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Our Local Tamassee-Salem SC Area News each Monday except holidays

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**EDITOR:** I want to encourage you to spend special time with everyone you love, especially your spouse or significant loved one. Time can never be replaced. Take a walk together in nature. Enjoy a few moments on the porch at night to hear the sounds in the forest as the moon waxes or wanes among the brilliant planets and stars. We have to stop the world and get off sometimes. Waylon Jennings, one of my icons from the past had the perfect song, "Stop the World and Let Me Off." Cherish what you have been blessed with! Time is wasting! LRM

**Town of SALEM:** 5 Park Avenue Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM. Closed 12-1 for lunch. 864-944- The next Town Council meeting is Tuesday, May 19th at 5PM. Join us for **May Madness at the Salem Town Market- May 30th 9AM-2PM**

**Salem Library:** 5 Park Avenue Mon 10AM-6PM, Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM. Closed 12-1. 864-944-0912 All branches of the Oconee County Library system will be closed May 23- May 25 for Memorial Day.

**Jottings from Jeannie- by JeannieBarnwell**

**A Thought From President Ronald Reagan** President Reagan

cherished the beauty of the nature that we see all around us. He was also a religious man. When asked his thoughts on atheism, he said: "I'd like to invite staunch atheists over for an incredible dinner with tempting appetizers and luscious entrées. The dining room would be filled with colorful displays of gourmet dishes. Tempting aromas, would fill the air. And then at the end of the meal, I would ask them if they believed there had been a cook in the kitchen!!! Ha Ha Hee Hee Ho Ho!!! A thought provoking knee slapper just for you. Miz jeannie loves you!!!!

**ASHTON RECALLS by Ashton Hester TAMASSEE-SALEM GIRLS' TEAM WON 26 STRAIGHT GAMES IN 1979-**

**80** - (The following story was in the March 19, 1980 Keowee Courier). . . When the Tamassee-Salem girls' basketball team met Bowman for the state 1-A basketball championship Friday in Newberry, it was a battle between two teams with a combined winning streak of 105 games--79 for Bowman and 26 for the Eagles. . . Unfortunately for Tamassee-Salem, it was Bowman's winning streak that was still alive when the game ended, as they won their 80th game in a row, over the past four seasons, 47-38. . . Tamassee-Salem led 26-24 at halftime but Bowman took the lead, 36-33, at the end of the third quarter. . . Maria McSwain scored 17 points to lead the Eagles. . . Tamassee-Salem finished the season with a 26-2 record, losing only their first and last games while winning 26 in a row in between. . . Making this record even more amazing is the fact that the entire team will return next year, and the top three scorers--McSwain, Diane Head and Gail Cantrell--will only be juniors. . . Last year the Eagles had a 21-4 record, making their combined record the past two seasons 47-6.



**JOCASSEE VALLEY BREWING COMPANY,(JVBC) & COFFEE SHOP\*** 13412 N Hwy 11 phone: 864-873-0048 Hours: Wed-Sat 9am-9pm & Sunday 12pm-7pm Events this week **WED: Farm to Fire Fermentery PIZZA 4PM Blue Grass Jam 7PM Thurs: Food: Farm to Fire Fermentery PIZZA 4PM PALMETTO TRAIL TALK 6:00PM Fri: Food: ONE ARMED SMOKER Music: SCOTT LOW at 6:30PM Sat: Food: JUST A SMILE Music: at 6:30 PM Sun: 12PM-7PM Food: Farm to Fire Fermentery PIZZA 2PM Music: Rachel 4PM MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY: SMOKIN MAMA'S BBQ 12 PM Music -SPAULDING MCINTOSH 4PM \* Pisgah Coffee Roasters all day-delicious Hot or Cold!**

**HEALTH TIP:** Time to check for ticks after being outdoors. There are some things you can do to help prevent taking one home. Some people spray their shoes with insect repellent. Wear light-weight long sleeved shirts, hats, and pants, for some protection. Brush off your clothing before going into the house. Check your children for ticks. Remove gently with tweezers and cleanse the area with soap and water and apply a little alcohol to the area. Wash your hands thoroughly. Seek medical attention if you develop any symptoms of infection at the site or Lyme Disease such as fever, malaise, rash, swollen joints, mental status changes, or headache.

**Graduation Week:** Most local High School graduations will take place this coming weekend on Saturday. Show our graduates your support in love, hugs, your presence, your gifts, and most of all your prayers. Recognize this is a time of transition for them that can be awkward.

