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THURSDAY - NOV. 26 - ROUTE COLLECTED MONDAY (11/23)
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Christmas Week - December 24 & 25, 2015

THURSDAY - DEC. 24 - ROUTE COLLECTED MONDAY (12/21)
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The City of Salem Street Department will collect leaves curbside from November through the end of December.

Beginning January 4 and continuing through March 18, these crews will only collect leaves on an "as needed" basis. After January 4, Residents must notify the Street Department at 375-3039 to schedule a loose leaf pick-up time.

Loose leaves will not be collected after March 18. After that time, they must be bagged or boxed in order to be picked-up.

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STREETS & MAINTENANCE



Salem prides itself on having the best snow removal operation in the state, but citizens also need to do their part to help get streets and sidewalks cleared.

- When possible, park your vehicles in your driveway. This will allow the snowplows to not only clear more of the street, but also the area in front of your roadside mailbox.
- Remember, all residential, retail and commercial property owners, who have sidewalks, are required to clear these walkways no later than six hours after a snowfall ends.

Help us keep our streets and sidewalks clear and our citizens safe!

KEVIN'S CORNER

Kevin Boggess - City Manager kboggess@salemva.gov 375-3016



If you were buying gas or groceries in Salem this summer, I don't need to remind you that our city was once again the headquarters for a National Championship in girls' fast pitch softball. For eight days at the end of July, 127 softball teams from 31 states spent a whole lot of time and money in Salem and the entire Roanoke Valley.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome these young ladies to the area during the opening ceremonies at Salem Stadium. Landon Howard, the President of Virginia's Blue Ridge, the agency in charge of driving tourism in the region, joined me on the stage along with Roanoke City vice-mayor Sherman Lea. Each one of us was impressed by the sea of colorful uniforms that were assembled on the field, and equally amazed by the number of parents and siblings in the stands.

There were nearly 2,000 teenage girls in the valley playing, eating shopping and sleeping for over a week. Along with their families, they occupied hotel rooms for a staggering 7,100 total nights during their stay. Hotels and motels from Christiansburg to Daleville were directly impacted by their presence.

These American Softball Association national tournaments are highly coveted events by communities from all over the nation, and we are fortunate that we have been repeatedly selected

to host these high caliber events. Parks and Recreation Director, John Shaner and his staff do a great job at Moyer Sports Complex when it comes to securing these championships, but this is a complete regional effort.

Games are played in Salem, Roanoke County and Botetourt County and some practices take place on fields in Roanoke City. Restaurants, convenience stores and retail establishments from West Main Street to Hollins and everywhere in between feel the benefits of this type of sports tourism.

A total of 12 teams from Virginia were involved in the tournament, but we had 18 from Georgia, 13 from Florida and others from as far away at Utah, California and Washington. Being able to expose them to our facilities, the natural beauty of the region and our famous southwest Virginia southern hospitality will, hopefully, encourage them to make a return trip in the future.

Thanks to each of you for once again for making this event such a big hit in Salem.



Teams from 31 states made the trip to Salem in July.



Landon Howard from Virginia's Blue Ridge welcomed the teams.

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NEWSMAKERS

Main Street Credentials

The City of Salem has been selected as a new Community Affiliate with Virginia Main Street, a program of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Celebrating its 30th year as a member of the National Main Street Center, Virginia Main Street is a state coordinating program for the internationally-renowned Main Street Four Point Approach. The community-driven model for downtown revitalization is internationally recognized for the success of its methodology.

The program implements a comprehensive, incremental approach to building economic vitality in a community by using the downtown's unique architecture and features as the foundation set against the backdrop of its cultural heritage and attributes. The program helps communities develop strategies to encourage business development, building renovation and pride in their downtown neighborhood.

"This recognition is welcome news and coincides with our efforts to make the downtown area a more appealing location to live, work, and visit," says Salem Mayor **Randy Foley**. "I remain convinced that an invigorated downtown is the linchpin to private investment and economic growth in Salem."

As a Community Affiliate, the City of Salem will have the opportunity to attend DHCD-sponsored trainings, receive access to downtown revitalization consultations, resources & materials and realize the benefit of being part of a larger network of downtowns dedicated to revitalization.

"It's exciting to be a part of the Virginia Main Street network," said **Benjamin Tripp**, Planner for the City of Salem. "Being able to learn from established programs will let us bring home workable strategies to improve our downtown."

Since 1985, the Virginia Main Street program and its 25 designated communities have encouraged more than \$848 million in private investment, attracted more than 6100 new businesses, and created more than 16,000 new jobs.

"We are delighted to welcome the City of Salem to our Community Affiliate program," said **Helen Person**, DHCD Community Revitalization Program Manager. "It is exciting to see how the public-private partnership results in the creation of a downtown environment full of excitement, energy, and private investment. We look forward to working with Salem and its residents as they realize their downtown vision."



Chinese Teacher comes to ALMS

Andrew Lewis Middle School is one of just 20 schools in the nation to secure a grant that is allowing the city's middle school to have a Chinese teacher on staff all year. The grant, which is funded by the Teachers of Critical Language Program in conjunction with the American Councils for International Education and the State Department, is making it possible for the instructor to teach Chinese at all grade levels at Andrew Lewis for the full academic year.

Qian Yin arrived in Salem on August 6 and was welcomed with open arms at a reception at the division's Central Office. In addition to teaching students at Andrew Lewis, she will be available to provide outreach programs for both elementary and high school students.

"I am looking forward to participating in many new opportunities while I am in Salem and I'm excited to be teaching Mandarin Chinese and helping

Andrew Lewis Middle School and Salem start a Mandarin program," she says.

"I am also seeking professional development by learning about the American education system and pedagogy as I talk with other teachers and read about education."

The Teachers of Critical Languages Program is designed to increase the study and acquisition of important world languages in U.S. schools. This program enables primary and secondary schools to strengthen their teaching of critical languages by bringing Egyptian and Chinese teachers to the U.S. to teach Arabic and Chinese language for an academic year.

"We are very excited about this fantastic opportunity for our students," says **Forest Jones**, Andrew Lewis Middle School Principal. "The Chinese language program will offer our students an exciting learning experience by being immersed in the language and gaining knowledge about the culture of the Chinese people."

Jones, Andrew Lewis Assistant Principal **Sara Epperly**, School



Qian Yin

Division's Director of Instruction **Diane Washenberger**, and Andrew Lewis social studies teacher **Judith Painter** worked on the application part of the grant.

"We really thought this was a long shot since only 20 schools in the nation receive this grant every year," says Painter, who is serving as Yin's mentor teacher. "I believe that Andrew Lewis Middle School was truly at the

right place at the right time in securing this grant and I am honored that I was chosen to help with the transition and mentor process for her."

Painter is doing much more than just helping her set up her classroom. The cultural adjustment from Beijing to Salem is immense, and so far Yin has found it to be incredibly positive.

"I am enjoying the weather in Salem and I can't help but to look each night at the breathtaking clear and starry night," says Yin. "In Beijing there is often smog and you cannot see the stars."

Painter and the entire Salem School Division community have been reaching out to her and helping with things we often take for granted like how to use American appliances. That is a teachable moment, but some things are just hard to explain no matter where you are living.

"I find it interesting that I can hear the train every night, but there is no actual stop for me to hop on in Salem or in Roanoke," she says.

She has been hopping on many of the area's hiking trails and taking in the natural beauty of the Blue Ridge region. If you would like to participate in Yin's enrichment process, please contact Mrs. Painter at jpainter@salem.k12.va.us



Yin greets Salem Superintendent Alan Seibert at her welcome reception as Judith Painter looks on.

9/11 Memorial Makes it Downtown



Salem crews prepare the monument for its removal at Old Virginia Brick.



Salem Fire Chief John Prillaman talked with WDBJ's Joe Dashiell and Adam Ward the day the memorial was moved.

When word started to spread that Old Virginia Brick was closing its doors, the story made national headlines, but not in the business section. The 9/11 memorial that stood on the property until August 19 made the sale of the longtime West Main Street business more than just your average property transaction.

Originally, the memorial that is an actual 16,000 pound section from the steel beams of the World Trade Center's North Tower was to be auctioned off as part of the property. A public outcry, not to mention a story in the New York Post, helped keep the monument right here in Salem. When the tower piece was removed from the sale and offered to the city at no charge, municipal leaders jumped at the chance to keep it in Salem.

