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Plans underway to bring food truck court to Salem

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Plans are underway to bring a food truck court to West Fourth Street in Salem. Dubbed 4th Street Eats, the goal is to have a location where a rotating roster of food trucks will park to serve patrons. The effort is being spearheaded by John Johnston, of Savory Ventures Salem, LLC. Johnston and his wife, Dawn, had been looking for a unique approach to retail when they

decided to go with the food truck court idea. "So many duplicate retail strips, from coffee shops to fast food restaurants all offering nearly the same product which discourages variety and excludes small businesses beyond franchising. We look for properties that would otherwise go unused where we could offer both small businesses as well as the local community new and exciting options for food and drink," he said. Currently, the duo

operates a lot near Warrenton, which has seven full-time vendors. "211 eats and Marketplace has been operating for just over a year with huge support from the community," he said. The decision to locate one in the Salem/Roanoke market was an easy decision given that Johnston has been looking to move further south from Northern Virginia. "After thorough market research and

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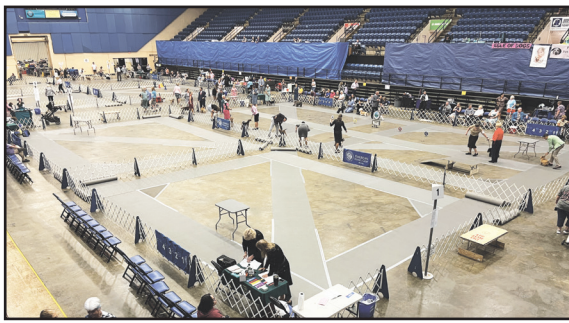


A rendering of what 4th Street Eats will look like.

COURTESY IMAGE



Carol Manor and her dog, Patrick.



The floor of the Salem Civic Center on Thursday afternoon.



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The show lasted from Wednesday through Sunday of last week.

Mountain Valley Cluster Dog Show held at Salem Civic Center

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The Mountain Valley Cluster Dog Show was held at the Salem Civic

Center last Wednesday through Sunday by James River Kennel Club, Inc, with a range of breeds and their owners taking part in the event. It is one

of the shows throughout the year in which dogs compete and campaign for top dog, culminating at the Westminster Kennel Club show in February.

Among the participants were Carol Manor, of Clermont, Florida. She was there with her 2-year-

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Salem Museum & Historical Society bids farewell to longtime executive director



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Ferguson
Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

Frances Ferguson, executive director at the Salem Museum & Historical Society, sat back in her chair, a mix of nostalgia and pride gleaming in her eyes. After

dedicating seven and a half years to the museum, the time has come for her to pass the torch. The decision to leave had been bittersweet, but Ferguson feels a sense of relief knowing the museum is in capable hands.

"I have legal pads full of things

that I need to tell him or show him," she admitted, a hint of the immense responsibility she felt. Ferguson is talking about Garrett Channell, the new Executive Director.

"It's a long list," Ferguson replied,

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Salem native John Fritz participates in world's largest international maritime warfare exercise

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - Petty Officer 1st Class John Fritz, a native of Salem, serves aboard USS William P. Lawrence, a U.S. Navy warship operating out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and participating in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

Fritz graduated from Salem High School in 2014.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Salem.

"My hometown instilled a work ethic in me," said Fritz.

Fritz joined the Navy five years ago. Today, Fritz serves as a damage controlman.

"I joined the Navy because college wasn't for me," said Fritz. "My grandfather did it, so I figured I should give it a shot, too."

As the world's largest international maritime exercise, approximately 29 nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, over 150 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel will

participate in RIMPAC 2024. This exercise provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring safety at sea and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2024 marks the 29th exercise in a series that began in 1971.


The theme of RIMPAC 2024 is "Partners: Integrated and Prepared." The participating nations and forces exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting. The relevant, realistic training program includes, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as amphibious, counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

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CLERK ROY BROWN WELL QUALIFIED IN PRESENT POSITION

Native Of Salem - Elected Following C. D. Denit's Retirement From Office - Employed By Norfolk And Western

Recently Celebrates Anniversary—Electrical Jobs Done Right

Richardson-Wayland Electrical Co., celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, was incorporated in 1913, a quarter of a century ago, beginning with a staff of employees including the bass.

Original officers were J. M. Richardson, president-general manager, J. E. Wayland, vice-president, Mr. A. D. Miller, joint manager in the capacity of treasurer, followed by O. G. Gittens as superintendent.

The building was located in a block that the retail stores now occupy. The entire building then consisted principally of houses and the sale and installation of lighting fixtures.

Contracting was paramount and of these six men and their wives were on the lookout and ready to submit estimates, on or within their reach.

The company now has jobs under way in five different states, and the year of 1937 reached employment of around three hundred. Contract work has

COUNTY CLERK



Roy K. Brown

Clerk Roy Brown Well Qualified In Present Position

Native Of Salem—Elected Following C. D. Denit's Retirement From Office—Employed By Norfolk



C. A. Gittens

Gittens-Morton One Of Oldest Business Firms

Records of one of the oldest fire insurance companies in Virginia indicate that Salem had a representative of the company, in the person of T. J. Stickle prior to 1875. Mr. Stickle later sold out to J. S. Persinger and in 1918, Charles A. Gittens took over the interests of Mr. Persinger.

From this record it is generally conceded that the present insurance and

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*

By dint of hard work and plenty of it, from his youth up, Roy K. Brown, a native of Salem who is now clerk of the courts of Roanoke county, is one man who has made a success in life. He was born in Salem, October 25, 1883, a son of William A. Brown and Mildred Ann (Shepherd) Brown.

As a boy he attended the public schools of Salem from which he graduated and later entered the National Business College of Roanoke where he was granted a diploma in business accounting and bookkeeping, after

which he accepted a position in the Motive Power Department of the Norfolk & Western at Roanoke. In 1924, he accepted a deputy's position under Chas. D. Denit, Clerk of the Court of Roanoke county. After eleven years of splendid service as a deputy and Mr. Denit's decision to retire, he became a candidate in 1935 to succeed his former chief.

Takes Office in 1936

Following his election, he was inducted into office January 1, 1936, and after nearly two and one-half years of service as the head of this important office, it may be truthfully said, "he is making good."


More than a decade of experience in handling the affairs of the office fitted him particularly well for the promotion he received at the hands of the people in the 1935 election.

On June 13th, 1906, he married Miss Lida K. Shank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Shank of Salem. This union two daughters were born, Edna E. Brown who became the wife of Dr. William T. Puckett, and resides with here husband at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and Lida Jane Brown who married Thomas F. West, Jr. The Wests make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.


