone. The road closure part of the project is expected to be completed in summer 2026.

Road closure with detour: Laymantown Road is closed with a detour in place at its intersection with Route 460. Signage will direct traffic to use Knoll Road and Knollwood Drive to travel around the closure.

Lane closures: Drivers who use Route 460 (Orange Avenue) and Route 658 (Laymantown Road) in Botetourt County should expect possible lane closures on Route 460 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on Laymantown Road from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail brush cutting and stabilization work

Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect data and conduct site visits and field reviews on the railbed. The design plans for Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail are still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined.

Craig County Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail brush cutting and stabilization work

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Montgomery County Route 663 to close at its intersection with Route 114 in Montgomery

County for pipe replacement

Weather permitting, starting at 6 a.m. Monday, August 3, Route 663 (Walton Road) in Montgomery County will be closed at its intersection with Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) for a pipe replacement near the intersection. All Walton Road traffic will need to use Route 11 (Radford Road) to access homes or detour around the closure. Drivers should pay attention to message boards in the area. Peppers Ferry Road and Route 685 (Prices Fork Road) will remain open for the duration of the project. Work is expected to be completed by 6 a.m. Wednesday, August 5, weather permitting.

Route 726 (Gold Rush Road) closed for bridge replacement

Beginning on Monday, August 24, at 8 a.m., Route 726 (Gold Rush Road) will close for bridge work over Brush Creek. This bridge is located 0.5 mile from Route 615 and 1.6 miles from Route 612. Message boards will alert drivers. Expected completion is September 4.

Route 460 Business pedestrian improvement project

Work is nearing completion on a pedestrian improvement project for Route 460 Business between the intersection of Route 460 and Laurel Street (Entrance to Walmart) and to the intersection with Spradlin Farm Drive. Drivers can expect lane closures in the eastbound and westbound lanes from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Closures of turn lanes onto 460 Business from each side of the intersection with Laurel Street may also be in place. Message boards will alert traffic. Expected completion is Summer 2026.

Lane closures: Lane closures may be in place in the following locations during allowable work hours listed above:

Right lane closures on Route 460 eastbound may be in place during daytime hours and alternating lane closures on Route 460 westbound during nighttime hours.

Nighttime lane closures including left hand turn lanes may be in place on the eastbound side of North Franklin, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. These closures will also involve restricting turn lane access from Pepper's Ferry Road through the signaled intersection.

Eastbound left lane closures from the intersection with Pepper's Ferry to just past the intersection with Laurel Street.

Westbound lane closure from Farm View Road to just past the intersection with Laurel Street. Inside turn lane may be closed from westbound Route 460.

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

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

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

Compensation:

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

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
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, choir, and other musicians
- Strong sense of musicality and sensitivity to worship

Compensation:

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

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

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 Vandeventer 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.

Legals - Botetourt County

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 Assignment in favor of 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.

Legals - Botetourt County

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.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104 Case No.W240000024 BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE VA 24090

ESTATE OF RUBY ANN HALL PERDUE, DECEASED

The object of this suit is to: CREDITORS AND ALL OTHERS SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION It appearing that the report of the account of Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall Perdue, deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the administrator, on motion of Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the estate do show cause, if they can, on the 6th day of October, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, 1 W. Main Street #120, Fincastle, Virginia, 24090, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall =Perdue, deceased, to pay all the unpaid taxes and levies thereon and all debts and demands reported by the Commissioner of Accounts that are approved and remain unsatisfied, and then to make payment and delivery of the remaining estate, if any, to the heirs, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with or without refunding bonds, as the Court Prescribes. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published for two (2) successive weeks in The Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in The County of Botetourt, Virginia. Enter: July 27, 2026 Honorable Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ask for this: Michael S. Whitlow, (VSB No. 38320) P.O. Box 779 Roanoke Va 24004 (540) 904-7835 Fax: (866) 684-7835 *Counsel for Bria Lashae Stephen, Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall Perdue*

Legals - City of Salem

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

equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season. Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://p1ow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employee

Legals - Montgomery County

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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 Linkous Auction Group at 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

Legals - Montgomery County

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, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Montgomery County

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 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

Storage Auction

STORAGE AUCTION

Salem Storage 736 Roanoke Street Salem, Va. 24153 August 20,2026 at 9:00 AM Salem Storage will conduct a public sale of merchandise to collect liens from the following delinquent building. Owner: Linda Devincenzi Units 29,103 Cash Only We reserve the right to refuse bids.