"We think it is a great opportunity to have the memorial here," says **John Prillaman**, Salem Fire and EMS Chief.

"When the 9/11 memorial first opened in New York City some of Salem's firefighters were able to go inside and experience firsthand the power of that National September 11 Museum. We are hoping to take a little bit of that feeling and have it here in the Roanoke Valley because there is a huge impact when you can actually see something like that in person."

Prillaman and City Manager **Kevin Boggess** were part of the committee that looked at a variety of locations to place the memorial once it was removed from Old Virginia Brick. In the end, the best possible place was right in front of Fire Station One in the middle of downtown.

"A number of factors went into picking this location," says Boggess. "We looked at handicap accessibility, a centralized location and even the ability to take a photograph, but when it came down

to it we felt like having it in front of our public safety buildings where it can be watched over 24 hours a day by the groups most affected by 9/11 was the best option."

Members of Salem's Street and Electric departments were instrumental in removing the memorial and transporting it to its new home. But this has truly been a community project as Balzer and Associates, Commercial Steel Erection cranes and Lionberger Construction have provided everything from design to excavation and transport.

"We can't thank these companies enough for giving their time and resources to help preserve this piece of history," says Boggess. "In the future, we hope the community will support this project with public donations, so we can create a formal plaza area around the monument and then permanently dedicate it on what would be the 15th anniversary of 9/11 in 2016."



Members of the Salem Fire Department contributed in the beam restoration.



Balzer and Associates engineers meet with Salem officials at the new site.

New Turf for Salem Stadium



In case you haven't noticed, the Salem Stadium playing surface is brand new for this 2015 season. Workers finished installing the field on August 17 after less than two weeks of non-stop removal and installation tasks.

A portion of the original turf that was installed at the stadium in 2008 had worn out much faster than other areas of the field. The city began noticing the problem in late 2012 after that year's Stag Bowl. The light green carpet areas were wearing out much faster than the dark green sections and the fibers in that area were coming up even when no one was playing on the surface.

"If we had a heavy rain, the crown in the middle of the field would do its job and funnel the water to the sidelines like it's designed to, but it would wash the fibers out and piles of them would end up over on the concrete," says Stadium Manager **Scott Sampson**.

The white numbers and sideline striping also started to show wear much faster than the dark green areas of the field, which normally lasts up to 12 years.

"I noticed this the most when I was grooming

the field," says Sampson. "I was picking up leaves and debris and I started getting more grass blades than anything else. Initially, the blades were an eighth of an inch wide, but after the sun had damaged them they became very fine."

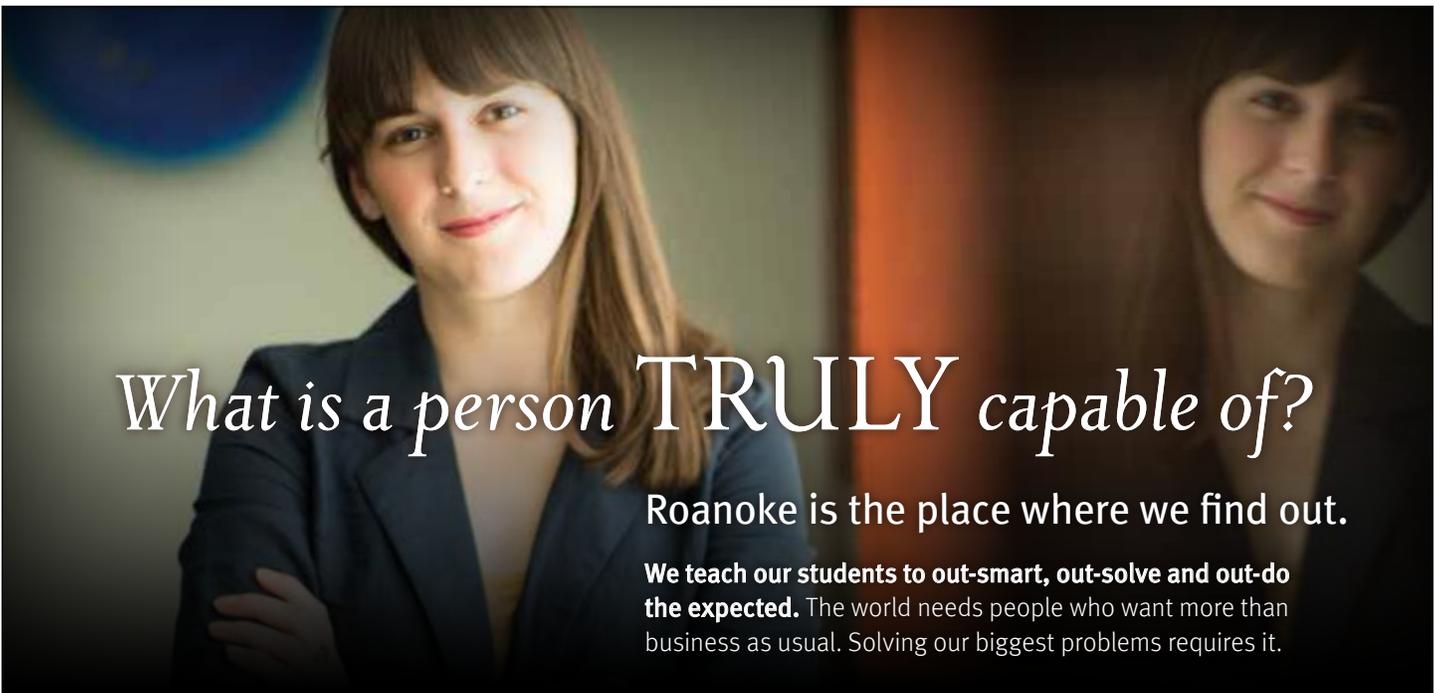
FieldTurf determined that the defect was caused because the affected areas were not properly treated with UV protection. The company and the city negotiated and agreed on a discounted prorated price of \$251,294 for the new field. That was less than half of what a new surface would normally cost.

"Everything looks great and this was a hard working crew that did the job," says Sampson. "We blocked out two weeks for them to get the work done and they were finished in nine and a half days."



Salem Stadium manager **Scott Sampson** shows clumps of the grass-like fibers that would wash away on the old turf surface.





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Top of the Class

The Salem City School Division recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Education to enhance Salem's ongoing efforts to improve student achievement and postsecondary readiness through innovative assessment methods.

The Salem High School Personalized Learning Committee successfully submitted a competitive planning grant that was one of just five chosen in the entire state.

"I commend and congratulate those on the committee for their research and planning that resulted in earning one of these high school innovation planning grants," says **Dr. Alan Seibert**, Salem School Division Superintendent. "I am personally and professionally delighted that Salem's rich and proven history of empowering teachers to innovate on behalf of the students they serve is being rewarded and we are very grateful to those who selected Salem."

The Virginia High School Innovation Planning Grant is designed to allow school divisions to showcase student-centered learning by using innovative methods of measuring progress beyond normal testing.

"I am excited about the opportunities this grant provides to empower teachers to personalize learning experiences for students," says **Beth Cook**, Salem High School Chemistry teacher and Chair of the Personalized Learning Committee. "Teachers know what is best for their students and now we can work together to explore putting our ideas into action."

In addition, the grant requires that schools not only show, but promote a connection with the community when it comes to creating a future workforce through both a traditional college path and a technical one.

"We look forward to working with local and regional business, industry, and postsecondary education and training partners to develop pathways to graduation that are more clearly linked to careers so that every student graduates with a diploma and a plan for his or her future," says Assistant Superintendent for Instruction **Curtis Hicks**.

Since 2011, the Salem City School Division has received nearly \$2 million in federal and state grants.

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Carver Documentary in the Works

The City of Salem is in the process of preserving the rich history of the Carver School. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the opening of the educational facility that served the African-American communities in Roanoke County from 1939-1966. For much of its existence, Carver was both an elementary and high school all under one roof. At one point, the school served 483 students with one principal, one assistant principal, 24 teachers, three custodians, two cafeteria employees and one secretary-bookkeeper.

These employees provided the students with a great learning environment, but Carver was about much more than just books and grades. The school also served the recreational, cultural and social needs of black people who lived in Salem, Hollins, Vinton, Delaney Court, Pinkard Court, Starkey, Dixie Caverns, Big Hill and Boones Mill.

