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A plaque in memory of Kelvin Bowles, who owned Salem’s minor-league baseball team for 21 years, is unveiled Thursday by his son, Brian Bowles, left, and grandson Korey Bowles at the entrance to Salem Memorial Ballpark. The plaque will be placed on the wall at left.

Recalling ‘Salem’s Baseball Savior’

Ballpark plaque honors late team owner Kelvin Bowles

MARK BERMAN
The Roanoke Times

The late Kelvin Bowles is no longer a fixture at Salem Memorial Ballpark, but a plaque in his honor will be. A large plaque featuring Bowles’ likeness and accomplishments was unveiled in a ceremony at the ballpark

Thursday morning. Bowles, a Franklin County native who owned Salem’s minor-league baseball team for 21 years, died in 2022 at the age of 82. “(The plaque is) incredible.

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WATCH: For a brief video interview with Brian Bowles, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. **NEWSVU**



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Kelvin Bowles, who bought the Salem minor league baseball team in 1985 and sold the team in 2006, died in 2022 at the age of 82.



COURTESY FRANKLIN COUNTY
The Washington Iron Furnace in Rocky Mount is on the National Register of Historic Places.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Preparing for America’s 250th

County to showcase many of its historic people and places

JASON DUNOVANT
The Roanoke Times

ROCKY MOUNT — Next year, America will be commemorating its 250th year as a nation. Here locally, Franklin County will join

the celebration by recognizing some of its local history that can be traced to the nation’s birth. Franklin County formed a committee earlier this year to mark the nation’s 250th anniversary. It is one of countless local

committees formed nationwide for the semiquincentennial. Kevin Tosh, committee member and Franklin County’s director of tourism, said the goal was

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WATCH: To see Franklin County’s Kevin Tosh talk about the county’s plans to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary, point your smartphone camera at the QR code and click to connect. **NEWSVU**

MINNEAPOLIS

Bullets flew after prayer

Catholic schoolchildren listened to psalm, then ducked for cover

JESSE BEDAYN
AND GIOVANNA DELL’ORTO
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — In the vaulted church of a Catholic school in Minneapolis, the pews were packed with teachers, parents and schoolchildren listening to a psalm on the third day of the new school year. “For you darkness itself is not dark, and night shines as the day,” a church member read to about 200 students Wednesday morning as sun streamed through stained glass windows.

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CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Agency left in chaos

Three senior officials quit in protest; acting director appointed

MIKE STOBBE, AMANDA SEITZ
AND CHRIS MEGERIAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation’s top public health agency was left reeling Thursday as the White House worked to expel the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director and replace her with a top adviser to Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The turmoil triggered rare bipartisan alarm as Kennedy tries

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