Fraternally, Mr. Brown is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the United Commercial Travelers and a member of the Salem Kiwanis Club. He is a communicant of the Salem Methodist church and politically is a Democrat. He is also secretary of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his activities as a public office older, Mr. Brown is intensely interested in civic affairs, and may be said to stand for any movement having for its object the advancement of his home town and the county at large. As a county official he is unassuming, but kindly considerate of all with whom he some in contact. As to the county's civic and fiscal affairs, no citizen, private or public, possess a wider knowledge.

FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES



American Red Cross Blood Services



John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home giving back to the community with Red Cross Blood Drive

John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, from 10am-2pm at the funeral home chapel. For more information about donating call the Red Cross at 800 733-2767.

Use the following link to directly schedule an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=JohnMOakeyandson>

"Hosting a blood drive coincides with John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home's core values of giving back to the community," said Dave Vanderpool, Manager and Funeral Director. "With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one or neighbor."

The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients.

We hope to see you on August 13th!

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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.

Touch-A-Truck: The 13th Annual Touch-A-Truck event returns to Green Hill Park on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This beloved family-friendly event offers a unique opportunity for kids and adults alike to explore, interact, and learn about dozens of fascinating vehicles. Step inside, climb aboard, and engage with the operators who keep our community running smoothly.

Comprehensive Plan Open House: The city of Salem will hold an open house to discuss its comprehensive plan from 3-7 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the Salem Civic Center. During the event, there will be progress updates and theme discussions. For more information, go to www.salemva.gov/complan.

Pickin' In The Park: Bluegrass legend Junior Sisk is returning to Salem's annual Pickin' In The Park concert this summer. This marks the fourth straight year that Sisk and his group of amazing pickers and singers are headlining the Longwood Park Amphitheater show with their fast playing and uplifting harmonies. This year's free event takes place on Saturday, Aug. 17, and it also features local favorites Wound Tight and New Standard.

Bluegrass Gospel: A bluegrass gospel event featuring County Connection will be on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 4 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church at 845 Hemlock Rd. in Salem.

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, Sept. 9: 7-9 p.m. - The Guard. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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.

Warren Haynes Band: The Warren Haynes Band, led by GRAMMY® Award-winning vocalist, songwriter, guitar legend, producer, and Gov't Mule front man Warren Haynes, has announced their Million Voices Whisper Tour. The new 16-date fall headlining tour launches Sept. 19 in Fort Lauderdale and stops in Salem Sept. 29, before wrapping Oct. 12 in Boston. The band will perform in Salem on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. 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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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: August 13 (3pm-7pm)
WHERE: Salem Civic Center

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Public meetings: The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Sept 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet

on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



COURTESY PHOTO

23rd Regiment of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers button

Did you know that you could learn about a British soldier in the Revolutionary War just from his uniform?

For example, these buttons show that the soldier served in the 23rd Regiment of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. These British soldiers fought in many important battles throughout the Revolutionary War.

To learn more about the life of a British Soldier, visit the Salem Museum for their monthly Speaker Series featuring "For King and Country: The Life of the British Soldier" on Thursday, August 15 at 7pm.

Presented by Jeff Briggs of the Fincastle Company. TV shows and movies have spread many myths and inaccuracies about the British soldiers who fought in the American Revolution. Briggs will present little known facts about the British Army

in general and the British soldier in particular. He will explain the uniform and equipment worn and used by the British soldiers.

There will also be Colonial living historians at the museum on Sept. 7 for Andrew Lewis Day.

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th

anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In preparation for this significant anniversary, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) is encouraging programming to commemorate the Revolution. This talk is a VA250 event.

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her voice tinged with both exhaustion and determination. "There's a whole lot that goes on, especially behind the scenes—the financial things, the fundraising things that are very necessary. But there are some exhibits that I still want to polish up and tweak a little bit. I want to make sure that everything is ready to hand over, that I've given him this role in a good position, in a good shape."

Channell nodded in understanding.

Ferguson chuckled. "Oh my goodness. There's a grant that needs to be done, some renewal, membership letters that need to go out. There are some things that happen all the time that I need to transition over. And, I don't know. I mean, there's website updates, exhibit updates, introducing him to people..."

Ferguson came to the museum in January of 2017 and has seen many changes since then.

"Yes, I really have loved it. This has meant a lot to me to be here. I've been in the Roanoke Valley's cultural community for 25 years in various places, and this was coming home for me. I'm from Salem and grew up in Salem. The people who founded this museum were my village—they helped raise me. I was good friends with their kids. I ate a lot of pancakes at their breakfast table. And here I am in this museum, which was their baby. Most of them have passed, but it's been a real honor and privilege to take care of what meant so much to them. They built this amazing facility and museum for a community our size. It's remarkable," Ferguson recounted.

Before coming back to Salem Ferguson resided in other places, "I

lived in DC and Baltimore for a bit. Boy, did that make me appreciate Salem. This is just such a great place to raise a family. Everything you could want to do is here, but it's not a struggle. You can park, you can get somewhere in 20 minutes. People are friendly, and visitors always comment on how nice people are here," Ferguson said.

Ferguson started out as the executive director. "I've always been the executive director. Alex, who was already here when I arrived, had been a part-time person for a good bit. The first thing I did was make him full time. Now, I'm here to support Garrett and Hunter as much as I can. These two young men have done amazing things. They work so hard, they're smart, and they've got great ideas. I just want to make sure they have all the tools to fly."

Ferguson sighed, tears welling up in her eyes. "You're going to make me cry. I wasn't planning on leaving this soon. I was expecting to stay about another year. But I'm not well, and I'm losing capability and functionality all the time. It stinks. But I feel so much better now that Garrett and Hunter are on board. They're both super smart, fun, hardworking, and know their history. Garrett especially brings a lot of professionalism from his master's program at Harvard. I'll still be here to help if they have questions, but having the two of them in place makes me feel a ton better."

"That's good. You're the star," her colleague said, smiling warmly. Ferguson said, "Well, that's all I have," Ferguson smiled, knowing she has left a lasting impact on the museum and the community she loves so dearly.

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OPINION

It was a productive week back in Washington as House Republicans moved to investigate the tragic attempted assassination of President Trump. Last week, I had the opportunity to question FBI Director Christopher Wray and press him to provide better answers to the American people about the events in Butler, PA. Additionally, the CCP has led China to become a major adversary to the United States. The China Select Committee to which I was recently appointed expressed its strong opposition to the new censorship technologies that the China Communist Party (CCP) aims to implement abroad. Last week, the U.S. Border Patrol reported that over 7.9 million illegal immigrants have entered the country under the leadership of Border Czar Harris. Americans cannot bear the continued impact of the Biden-Harris Administration's disastrous open border policies. It is a great privilege to serve the hardworking constituents of Virginia's Sixth District in Congress. Rest assured; I will continue to fight for policies that strengthen our great nation.