Carver alum **Marylen Harmon**, a member of the Carver Class of 1966, is working with Salem's Communications office on the production of a full-length documentary about the school. The story will be told by the students and teachers who made Carver such a special place for so many. Plans are to have the video ready for viewing by February of 2016.

As they say, "Stay Tuned."





Sowing Seeds, Feeding Needs

When community and civic leaders turned a few shovels full of ceremonial dirt on a cold November morning back in 2014, they had no idea 1000 pounds of food would flourish from that dirt and benefit those in need at the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry.

“When we first talked about a vegetable garden, we didn’t think the traditional community garden model would work this year in Salem because of limited manpower and resources,” says **Lisa Garst**, Salem City Councilwoman and a driving force behind the garden. “As we discussed our options, **Eric Naschold** really got to the heart of it when he said, ‘I just want to feed people.’”

And feed them they have.

Garst, City Horticulturist **Laura Reilly** and a faithful group of volunteers have kept the 100 foot by 30 foot garden spot behind City Hall that was donated by Salem Presbyterian Church weeded, planted, fertilized, watered and harvested each week since the first volunteer work day on April 18.

“Thanks to our hardworking volunteers, a very generous community and a piece of land that is truly blessed, we have been able to supplement the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry clients’ diet with squash, potatoes, cabbage, broccoli, zucchini, onions, peppers, carrots and lots of tomatoes,” says Garst.

This summer, the news of the garden and its mission spread quickly to the Pantry’s regular clients and rarely did the fresh vegetables last more than an hour or two after they were delivered.

“We have learned many lessons, made new friends, celebrated each harvest and now we are already thinking ahead to next year,” says Garst. “We will be a little more specific with our vegetable selections and continue to work on communicating our mission. Of course, we will also try to cast our volunteer net even farther. There are always opportunities to lead, volunteer and contribute with the Fresh Ideas Garden and all are welcome.”



Farris Earns Major Achievement

The Junior Achievement Program, that educates young students on the values of financial and business principles by using volunteers from local workforces, recently named a Salem employee and resident Volunteer of the Year for Southwest Virginia. This year's winner is Salem Police Department 911 dispatcher **Monica Farris**, who has been willingly giving of her time to this organization for a decade.

"I'm just hoping to make a small difference in the lives of these children," says Farris.

"It's very special teaching kids in the fifth grade now that I actually taught in kindergarten and have them remember me."



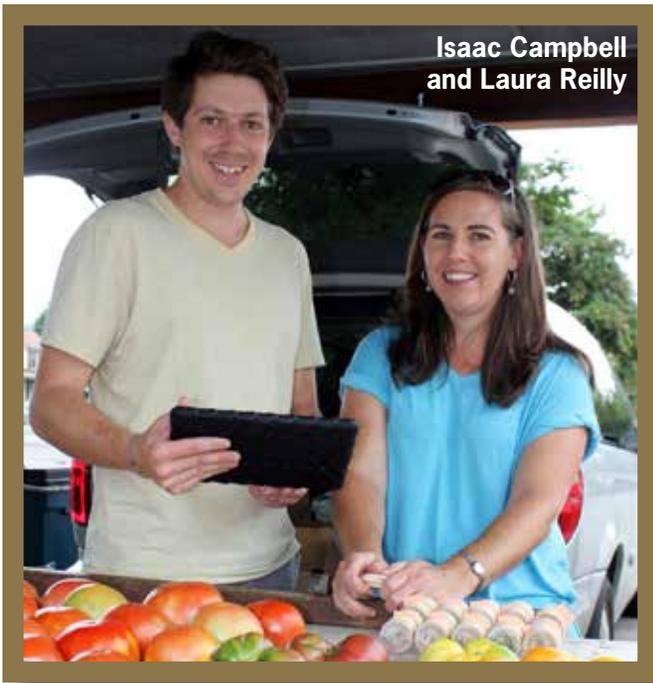
This past school year, Farris went above and beyond the duties of most Junior Achievement volunteers when she taught in 14 different classrooms at G.W. Carver and South Salem Elementary Schools. That's a total of 70 classes and more than 250 students.

"According to our records, which date back 15 years, this is the highest number of classes any volunteer has ever done in a single year," says **Katherin Elam**, President of Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia. "Teachers and students alike adore her and enjoy her Junior Achievement lessons because of the extra initiative she puts into her presentations."

Farris isn't the only City of Salem employee serving in area classrooms. **Judy Hough**, from the Planning and Economic Development office, **Laura Tucker** from the Water Department and **Teresa Dixon** from Salem Fire and EMS all shared their knowledge with local students this past year.

"We talk to them about local businesses, Mom and Pop organizations and becoming an entrepreneur one day," says Farris. "I just really enjoy watching the children learn the principles behind things they see in everyday life, and I always tell them that one day I hope to come to their place of business and visit them."

Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia serves a 17-county area and impacts nearly 6000 students every year in over 400 classrooms with the help of more than 400 volunteers.



Isaac Campbell
and Laura Reilly

Federal Grant Feeds Market

When city leaders installed the technology and acquired the generous private funding needed to initiate the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program on the Salem Farmers Market in 2011, they knew there was a need, but were uncertain about an interest.

"We had to overcome the misconception that the market was too expensive and we had to create a system, so everyone remained anonymous," says **Laura Reilly**, Salem Farmers Market Director. "We worked closely with Social Service and the Salem Food Pantry to assure people that it would be affordable and that no one would be singled out. As a result, the program has exceeded our expectations by leaps and bounds."

Generous donations from a local resident and community grants from Freedom First have made it possible for SNAP users to double their money on the market. If they spend \$10 on fresh food they get \$20 worth of produce in return. Plus, this summer the Salem Farmers Market also received a \$28,000 federal grant that is designed to provide even more fruits and vegetables to low income families for the next three years.

Reilly and Market Manager **Isaac Campbell** used a portion of the funds this summer to create a "Bonus Bag" program that rewards EBT shoppers by giving them an extra bag of food and a recipe card each week. Students from Virginia Tech's Family Nutrition Program also have been present each Saturday to answer nutrition and food preparation questions.

"Those federal dollars can only be used on fruits and vegetables, so we took it upon ourselves to shop with our farmers and assemble the bags ahead of time each week," she says. "The recipes have been helpful because not everyone knows how to cook and prepare every type of vegetable."



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

The \$3.1 million road paving project is the largest in the city's history.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MIKE STEVENS

To fix it up, you often have to tear it up, and this year no one knows that better than the City of Salem’s Engineering Department. That group is overseeing the largest paving project in the history of the city extending through 2016.

“This is the biggest paving project we have ever done in the city both monetarily and in scope,” says Will Simpson, Assistant City Engineer. “The total budget is \$3.1 million and the Main Street project alone was \$450,000.”

The Main Street project covered 2,800 feet of road from Academy Street to the Electric Department and its poor condition afforded the engineering staff a chance to implement some new techniques to fix it and preserve it.

“The deterioration of that section of Main Street was so bad that it really needed a total reconstruction,” says Simpson. “Thankfully, there are new methods out there that are now available to this area that offer alternative repair techniques that are just as effective as a total reconstruction.”

That new method for Salem is known as Full Depth Reclamation. Instead of milling or shaving off two inches of old pavement and taking it away, this method actually digs down 12 inches and mixes old pavement with new cement and water to create a stronger base for the fresh asphalt.

“We were starting to get a lot of depressions in the road from utility cuts,” he says. “This full depth reclamation creates one strong layer and once the mixture is compacted down it gives the road a uniform base and a little more strength.”

Slurry Pavers of Richmond is one of just a few companies that does this type of work, but without the Salem Street Department’s workers and equipment the job wouldn’t have been complete.

“Scheduling was paramount on the Main Street project and the Street Department’s help between Lake Spring Park and Chestnut was crucial,” says Simpson. “In that section, there wasn’t any solid concrete from the curbing to five feet out into the street and the base in that stretch was very poor.”

Slurry’s equipment was too large to work the five foot path, so the Street Department workers, under the direction of Street Superintendent, David Breeden, made sure that section of Main Street was properly churned and mixed with the aid of a city-owned Asphalt Zipper and some old-fashioned shoveling.

But the “carpet is only as good as the pad” and once that phase was finished another paving tool was used for the first time on Salem’s streets. A geogrid is a sturdy, durable fabric that is placed on top of the concrete and under the fresh asphalt to provide additional strength and eliminate cracking.