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Spartans work out on the field behind the high school on the second day of official practice last week.



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High School football players will put the pads on this week

High School football practice started last week for area teams and this week the pads come on with preseason scrimmages just over a week away.

Salem High will scrimmage Norfolk's Maury High School, a Class 5 school from the Eastern District, on Friday, August 14, at 11 am. That scrimmage will be held at Fork Union Military Academy.

The Spartans second scrimmage will be at home. Salem will host Amherst County in a Benefit Game on Friday, August 21, at 7 pm at Salem Stadium. The Spartans open the season at E.C. Glass on August 28 with a 7 pm game at Lynchburg's City Stadium.

Glenvar will host Jefferson Forest and William Byrd in a 5 pm scrim-

mage on Friday, August 14. Then the Highlanders will be in Blacksburg for their second scrimmage on August 21 before opening the regular against Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg on August 28.

Andrew Lewis Middle School will host a football jamboree this Wednesday at Salem Stadium. The Wolverines will open the season

August 13 with a seventh and eighth grade doubleheader at home against Patrick Henry. The seventh grade will play at 5 pm followed by the eighth grade game at 6:30 pm at Salem Stadium.

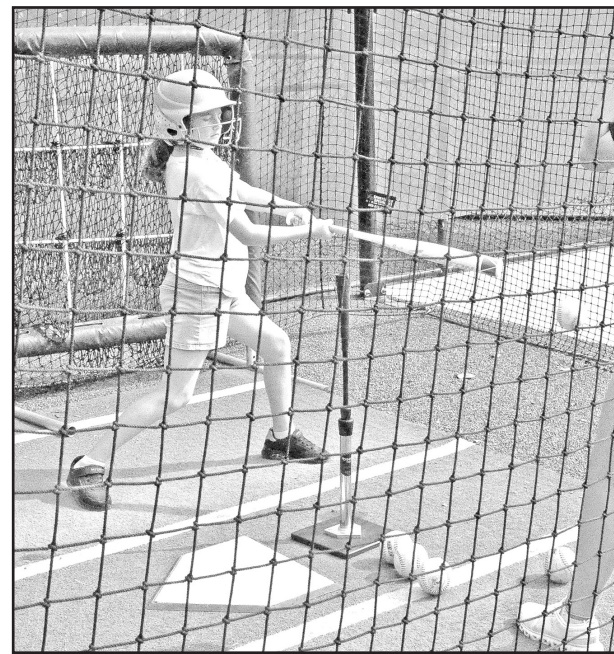
Glenvar Middle School will also open at home on August 13. The Highlanders will host Cave Spring at 6:30 pm at Highlander Stadium.



Glenvar High players go through an evening workout at Highlander Stadium last Friday.



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Future Spartans on the diamonds

The Salem Department of Parks and Recreation held softball and baseball clinics for kids last week. Left, a young girl rips one in the cage and, above, kids have infield practice at Billy Sample Field.

Spartan golf team has depth, talent to open season

The Salem High golf team has high hopes with the 2026 season opening this week. Salem was scheduled to play in the Botetourt Metro tournament on Tuesday and today the Spartans will compete in the Woodford Invitational in Wytheville. Both the Metro and Woodford have some of the top teams from the



Salem's Ashnoor Kaur was the individual state champion as a junior.

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area in attendance.

“We are looking for a big season this year,” said Salem High coach Blaine Hancock. “We only graduated one senior from last fall and we have several new additions ready to show what they can do. We will have a really good roster that will likely be a rotating lineup as we have many capable players that can make an impact for our team.”

Salem will be led by defending Class 4 State Champion Ashnoor Kaur, a rising senior. Ashnoor has played in numerous tournaments all over the country this year and is ready to make another big splash this fall.

“I know she is ready to make a push for the title again this year,” said Hancock.