FBI Director Christopher Wray Testifies

This week, FBI Director Christopher Wray testified before the House Judiciary Committee regarding the attempted assassination of President Trump. After this tragic attack, there has been a bipartisan demand for answers about the numerous security lapses. In my questioning with Director Wray, we learned new information about the shooter's social media activity. Prior to this hearing, Americans were led to believe the targeted social media activity against the Former



Ben Cline
Congressman

President was crafted and published by the shooter. Director Wray confirmed that this post was published not by the shooter but by someone posing as the shooter as a horrific joke. Additionally, Director Wray confirmed that this post was published days after the attempted assassination of President Trump. This hearing was a step closer to delivering the answers the American people deserve. The House Judiciary Committee and the new Trump Assassination Attempt Investigatory Committee are diligently working to investigate this matter to the fullest extent to deliver answers for the American people.

CCP Techno-Authoritarianism

The open exchange of information and discourse is essential to an individual's understanding of the truth without government interference. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has vast resources that actively suppress the flow of information and control public debate available to its citizens. The CCP has exported this technology to over 80 countries worldwide, including Iran and Russia. This censorship

has created a techno-totalitarian state that oppresses its citizens and keeps their citizens in the dark. This troubling model is quickly spreading as the CCP works to extend its censorship technology abroad. It is critical that the United States safeguards the free flow of information on the internet by not adopting China's model of internet suppression. Media censorship has no place in the United States. I am committed to ensuring that Americans' God-given constitutional right to free speech is protected in the United States.

Border Czar Harris

Since 2021, Kamala Harris, as the Border Czar, has overseen an overwhelmed southern border, with nearly 10 million illegal immigrant encounters reported by U.S. Border Patrol. Meanwhile, daily encounters have soared to over 4,000. Border Czar Harris claims to care about border security, but her actions suggest otherwise. She has not spoken with Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens for over a year and has only visited the border once. The border czar's neglect of the historic invasion at our borders is inexcusable and directly endangers our national security. These broken border policies have allowed illegal criminals into our country, with 372 illegal individuals reported on the terrorist watchlist attempting to evade U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. Hardworking Americans cannot deal with the influx of migrants caused by these disastrous policies for another 4 years. Even if Border Czar Kamala Harris claims we have secure borders, the evidence proves this to not be truthful.

Dogs

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old Italian greyhound, Patrick, who is currently the number three Italian greyhound in the country.

"We were in South Carolina last weekend, so we thought we'd drive up and check it out," Manor said of the show. "It's a nice show."

Manor started showing dogs as a child but got out of it later. She eventually returned to showing dogs, but with a different breed. "It's just fun time to spend with your dog. You meet lots of friends and new people as you go along to the shows. It's a good time."

Staunton resident Bob Anders was at the event in the capacity as an American Kennel Club-certified steward, which means he essentially serves as a judge's assistant.

"It's my responsibility to hand out the armbands and make sure that the right dog has the right number, so they match up with their catalog. I call the dogs in

when the judge is ready to judge them. I handle the ribbons and the paperwork," he explained. It's a role he's had for over 25 years.

To attend the show, he brought his RV and stayed at the center. "This particular dog show does a really nice job of putting on the shows," he said.



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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

A visitor came in to the Salem Times Register office and asked if I cook for my dog, Betsy. Yes, I do. She gets a little cooked chicken breast daily. Our office coworkers know her chicken dance well. As a reader told me last week Betsy's not spoiled. "Spoiled is rancid meat; Betsy is well loved." she said. I try not to feed her people food too often and she is very picky about what she likes. I have offered her blueberries, apples, watermelon, and banana. Green beans and carrots made her give me the side-eye. She is very polite taking the bite from me and then leaves it on the floor for me to step on later. Her favorites change week to week. Right now, it's plain peanuts and plain yogurt.

When choosing people food for your dog, use foods you would eat yourself. If it is high in sugar and salt and not good for you; then your dog should not eat it either. Plain, cooked low fat meats and fish without bones or skin are okay. Try to find organic and pesticide free fruits and vegetables. Fresh vegetables (cooked or steamed), fresh fruits, and boiled white rice. Peanut butter is a Betsy favorite. Read the label carefully to be sure the peanut butter does not contain xylitol, a sugar substitute that can be toxic to dogs. Plain unflavored yogurt is okay, avoid any yogurts with added sugar, and skip all yogurt with artificial sweeteners. Other foods to avoid include (but are not limited to): Cherries (and any fruit related to them), onions, garlic, chives, leeks, chocolate, caffeine, macadamia nuts, alcohol, Xylitol(sweetener), grapes and raisins, and Avocado.

As with any addition to a dog's food, start with small amounts to see if their digestive system can tolerate it. A healthy balanced diet of high-quality dog food is essential, with human food being fed in moderation to prevent obesity. Always, consult with a vet if your dog has an underlying health condition before introducing any new foods.

Betsy's Best Treats

Ingredients

- 3 to 4 oz dog safe baby food or pureed food
- (Her favorite is Gerber Mealtime chicken and apple)
- 1 egg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 to 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Add baby food to a large bowl. Add egg and salt. Whisk well to combine. Slowly stir until a soft dough forms. Place the dough on a floured surface. Pat out the dough until it is about ¼ inch thick. Cut out shapes with a cookie cutter or just cut into squares. Place on a parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes for soft treats and 30-35 for crunchy treats. Let cool. Store in an airtight container.



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer



Dried Chicken Jerky in an air fryer

Ingredients

- 1 chicken breast
- olive oil spray

Directions

Thinly slice your chicken breast into strips. Spray air fryer tine with olive oil. Lay chicken strips flat into air fryer making sure they are not touching. Spray with olive oil once more. Cook for 90 minutes at 220°F flipping halfway through. Let cool.

Banana Chip Dog Treats (people too)

Ingredients

- 1 Banana (green or not too ripe)
- Coconut oil cooking spray
- Powdered peanut butter, if desired

Directions

Preheat the oven to 250°F. Slice your banana into thin rounds. Spray Bananas and baking sheet with Coconut oil. Sprinkle with peanut butter powder, if desired. Bake for 90 minutes or until crisp - flipping halfway. Let cool & enjoy! Good on ice cream.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Load the Bus held at area Walmart stores



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Salem City Public Schools, Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke City Public Schools and Craig County Schools held Load the Bus sessions at area Walmart stores last Friday, Saturday and Sunday to collect school supplies. Participants are pictured at the Salem Walmart store.