“This same material has been used on the Autobahn in Germany and they haven’t had any reflective cracking in 20 years,” Simpson says.

So far, Main Street, Red Lane, Upland Drive, Indiana Street and Franklin Street have undergone this process and more streets will follow in the coming months. 🐦



Assistant City Engineer Will Simpson and Street Superintendent David Breeden discuss the different phases of the Main Street project.



Milling crews started work on the bumpy Main Street section from Academy Street to Lake Spring Park at the beginning of July.



Before the end of 2016, 29 different streets in the city will be repaired and repaved by crews from across the State of Virginia.

STARTING OVER

The Salem Street Department played a vital role in the early stages of the repaving project on Main Street. Crews began digging down 12 inches below the old road surface to mix cement with existing materials to create a strong base for the new road.



THE DAILY GRIND

Slurry Pavers Inc. out of Richmond brought their unique technology to Salem for the first time. Their machines are able to recycle existing asphalt and mix it with concrete and water. This cost-effective technique saved the city thousands of dollars.



GEOGRID TECHNOLOGY

Another new technology used for the first time on Salem's roads is the geogrid. This strong and pliable synthetic material serves as a buffer between the concrete and asphalt to prevent cracks and divots on the road's surface, providing a smooth ride for years.



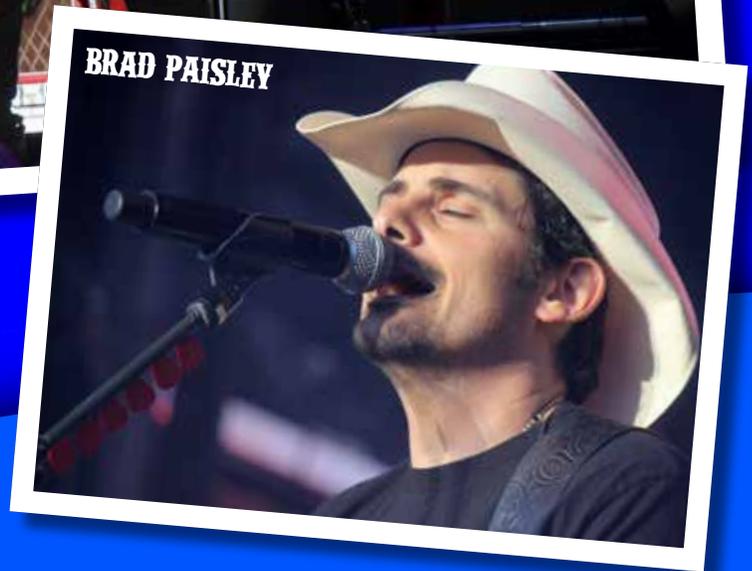
SMOOTH AS SILK

The final step of the paving project was laying down a layer of asphalt. New lines were painted and the road was ready for traffic. By the end of August, 14 new paving projects have been completed in the City of Salem and crews are ahead of schedule.



BLUE RIDGE *M*

MAY 30



Brad Paisley rolled into Salem with no less than 10 tractor trailers in tow carrying the essential elements for his “Crushin It” tour. Paisley headlined the opening night of the Blue Ridge Music Festival with an elaborate runway stage design and a set list of his greatest hits. Some lucky fans also made it onstage and one young man got his very own acoustic guitar autographed by the West Virginia native.

Photos by Mike Stevens

14,582 FANS - SALEM STADIUM

Music Festival

MAY 31



**BRIAN KELLEY AND
TYLER HUBBARD**

Florida Georgia Line closed out the 2015 festival on Sunday night by producing a Salute to Salem video that featured fans, fun and of course the rain that permeated day two of the weekend festival. Not surprisingly, the rain cleared and the sun shined on the platinum selling duo that is now two-for-two on number one albums. About the only thing Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley did wrong on this leg of their "Anything Goes" tour was accidentally leave town with one of our rain squeegees.

2 DAYS - 14 PERFORMERS



Weekend Warriors Save Festival

When the Blue Ridge Music Festival announced in September of 2014 that it was expanding its 2015 event to two days, organizers knew that meant twice as much entertainment for fans, twice as much work for employees and double the opportunity for Mother Nature to make her mark on the proceedings.

As it turned out, 14,582 fans showed up during the two days to enjoy 14 incredible performances by some of Nashville's biggest stars. The workers got everything accomplished, including a massive overnight clean-up effort that was aided by an unlikely source. Plus, all involved survived sticky conditions one day and a handful of untimely downpours on the other.

"It was only 85 on Saturday, but the humidity was oppressive," says John Saunders, Salem Director of Civic Facilities. "Honestly, not a single person complained about the rain on Sunday and all of us really want to thank Chris Lane for what he did to literally keep the festival afloat during the heaviest downpour of the day."

Lane and his band were just about to begin playing when a pelting rain and high winds entered Salem Stadium from the south. The rain was coming down in horizontal sheets and blowing directly into the stage area all the way back to drum set, which was a good 15 feet under the awning. Before long, an inch of standing water was on the stage and dangerously close to much of the electrical equipment and instruments.

"We cleared the musicians off the stage and some of the fans headed for the covered area under the west stands, but most stayed on the field, and Chris Lane got soaked right along with them," says Saunders.

Lane could have walked off the stage with his bandmates, but

instead he played through the rain and led the fans in an acoustic singalong that featured a medley of country favorites and even a couple of old Backstreet Boys songs.

"He really saved us on that Sunday and kept the crowd in it until the rain subsided," says Saunders.

Another group that Saunders credits with saving the day is the Pride of Salem Marching Band. The band didn't play a single note and still ended up being a most valuable player.

"One of the biggest obstacles we faced, and really one of our biggest concerns, was cleaning the stadium in the short turnaround time we had from Saturday night to Sunday," says Saunders. "The Salem High School band and band boosters were able to mobilize

and pick up all the trash in the stands and on the field in just 45 minutes. Not too many organizations can come up with a 100 people at 11pm on a Saturday night, so we were glad to give them a nice donation that they can use for expenses down the line."

Saunders also had high praise for the Salem Police Department and the much-improved fan behavior at this year's festival. Only 11 people were arrested over the two days compared to a dozen in 2014 during the one day of

music. At this time, discussions about a 2016 Blue Ridge Music Festival are still in the works, although nothing has been finalized.

"It takes a festival five years to become self-sustaining, and this was technically our year three and we've done fine," says Saunders. "These days you really have to work a lot harder to get the tickets purchased and people don't realize that the festival is not a right, it's a privilege. If you don't support it, we can't guarantee it will continue." 



Brad Paisley autographed and gave away one of his famous guitars to a young fan in the crowd.



FGL returned to Salem after selling out the Civic Center in 2013.



Dustin Lynch hit the right notes on his trip to Salem.



The Charlie Daniels Band also performed in Salem at the Salem Civic Center back in 1975.



They're too rock for country and too country for rock. Charlie Daniels and Will Hoge met backstage between sets.

JAMIE LYNN SPEARS



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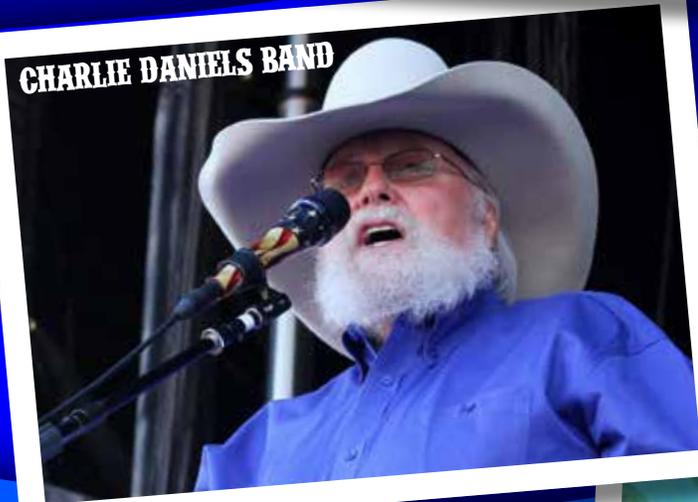
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MAY 31

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2015 SALEM SPAN



AT AMHERST
AUGUST 28

WILLIAM BYRD
SEPTEMBER 11

AT NORTHSIDE
SEPTEMBER 18

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8/27	AMHERST COUNTY	10/7	BLACKSBURG
9/10	AT WILLIAM BYRD	10/15	AT CHRISTIANSBURG
9/17	NORTHSIDE	10/22	PATRICK HENRY
9/24	AT HIDDEN VALLEY	10/29	AT CAVE SPRING
10/1	CARROLL COUNTY	11/5	AT PULASKI COUNTY



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OCTOBER 23

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8/21
8/27
8/31
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Fair Crowd Steps Right Up

Rain did not dampen spirits at the Salem Fair.

