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## Farewell to Alex Burke: A decade of dedication at the Salem Museum & Historical Society

**Edmee CR Hasler**  
Contributing writer

The Salem Museum & Historical Society bids farewell to Alex Burke, a dedicated member of its team for nearly a decade. Burke's journey with the museum began in May 2016, right after graduating from Roanoke College. However, his connection with the museum dates back even further, to an internship in 2014. From unpaid intern to assistant director, Burke's growth and contributions have left a lasting impact on the institution.

"I started off as an unpaid intern, then I was privileged enough to be offered a Saturday-only position working the front desk," Burke reminisces. "After I graduated, I had a one-day-a-week position. When my boss left, I was offered the office manager position, which eventually transformed into the Assistant Director role a couple of months later in 2017."

Reflecting on his tenure,

Burke notes the significant changes and updates to the exhibits throughout the museum. "The biggest thing is that the exhibits have been updated throughout the entire museum. It was a privilege to work on and put my impact on all the exhibits I've worked on over the years."

A key focus of Burke's work has been engaging the public, especially younger visitors. "We've focused on giving visitors experiences that not only help them learn but also engage them. For instance, we have a WWI helmet that kids can try on and feel, getting them interested in history in a hands-on way," he explains. "Giving visitors different ways to interact with the material will help take the public history world into the next chapter."

Burke's passion for history began at a young age, sparked by a visit to Jamestown with his father when he was five years old. This passion was further fueled by his education at

Roanoke College. "I took one education class and realized teaching every single day wasn't for me. But my passion for history has always been there," he shares.

After completing his MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University, Burke discovered a newfound interest in finance and accounting, leading to his next career move at the Carilion Finance and Accounting Office. "Throughout my master's degree program, I had a strong connection to finance and accounting, which I'm now transitioning into my next career."

The Salem Museum and Historical Society has been more than just a workplace for Burke. "Not many people get the opportunity to work at their hometown history museum. I was really lucky to find this opportunity and to share my story along with my hometown's story," he says.

Susan Kirby, a board member, praises Burke's



COURTESY PHOTO

Museum staff Garrett Channell, Alex Burke and Fran Ferguson are pictured.

contributions: "He's been such a part of this institution for as long as I've been involved. He's left a stamp on so many different things—the exhibits, the policies, keeping up with visitors, rentals, his wonderful presentations on the Civil War. We're lucky to have had him, and we're certainly going to miss him."

Garrett Channell, who worked with Burke for

three years, adds, "He's very knowledgeable about Salem history and what we have in the museum. I think we'll miss him being a ready reference and knowing so much about the area and its history."

As Burke embarks on his new journey, the Salem Museum & Historical Society reflects on the legacy of passion, knowledge and community engagement he leaves behind.

## Council passes HopeTree PUD zoning on another split vote

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

Despite opponents' last-minute pleas to postpone a decision, Salem City Council voted 3-2 to approve Planned Unit Development for HopeTree Family Services' acreage at the north end of Broad Street.

It was the required second reading for the proposal, passed 3-2 at the June 10 Council meeting. Once again, those voting for the change on what was the Virginia Baptist Children's Home campus were Councilmembers Randy Foley and Bill Jones and Mayor Renee Turk who attended the meeting remotely while on vacation in North Carolina.

The PUD proposal by developers Stateson Homes would build up to 340 houses, patio homes



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

HopeTree rezoning opponents hold signs asking for a vote delay at Monday night's Salem City Council meeting.

and apartments as well as a small hotel, coffee shop and corner market on 42 acres. Developers promise they will retain greenspace and walking trails open to the public.

Current vacant brick

buildings on the campus will be incorporated into development, developers say, and thereby retaining the campus' history. The construction will probably take up to 10 years, according to

Stateson representatives.

Opponents waved signs saying "No PUD," "Hey, hey, where's Renee?" and "Postpone the vote."

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Salem City Councilmen Hunter Holiday, right, and Vice Mayor Jim Wallace congratulate Macel Janoschka after Council appointed her to a term beginning July 1.

## Macel Janoschka appointed to Salem School Board

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

New Salem School Board member Macel Janoschka is happy to be doing more for Salem City Schools after 10 years of volunteering for them.

Monday night she was appointed to fill the remainder of Rachel Thompson's term after Thompson was named a Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Judge

earlier this spring.

Janoschka called being appointed to the board "the next step." She has volunteered while her two sons have been in school. Harrison is a rising sixth grader. Ben is a rising ninth grader.

Janoschka's husband, Steven, is a technology and engineering teacher at Salem High School.

Macel Janoschka was one of five candidates who applied for the school board seat.

## Smith assembles collection of work by Walter Biggs

**Edmee CR Hasler**  
Contributing writer

Ed Smith has been captivated by Walter Biggs and his art for many years. "I was involved in an art gallery as an absentee owner about 40 years ago, and I also follow certain artists, and one of those artists is Walter Biggs," Smith said. After acquiring some of Biggs' artwork, Smith began to wonder if any pieces had been published in magazines. This curiosity led him down numerous rabbit holes until he finally discovered a magazine called "Physical Culture." "It was a magazine published from about 1900 to 1940 that promoted health and exercise," he explained.

During that era, "publishers were out there looking for artists to produce wonderful

artwork because photography wasn't prevalent at that point in time. And even black and white was more prevalent than color," Smith continued.

Flipping through the magazine reveals the vast range of Biggs' artwork. These pieces were assignments from publishers and editors. "I'm sure this was an instance where publishers would say something like, 'please put something together that ties into the storyline that we are getting ready to publish.' Many times, there would be 15-18 pieces of original artwork in one publication," Smith said.

"He was so dedicated to his craft that people said he was married to his easel. Producing that amount of artwork on tight deadlines is phenomenal," Smith remarked.

See Biggs, page 6



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Ed Smith poses with at his home with a one of Walter Biggs original artwork.

## Editor's note:

The July 4 issue of The Salem Times-Register will not be received by subscribers until the following day due to the holiday's impact on the Post Office.

However, copies of the paper will be available on racks and in stores starting on Wednesday, July 3.

- Aila Boyd

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# Briefly: Salem News In Brief

**TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly):** All ages are invited to participate in the non-judgmental program at the Salem Senior Center on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. There is a registration fee and a \$3 per month fee. Call Charlene Lester at 540-293-7753 with questions.

**First Mondays:** The family-friendly events are held by Gary John, who manages the "Mason Creek" bluegrass group, and Vicky Sword from the center. The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, July 8: 7 p.m. Virginia-Carolina Band. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

**Switchfoot leads trio of rockers:** Switchfoot, Blue October and Matt Nathanson are excited to announce a triple headliner Summer Tour dubbed "Help from My Friends". The 30-city-run of dates will make a stop in Salem on Friday night, July 26. Featuring three of the most beloved and genuine artists of the new millennia, the performances will make for an enthralling evening with each performance complementing the other two. Each night a different artist will open and close the show and fill the middle spot. Ticket prices are: Floor \$49.50, \$39.50, \$49.50, & \$59.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, Aug. 5: 7-9 p.m. - Maynard and Lee Palmer. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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**Rock Royalty ZZ Top:** "That Little Ol' Band From Texas" has been at it for well over a half century, delivering rock, blues and boogie on the road and in the studio to millions of devoted fans. ZZ TOP is synonymous with beards, hot rod cars, spinning guitars and that magic keychain, all of which transcend geography and language. The band will perform on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are: \$49.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$89.50, \$99.50 and \$139.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, Oct. 7: 7-9 p.m. - Franklin Station. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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**Public meetings:** The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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for more info and to RSVP

COURTESY IMAGE

The Salem Museum's Summer Fun program is back! Announcing three new hands-on programs for students ages 8-14. Kids are invited to explore local history this summer at the Salem Museum. They will learn interesting stories from Salem and Roanoke County's past, and get to hold pieces of history in their hand!

Each hour-long program will be held on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. The content will be the same at both times each day. Call 540-389-6760 or email [garrett@salemuseum.org](mailto:garrett@salemuseum.org) to register. RSVP Required.

All programs are free. **Colonial Virginia and the**

### Revolutionary War, July 13

Learn about the founding of our country! Explore colonial life and our surprising local connections to the Revolutionary War.