Update on Main Street

The community development department with the city of Salem recently offered an update on the work being done to Main Street, specifically the Thompson Memorial to College Avenue and College to Market sections.

Thompson Memorial to College Avenue section:

- The North sidewalk has reopened to pedestrians and is substantially complete. It is only awaiting streetlight poles.
- The South sidewalk demolition and concrete work is underway with underground electrical and irrigation work to follow.

College to Market section:

- North sidewalk curb and conduit work are completed, and brick laying is almost finished.
- South sidewalk work will commence after demolition to the east, but not before the north side is walkable.
- Intersection/signal work at Main/Market will begin in mid-August.

-The Salem Times-Register

Virginia Vintage Comics Show set for Aug. 24

The Virginia Vintage Comics and Collectibles Show returns to the Salem Civic Center Saturday, Aug. 24. Since beginning in 1998, the show has been held 26 consecutive years—including the pandemic years—making it the longest-running comic book show in the commonwealth.

Show promoter Roger Mannon said, "There are a growing number of comic book shows, and you can find old comics at all of them, but we are the only show dedicated to old comics. When we started, we were the only comic book show between Richmond and Bristol. This year there are five other comic book shows in the Roanoke Valley, and in recent years there have been shows in Blacksburg, Dublin, Hillsville, Abingdon and even the little village of Woodlawn had a comic-con."

Over the years the show has drawn vendors and collectors from 16 states, as far away as Florida

and New York. Chris Budel, of Nostalgia Zone in Minneapolis, called Virginia Vintage "the best one-day, small city show in the country."

Mannon added, "When we started the show, people were stunned when a comic book (Action #1, which introduced Superman) sold at auction for \$100,000. A recent auction of that issue brought \$6 million. While select issues are worth a fortune, most of the comics at our show are less than \$5. It's a fun and affordable hobby."

In addition to comic books, other vintage items are featured, including pulps, books, paperbacks, digests, sports items, advertising, toys, original art, and memorabilia.

The show hours will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5, with 12-and-under free.

-The Salem Times-Register



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Fritz plays an important role in the exercise. "During RIMPAC, I have continued to serve as the leading petty officer of the repair division," said Fritz. "Additionally, I am participating in a morale-building soccer event. RIMPAC is beneficial as it facilitates collaboration among allied countries, fostering a shared mission between us and other countries. It offers valuable perspectives on how we can improve our operational practices." Fritz serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the

nation's prosperity and security. "Serving in the Navy provides both a job and a consistent paycheck, being in the Navy lets me travel and see the world too," said Fritz. "I've been to Australia, Japan, the Philippines, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Alaska and more." Fritz is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible. "I would like to thank my mom, who has supported me throughout my entire life," added Fritz. "I would also like to thank my wife, who always keeps things running smoothly back home." Hosted by Commander, U.S.

Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2024 will be led by Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, Vice Adm. John Wade, who will serve as Combined Task Force (CTF) commander. For the first time in RIMPAC history, a member of the Chilean Navy, Commodore Alberto Guerrero, will serve as deputy commander of the CTF. Rear Adm. Kazushi Yokota of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force will serve as vice commander. Other key leaders of the multinational force will include Commodore Kristjan Monaghan of Canada, who will command the maritime component, and Air Commodore Louise Desjardins of

Australia, who will command the air component. During RIMPAC, a network of capable, adaptive partners train and operate together in order to strengthen their collective forces and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. RIMPAC 2024 contributes to the increased interoperability, resiliency and agility needed by the Joint and Combined Force to deter and defeat aggression by major powers across all domains and levels of conflict. *-Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jerome Fjeld, Navy Office of Community Outreach*

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 23, 2024 - July 29, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
24-JUL-2024	1000 Blk W. Riverside Dr	Aggravated Assault
25-JUL-2024	1300 Blk Southside Dr	Evading Police
25-JUL-2024	900 Blk Russell Dr	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of July 23, 2024 - July 29, 2024

7/23/2024	Justin C. Thomason	32	Probation Violations
7/24/2024	Cierra R. Jones	29	Obstruction of Justice
7/24/2024	James E. Wise	34	DUI
7/24/2024	Vicky L. King	51	Shoplifting
7/24/2024	Lisa A. Webb	52	Shoplifting
7/24/2024	Bradley D. Terino	20	Trespassing
7/24/2024	Yared B. Woldeyohannis	25	Public Intoxication
7/24/2024	Jaqueline C. Lindsay	30	Shoplifting
7/25/2024	Aimee S. Kidd	48	Public Intoxication
7/25/2024	Anthony D. Earl	36	Aggravated Assault
7/25/2024	Perpetua Z. Saint Jean	31	DUID
7/26/2024	Juan D. Gomez Orellana	40	Failure to Appear
7/26/2024	Ashley N. Johnson	35	Conceal Merchandise
7/27/2024	Kyle M. Reaves	53	DUID
7/28/2024	Tala L. Snider	25	Public Intoxication
7/29/2024	Lisa M. DeMello	42	Obstruction of Justice
7/29/2024	Candice C. Ringley	39	Failure to Appear
7/29/2024	Philip W. Epperly	50	Shoplifting
7/29/2024	Theodore J. Ford	42	Public Intoxication Inhaling Noxious Substances Shoplifting

OBITUARY

Johnson, Linda Britts

On Wednesday, July 3, 2024, Linda Britts Johnson passed away at the age of 79, surrounded by her family.

Linda was born on April 23, 1945 to E.C. Britts and Florence Huffman Britts Gordon. She grew up in New Castle, and the family later moved to Vinton, where she attended Lord Botetourt High School. On November 22, 1961, she married James "Jay" Hammond Johnson, III in Roanoke, VA. Jay said she was the most "beautiful girl in the world." Together they raised three children: Catherine Yvette, Patrick Scott, and Clint Andrew.

When she was younger, Linda worked at Roanoke Electric Steel Credit Union, where everyone loved her. Later, she worked for a security company delivering money to ATMs for the banks. She wore a uniform and carried a gun. Her children jokingly called her "Barney Fife".

She was an avid sports lover, and was the pitcher on a "fast pitch" softball team, the Green Machine. While fast pitch was very hard, Linda excelled and was the best in the state. The Green Machine won the Fast Pitch State Championship in Virginia.