BY MIKE STEVENS

The final night of the 2015 Salem Fair featured plenty of excitement and an all too familiar downpour to close the show, but once again America's Largest Free Gate Fair proved that it's more than capable of surviving the rain. The 2015 edition of the fair welcomed an estimated 323,000 people to the midway in July.

"We had another fantastic two weeks," says Carey Harveycutter, Salem Fair Manager. "Our attendance was down about five percent compared to last year, but considering the number of rainy days and nights we had, we are thrilled."

Though the fair failed to set a new attendance mark for the seventh straight year, there were several highlights. Opening night attendance on July 1 was the highest in the 28-year history of the Salem Fair and when fairgoers were asked to bring canned food to the midway on July 7 for the Salem Food Pantry, they responded by contributing 10,300 pounds of non-perishable food items.

In addition, Blue Ribbon participation numbers were a bright spot once again this year. Creative arts and horticulture exhibits were up 17 percent as 3,482 individual exhibits from 951 exhibitors were on display inside the Salem Civic Center.

"In this day and age, I am very proud that we have been able to not only maintain, but grow this facet of the fair," says Harveycutter. "I commend both the organizers and participants for making this one of the most popular attractions at the Salem Fair."

The fair also benefitted from having several new rides, shows and food vendors on the 14-acre midway to complement the traditional favorites.

Bengal Tigers, homemade ice cream and Amish donuts were all big hits with adults and children of all ages.

"Deggeller Attractions does an outstanding job for us and as a result we're able to attract visitors to the Roanoke Valley from all over the region," says Harveycutter. "We appreciate them supporting not only the fair, but also the local economy with their gas, restaurant and even hotel spending." 🦅







Positively *Freda*

Freda Fry uses her singing voice to share with the world.

BY MIKE STEVENS

When the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, coined the phrase “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger” he obviously had no idea that a Salem songstress would embrace that saying and live it so passionately.

Freda Fry is a 72-year-old Grandmother with a terrifying physical condition that forces her to live like a recluse. That same ailment also has inspired her to live her life for others by singing and recording five CDs, writing a children’s book and developing a lullaby app that can assist newborns

and parents in the all-important sleep category.

“Isn’t it beautiful how life turns out,” she says. “The bad often changes into good, if you persevere and refuse to dwell on the negativity in the world.”

Fry has a unique chemical sensitivity disorder that surfaced after an accidental poisoning earlier in her adult life. Perfume, scented soaps, detergents, cleaning products and other chemical-related smells can put her into respiratory distress making it impossible to attend church, eat in a restaurant, use public transportation or even visit a movie theater.

“I am a recluse, but it’s ok,” she says. “I’ve had to adjust and I’ve had to pray a lot, but I still have my singing.”

Her music is available on the websites Spotify and CD Baby and locally at Barnes and Noble bookstores and Brooks Byrd Pharmacy on Main Street. In addition, YouTube just picked up all of her songs and now has them readily available for listening anywhere in the world.

“I thank God for my illness because if it weren’t for my illness I wouldn’t have all these songs selling all over the world that will be out there forever,” she says.

Her fifth CD, which has just been released this fall, is full of music about her grandparents who grew up the poorest of the poor in McDowell County West Virginia. It pays particular homage to her grandfather who was forced to honor his wife’s dying wishes and give their newborn child to her sister to raise.

“I give the musicians freedom and encourage them to put their soul into the songs, and hopefully, you can hear that,” she says. “I have been so blessed to be in Salem where I am able to get to a recording studio in five minute and already have five CDs.”

She does all of her recording at Flat Five Studios on Main

Street and uses all local musicians. Tom Ohmsen, the owner of Flat Five plays mandolin and guitar, former Salem City Manager Randy Smith takes care of drums and percussion, Jerry Wood handles the violin, Kerry Addington plays piano and Jeff Hoffman rounds out the group with his talented work on bass.

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“It’s been such a pleasure to work with Freda Fry in the studio these past few years,” says Ohmsen. “She brings a fresh energy to her music, spanning genres from Folk to Pop to Jazz with her own artistic identity and sensibility in abundant evidence. She keeps me and the other musicians on our toes, keeping up with her creative new treatments of familiar and not-so-familiar songs, as well as her own original compositions.”

Freda was somewhat of a child prodigy growing up in Salem lending her voice to radio and TV programs and performing at a variety of civic and church events. But at the age of 12, when most girls are talking non-stop, Fry was told to stop singing and communicating with her 8th grade classmates. Doctors determined that too much singing early in life had damaged her vocal cords and the only way to repair them was with complete silence.

Freda can be found working on her albums with Flat Five Recording’s Tom Ohmsen in downtown Salem.





Freda sang in a folk trio known as “The Voyagers” with Richard Mundy and Jim Walkow when they were students at Roanoke College in the 1960s. They soon changed the name to “The Town Criers” before signing a record deal.

“It was incredibly difficult, but I wanted to sing more than I wanted to eat, so I made sure I did what I was told,” she says. “That doctor truly saved me.”

Her voice rebounded and was in perfect shape by the time she arrived at Roanoke College and began participating in the college choir in the early 1960s. In fact, she was now able to sing both soprano and alto.

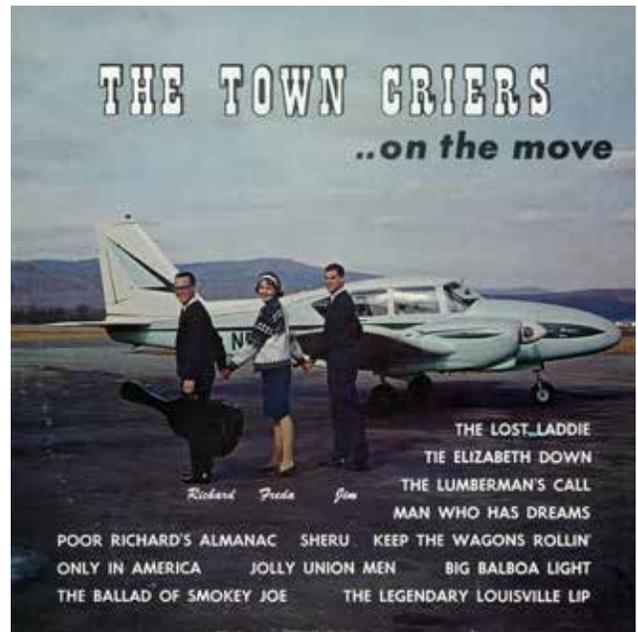
“We were working on this horrible ‘Trouble in Tahiti’ opera by Leonard Bernstein, and I was picked along with Richard Mundy and Jim Walkow to form this little trio in the musical,” she says. “When we sang the other students went crazy and told us we had to stick together and keep singing.”

Roanoke College’s Frank Williams recognized that their voices blended together perfectly and also encouraged them to perform regularly. So, in 1962 they formed a group called The Voyagers and began singing any place that would have them.

“The guys handled all of the business and drove us from place to place while I sang, looked cute and acted funny,” she says. “They were like my brothers and we just had a great time.”

Freda, whose maiden name was Crosswhite, often practiced with her “brothers” on the bottom floor of the old Lab Theater at Roanoke College inside the men’s restroom. More often than not, students would pack the bathroom and the hallway outside just to hear them harmonize in the cramped, but acoustically pleasing lavatory.

Released in 1963



The back of The Town Criers album had this to say about Freda: “Pretty Miss Freda Crosswhite combines her sultry voice with a vibrant, exciting brightness of spirit which places her at the center of trio personality... Honor student, singer and adroit stage personality, Miss Crosswhite is truly a power-packed parcel of talent.”



Fellow Roanoke College student Edward Sala served as a songwriter and illustrator for the trio, including the revolutionary caricature illustration that appeared on the back of the album as well as the groups business cards.