### Immigration to the Roanoke Valley, July 27

Have you ever wondered about the people who settled in the Roanoke Valley in the 1800s? Come discover where they came from and what their lives were like.

### The Great War and the Roanoke Valley, Aug. 3

World War I had a big impact on local families! Join us to learn how local people influenced WWI both at home and overseas.

## POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of June 11, 2024 - June 17, 2024

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
6/11/2024	Antwon R. Wilson	35	Public Intoxication
6/11/2024	Kristin P. Rickman	39	Shoplifting
6/12/2024	Stephen T. Hardy	31	Conceal Merchandise
6/12/2024	David W. Henson III	36	Violation of Probation
6/13/2024	Mariah R. Richard	53	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
6/14/2024	Timothy A. Schofield	35	Assault On Police Officer, Obstructing Justice
6/14/2024	Shawn M. Bredin	34	Possession of Controlled Substance
6/14/2024	Amy L. Harrell	46	Violation of Protective Order
6/15/2024	Joseph A. Smith	34	Public Intoxication
6/15/2024	Jonathan Marin-Garcia	37	Criminal Trespass, Refuse to Identify
6/16/2024	Jonathan Marin-Garcia	37	Criminal Trespass
6/16/2024	Richard A. Wheeler	41	Domestic Assault & Battery
6/16/2024	Jessica J. Wheeler	32	Domestic Assault & Battery
6/17/2024	John C. Stamm	19	Failure to Appear
6/17/2024	Jacob P. Lauoie	38	Shoplifting
6/17/2024	Ada M. Scott	55	Shoplifting, Conceal Merchandise

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of June 11, 2024 - June 17, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
14-JUN-2024	100 BLK Knotbreak Rd	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
14-JUN-2024	700 BLK Front Ave	Possession of Controlled Substance
15-JUN-2024	900 BLK North Mill Rd	Robbery

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Shelly Koon

*Contributing Writer*

I love to take road trips in this beautiful region. There's something that feels extra special about loading up Betsy in my car in the darkness of early morning and driving empty streets, then slowly watching the light return to the landscapes I'm traveling through. Going on a road trip is always fun — well, almost always. There are many things that can make or break your trip, and one of them is the food you take along the way. Whether you are going on a day trip or travelling to Myrtle Beach, a road trip can't happen without road trip snacks. Sometimes you need a little energy boost, sometimes you need to stabilize your blood sugar, and sometimes you need to munch on something just to stay alert and keep blood flowing to your brain.

Our family rule on vacation was to eat one take out full meal a day. When you're sitting in a car for hours, it's more fun to snack and it's nice to end the day with a big meal, rather than eat takeout multiple times and feel overstuffed and sleepy in the car. This method also saves money since we didn't have to buy overpriced snacks and sodas at every bathroom stop. I prefer to spend my food budget on local food once I reach my destination.

The general rule is that road trip food should be easy to access and easy to consume; no sticky, crumbly foods. Also keep in mind when you buy or make road trip snacks that the driver will be hungry too. So, have at least some road trip snacks that can be easily eaten with one hand. I always have hard boiled eggs, peeled, and stored in a resealable bag, washed fruit like apples and oranges, and bags of cut carrots and celery. I also take muffins to eat as a dessert or a quick breakfast. I will always make a sandwich if I plan on being gone all day, so I don't have to buy takeout and wreck my diet. Or take a chance at a sketchy diner on the way. Of course, I will always pack Betsy a snack too. I take a small cooler with water to drink, and I forgo the soda while traveling. Betsy and I have had many car picnics along the Blue Ridge Parkway and look forward to more.

### Morning Glory Muffins

- Ingredients:**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 ¼ cups white sugar
  - 2 teaspoons baking soda
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
  - 2 cups shredded carrots
  - 1 apple - peeled, cored and shredded
  - ½ cup raisins
  - ½ cup chopped walnuts
  - ½ cup unsweetened flaked coconut
  - 3 large eggs
  - 1 cup vegetable oil
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**Directions:**  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 12-cup muffin tin or line cups with paper liners. Mix flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt together in a large bowl; stir in carrots, apple, raisins, walnuts, and coconut. Beat eggs, oil, and vanilla together in a separate bowl. Stir egg mixture into the carrot mixture until just moistened. Spoon batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling each 2/3 full. Bake in the preheated oven until tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 20 minutes. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

### Road Trip Roll Ups

- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 pound deli turkey slices,
  - 1/2 red onion, sliced thin
  - 1 medium cucumber, sliced
  - 1 green bell pepper, sliced
  - 1 teaspoon garlic powder,
  - 1/4 cup light cream cheese,
  - 4 cups shredded lettuce,
  - 1 medium tomato, sliced thin
  - 90 Calorie Italian Flatout wraps.

\*\*You can use any wrap, lunchmeat, or veggies that you wish!

Mix the cream cheese and garlic powder together. Spread the cream cheese mixture onto the wraps. Top the cream cheese layer with sliced tomato, bell pepper, and cucumber. Add about a cup of lettuce onto each wrap. Add a slice or two of turkey onto each wrap. Roll the wraps up tight. Cut the wraps into thirds and put them in a road trip container. You can wrap them individually in tin foil to make them single servings. They stay together pretty well if you don't overstuff them. If they're flimsy, use a toothpick to keep them together.



COURTESY PHOTOS

## Ferguson recognized for service to The Salem Museum



Frances Ferguson was recognized last Tuesday, June 18 for her service as executive director of the Salem Museum. She received a certificate of appreciation from the museum board. Salem City Council members Bill Jones and Jim Wallace were in attendance.



COURTESY PHOTOS

## HopeTree

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A motion to postpone failed, with Vice Mayor Jim Wallace and Councilman Hunter Holiday voting for it.

Before the vote, the mayor said she had read all the emails, met with citizens and done her homework on the HopeTree proposal. "Whether I am here or there, my vote would be the same. I don't see the necessity in delaying."

In making the motion to postpone, Holiday said, "The only win will be for Stateson and HopeTree. The losers will be the City of Salem. There are things that we need to address," he said.

After the vote, 20 people who made up half the crowd left the meeting. As she went out the door, one woman said of the mayor, "I hope he enjoys her seat as long as she has it. We're going to the best we can to unseat her."

Turk is up for reelection in November, as is Wallace. Jones is not running again. Four candidates have filed to run for those three seats.

On Tuesday, Turk called the Salem Times-Register to reiterate the work she had done before deciding her vote. "There is no perfect solution. I am weighing what is best for Salem as a city as a whole."

She continued, "There is so much concern about what will be. I don't think it will be as bad as a lot of people fear."

And she added that she is pleased that the Stateson proposal will renovate and preserve Virginia Baptist Children's Home history in its buildings.

In other matters at the June 24 meeting, Council:

- Appointed Macel Janoschka to fill out the unexpired portion on the School Board of Rachel Thompson that expires December 2026. Thompson resigned after being named a Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Judge this spring. See separate article in this week's STR;
- Denied a rezoning request for a house on 324 Pennsylvania

Avenue to have three rental units instead of two. The vote was unanimous. Neighbors Karen Walker and Laura Richards spoke to oppose the rezoning. Richards said property owners wanted to capitalize on the beauty of their historic neighborhoods;

- Authorized the city manager to enter into an agreement with the regional fire training center;
- Passed a resolution rescinding a June 10 resolution and changing dates to new ones for miscellaneous fees. The meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.

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# OPINION

# Library campfire event coming up



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## Gather 'Round the Library's Campfire! Friday, June 28, 5-7 p.m.

All are welcome to bring a picnic and a lawn chair and celebrate Summer at the Salem Public Library with s'mores, a campfire sing-along, spooky stories and more! No registration required!

Parents! Sign your child up for the Summer Reading Program! When your child completes their challenges, you will be entered into a drawing for a paddleboard to show

our appreciation for all you do to provide literacy opportunities for your children. Register the whole family or individuals on: (saalemva.beanstack.org). It's easier to track all family members' challenges by registering as a family.

Get a second chance to win a paddleboard by signing up for and completing the Adult Summer Reading Genre Challenge. Read the genres you love and explore something

new as well. There are many options to explore: biography/memoir; action-adventure thriller; fairy tales, myths or folk tales; horror; fantasy; literary fiction; historical fiction; mystery; science fiction. Register for the challenge at saalemva.libcal.com. Complete four digital badges to win a tote bag and water bottle and be entered in the drawing for the paddleboard!