Later in life, Linda took up golfing, and in her competitive fashion, became VERY good at



Yvonne Gillespie Bush; and nephews, Timothy Gillespie, Tommy Gillespie, Duane Britts, and Darrell Britts. She is survived by her adoring husband, Jay Johnson; her daughter Cathy Johnson; her sons, Scott Johnson and his wife, Sara; and Clint Johnson; her grandchildren Jessica Johnson Beasley (Brian), Cody James Johnson (Anastasia), Kaitlyn Renee Johnson, Emma Grace Johnson, and Patrick Scott Johnson, Jr.; and great grandchildren Nola Grace Beasley, Ava Jane Johnson, Maddox Scott Beasley, and Chloe Yvette Johnson; her sister, Charlotte Gillespie Garst; and her brothers and sisters-in-law: Van Johnson (Teresa), Kirk Johnson, Roslyn Kingery (Glenn), Kendall Johnson (Channing); and a host of nieces, nephews, and close friends.

it. She was on several women's golf teams and won many tournaments.

Linda loved her family above all else. She was married to the love of her life, Jay, for almost 63 years. You could say they grew up together. Jay always said she was an excellent cook. So much so that he took up jogging because he jokingly said he "was getting fat"! She was blessed to be a part of the Johnson family, which had always been close, and would spend all of the big holidays together in love and fellowship. She loved her children and always made sure they had whatever they needed. She gave them all the love and cuddles any child could want. She was a wonderful wife, and loving mother, Granny, and Great Granny.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E.C. and Florence; her brothers, A. Thomas Britts and Danny Britts; her sisters-in-law Lydia Johnson Wygal, Sharon Johnson, and Laurel Britts; her niece

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem. Visitation will begin at 11AM and the Service will begin at 12:00 noon. Kendall Johnson will be presiding over the service.

A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at Green Hill Church of the Brethren, located at 2699 Harborwood Road in Salem.

The family would like to express their deepest thanks and gratitude to Judy and Gerry Schossov.

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discussing our idea with the city of Salem we found this location to be a perfect fit. The city has been absolutely wonderful to work with and very welcoming to our plans," he said.

The court will be open seven days a week, with trucks rotating out depending on their event schedules. "Multiple different trucks/trailers will rotate offering a nice variety. We are planning to have five to six at any one time in addition to a small structure which will be used for local artisans and bakers to offer their products as well as a serving area for local brewers to serve beer on a rotating basis," Johnston said.

Food truck vendor Brent Bowles, who owns the Troutville-based Big Daddy's BBQ, is set to serve as the site manager once it opens. "4th Street Eats brings a new twist to eating out or on the go," Bowles said. "We will be able to provide different food options by having a diverse range of food trucks at the park and it allows for a more cost-effective operation for food truck owners like



The 4th Street Eats logo.

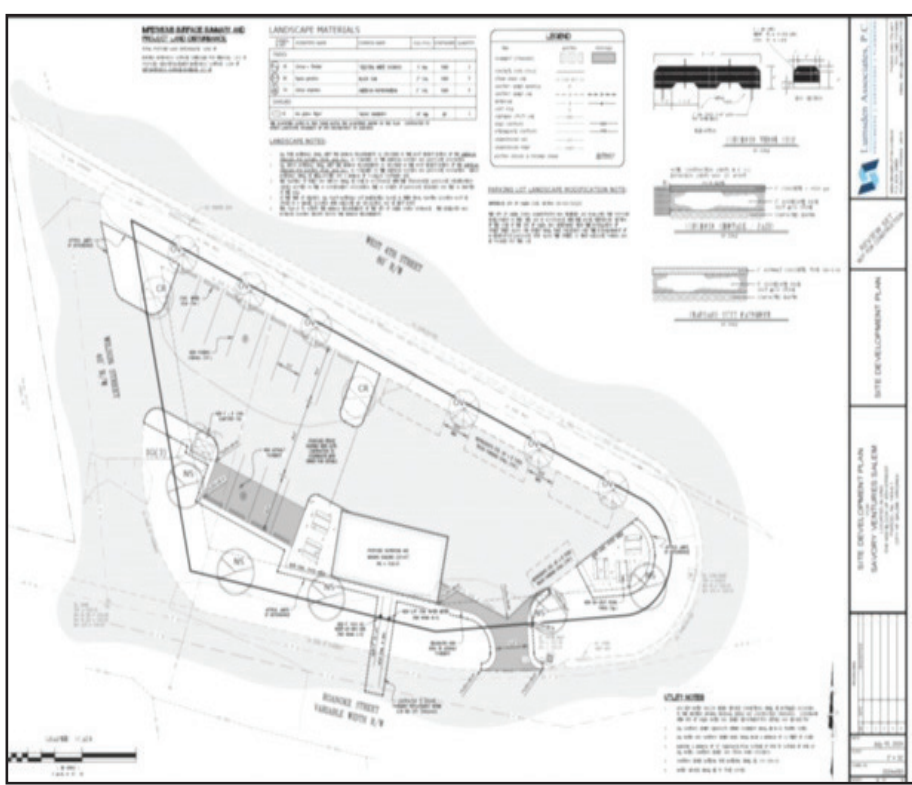
myself."

In preparation for the court, Johnston petitioned for a variance from the city of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to perimeter landscaping standards for parking lots located at the property. The variance was to allow for the food truck court. While the ordinance states that the required landscaped planting strip shall have a minimum width of 8 feet, the request was for a 3-foot variance. The request was heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals for the city of Salem on July 24.

"We are hoping to get started early August and be ready to go by

October. Currently a few prospective vendors are stopping in on occasion to spread the word and establish a following," Johnston said of when it will launch.

Tommy Miller, director of economic development for the city said, "It is exciting to see inspiring foodie entrepreneurs have more opportunities to explore their concepts. This provides more options for the citizens of Salem and the Greater Roanoke Region to have access to new and diverse food trucks and cuisine. We are proud to have the first venture of its kind in the region right here in the Salem Community."



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The architectural plans for 4th Street Eats.

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Future Spartans on the diamond

The Summer weekly sports camp program conducted by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation is almost over. Last week the ballplayers converged on Billy Sample Field and the newly renovated James I. Moyer Complex for fun on the diamond. Above, Salem High baseball coach Jimmy Winterer, his staff and players conducted the baseball camp. Left, future Spartans take their turn at bat. Below, Salem softball coach Jeremy Wells had a good turnout as his staff and players pose for a group shot.

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RC Alum Draper will play for basketball team in Germany

Former Roanoke College men's basketball standout Kasey Draper recently signed to play professionally for the EPG Guardians Koblenz in Koblenz, Germany.

Draper was a three-time All-ODAC First Team selection and two-time honoree as the Roanoke College Male Athlete of the Year. He was a three-year captain for the Maroons and earned multiple tournament honors including MVP laurels at the 2022 Cregger Tip-Off and Dick Leftwich tournaments. Draper graduated having scored 1,521 points with 543 rebounds and 117 assists in four seasons covering 92 games with 84 starts. He averaged double figures in points in each season highlighted by 20.5 points per game and 554 total points in 2021-22, both second in the conference.