Freda's solo albums



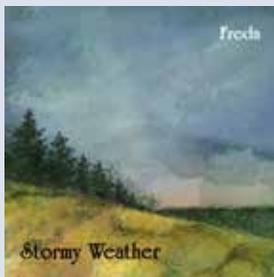
After the Storm – 2015



Turquoise – 2013



Mountain Airs – 2012



Stormy Weather – 2010



It's About Time – 2009

All of the album cover artwork is created by Freda's husband, Bob, along with Debby Brubaker, Poe Mack and Bron Duncan.

What they were hearing soon turned out to be an incredibly popular folk singing group with a brand new name and a recording contract. By late 1963, The Town Criers were traveling the east coast playing college campuses and Hootenanny clubs with a library of songs that were dripping in satire.

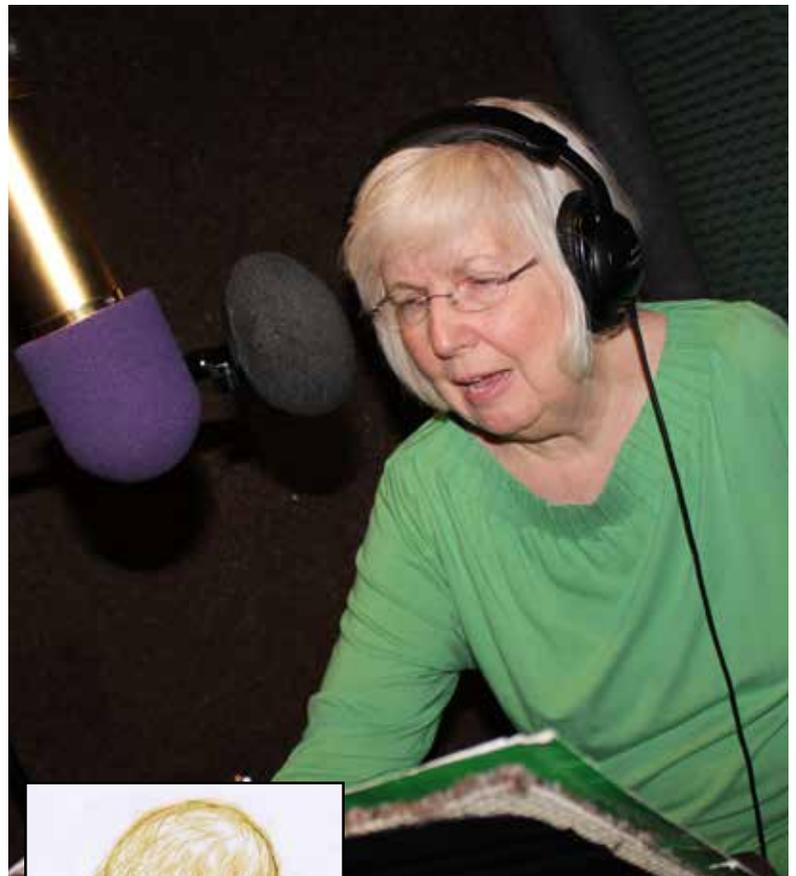
“We signed our recording contract with Orville Campbell and he is the man who discovered Andy Griffith and recorded ‘What it Was, Was Football,’” she says. “The people at Colonial Records in Chapel Hill were so nice and we really felt like we were on our way to big things.”

Their songs were all original, extremely clever and unlike most folk groups at the time, very conservative. They wrote about everyone from Richard Nixon to Cassius Clay and each song had a distinctive right wing slant.

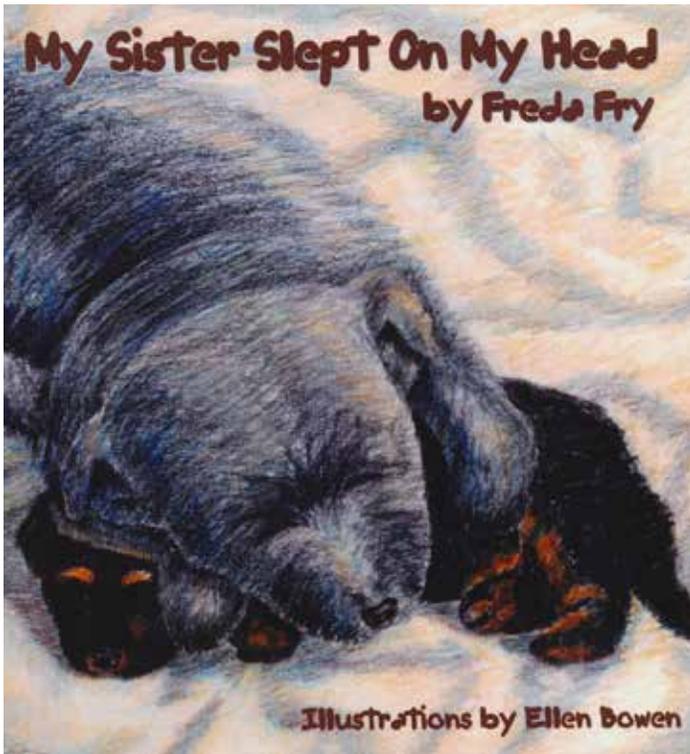
“We played Washington, D.C. all the time and some folks from the State Department heard us perform one night and actually had us scheduled to go abroad as goodwill ambassadors and play in Europe,” she says. “Unfortunately, some political conflict arose, the tour was cancelled and the trio eventually broke-up.”

When they stopped performing, Freda knew she needed a job and quickly applied for an opening to teach French at Matoaca High School in Chesterfield. She taught there a year before returning to Salem.

“I missed my mountains,” she says. “There’s no way I could live without my mountains.”



Freda's latest project features her singing lullabies for a bedtime mobile application for parents with young children. The app's icon features a sketch of her daughter in 1978 drawn by her artistic husband, Bob.



Freda wrote a children’s book in 2013 about a puppy named “Thumper”. The pages were illustrated by Salem native Ellen Bowen, a former Sunday school student of hers.

She taught on-and-off in junior high, high school and college classrooms at Andrew Lewis, Glenvar, Northside and Roanoke College for the better part of 40 years before retiring in 2004.

“When I retired from teaching the illness really hit me hard and I was under the care of three doctors,” she says. “They determined that my immune system went down because I was no longer around all of the students.”

She had just gotten somewhat comfortable with her new lifestyle limitations due to the chemical sensitivities when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013. In true “Freda Fashion” she literally sang her way through the surgery and treatments by recording no less than 30 songs between the time of her diagnosis and now.

During this time, she also published a children’s book about a puppy named Thumper titled, “My Sister Slept On My Head” and she got one of her former Sunday School students to illustrate it. Salem native Ellen Bowen did all of the drawings that brought Freda’s words to life.

“I told her that I wanted people to be able to feel the fur in her drawings and see the love in the mother dog’s eyes,” she says. “It took more than a year and a half to do it and she did a beautiful job.”

Her normal “go-to” artist is her husband Bob, who is responsible for all of the original artwork on her CD covers. A sketch that he did in 1978 of their daughter Leigh Anne will also serve as the icon image for the new Lullabies Sung by Freda App that will launch later this year. The sketch also resembles her two granddaughters, who now lovingly refer to her as Grammy.

“I told my kids, I’ve never won a Grammy, so I want to be one,” she says. “I really feel like there are angels all around me.”

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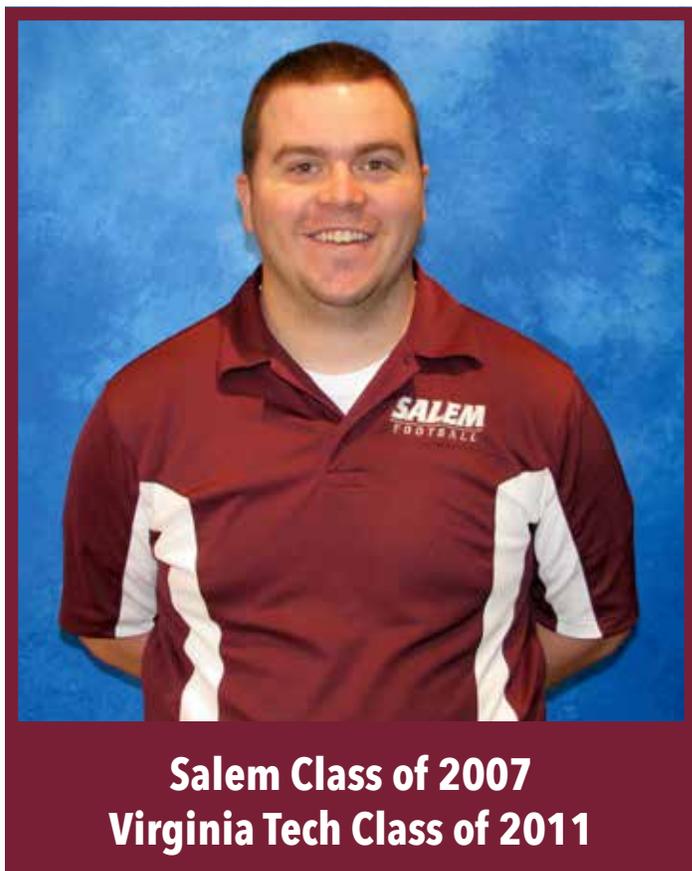
The Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association has established a scholarship in memory of Salem Spartan **Adam Ward**. The 2007 Salem High School graduate was loved and treasured by the Salem community, his peers at WDBJ and his family and friends.