**Saturday, June 29, 12-2 p.m.:**

**Tiny Art Show.** Join us as we celebrate and admire creative tiny artwork from our children and adults in our community.

**Monday, July 1, 2-6 p.: Red Cross Blood Drive** at Salem Public Library

Pick up a schedule of July activities after July 1 at the Salem Public Library or follow us on Facebook or to see the exciting events we have planned! More of these events will be featured in next week's column.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Betrayal, deafness, disrespect, distance and what's the rush? Citizens who attended Council's Monday meeting for the second HopeTree PUD vote were left reeling from a mixture of these emotions and more. All eyes were on Mayor Turk as the deciding swing vote.

But we did not see Mayor Turk because she wasn't physically present to face her voters which radically introduces unending heavy construction truck traffic chugging uphill for the foreseeable future through neighborhoods to build 340 homes—many of which would be given the right to harbor additional renters when the developer already suggests onstreet parking. Are these mortgages so high that rental options are necessary to market these "needed homes"? An astute resident and lawyer tore every one of Turk's statistical arguments systematically to shreds.

Councilman Hunter Holiday moved to postpone the vote due to unsettled concerns and issues about HopeTree. Additionally, Mayor

Turk was Zooming in from the beach to vote. Holiday's motion lost in a 3-2 vote with Mayor Turk voting to proceed despite her not being able to see the packed city chambers and signs held up: "No PUD", "Postpone the Vote," "Where's Our Mayor?," "Hey, hey, hey, Where's René?" Turk voted to proceed voting and against a short delay that would make her face the voters in person for this crucial vote and give herself another chance to fulfill the reason voters elected her with the most votes four years ago—to listen. Turk initially ushered in a much-needed welcoming tone but has accomplished an about-face on HopeTree. Her explanations don't equate.

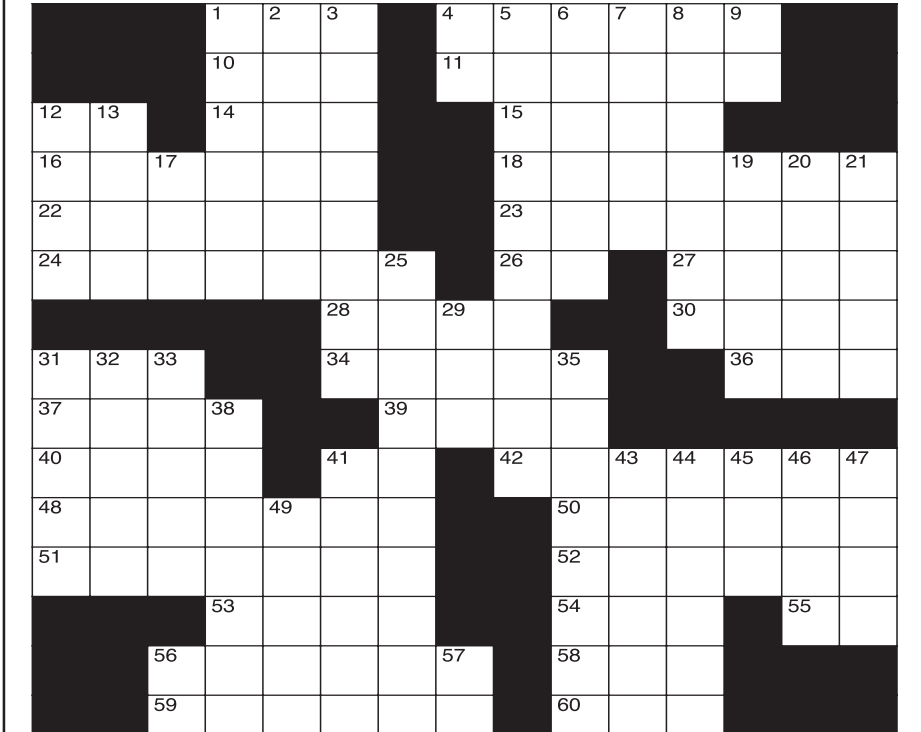
Turk could have used this vote to build her political capital—initially established as a big winner in a 2020 "change election" (so named by the seemingly indifferent-to-listening Councilman Randy Foley). Instead, Turk doubled down as she took her vote while assuring citizens she "read everything." How does she know? My letter to Turk generated an automatic reply stating "very limited access to WIFI/email or phone." Plus, reading citizen letters

does not absolve a terrible vote. I had written Turk an email letter explaining Council's best decision ever was a second zoning vote that saved Oakey ballfield in 1997 instead of selling cheap to Dunkin Motors used car dealer where some councilmembers stood to benefit financially. No coherent rationale has been offered for pro-HopeTree PUD Council supporters Foley, Jones or Turk 27 years later.

Hearing Turk double down on her quadruple citizen betrayal, touting that she "read everything" added insult to injury. How could she read volumes from citizens and still vote for an inappropriate HopeTree PUD? Maybe she read—maybe not, but listening did not occur. The lines have been drawn by all this. Vice Mayor Wallace and Councilman Holliday stand with citizens. Foley, Jones and Turk stand with the much-detested PUD. Jones is retiring. Salem is close to electing a majority listening and responsive Council and can elect candidates who stand with them.

Cynthia Munley  
Salem

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| <p><b>CLUES ACROSS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basics</li> <li>4. In a new way</li> <li>10. ___ Paulo, city</li> <li>11. Jailhouse</li> <li>12. Expresses surprise</li> <li>14. Trigraph</li> <li>15. A small stream</li> <li>16. Dissimilar</li> <li>18. Promote</li> <li>22. Gives a boost</li> <li>23. Lawmaker</li> <li>24. Orthodox Jews</li> <li>26. Actor Harris</li> <li>27. Wild cherry</li> <li>28. Participate in democracy</li> <li>30. Opposite of begins</li> <li>31. A Brit's mother</li> <li>34. Set of moral principles</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36. Very fast airplane</li> <li>37. Czech river</li> <li>39. Private school in New York</li> <li>40. Israeli dance</li> <li>41. Electron volt</li> <li>42. Adjusting</li> <li>48. Duct by the bladder</li> <li>50. Small burger</li> <li>51. Begin again</li> <li>52. Unstuck</li> <li>53. Jai ___, sport</li> <li>54. Get free of</li> <li>55. For instance</li> <li>56. Hotel chain</li> <li>58. A team's best pitcher</li> <li>59. Extracts from various sources</li> <li>60. Indefinite period of time</li> </ul> | <p><b>CLUES DOWN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. St. Francis of ___</li> <li>2. Supported</li> <li>3. United in working</li> <li>4. It cools your home</li> <li>5. Predicting</li> <li>6. Irritated</li> <li>7. Popular talk show host</li> <li>8. Fabric edge</li> <li>9. A resource for employees</li> <li>12. Broadway's Jackman</li> <li>13. Small water buffalo</li> <li>17. City of Angels: ___ Angeles</li> <li>19. Asteroids</li> <li>20. Tailless amphibians</li> <li>21. German expressionist painter</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25. What drives you</li> <li>29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group</li> <li>31. Gold coin used in British India</li> <li>32. Have deep affection for</li> <li>33. Ponds</li> <li>35. Breaks between words</li> <li>38. Hairstyle</li> <li>41. Print errors</li> <li>43. Family of iron alloys</li> <li>44. Sidelined in bed</li> <li>45. Many couples say it</li> <li>46. Brazilian hoopster</li> <li>47. Allman Brothers late frontman</li> <li>49. German city</li> <li>56. One hundred grams (abbr.)</li> <li>57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)</li> </ul> |
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# V DOT ROADWATCH

**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:

**ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**  
**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.

**TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

**TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140:** Drivers may experience periodic lane closures that require a quick merge into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound exit ramp of exit 140. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

**RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

**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.

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 early 2026.

**I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98** – Work is nearing completion on the I-81 rehabbing of the northbound and southbound bridges over Route 100 at Exit 98. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place on Route 100 north and on I-81 northbound and southbound, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Flagging operations may also be in place on Route 100 north for up to eight-minute slow rolls. Both northbound and southbound on and off ramps at exit 98 for I-81 traffic will remain fully operational for the duration of this project. Estimated completion date is summer 2024.