Also returning to the lineup are some key contributors from last year's team, including rising junior Mike Bateman and rising sophomore McKenzie Eversole. Bateman just punched his ticket for the 2026 PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach September 15-20.

“Mike will be playing along with the PGA Tour Champions players in the event,” said Hancock. “That is a huge accomplishment and will be a fantastic experience getting to play one of the most iconic courses in the world.”

Eversole made the state tournament as a freshman and finished as one of the top 25 girls. She's been working hard this offseason to elevate her game. Salem has also added rising sophomore JD Williamson, who moved into Salem from Glenvar.

“After being one of the top golfers at Glenvar last year, he will make a big difference in our lineup,” said Hancock.

Others hoping to earn their spot in the lineup include rising freshman Chloe Collins, who finished second in the River Ridge District JV as an 8th grader last year. She's qualified for some big events this summer including the VSGA/MAPGA Junior Four Ball tournament earlier this year, beating many varsity players to earn that spot. She also played in the Scott Robertson Memorial Tournament.

Salem has great depth. Hancock also has returning rising juniors Croix Bowen, Will Creger and Eli

Wells on the team.

“Croix has been steady for us the last two years, earning Honorable Mention All River Ridge District Honors last year,” said Hancock. “Will Creger had to sit out last season after sustaining an ACL injury. He's ready to get back into action this fall after having our team's second best finish at the Class 4 State Championship as a freshman in 2024. Eli played our sixth spot last fall and has been putting in the work to improve his game. I'm not sure who will be our six players in tournaments week to week, but we have a lot of talented players we can go to each week.”

Salem has other hopefuls for the lineup and those not in the varsity rotation can make an impact on the junior varsity level.

“I look for rising freshmen Turner Hall and Owen Jenkins to be key contributors in the future along with a slew of new players trying out this fall,” said Hancock.

As usual, the Roanoke Valley will be a hotbed for high school golf. Blacksburg will be looking for a sixth straight state team title and many teams in the area should be strong.

“It's going to be another loaded year in the River Ridge District,” said Hancock.

“Blacksburg is fresh off their fifth straight state team title and only graduated one senior. Everyone in the district has had players elevate this summer. Only one of the top 30 players in the district graduated last year.”

“Each team will be better this season and the perennial target of a score of 300 for high school golf will likely not be low enough to win in our district. It's going to be a fun season and I'm excited to see what we can do.”

Salem finished second in the district last year and third in the sub-region, knocking the Spartans out of postseason play.

“We hope to use those experiences to push us even higher this year,” said Hancock. “Our players have been putting in an incredible amount of work this offseason, posting over 90 tournament rounds. We hope to make a big push for states with all of our team being capable of putting up great scores.”

Botetourt Metro tees off 2026 season

The Salem and Glenvar golf teams were scheduled to tee-it up Tuesday in the annual Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament. This year's tournament was scheduled to include 18 teams at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

This year's field was wide open. Floyd County was the team winner last year, followed by Auburn in second place and Blacksburg in third. This year's field,

in addition to host teams Lord Botetourt and James River, included Salem, Glenvar, Floyd, Blacksburg, William Byrd, Franklin County, Northside, Patrick Henry Cave Spring, Hidden Valley, Auburn, Rockbridge, Abingdon, EC Glass, and Jefferson Forest.

Look for results in next week's Salem Times-Register sports section.

Highlanders are young but experienced

The Glenvar golfers will hit the links this week with two matches to start the fall season. The Highlanders were scheduled to play in the Botetourt Metro on Tuesday and today they're in Martinsville for a match at the Forest Park County Club.

“We have a young nucleus returning this year,” said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. “We're excited with the work sophomores John Deel and Mason Young have been putting in this off season.”

Both qualified for the region tournament last year as freshmen and are ready to make a big jump this season. Duff is also excited about returning players like seniors Easton Quesenberry and

Jackson Jones, junior Jack Osburn and sophomores Isaac Carroll and Brendan Miller. Newcomers to the team who could be a factor are senior Jax Bolling, junior Parker Doolan and freshman Maddox Burbage.

“We are looking forward to what these guys can do this season,” said Duff.