## LOCAL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

**FIRE SQUITO- Fire Ant and Pest Control -Contact owner Gabe Luce [firesquito@gmail.com](mailto:firesquito@gmail.com). Or call / text 864-860-2262**

**Wilson's Towing** and Auto Salvage located 115 Mountain View Road, Salem 944-1524

**QUOTES this week by writer and environmentalist Wendell Berry, born in Port Royal, Kentucky 1934. His writings reflect his concern for the natural world and man's impact on it. Berry resides on his farm in his hometown. "Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you." "You can best serve civilization by being against what usually passes for it."**

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# EAGLES NEST ART CENTER



Eaglesnestartcenter.org  
Eaglesnestartcenter@gmail.com

Located 4 Eagle Lane, Salem SC 29676  
864-280-1258

**Senior Exercise** every Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-10:30AM and Saturdays at 10AM. Call for schedule of evening classes.

**\*CERTIFIED COMISSARY KITCHEN SPACE AVAILABLE \***

We need your help at Eagles Nest Art Center. Volunteer to help us open the Treasure Store with more hours!

**MakeKeowee.org**— a makerspace at the Eagles Nest Art Center with increasing opportunities including sewing, quilting, wood working and more! Night classes have been added!

**2026 YAM SUMMER DAY CAMP**— for youth held at Haygood Mill in Pickens, SC. All levels from beginner to advanced. July 13-17 Open to all rising 3rd graders to 9th graders. Instruction at all levels in guitar, mandolin, fiddle or banjo. Traditional Appalachian Arts, Storytelling, Games, Music and more. Contact: [Www.yamupstate.com](http://Www.yamupstate.com) or [tshort@yamupstate.com](mailto:tshort@yamupstate.com)

**\* Give a gift and name a seat in honor or memory of someone \***

## CHURCH AND FAITH

**Bethel Presbyterian (PCUSA)**, 580 Bethel Church Rd Walhalla, 29691. Worship at 10:30 a.m. Come visit or make us your church home! All welcome! Minister Schedule: **May 24 Hymfest** w/Marty Hopkins, Zack Vollroth & others.

**BOONES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** 264 Boones Creek Road, Salem invites you to join us for regular worship service on Sunday morning with Sunday School at 10am and followed by worship at 11am. **Vacation Bible School June 7-11 6PM-8PM ages 3 years old to teens. The Theme— ILLUMINATION STATION— Shining a light on who Jesus really is!**

**Salem Methodist Church: 520 Church Street, Salem.** 9am for breakfast, 9:15am for Sunday School, and 10:30am for Worship. You may tune in to our live service on Facebook or view it later on our website. **COMMUNITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Monday Mornings at 10AM.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father—Help us to never take for granted how blessed we are to live in America, where we are free to worship you. Thank you for our military and volunteers who have given their lives for this freedom. We lift up America, our leaders, and our military for your Hold Guiding Hand of Protection during their service today. In Jesus Name! Amen

**Memorial Day next Monday**— Take a moment to REALLY be grateful that you live in America and that we are a nation Under God founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY EDDIE!**



**\* JAZZY JEFF BRIGHT\***  
**Salem's own radio station!**  
**SUNNY 107.9**

**Bargain shop at the Eagles Nest Art Center**  
**TREASURE STORE**  
**THRIFT STORE**  
Saturdays 9AM-12PM  
To donate: call 864-557-2462  
Call **864-557-2462**.

**Rental EVENT SPACE** for your reunions and birthdays!

**\* BARBER SHOP COMING SOON!** Stay-tuned for more Details!  
**COMISSARY KITCHEN**

**EARTH ART CAMP**  
AT THE  
**EAGLES NEST ART CENTER**  
4 EAGLE LANE  
SALEM, SC 29676

**JUNE 8 - 12, 2026**  
9 AM - 12 PM

Ages 6-12 YEARS OLD COST \$50

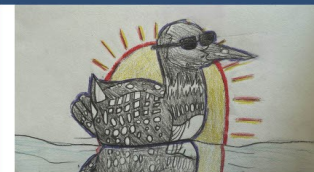
Explore, Learn, Create, and Express Care of Earth Using Paints, Nature, Recycled Materials, Music, Song, and Movement. This is offered for children who want to enjoy creativity and expression while incorporating stewardship of God's Creation.

Call Lynne Martin 864-280-1258 to register.

## LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH POSTER CONTEST



Three posters will win a \$300 cash prize!  
\$250 to the artist's school or organization /  
\$50 to the artist



July has been Lakes Appreciation Month for the past 28 years! To help us celebrate, appreciate, and bring attention to lakes, students of all ages are encouraged to submit posters reflecting how important lakes are to all of us! Submitted artwork will be a big part of NALMS' celebrations through July across North America. <https://www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/poster-contest/>

**Instructions:**  
All grades K-12 welcome to participate!  
Send an electronic version of your poster artwork to [lakesappreciation@nalms.org](mailto:lakesappreciation@nalms.org)  
Each entry must include student name, grade, school, and contact information  
Prizes will be awarded to the top entry in each grade division  
Deadline: June 12, 2026