**I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7** - Repair work is underway on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is scheduled for end of 2024.

**I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski

County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. 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. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

- **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106.
- **Nighttime left lane closures** scheduled on I-81 southbound during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next morning, beginning Sunday, July 7 through Saturday, July 13.
- **ROUTE 605:** Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.
- **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.

**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 expect possible delays.

**Roanoke County SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA** - Work is nearing completion in the next few weeks on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road. Drivers in the Hollins area can expect periodic right lane closures on southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime

lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

**HIGHLAND ROAD CLOSED FOR GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION** – Beginning June 18, Highland Road will be closed between Hogan Road and Rutrough Road for construction of the Roanoke River Greenway through the Blue Ridge Parkway underpass by Roanoke County. The roadway will reopen by August 14, 2024, before the first day of school for Roanoke County Public Schools.

**ROANOKE GAS UTILITY WORK** - Roanoke Gas is renewing gas lines along Route 1306 (Bower Road) and Route 1371 (Hyde Park Drive). This utility work will be done under pavement and will require milling and pavement replacement in the affected lanes. Estimated completion is scheduled for the end of May 2024.

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311** – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Bridge beams were placed across Route 311 on the new bridge on June 11. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found by calling 540-387-5588 or visiting the shuttle website at www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle.

**BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA** - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

**Craig County MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE** – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# 100F LODGE HELD ITS FIRST ORGANIZATION MEETING IN SALEM ON JANUARY 21, 1851

### Many Local Prominent Citizens Of By-Gone Days Were Active Members Of The Order - Records Of All Meetings Preserved Except First

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

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**2nd Meeting**  
"January 28, 1851.

Hall of Roanoke Lodge, No. 100 of I. O. O. F.

The Noble Grand in the upper chair and all the other officers present except Vice-Grand and Warden. Bro. Minnix was called to the chair of V. G. and Bro. Magee appointed warden pro tem.

Opened in due form. Prayer by Bro. Thompson. Roll called and examined; the minutes of the preceding meeting read approved.

Under the head of proposals for proffered the following names were proposed, viz., Wm. Burns and Philip Unrue. Whereupon the following brothers were appointed as a committee to inquire into the eligibility of same: Brothers Thompson, Magee and Fitzgerald.

After which Brother Minnix presents the accounts assumed at the William C. Williams hotel, being the whole expense of institution of officers at that place, which was ordered paid.

Then a motion was made by Brother Fitzgerald that we should change the time of meeting from Tuesday night to Friday night which was carried by a two-thirds vote.

Brother Thompson then moved that a committee of three be appointed to select a design for a seal which was carried. Whereupon said committee was appointed, viz., Brothers Thompson, McGee and A. Hupp.

On motion of Brother Minnix a certificate was granted Bro. Effinger for the first and second degrees. There being no further business the lodge was closed and opened in the first or White

degree. Whereupon Bro. Effinger was elected a member of said degree and being properly instructed in the same was proclaimed advanced and entitled to the privilege of same.

And there being no further business the lodge was closed and opened in the second or Covenant degree and the following brother was elected, viz., W. F. Effinger, who being properly instructed was proclaimed advanced and entitled to the privileges of said degree.

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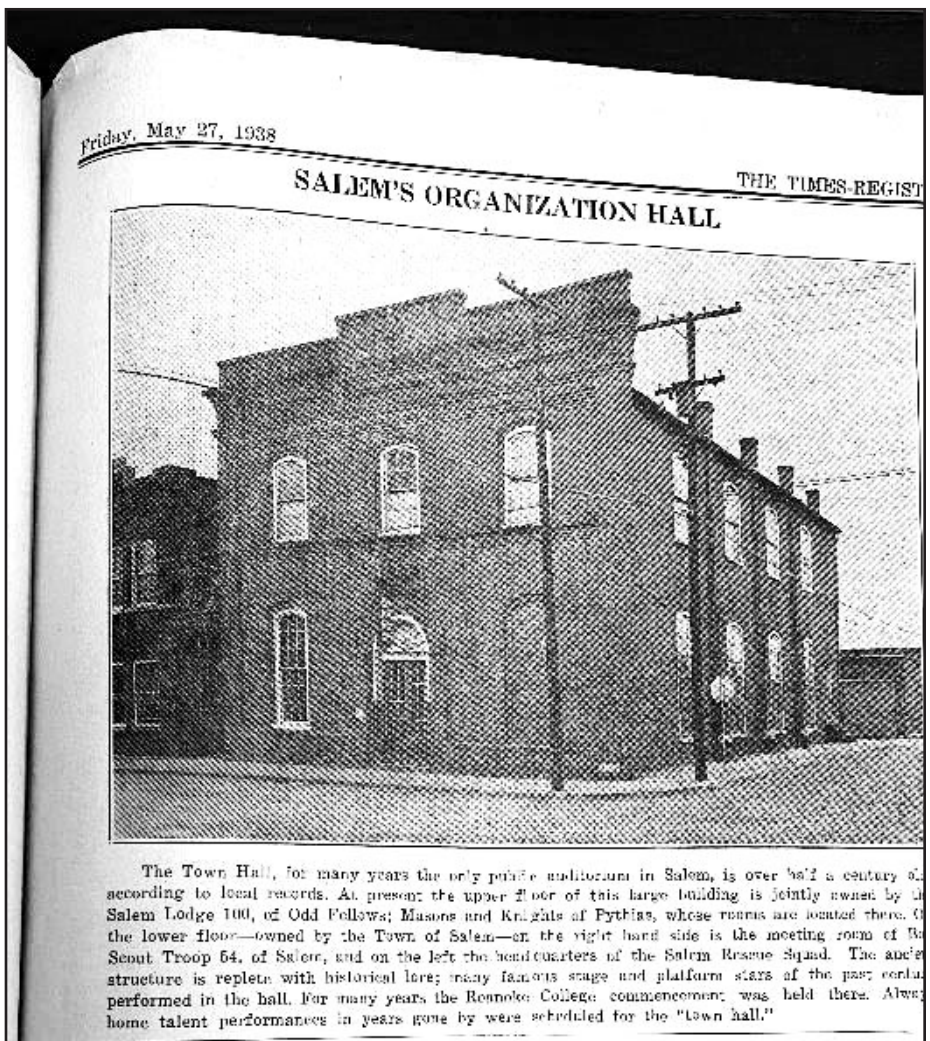
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According to Mr. Magee, the original Town Hall, corner of Clay and College Avenue, was built in the year 1853. The first floor was used as a theater, where such famous actors as Maude Adams, the Berger family, Sol Smith Russell the Wildman Thorn Troopes and many others appeared. The first Hall was destroyed by fire about sixty years ago, and after some delay the present Town Hall was built.

Records show that the lodge met in the Jury Room of the courthouse, while the building was being constructed. At the present time there is the rather unique situation of the East Hall on the second floor being owned by the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, while West Hall on the same floor is owned by the Masons, and the lower floor belongs to the Town of Salem.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu



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SALEM'S ORGANIZATION HALL

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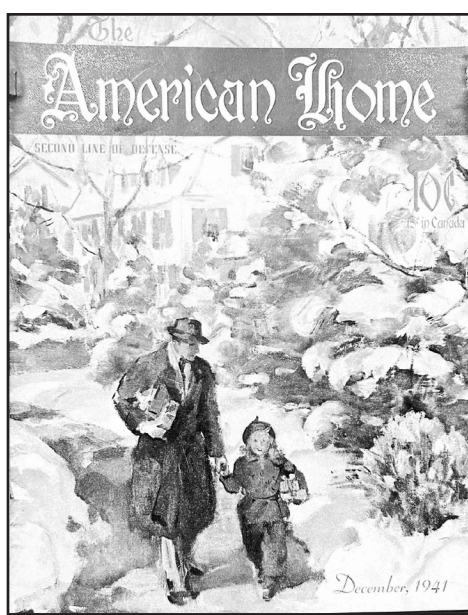
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### Oldest Druggist



Dr. W. B. Dillard was born Va., Dec. 9, 1862, being Dr. T. H. B. Dillard, a physician of the old school. The Dillard home Langhorne Place, now 15 of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Will (formerly known as "Merr") This old homestead on the Roanoke River to the Dr. Dillard early in life.