The Three Rivers District should be strong again. Floyd County dominated last year and the Buffaloes have a new coach in Gino Williams. James River is also going to have a strong team with two all-state players returning for their senior year.

“Donna Cox is a great coach and has two outstanding players

in Landon Bolling and Mason Gilliland,” said Duff about the James River team. “Radford will have Hunter Crist and coach Cody Roberts always has them ready to play. Patrick County and Carroll County are always formidable and Martinsville is building and improving.”

Glenvar's home course will be the Hanging Rock Golf Club once again. The Highlanders will host a district match there on August 27 at 1 pm.

“My goal this season is to get this team to play to their ability by focusing on positive attitudes, course management, and attention to short game success,” said Duff.



Glenvar's John Deel was one of two Highlanders who qualified for the region tournament as a freshman.

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Enndy Azocar, who started the season in Salem before being promoted, was traded to Baltimore at the MLB trade deadline.

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Yaks host 'Peckers in battle for first place

The Salem RidgeYaks have a huge six game series this week when they host the Fayetteville Woodpeckers at Salem Memorial Ballpark. Salem has a chance to take the lead in the second half standings in the Carolina League's North Division.

The Yaks came into the week two and a half games behind the 'Peckers in the North standings with an 18-18 second half record. Fayetteville comes to town at 20-15 but Salem can take the lead by winning five or six games in this week's series. Even four wins would pull the RidgeYaks to within a half game of the lead.

The series opened Tuesday but results were too late for publica-

tion. The Yaks are coming off a six game series in Kannapolis that saw them go 2-4. Meanwhile, Fayetteville was taking five of six from visiting Hill City(Lynchburg) to pass the RidgeYaks in the standings and open a two and a half game lead.

After a Tuesday rainout last week in Kannapolis the Yaks played a doubleheader on Wednesday, July 29. Salem won the first game, 7-2, as Staryn Nunez and Louis Andujar homered but the Cannon Ballers took the second game, 1-0, spoiling a solid pitching performance by Jason Gilman. The Yaks' lefty allowed just three hits in a complete game outing and the only run scored by the Ballers came on a fourth inning sacrifice fly.

Salem bounced back to win Thursday's game, 6-2. Andrews Opata hit his eighth home run of the season and Adonys Guzman had two hits and drove in two runs. Brady Tygart got the win on the mound, pitching five innings and allowing just one run.

The series went downhill from there for the Yaks, as they lost the next three. Kannapolis won 6-2 on Friday, 8-5 on Saturday and 8-4 on Sunday.

Salem hopes to bounce back this week with

first place on the line. Promotions include Toy Story Night on Friday with post-game fireworks, Outdoors Night Saturday with a Mac the Yak bobble-head going to the first 750 fans and kids run the bases following Sunday's 4:05 pm start.

In other Yaks news several former Salem players found new homes at the Major League Baseball trade deadline. Former Salem shortstop Marcelo Mayer was traded to the San

Francisco Giants for lefthanded pitcher Erik Miller and outfielder Carlos Gutierrez. Enddy Azocar, an outfielder who started this season in Salem, was traded to Baltimore in a big trade that sent catcher Adley Rutschman to Boston.

Also Jojo Ingrassia, who pitched 21 games in Salem with a 3-1 record and a 1.85 ERA in 2024, was traded to the Tigers and Tyler Uberstine, who was 4-4 in 14 games here in 2022, was dealt to the Braves.



Salem fans run the bases during a recent homestand.

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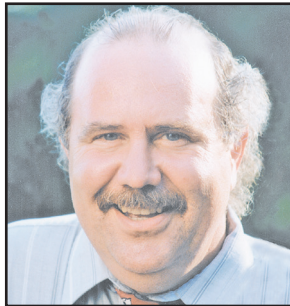
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Brian Hoffman



Billy Miles leaves legacy of excellence

We lost one of the all-time great Salemites last Saturday when Billy Miles passed on at the age of 78. He made a great impact on many as a teacher, football coach and just a good guy.

Billy grew up in Salem. His dad, also Billy, ran Billy's Barbeque that was a hangout for Roanoke College kids in the '60s, then opened "Billy's Barn," a popular restaurant and bar in Salem.