This endowment, which was established at the request of Adam's family, will honor his memory by benefitting a graduate of Salem High School, who is headed to Virginia Tech to pursue a career in journalism or photojournalism.

Adam began pursuing his dream as a sports department intern at WDBJ-7 and he later served as a reporter, videographer and production assistant at the station. He always inspired those around him with his positive attitude and relentless work ethic.

Now, it's our turn to "do work" for Adam and build up this scholarship with our generous donations.

Please visit www.sefandaa.org to make a donation.



The Salem High School and Virginia Tech football programs are honoring Adam Ward this season with memorial decals.





Distinguished Scholars at Salem High School have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or greater through the end of the first semester of their senior year. At graduation, Principal Scott Habeeb and Salem School Board Chairman David Preston presented each Distinguished Scholar with a certificate and a monetary award to be used at the student's discretion.



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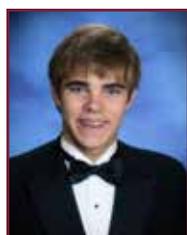
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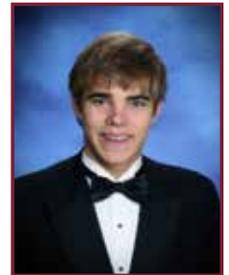
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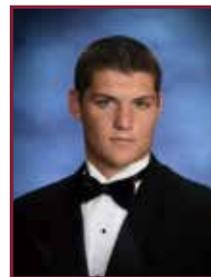
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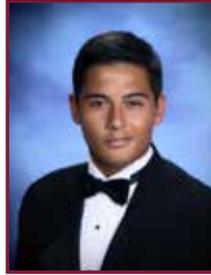
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Chance Crawford with some of the scholarship winners from around the area.



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Courtney Conner



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Hunter Bell is joined by his parents after winning the Salem Educational Foundation's Heritage Scholarship.

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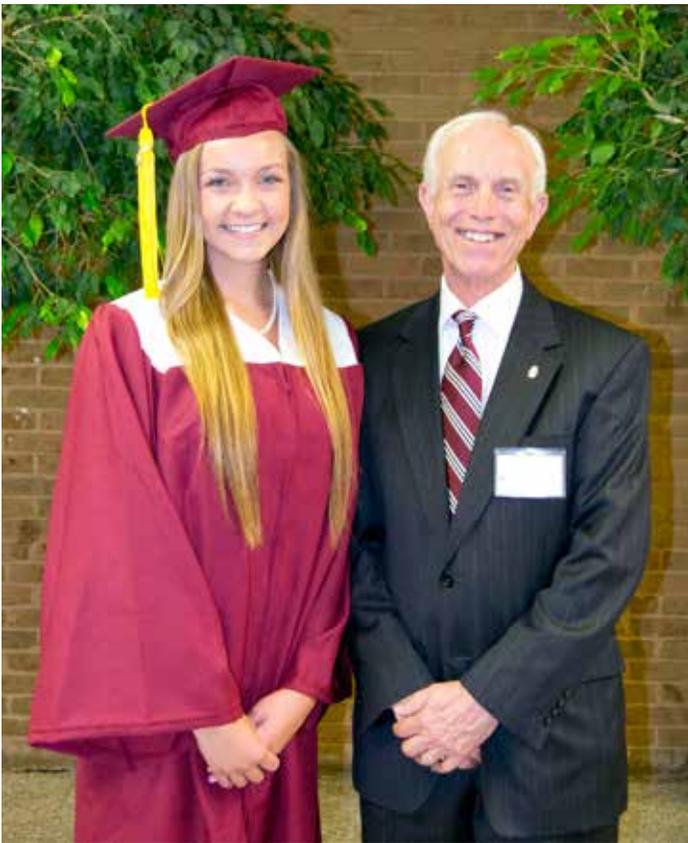


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Ashton Ledbetter accepts the Chauncey and Lucy Harmon Scholarship and the William G. Snyder Scholarship from Marylen Harmon and William Snyder presented by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association.

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Allie Criss, recipient of the Rotary Club of Salem Scholarship with Rotary representative Skip Lautenschlager.

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Salem Educational Foundation Pres. Tommy McDonald presents the Walter & Avis Hunt Scholarship to Katherine Danstrom.

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EVENTS

AROUND SALEM



adult programs

BALLROOM DANCING: BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE (ADULT & TEEN)

This class offers a complete introduction to ballroom dancing. The class is perfect for beginners and those looking to polish their ballroom technique. You will learn the techniques necessary for moving with style and grace. No previous dance experience or partner is necessary. Friday evenings at the Senior Center.

BEGINNER BRIDGE

Learn the fundamentals of Bridge, a fun, yet complex, card game. Monday evenings at the Senior Center.

CERAMICS (INTERMEDIATE)

This class is designed for the student who has prior experience with ceramics. Painting on resin, dry brushing, and other techniques will be introduced. Monday evenings at the Senior Center.



Focus on this new potography course

PHOTOGRAPHY PART 1 The first class in a three part series designed to teach the fundamentals that every photographer should know. This 10-week course focuses on camera operation and the technical aspects of photography. Tuesday evenings at the Senior Center.

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FOR COST AND MORE
INFORMATION ON ANY
CLASSES OFFERED, GO
TO SALEM PARKS AND
RECREATION WEB SITE
AND CLICK ON
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

CHESS (ages 16 – Adult)

This chess group is for all levels of playing strength. Tuesday evenings at the Senior Center. Class is free.

COLE BLUEGRASS SHOW

The first Monday of every month, Dwayne Cole has two excellent bluegrass groups come to perform at the Senior Center from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. This event is open to the public. There is no admittance fee. However, donations are encouraged in order to keep this good event going.

CROCHETING & KNITTING

Learn the basics of crocheting and complete different projects in class. Thursday evenings at the Senior Center.

DOG OBEDIENCE

A six-week course (Sept. 19 - Oct. 24) for dogs of any breed and any age. Dogs will learn to heel calmly on leash, react to different commands, and come when called. Organizational Meeting at the Salem Senior Center on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Saturday mornings at Salem High School.

HANDBUILT CERAMICS

Come stretch your creative muscles as you learn how to form original works of art in clay. The basic skills of hand-built ceramics will be taught through the pinch, coil, and slab methods using low fire clays and glazes. Wednesday evenings at Salem High School.

JEWELRY MAKING

Make several pieces of jewelry in this six week class including necklaces, earrings, bracelets and more. Wednesday evenings at the Senior Center.

For more info, new class listings and to sign up for these programs, head to www.salemva.gov and click on “Parks & Recreation” or call 375-3054

PHOTOGRAPHY PART 2

The second of a three part series. Part two focuses on the artistic and creative side of photography. This 6-week course covers composition, scene analysis, and other creative tools that allow you to develop, realize, and share your own artistic vision. Thursday evenings at the Senior Center.

PHOTOGRAPHY PART 3

Merges art and science and works on developing the skills and abilities that any competent photographer should have. You will learn the fundamentals of lighting and light modification, basic portrait work, group shots, basic nature and landscape techniques, etc. so that you'll be prepared and capable of handling the typical tasks any photographer is expected to know how to do. Class in January.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Join this wonderful group and work together to learn healthy options to take the pounds off. Weekly programs and discussions with weigh-ins strictly confidential. For more information email judyotopss@aol.com. Tuesday evenings at the Senior Center.

health & fitness

TOTAL SCULPTING

Two separate classes. This class is designed to reduce body fat and sculpt muscles through a series of strength training exercises using bands, free weights and more. This is a great program for any level participant. Instructors are trained to modify exercises for beginning levels. Classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings.