After graduation, Draper used his fifth year of eligibility last season at Division II Assumption University, earning Northeast-10 third-team all-conference honors and surpassing 2,000 points combined in his career. His sister, Kylee, is a senior on the Maroon women's volleyball team.

"I am very blessed and grateful for the opportunity to play my first professional basketball season overseas

with the EPG Guardians in Germany," said Draper. "I am excited to see what I can do on the professional level, but I am also just as excited to live in a different country and experience a different culture. I am thankful for all the people in my life who got me to this point and especially my experience with the Roanoke College basketball team who prepared for this opportunity."

Draper will be one of two former Maroons playing professionally overseas, as Josh Freund '19 recently signed a new contract with Maccabi Rishon LeZion. Last season, Freund averaged 19.7 points, 6.8 rebounds, and 3.4 assists per game. Next season will be Josh's sixth year playing professionally.

"We are thrilled for both Kasey and Josh, in part because both of these individuals are 100 percent deserving of these awesome opportunities," said Roanoke College head coach Clay Nunley. "They were incredible workers and determined competitors during their times in Roanoke uniforms, but what I admired just as much is both were awesome teammates, outstanding leaders, and first-class citizens. Their continued success is no surprise."

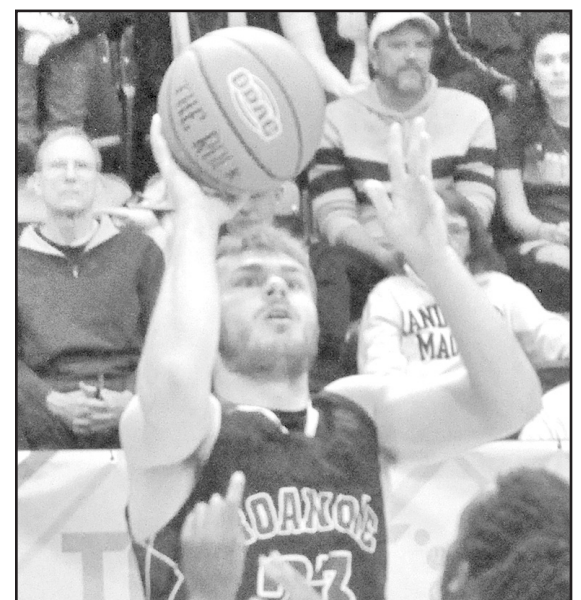


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KASEY DRAPER

Numerous Maroons were honored with the release of the 2023-24 Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) All-State Swimming Team.

On the women's side, junior Lily Mullens earned first-team honors for the free spring and back, while sophomore Carter Satterfield was recognized on the free distance first-team.

The Maroons had four student-athletes earn individual women's second-team honors and two relay teams. Sophomore Halle Schart was named for the back and IM, junior Susanna Price for the free distance, and freshman Bella Jones for the fly. Mullens, Jones, Schart and Price got the nod for the second-team 400-free relay and Satterfield, sophomore Julianna Morrow, Schart and Price for the 800-free relay.

Junior Ethan Brewer earned men's first-team accolades in free distance and free sprint. Freshman Peyton Meyer was second-team in the free distance and Meyer, freshman Ryan Franceys, junior Chris Snow and Brewer were the second-team 800-free relay team honorees.

Maroon swimmers on VaSID All-State team

RC soccer coaches put on free soccer clinic for kids

Roanoke College soccer coaches Ryan Pflugrad and Phil Benne have announced a free soccer clinic for boys and girls ages 6-14 on Friday, August 23, 2024 from 6:15 – 7:45 PM at Roanoke College's Kerr Stadium.

The free soccer clinic is designed to teach technical and tactical fundamentals of the game in an exciting way and to help players prepare for the upcoming soccer season. It also will be a great opportunity to come out and meet the Maroons Men's and Women's Soccer Teams, and to play at Kerr Stadium at Roanoke College.

The free soccer clinic will include instruction from the Roanoke Men's and Women's Soccer staff and players, giveaways, and prizes. Each participant is asked to bring a soccer ball and wear soccer shin guards and athletic appropriate clothing.

Players must register prior to the clinic by accessing the registration form on the RC website at <https://roanokemaroons.com>.

Bruins dominate Metro Golf Tournament with 288 score; Glenvar is 8th, Salem 13th without number one player

Glenvar was eighth and Salem High was 13th as Blacksburg High won the Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Tuesday. The Bruins won the annual event with a score of 288, easily winning the title by 27 strokes over second place Auburn at 315 and Christiansburg was third with 318.

Glenvar shot 331 to finish eighth, finishing in the top half of the 16 team tournament. "The team was resilient and fought through some early struggles," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. "We are moving in the right direction."

Glenvar was led by Tyler Smith with an 80, followed closely by Grayson Shepherd at 81. Riley Wolk shot 84 and finishing out the top four was Adam Franklin at 86.

Salem finished at 345 without number one player Kathryn Ha, who is competing in the Justin Thomas Junior Championship at Harmony Landing Country Club in Goshen, KY. Freshman Mike Bateman led the Spartans with an 80 followed by senior Aidan Andrews

at 81. Zach Bocock had a 90 and Will Creger shot 94 to round out the scoring.

Blacksburg's Jake Albert was the medalist with a 67. The Bruins had three scores of 73 or better in winning the tournament.

Salem opened the 2024 high school season with the Western Albemarle Invitational on Monday. Western Albemarle, the defending Class 3 state champion, got their season off to a great start with a three-under-par team score to win the season opener at the Old Trail Golf Club.

The four-team event also included Spotswood and East Rockingham High. Western Albemarle shot a team score of 285 followed by East Rockingham at 327, Spotswood at 331 and Salem at 334. The Spartans were missing number one player Ha for this one as well.

"The match was originally set up so that two future Wahoo teammates could compete on the links, Kathryn Ha of Salem and Elsie MacCleery of Western Albemarle," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "These two friends

have one final season of high school golf before the two verbal commits team up at UVA next fall. Kathryn, who is fresh off her top 20 T20 finish at the PGA Junior Championships at historic Congressional Country Club, is out this week."

With Ha not available Hancock had four freshmen in the starting six. Senior Andrews led the Spartans with a four-over 76, followed by three freshmen, Bateman at 80, Croix Bowen at 87 and Creger at 91. Junior Bocock shot a 95 and Thomas Powell, another freshman, came in at 105.