Young Billy played on the football team at Andrew Lewis High School under coach Eddie Joyce, who would be a special mentor to him. A member of the Lewis Class of 1966, Billy was a standout player who went on to play at Fort Scott Junior College in Kansas, one of the top junior college programs in the nation. Fort Scott won the NJCAA national championship in 1970 and was national runner-up three other times.

Billy grew up in the time of the Viet Nam war and served in the U.S. Army, where he was seriously injured. His wounds would stay with him for the rest of his life, but wouldn't deter him from having a full life and being a great influence to countless young people.

After returning to Salem Billy received his bachelor's degree in history from Radford College and taught history at Salem High School. He was a popular teacher and made learning interesting and fun for the students in his class.

While Billy was known as a good teacher, his passion was football. He was a volunteer coach at Andrew Lewis Middle School in the late '70s then joined Wallace Thompson's staff at Salem High in 1981. He assisted Thompson for two years and Carl Richards for one when Salem High was in the Roanoke County School system, then coached with Willis White for 17 years after Salem broke off from the county and hired White away from Patrick Henry High.

Miles proved to be a valuable member of the staff as the Spartans rose to a perennial state contender in the high school football ranks. As offensive line coach and offensive coordinator he gained a reputation as one of the very best line coaches on any level. His "mules" were legendary and the tradition still carries on with the Salem team to this day.

I had the pleasure of covering those teams through the entirety of Billy's tenure. I enjoyed talking football with him and was impressed with his passion and knowledge of the game. Each year about this time I'd call him to go over his offensive line for our pre-season football section. One year I unwittingly wrote a little more than I should, to which Billy chastised me for "giving away his line calls in the paper." I made sure that didn't happen again.

I'll always remember a couple things he told me about his mules, and I've repeated these lines many times. Billy would tell the linemen the only people who were watching them during the game were their parents and him.

And here's my favorite. Billy would say, "when the running back runs for a big gain everyone up in the stands would say what a good player the running back was. But when the running back would get tackled in the backfield everyone would yell, 'block line block'."

He was a tough guy. Billy had a reputation as someone you didn't want to mess with as a young man. When he was an assistant at Lewis I was hanging out in the football office when a player named Brian Ellis came in to get his ankles taped. I didn't know who the player was at the time, so when Billy barked "sit down Brian" my butt found a chair in a hurry.

Current Salem High coach Don Holter had a special relationship with Billy. Don moved from West Virginia, by himself, to play football for the Spartans and the team and coaches quickly became his family. Billy took him under his wing and later hired him as a coach when Miles took a job as head coach at Franklin County.

"I had an opportunity to play for him and coach with him," said Holter. "He was a teacher and a mentor and a great coach who left no stone unturned. He was passionate and dedicated, and I had no doubt that I was learning from one of the best."

Billy coached winning teams with White for 16 years but winning that first state championship wasn't easy. In 1984 the Spartans went 9-1 but a loss to Pulaski County on the second last game of the season kept them out of the playoffs when it was a lot harder to make the post-season. In 1986 the Spartans beat Pulaski in a thriller in Dublin, 14-13, and finished 12-2, making it to the state championship game before losing to a stacked Hampton Crabbers team, 14-0 in Newport News.

In 1989 Salem won their first 12 games but stand-out quarterback Stephen Magenbauer was injured in the first game of the playoffs and Salem ended up losing to Blacksburg. In 1990 a banged up Spartan team made it to the third round of the playoffs before losing in Lee County, and in 1991 a powerhouse Spartan team was undefeated and hosting the state championship game only to be upset by Spotsylvania in the final, 31-27.

The next year was the Richlands long cleats game, and in 1995 Salem lost to Amherst County in overtime at Salem Stadium and after the game I'll never forget Billy mumbling loudly to himself, "I can't take it, I just can't take it anymore." A couple weeks later,

after he calmed down, I talked with him and he made the point that, "if you're a good team you're going to either win the state championship or end the season with a loss."

Salem had ended 10 straight very successful seasons with a loss heading into the 1996 campaign. Once again the Spartans made the state championship game, only this time they didn't end with a loss. They beat Sherando, 20-12, to win the school's first state football championship.