# Biggs from page 1



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Cover artwork by Walter Biggs.

His fascination grew as he acquired more of Biggs' works. "What started as a general interest turned into a hobby, and honestly, became an obsession," Smith admitted.

A significant part of Smith's interest in Biggs' work is their shared hometown. "This is an artist from Salem, Virginia. He lived and grew up on Boulevard Street in Salem. He spent most of his childhood there and later most of his adulthood after moving to New York. He started at Virginia Tech to become an engineer but soon realized art was his true passion. After showing his work to publishers, they encouraged him to pursue art in New York," Smith said.

"He was just a phenomenal artist and I really don't know that Salem knows how prolific and how much his work was published in all the national magazines that were there," Smith said. "So that's my obsession, my interest in art along with how we let the City of Salem, and maybe the region know, what kind of an artist he was. He is one of the very few illustration artists elected to the Illustration Hall of Fame," Smith continued.

"Norman Rockwell was the first person elected to the Illustration Hall of Fame. Walter Biggs was the fifth person, I believe, to be elected as the embodiment of some of the well-known, recognized, and collected artists across the country," Smith explained.

Smith's research often began on the internet. "The internet is a valuable source of information, but then you do a great deal of reading on his biographies. Maybe a biography said that one of the magazines he was published in was 'Ladies Home Journal.' So, then I would find in the archives the 'Ladies Home Journal,' then just go through magazine after magazine, after magazine looking at the table of contents to see if he were among the artists that were published in those magazines," Smith recounted.

"He did a great deal of paintings for advertising groups, where he may advertise Ivory soap or something like that. So, I would go and find publications of people that have gotten awards for the ads that they produced, and Walter was in many of those. So, I would go through those books and find out if he won

any awards and if so where was that image published, then I would go and try to find that magazine," Smith said.

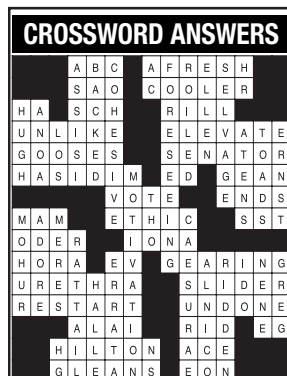
"It's been a good year and a half of hundreds of hours trying to find these magazines. I have to say I've enjoyed every minute of it. It's not just the joy of finding his work. I enjoy reading the magazines that were produced. I likened it to this way: The Industrial Revolution produced a lot of different things that helped society out there, but I think from 1900-1950 was the convenience revolution where you would see how washing machines may sell more than a car does. It's just among the different articles that were in the magazines, so I enjoyed that part of it also," Smith said.

"It's a treasure hunt. So far, I've been able to acquire 500 magazines that have his artwork in it. So far there's been a little over 1,050 original pieces of art that we've been able to locate that he's produced," Smith said.

Walter Biggs' work can be seen in several museums, including The Taubman Museum of Art and The Salem Museum. "Many of his works are in Olin Hall at Roanoke College because

later in life, he became the artist in residence at Roanoke College," Smith said.

Smith's plan for his collection of magazines is to donate them to museums that have Walter Biggs' artwork. He has also cataloged the works into a website he created: WalterBiggsart.com. "I've developed what I believe to be a very good website that has all of these 1,050 pieces of artwork that others can look at. So that's the sharing of it. It's not just to have it for me and my dusty little collection back there but to give it to the general public and let them see what an accomplished, prolific, extraordinary artist Walter Biggs was," Smith said.



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**CAMPERS**

It was a little warm last week but that didn't keep these young soccer players from coming out to camps at Salem High and Glenvar. Above, kids pose for a group photo at Spartan Field at the Recreation Department camp conducted by SHS boys' coach Dave Atkins and girls' coach Justin Applegate. Below, future Highlanders gathered at Highlander Stadium for instruction from Glenvar coach Josh Jones and staff.



**Salem's Lavinder is first team All-Region**

The Class 4 state, Region 4D and River Ridge District end of season honors have been announced for boys and girls soccer and Salem had players on the region and district teams.

Salem did not have any selections on the boys' or girls' all-state teams. Jefferson Forest had four first team selections as well as the Player of the Year, Tyler Beck, and the Coach of the Year, Scott Zaring. Salem lost to Jefferson Forest, 1-0 in overtime, in the Region 4D tournament.

Logan Lavinder was a first team All-Region 4D selection from Salem and the Spartans had three boys on the second team, Anthony Rugama, Graham Fischer and Max Benne. All four were first team All-River Ridge District along with Elijah Clark, and Lavinder was the RRD Player of the Year and Salem's Dave Atkins is the district Coach of the Year. TJ Fisher and Keidman Gulfan made the second team.

For the girls, Laikyn Funk and Abby Pitts made the All-Region 4D second team and Eliza Fleenor was Honorable Mention. Funk, Pitts, Fleenor and Avery Mangus made first team All-River Ridge District while Anna Haley made the second team.

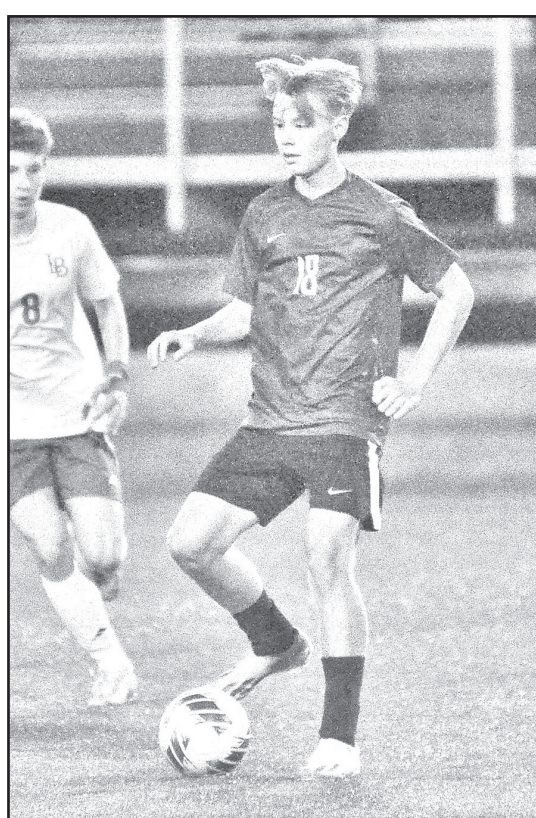


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Logan Lavinder of Salem is first team All-Region 4D in soccer and River Ridge District Player of the Year.

*Honors for GHS ballteams*

Glenvar athletes picked up some honors on the diamond now that the final honors have been handed out in Class 2 spring sports.

In softball Glenvar senior Claire Spence was a first team selection in Region C. Juniors Abby Teubert and Hannah Street both made the second team.

In the Three Rivers District Spence was again first team and Teubert and Street were named to the second team.

In baseball Glenvar had no one on the all-state or all-region team. Dawson Anderson and Reed Hutchison were second team All-Three Rivers District.



Claire Spence is first team All-Region C for the Glenvar girls' softball team.

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## Sox open 2nd half of split season at home against Fredricksburg

The Salem Red Sox finished in fifth place in the Carolina League's North Division when the first half of the season came to a close last Thursday. The Sox were 34-32 and seven and a half games behind division winning Carolina in the division.

Carolina, a farm team of the Milwaukee Brewers, clinched a spot in the Mills Cup playoffs with a 41-24 record. Lynchburg finished second at 37-29, four and a half games behind the Mudcats, followed by Down East at 35-30, Fredricksburg at 35-31 and the Red Sox were next a game and a half behind third.

In the South Division Kannapolis won the first half with a 41-25 record. The Cannon Ballers are a Chicago White Sox farm team and they finished five and a half games ahead of Columbia, a Kansas City Royals affiliate.

Salem got off to a good start in the second half by winning two of three games against Augusta over the weekend. Salem won 10-4 Friday and 6-5 Saturday before dropping the getaway game Sunday, 2-1. The Green Jackets broke a 1-1 tie with a run in the top of the eighth off CJ Weins, who took the loss. Weins walked three batters in an inning and a third.