"Aidan was solid all day," said Hancock. "He's been working extremely hard and has been rebuilding his new and improved swing. To see him come out and score like this on a course he had never seen before was impressive."

"Having three freshmen compete in their first ever varsity tournament and then be in the top four counting scores for the team just shows what we will be capable of when these guys continue to get more experience and improve as

the season goes on. I'm glad to see our young guys contributing and excited to see what we can shoot when we get our team at full strength when Kathryn returns."

Salem is at London Downs for the Heritage Invitational today, and next Monday they open River Ridge District play at the Blacksburg Country Club.

Glenvar opened Three Rivers District play on Monday and tied host Alleghany for third place at the Cliff View Golf Course. Floyd County dominated with a 301, followed by Radford at 325 and Glenvar and Alleghany both shot 340. Smith led Glenvar with a 78, birdieing three of the last four holes. Also scoring were Franklin and Shepherd at 84 each and Wolk with a 94.

Glenvar was scheduled to play another Three Rivers match at the Olde Mill Golf Resort, hosted by Carroll County, on Wednesday. Next Monday, August 12, the Highlanders will head to Great Oaks with Floyd County hosting the event.

Sox are home this week, big series in Fredricksburg follows



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Left, recent call-up Juan Valera pitches for the Sox. Right, Nelly Taylor eases under a fly ball in center.

The Salem Red Sox tightened up the North Division second half race in the Carolina League when they opened a six game home series with Delmarva with a win in Salem Tuesday. In a rare 11 am day game the Sox took a 3-2 walk-off win in extra innings.

With the win Salem climbed to within two and a half games of the Fredricksburg Nationals, who were yet to play their home game against the Carolina Mudcats Tuesday. Carolina was also two and a half back prior to that game as was Down East, making a three team log jam for second place. Salem has 30 games remaining to catch the Nationals beginning with Wednesday's game, including six games in Fredricksburg next week.

On Tuesday at Salem Memorial Ballpark the Sox trailed 2-1 after seven innings but tied the game in the bottom of the eighth when Nelly Taylor doubled, moved to third on a fielder's choice and scored on a wild pitch. Both teams went scoreless in the ninth, with Max Carlson coming on to pitch for the Sox.

In the top of the 10th Carlson got two strikeouts and a ground out with a man on second to start the inning. Antonio Anderson started on second base in the bottom of the 10th as Brooks Brannon grounded out to open the inning, but Andruw Musett followed with a single to score Anderson with the winning run. Taylor was four-for-five at the plate while Musett had two hits and Carlson picked up the win in relief.

The Sox will host the Shorebirds, a Baltimore Orioles farm team, through Sunday with weekday games at 7:05 pm, a Saturday game at 6:05 pm and a Sunday getaway game at 3:05 pm. Tonight is Area 51 Night, fireworks are scheduled for Friday and Saturday is Marvel Night.

After a day off Monday the Sox have a big six game series in Fredricksburg beginning Tuesday of next week with a chance to catch the Nationals in the North Division race.

"The Last Inning" is fun game for all as rain holds off

Three graduated seniors from Glenvar High School participated in the fifth annual "The Last Inning" baseball game at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday. The game is sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and the Salem Red Sox, and was initiated in 2020 when the COVID pandemic wiped out the high school regular season, giving the seniors from that year a chance to play one last high school game.

"The Last Inning" was so successful it was decided to play it every year, and last Saturday players were divided into two teams for a pair of five inning games. Also on Saturday the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame announced the winner of its annual Ray Bellamy Award for the top high school player in the area serving the Hall of Fame, as well as two special scholarships.

Glenvar players Dawson Anderson, Ashton Meadows and Jake Stanley were on the Red team, coached by Franklin County's Barry Shelton, and Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer was one of the assistants. Randy Boone of William Byrd coached the Gray team. Rain was in the forecast Saturday but never materialized and the event went on as planned.

"We dodged a huge storm about 3 o'clock that went about a mile south of us," said Hall of Fame vice president Gary Walthall. "Most people thought it was going to be rained out. Around the bottom of the fourth of the first five innings, another storm was headed right toward us and took a right turn as well and missed us."

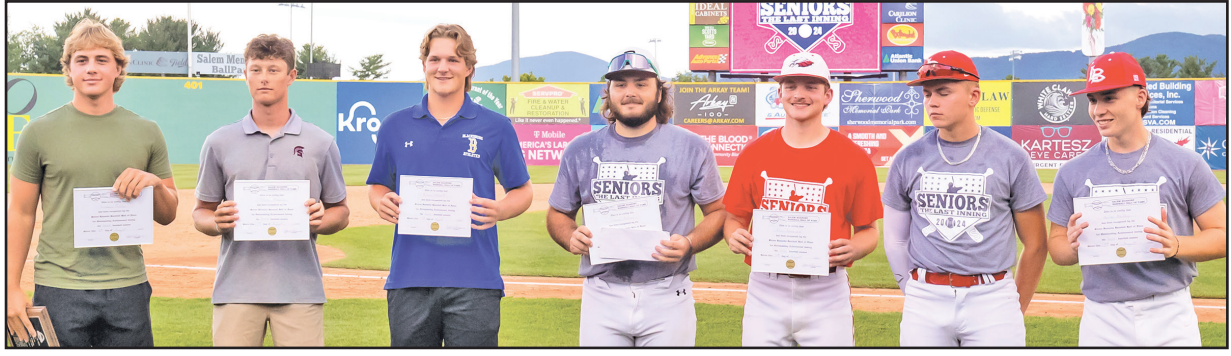


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The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame presented its annual Ray Bellamy Award, for the top high school player in the area, at "The Last Inning" baseball game for seniors last Saturday along with two special scholarships. Lawson Pasley of Franklin County was chosen as the Bellamy winner and Salem's Caleb Furrage and Trace Monroe were finalists. Left to right are Pasley and finalists Monroe, Brice Abbot of Blacksburg, Jesse Brown of Staunton River, Ean Amerson of Franklin County, Posey Oyler scholarship recipient J.J. Tyree of Lord Botetourt and finalist Nolan Medley of LB. Salem's Furrage could not attend.