To this day, that game is my favorite of all-time. It was so much fun to see friends of mine with smiling faces, overwhelmed with joy after finally getting over the hump. Not the least of those friends was Billy Miles, and I made sure to get a shot of his family after the game. Sons Chad and Shaine had played for the Spartans and youngest son Travis was a "mule" on that 1996 very special team.

home side of the big "S," enjoying the game with his Salem friends of many years. Even when his leg didn't allow him to move around freely wife Linda would drive their truck to the home games and Billy would sit in the truck on the hill on the visitors' side of the field house to watch Salem play.

"In 2023 we played Tuscarora in the state semifinal in Leesburg," remembers Holter. "Billy's leg was all swollen up and he could hardly walk, but he insisted he wasn't going to miss that game."

"He was just a 'dude', and people who knew him will know what I'm talking about," Holter continued. "He paid a price in Viet Nam. I've been with him when he'd take a piece of shrapnel out of his leg that had come up to the surface, and he'd just pick it out and toss it in the trash can. You could hear the 'ding'."

"He had a fused leg and you knew it was hurtin' him, but he never whined or complained about any-



Above, the Miles family poses for a group shot following the 1996 state championship win over Sherando at Victory Stadium. Standing, left to right, is a smiling Billy, wife Linda, daughter-in-law Vanessa and husband Shaine and eldest son Chad. Kneeling is youngest son Travis, who played on the championship team. Far left, Billy as a player for the Andrew Lewis High School team in the '60s, and left at his induction into the Franklin County High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021. Bottom is a photo from the 1996 championship game. Left to right are Salem coaches Steve Oliver, Marty Yuhas, head coach Willis White, John Hinkle and Billy Miles. With Billy's passing White is only surviving member of the group pictured.

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Salem won state championships again in 1998 and 1999 with Billy on the staff. By that time it was no secret that he was a heck of a good football coach. Cave Spring had approached him about taking their job, but Billy was as Salem as they come and he turned them down to stay with the Spartans.

Then, in the spring of 2000, I got a call from Billy at my house. He had decided to take the Franklin County job and he wanted to make sure I heard it from him. It was time to be the head man in charge, and Billy saw Franklin County as a sleeping giant in the greater Roanoke Valley area.

At that time Franklin County was traditionally a bad football team. Even in the early '80s, before Willis White arrived, Salem teams with poor records usually beat Franklin County. The Eagles had not had a winning season since 1978 when Billy took the job, eight times in that span winning two or fewer games in the season.

In Billy's first year the Eagles were 4-6, followed by a 6-4 season in 2001. Then, in 2002, the Eagles went 9-2 and made the Class 6 playoffs for the first time in school history. His six year record with the Eagles was 39-24 and in 2021 he was inducted into the Franklin County High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Through those six years Billy never sold his home in Salem, driving to Rocky Mount every day of the football season. You see, he was coaching in Franklin County but he was still a Salem guy. After he retired you could see him at Salem games up on the hill to the

thing. I told him once that modern science could do some pretty amazing stuff and did he ever think about getting a replacement. He told me he could coach, he could golf, he could ski and he could fish. The only thing he couldn't do was run and he never liked running much anyway. I never mentioned it again after that."

Billy was married to wife Linda for 57 years. He leaves three sons, Chad, Shaine and Travis, along with Shaine's wife Vanessa and Travis' wife Jenny. He had three grandchildren, Landon, Brock and Maggie. Brock, Shaine's son, played quarterback for Salem and North Cross and is now on the Bridgewater College team.

Billy was blessed to see Brock play a game he loved in his waning years, and when Shaine played for Virginia Tech I once mentioned to Billy it must be fun to see Shaine playing for the Hokies. He replied, "I love all my sons equally." Then, with a wry smile he added, "But I have to admit it is pretty special."

Gone too soon at 78, Billy Miles will be long remembered. Not just for his accomplishments, but for the deeds done by his players and students from lessons learned in the classroom, in the field house and on the football field.

"He always taught us to be the best person in all aspects of life," said Holter. "What a mentor! His legacy will continue to travel with me, and a lot of others, too. He lives on through all of us."

And if that's not a life well-lived I don't what is.