Through Sunday catcher Brooks Brannon has the best average on the active roster at .333. Brannon has played in just 12 games and has two home runs and eight runs batted in over 48 at bats. Albert Feliz leads the team with six homers while Nelly Taylor has a team high 31 runs batted in.

On the mound Royman Blanco and Michael Sansone have four wins each and Sansone has a team best earned run average at 1.54 over 35 innings. JoJo Ingrassia is 3-1 with a 2.21 ERA and he's struck out a team high 66 batters in 40.2 innings, an average of over a strike out and half per inning.

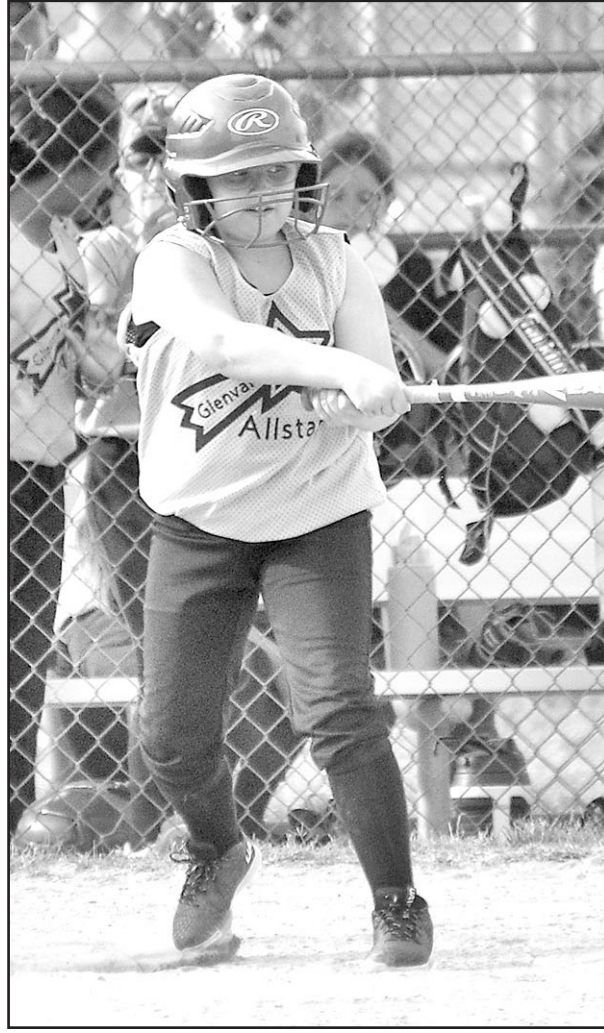
The Sox will continue their longest homestand of the season this week with six games against Fredricksburg, a Washington Nationals farm team. Tonight is Diversity Night and Friday features the popular "Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act." Saturday is "Friends Night" with a t-shirt giveaway.

After Sunday's 3:05 pm start the Sox won't have a home game for the first 18 days of July, mostly because the Salem Fair is coming to town. They're at Lynchburg from July 1-6 and at Down East from July 9-14 followed by another four days off for the Major League All-Star game.



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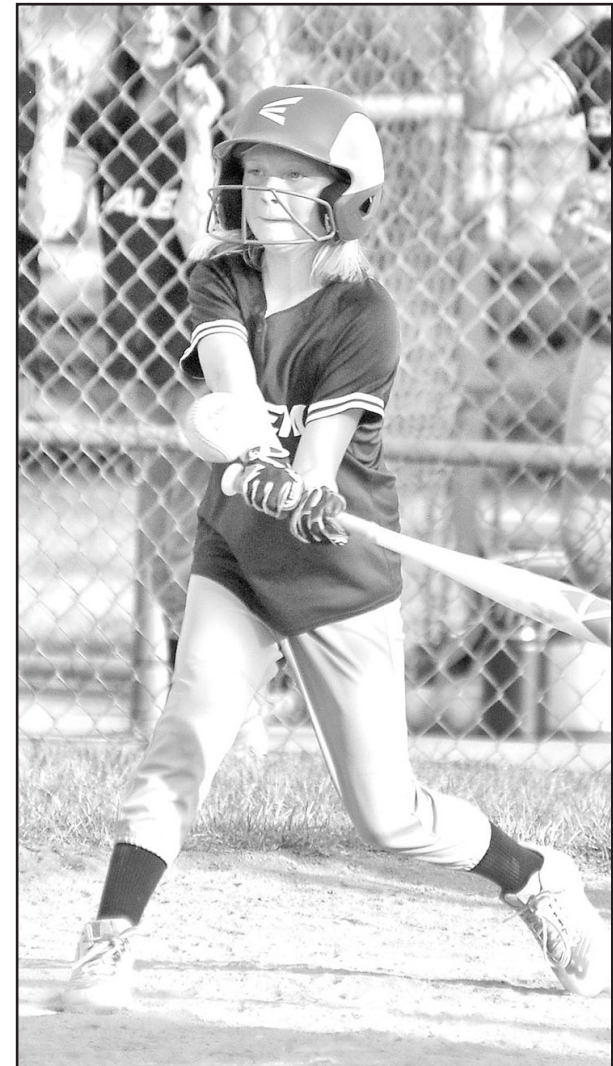
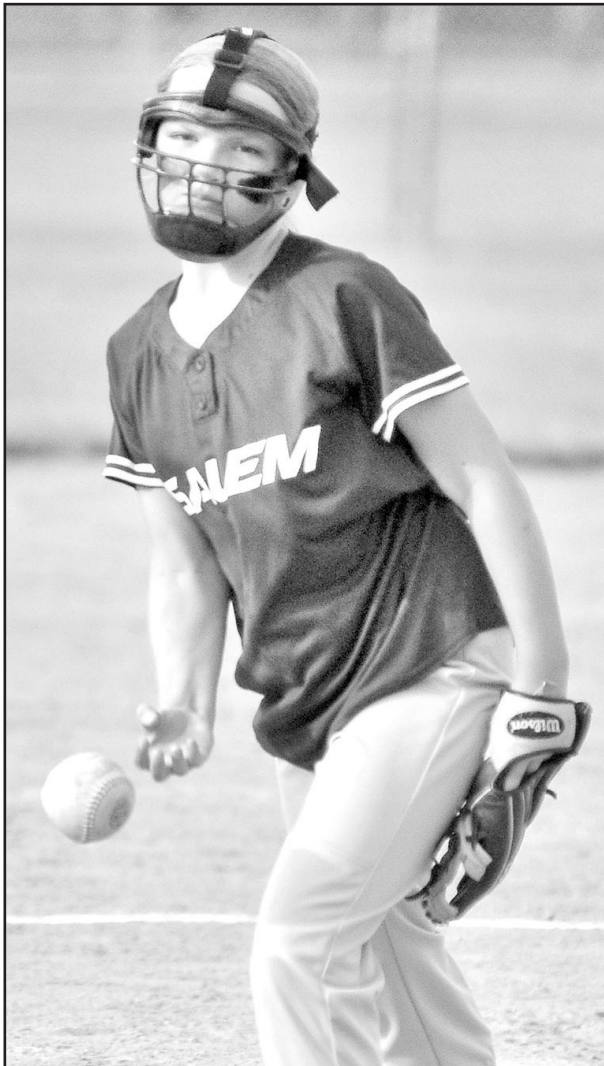
Above, Salem's Brooks Brannon is safe at home in a game with Augusta last week. Below, Fraymi De Leon gets a ball to the face but steals second against the Greenjackets.



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## RAYSA

Darrell Shell Elementary School was the site of the annual Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association (RAYSA) softball tournaments last week, and Glenvar and Salem teams competed. In 10U action above, left to right, Glenvar's Sawyer Martin pitches, Eva Eskridge rips a hit and Laurel McMahan catches an infield pop. Below, left to right, Salem 10U shortstop Ariana Brower makes a catch as Annika Thomas (#9) backs up the play, Savanna McCormick pitches and Millie Yates takes a big cut. South County Blue won the 10U tournament, Salem was runnerup to South County in the 13U tournament and South County also won the 17U tournament.