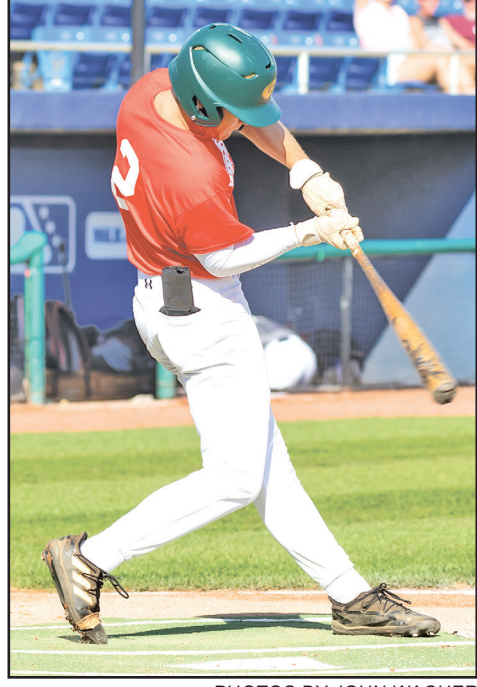
The Red team swept the doubleheader by scores of 8-0 and 5-1. Glenvar's Anderson pitched a scoreless inning for the Red, allowing no hits and striking out one, and he also tripled at bat. Meadows singled and walked and Stanley reached base twice on walks.

"All 18 players for the Gray team came and all but one from the Red team came," said Walthall. "It was the best attendance we've had in the five years of the game. The kids had a great time."

Between games the Bellamy Award was present-

ed and Lawson Pasley of Franklin County was the winner. Other finalists included Nolan Medley of Lord Botetourt, Trace Monroe and Caleb Furrage of Salem, Brice Abbot of Blacksburg, Jesse Brown of Staunton River and Ean Amerson of Franklin County.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame also awarded two annual scholarships. The Posey Oyler scholarship recipient is J.J. Tyree of Lord Botetourt and Brown of Staunton River was the recipient of the Kelvin Bowles Scholarship.



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Left, Glenvar's Dawson Anderson pitches in "The Last Inning" game for seniors at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday. Center and right, Jake Stanley and Ashton Meadows take a turn at bat for the victorious Red team.

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Far left and above, Salem players open practice on the field behind the high school. Left, coach Don Holter is happy to be back on the practice field.

Preseason football practice officially opens

First regular season games for Salem, Glenvar just three weeks away

High School football is officially underway as the Salem and Glenvar varsity teams opened preseason practice last Thursday. Both teams have two scrimmages prior to their season opener on August 30th.

Salem will practice from 9 to 11 am and 1-4 pm this week. The Spartans have been dealing with hot summer days but that hasn't curbed the enthusi-

asm for the coming season.

"Our players have embraced the environment," said coach Don Holter. "Our training staff does a great job. We have water all over the field and it's available whenever needed."

The Spartans will scrimmage Albemarle and Maury in a triscrimmage on Friday, August 16, in Charlottesville. Then they'll host a ben-

efit game at Salem Stadium on August 23rd against Brookville. The Spartans open the regular season at Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg on August 30.

Glenvar is practicing from 3 to 6:30 pm on Thursday of this week and 3-6 pm on Friday. The Highlanders will scrimmage William Byrd and Pulaski at home on August 16, beginning at

5:30 pm. They'll play a benefit game at Blacksburg on August 23, then open at Galax on Friday, August 30.

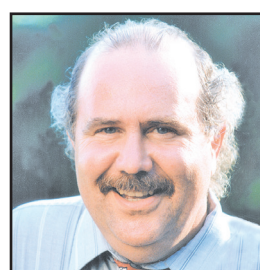
Andrew Lewis Middle School had a football jamboree scheduled for today but that was cancelled due to circumstances beyond the Wolverines' control. Instead, Lewis will open the regular season a week from today, on Thursday August 15, at Patrick Henry.



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Glenvar players practice during the first days of preseason camp. The Highlanders will have a home scrimmage on August 16 against William Byrd and Pulaski County.

Brian Hoffman



Still time to sign up for Salem Distance Run

Saturday's race marks 50th anniversary of Roanoke Valley's oldest distance race

distance run through the streets of Salem. They took their idea to Don Thorne, who was then Director of Parks & Recreation in the city, and found a receptive ear. Not long after that The Salem Distance Run was born, and this Saturday will be the 50th anniversary of the longest running distance run in the Roanoke Valley.

"When Darr and I met with Don Thorne in 1975 about conducting a distance run, we hoped he would agree to lend his support, and we hoped to establish an event that would become an annual event," said Browder, who is now retired and living in Port Haywood on the Chesapeake Bay. "I don't think any of us believed that the 50th anniversary of the run would be happening in 2024."

At that time it was an unusual event, but distance running had significantly gained in popularity in the United States after Frank Shorter won the marathon at the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972. Ordinary people started taking to the streets for both mental and physical fitness, and the sport took off.

Once he got the go ahead from Thorne, Browder laid out a 10K, or 6.2 mile course through the city of Salem. The course is similar to the one runners will navigate this Saturday, beginning on Main Street and ending at Longwood Park, but after the initial event Richard changed a few things so participants wouldn't be running around a few blind curves into traffic. Richard recalls there were "40 to 50" runners in the very first Salem Distance Run.

Browder, who is now 81 and has some issues with his eyes, is planning on being here Saturday. He's only missed a couple races in all those years and is planning to walk the course Saturday unless the heat is unreasonable. Others who have been regular participants going back to '75 were Salem's Staley Hester, who had to stop for health reasons a few years ago, and Andrew Lewis High and Roanoke

College grad Joe LaRocco, who went on to officiate and coach track before passing away in 2021.

Graham, who will turn 85 on Saturday, is planning to attend Saturday's race. Also, many of Browder's past runners plan to run in the race Saturday including Billy Bird, who was a standout runner in the '70s and now lives in Port Charlotte, Florida. Browder and his protégés plan to meet at Mac & Bob's after the race, including current Salem City Council member Hunter Holliday. Hunter ran for Browder at Lewis, then Salem High when it opened, graduating in 1979.

If not for Holliday, we might not be having a race Saturday. The Salem Distance Run has been on shaky ground, figuratively, in recent years. When the COVID hit in 2020 the race was moved to the grounds of the Salem Civic Center for a couple years and it lost much of the appeal of running through the streets of Salem. Also, when the Salem Half-Marathon was initiated in 2016 it took some of the shine away from the distance run and figured to eventually eliminate it. The Salem Distance Run lost a key sponsor last year and was not held in 2023.

Enter Holliday.

"When I was elected to council one of the goals I set was to get the distance run back," said Holliday. "I said we're not going to let the Salem Distance Run go away."

Holliday plans to run in the race Saturday "in honor of Coach Browder." As of early this week there were over 180 runners registered to compete, and Hunter is hoping the number climbs to over 200 by Saturday. Registration ends at midnight August 10 and interested persons can sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/VA/Salem/SalemDistanceRun>.

The 5K and 10K races are scheduled to begin at 8 am Saturday and there will also be a kids' run starting at 7:30 am. Hopefully it won't be the last.