# Glenvar sweeps RAYBA baseball tournaments

It was a big time for Glenvar youth baseball teams at Green Hill Park last weekend as Glenvar took championships in three of four classes of the Roanoke Area Youth Baseball

Association, and Glenvar wasn't entered in the one they didn't win.

The Glenvar Gold team, coached by Hunter DeHart, won the 8U championship

while the Glenvar 10U team, coached by Matt McGuire, prevailed in the 10U bracket. Salem, coached by Jud Cowling, and Glenvar had split two games and played for

the 10U championship Monday with Glenvar jumping on top early and taking a 21-5 win.

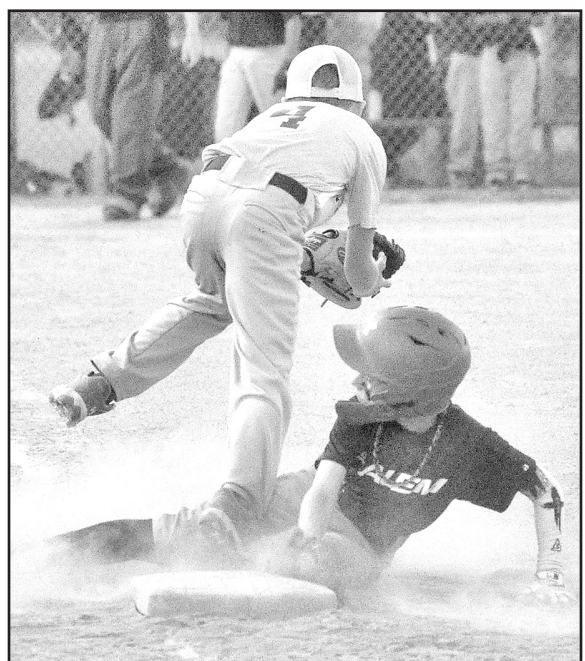
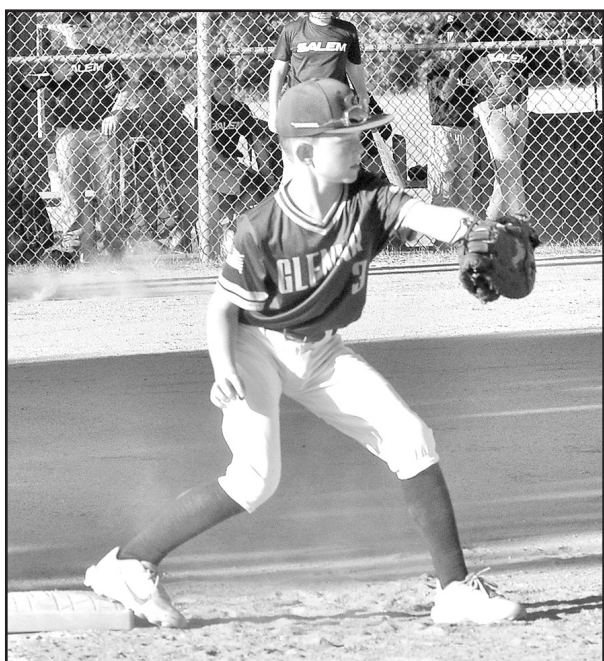
In the 12U tournament Brad Melton's Glenvar team beat Vinton in the final, 12-7,

to take the championship. Franklin County won the 15U tournament. Neither Salem nor Glenvar had a team entered in the 15U tournament.



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Top left, Glenvar's Cannan DeHart is ready to go in the 8U tournament at Green Hill Park. Top center, Tate McGuire connects and, top right, Luke Rohrback pitches for the Glenvar 10U team. Above left, Jase Ayers slides home for a Glenvar run against Vinton and, above right, Salem's Barrett Putnam slides home safely as Glenvar's Ethan Palmer rushes to cover. Below left to right, Tristan Weikle of Glenvar makes the putout at first, Salem's Joey Thompson takes a rip and Luke Biggar is safe at first.



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Above left, Brody Foster slides home with a run for the Salem 12U All-Stars against North Roanoke, and right Glenvar's Luke Tozier is safe at home against Vinton. Below, left to right, Glenvar's Brady Higgins throws to first from his knees, Bralen Melton pitches for the Glenvar 12U team and Reid Franklin celebrates a double for Salem.



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## Highlanders choose Luton to lead boys' basketball program

Glenvar didn't have to look far to find a new boys' basketball coach. The Highlanders elevated jayvee coach Hank Luton to varsity head coach, replacing Cliff Bordewisch who will remain as a teacher at the school.

"I am extremely excited about leading this program at Glenvar," said Luton. "A huge thank you to Dr. Corie Franklin, Mr. Tyler Brown and Mr. Jason Murray for the opportunity."

A graduate of Sea Island Academy in Charleston, South Carolina, Hank was a three-sport athlete in high school. He was on the football and baseball team as well as playing basketball and he feels like that served him well.

"The school is minutes away from Kiawah Island and I grew up in Summerville, SC, where football is king," said Luton. "Summerville High School was home to the all-time winningest football coach in the history of the sport, John McKissick. I transferred to Sea Island early in high school as my mom, Charlotte, worked at the school."

Hank played high school basketball for Jay Godbolt, one of the most well-respected coaches in the Charleston area. Godbolt won multiple state championships and had many players who went on to compete in college.

"We were very good my senior year and advanced to the state quarterfinals," said Luton. "My proudest moments were being able to share the court with my twin brother, Frank. He was an All-State football and baseball player. My Mom never missed a game."

Hank scored 1,757 points in three years of high school and has the school individual game scoring record with 45 points against Beaufort in 1999. He was a two-time Region Player of the Year and two-time All-State player in '99 and 2000.

After high school Hank continued his education at Emory & Henry College and played basketball for legendary coach Bob Johnson, playing for the Wasps from 2004 until 2007. Hank's senior year was Johnson's last season coaching the team as he passed away from cancer shortly thereafter. The gym at Emory & Henry is named for Johnson and he has a large coaching tree of players who went on to coach in the college and high school ranks.

"His influence was huge," said Luton. "I still think about him today in regards to coaching, work, parenting and just life in general. I learned how to be selfless and gained a measure of mental toughness just by being around him daily for three years."

Emory & Henry was a great experience for Hank and shaped his future, both on the court and off.

"My senior year we led the nation in assists per game," he said. "I'm very proud of that and I loved the guys in the locker room."

"Emory & Henry is where I really understood that each guy on the team is important, and they need to know that. As a leader, I try to convey that with my teams but also in my professional life. We all have to be 'rowing together'."

Hank recalls several highlights of his time at Emory & Henry.

"One highlight I would share is that my senior year we were hosting Virginia Wesleyan, the defending National Champions and number one ranked team in

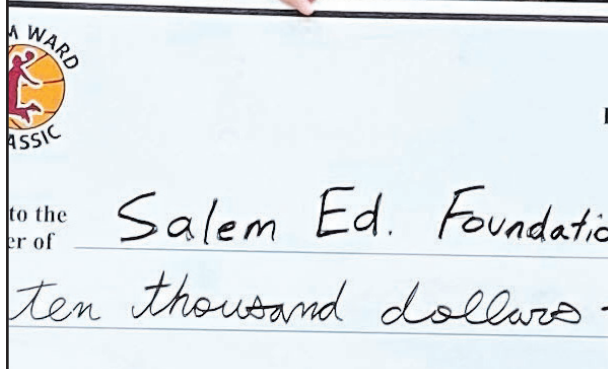
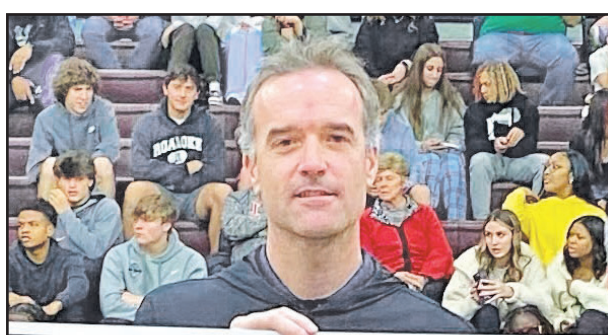


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**New Glenvar varsity basketball coach Hank Luton is a director for the annual Adam Ward Classic basketball event.**

the country," he said. "At the Division III level, these guys were excellent. Our style of play was fast, we pressed and we ran. I loved it but Virginia Wesleyan did not enjoy it that afternoon. It was a blowout from the tip, a great memory."

"We also won for the first time in over 10 years at Hampden-Sydney that year and won on the road against Randolph Macon. That team was special. I would have loved to see what would have happened if Coach J would've been able to continue coaching. His impression on the game was lasting."

Hank arrived in Salem not as a coach, but as the Box Office Supervisor at the Salem Civic Center. It turned out to be his ticket for success.

"My wife, Adrian, and I moved to Salem right after we got married," he said. "She has a great family in the area, and this is where we wanted to start our lives and raise a family together. We could not be more thankful that we are here. It has truly been a great place to call home."

"The job I took at the Salem Civic Center started as the Box Office Supervisor and developed into being the Assistant Director of Facilities. Carey Harvey cutter hired me and allowed me to take my lunch break late in the afternoons to help coach at Salem High School. I was very thankful for his flexibility. I was with the City of Salem for about 10 years before moving into the healthcare field, where I am currently."

Hank's first coaching job was assistant boys' and girls' basketball coach at Holly Hill Academy in South Carolina. When he came to Salem he served as an assistant to current Spartan coach Kevin Garst from 2010 to 2014.

"Kevin Garst taught me about humility, being

selfless and how to treat people in and outside of the program," said Luton. "Not only is he a really good coach, he is one of the best people I know."

Hank took the head coaching job at Liberty High School in 2014 but left after two years to officiate games and coordinate the Salem Generals Travel Basketball Organization. He got back into the high school ranks last year as head jayvee coach at Glenvar, and feels that experience will give him a great head start with the varsity team.

"Huge for me to already be at Glenvar after coaching the JV team," he said. "I have a solid foundation built with the ninth and 10th grade group that I am hoping to translate quickly to our varsity group that features six seniors. I was around those guys on game-days last year, but really looking forward to growing alongside them this year."

"Our Middle School team was really competitive last year, and I have known several of those kids since they were in second grade. I'm excited to see them continue to develop individually and collectively."

Hank has also developed a relationship with Roanoke College head coach Clay Nunley and will use things he's learned from him as he goes forward.

"Clay Nunley is a coach that I have a friendship with," he said. "I love watching his teams play. His intensity appeals to me. You can tell he and his players have mutual love and respect for each other, which allows him to coach them hard. Not all guys can take it, but I guarantee if you come out of that program, you are ready for the real world."

Hank is looking to play an up-tempo style with the Highlanders, much like he enjoyed in college under Bob Johnson.

"I want to play fast on both ends of the floor, but I also want to make sure our kids are in the best positions to be successful," he said. "I think we will be exciting to watch, and our kids will have a positive experience and enjoy competing. Our program's success will not be measured by wins and losses, we are going to focus on the process daily. Results will come, but I want to be wildly focused on what is in front of us in the present."

Hank and Adrian have two children, an 11 year old son Hudson and an eight year old daughter Macon. They're Glenvar students and Hudson is a product of the Salem Generals' program.

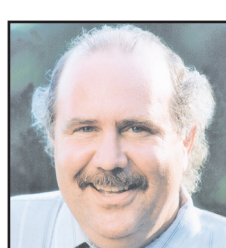
"Really excited to coach Hudson," said Hank. "The best thing is that it allows me to spend more time with him. A lot of coaches act as an extension of kids parents, and I am looking forward to serving our kids in that role, mentoring, supporting, and helping them navigate high school and beyond."

"Hudson is a great kid, in large part because of his mom! I am excited we get to grow and build this program together along with the kids already here."

Hank has yet to finalize his staff but said there will be some faces familiar to local basketball fans. He's excited to get on the court and begin the job ahead.

"Our goal is to create a program kids are proud to be a part of, as well as compete each time we step on the floor," he said. "My goal right now is to implement a successful offseason program to start building our foundation for the season."

*Brian Hoffman*



### Remembering Willie Mays

A celebration to honor Willie Mays turned into a wake last week when one of baseball's all-time greats died two days before the big event. Mays passed on Tuesday, June 18th, with his Giants set to play the Cardinals at historic Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday.

As most of you know by now, Mays grew up near the ballpark built in 1910. It was home of the Negro League Birmingham Black Barons, a team Mays played for before signing with the New York Giants. Last week's game between the Giants and Cardinals was set for a day after Juneteenth and, while all Negro League players were remembered for the occasion, this one was special for Willie Mays.

He was one of my favorites. Willie was still in his prime when I was a little kid developing a love for baseball. I was seven years old when I started collecting baseball cards in 1960 and I recall showing my cards to a friend of my dads who was visiting. He pulled out a couple cards to look at more closely and made sure I knew Willie Mays was the best player of the bunch.

My dad wasn't a big baseball fan, but he was a big church guy and every summer our church took a bus to see a Phillies game at old Connie Mack Stadium. My dad always made sure we had a seat on that bus and I was 10 years old when trip organizer Jim Church (yes, that was his real name) informed the congregation we'd be going to see the Phillies play the Giants this summer.

I was thrilled. I would get to see Willie Mays play in person. It's 61 years later but I still recall watching his every move in warmups, all in brilliant color. We didn't have high-def games on big TVs in 1963, everything was black & white but beautiful none the less to a 10 year old fan.

I'll tell you what I remember most. The Giants had runners on second and third and Mays was due up, but Phillies manager Gene Mauch ordered an intentional walk to load the bases, setting up a force at every bag. The move backfired when Orlando Cepeda drilled a grand slam home run off the auto dealer billboard atop the leftfield pavilion roof. If I close my eyes I can still see it now.

Mays was always my favorite "non-Phillie" player. In the intro to the Game of the Week they would show him making that catch in right-center where he climbed the chain link fence at Candlestick Park and soared over Bobby Bonds to make the most incredible catch of a baseball I have ever seen.

I actually got to meet the man in 1985. That year the owners of our local Carolina League team, the Salem Redbirds, were two guys from New York who grew up idolizing Mays when he played for the New York Giants. They brought him to Salem for "Willie Mays Day" and had a Redbirds' jersey number 24 to present him, which I'm certain he was thrilled to receive.

That afternoon, prior to the game, Willie toured the Veterans Hospital in Salem and visited with patients. The late Jon Kaufman, who was a good friend of mine and assistant GM for the Redbirds, was assigned to accompany Mays to the VA. It was funny to hear Jon tell the story about how Mays kept hurrying him along and ordering him what to do. Then, just as Jon was getting totally agitated with our



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**Willie Mays signs autographs and chats with fans at Kiwanis Park prior to the Salem Redbirds game on "Willie Mays Day" in 1985.**

famous guest, Willie took off his watch and gave it to one of the patients.

That night Willie came early and signed autographs in front of the clubhouse at what is now Kiwanis Park in Salem, then home to the Redbirds. A long line of folks waited to meet the all-time great and he pleasantly chatted and signed until rain started to fall. Willie was to throw out the first ball but the game was rain-delayed and he started to get annoyed because he was supposed to catch a flight that evening. Finally the rain stopped, Willie threw out the ball and left the ballpark before the game even started.

And it was probably a good thing he did. We were a Texas Rangers farm team at the time and one of their top pitching prospects, Mitch Williams, was Salem's starting pitcher. Williams, who had a good career in the big leagues, was known to be wild and he didn't get out of the first inning. I don't remember who the Redbirds were playing but he walked a few and hit a few

more and Salem was down five or six runs before Willie even got to the airport. That season in Salem Williams pitched 99 innings and struck out 138 but walked 117.

It was sad to see Willie pass last week. Although most of us aren't going to make it to 93, he was a player I admired in my youth and when you lose someone like that your own mortality really hits you. Losing Jerry West and Willie Mays in the same month! Where has the time gone?

And so, Thursday's game was not so much a celebration for Mays, but of Mays. You saw all the highlights over and over, catching that ball over his head in the World Series against the Indians, running the bases with his hat flying off, hitting tape measure home runs and strutting around the bases like the King of Baseball that he was.

Yeah I may be getting older, but I saw the "Say Hey Kid" play live and in person and that's a memory I'll always cherish. He was, indeed, a Giant.