POUND FIT

Pound is a full body cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming. The combo works the entire body, raises the heart rate to a fat-burning zone. Participants use Ripstix which are lightly weighted

exercise drumsticks. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings.

TENNIS (ALL LEVELS)

To register or get more info, contact Scott Gibson at 397-1257 or sgibson@salemva.gov.

YOGA (BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE)

Three class times offered.

Yoga is a great way to increase joint mobility, improve muscle tone and flexibility, and build balance. It improves memory, focus, and attention, as well as promote an overall sense of well-being. Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

ZUMBA

Too much fun to be called a workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval style, calorie burning fitness party. Classes held Wednesdays.

youth/teens

BATON TWIRLING LESSONS (AGES 4-18)

Students will learn and improve on baton twirling skills, participate in 5 local parades as well as other community events throughout the year. There is also an end-of-year recital. Thursday evenings at the Senior Center.

GUITAR FOR KIDS (8 - 12)

Be a real guitar hero! Learn music basics like tuning, tempo, rhythm and dynamics, play simplified chord and riff's from guitar tab. Tuesdays at the Senior Center.

KNIT & CROCHET (8 - 14)

Learn basic knitting and crocheting stitches and how to read patterns. Thursdays at the Senior Center.

TENNIS BEGINNER (6 - 10)

Ever wanted to learn about tennis? Come to the tennis class & learn everything from the rules of the game to hitting an overhead serve. Contact Scott Gibson at 397-1257 or sgibson@salemva.gov



Time to grab a guitar

FREE GUITAR WORKSHOP FOR KIDS If you are considering starting your child (ages 8 – 12) in guitar lessons, come by the Salem Senior Center for a free session with guitar instructor Randolph Walker on September 15 at 4:30 pm. Mr. Walker will tune your guitar, evaluate it for playability, offer free handouts, and answer any questions or concerns you may have about guitar lessons for your child. Parents are welcome to come with or without their children. Preregistration is required. The beginner guitar class will start the following Tuesday.

senior center 110 UNION STREET

MONDAYS

9 am - 12 noon – Bridge
12:30 pm – Senior Mtn. Pickers
1 - 4 pm – Mexican Train Dominoes
7 - 9 pm – Cole Bluegrass Show
(First Monday every month)

TUESDAYS

8:45 - 9:45 am – Exercise
10 am - 2 pm – Chair Caning and
Basket Weaving
10:15 - 11:15 am – Tai-Chi at
College Lutheran Church
2 - 4 pm – Ballroom dance, the
first and third Tuesdays (second
and fourth Tuesdays – Tea Dance)

WEDNESDAYS

9 - 10 am – Tap dance
10 am - 12 noon – Ceramics
10 am - 1 pm – Needlework
1 - 3 pm – Line Dance
1 pm – TRIAD Meeting (1st Wed)
3 - 4 pm – Computer Class

THURSDAYS

8:45 - 9:45 am – Zumba Gold
10 am - 12 noon – Quilting
10 am - 12 noon – Art on your
own
11 am - 12 noon – 49er's Plus
Club Meeting
12 - 4 pm – Cards on your own
12 - 2 pm – Monthly Luncheon
w/ entertainment (last Thur. of
month)
12:30 - 2 pm – Sr. Singers
Practice (first Thurs. w/appts
other days)

FRIDAYS

8:45 - 9:45 am – Exercise
10:15 - 11:15 am – Tai-Chi
10:30 am – Senior Mtn. Pickers
7 - 9 pm – Ballroom Dance

“49ERS PLUS” CLUB

meets on the 1st and 3rd
Thursdays at 11 am, and eat lunch
out on the 2nd week at various
restaurants. They also preside
at our Monthly Luncheons. This
is a group that meets for fun; they

make donations to organizations
such as the Salem Rescue Squad,
Salem Food Pantry and more.

MONTHLY POT LUCK LUNCHEONS

are always a fun well-attended
event, with entertainment following
the meal. They are held on the last
Thursday of each month.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
for class and then in the form of
a TEA DANCE the 2nd and 4th
Tuesday of the month. 2 to 4 pm.
Taped music is provided and there
is no fee but each person is asked
to bring a snack food to share.

SALEM SENIOR SINGERS

practice on the 1st Thursday at
12:30 pm, and sing on a regular
basis for Snyder Nursing Home
and other places in the Valley.

SPECIAL EVENTS

are provided through each month.

We frequently take outings in our
van or bus to local malls, shops
and restaurants, or day trips to
Wytheville, Shatley Springs, Peaks
of Otter, Lynchburg, Charlotte,
Christiansburg, etc. Other Friday
events include bingo, ice cream
sundae day, movie day, crafts,
parties, etc. *A small fee may
apply for some of these events;
please stop by the Senior Center
for a monthly calendar.

SPECIAL TRIPS

These trips are planned for the
year to the Wytheville's Wohlfahrt
Haus Dinner Theatre, Myrtle
Beach, SC and various other
locations. New trips are added
regularly. Stop by and pick up a
trip list.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A calendar with news of our
activities and outings is distributed
the last Monday of each month.
Pick one up so you can join us at
the Senior Center.





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**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31**

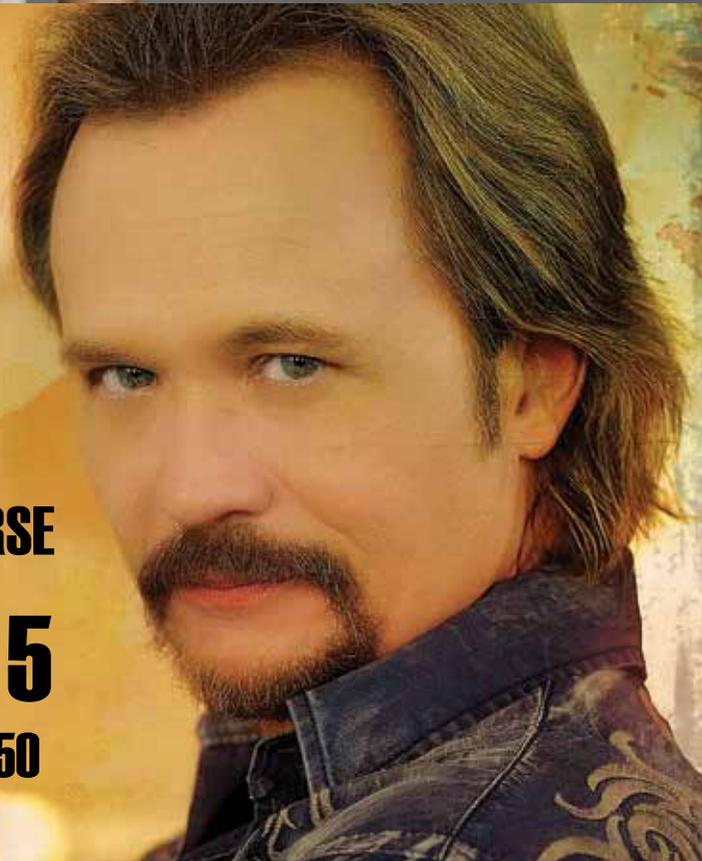
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MOVIES AT LONGWOOD

October 3rd: Hotel Transylvania. Bring a blanket and chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars! Admission is free. Concessions will be available to purchase from Fun Times.

LIGHTING OF THE CITY OF SALEM CHRISTMAS TREE

Friday, December 4th, Salem Farmers Market, 6 pm.

WINTER BEACH BASH

Friday, January 29th, 6 p.m., Salem Civic Center. Come shake off the winter blues with live music! Look for tickets on sale December 14th at the Parks & Rec office.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 19th, at Longwood Park. Children ages 3-10 years old. Come visit the Easter Bunny and hunt for Easter Eggs with lots of prizes and candy.



Pick your favorite Halloween costume

PUMPKINFEST Saturday, October 31st, Salem Farmers Market, 11a.m – 2 p.m., Pumpkin give-away, Children's activities, Carnival Games, Costume Contest, Hay Rides, and a Pumpkin Auction. Trick or Treating with all the Salem Merchants.

SALEM AFTER FIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Fridays, April 29th, May 20th, June 24th, July 22nd and August 19th, Salem Farmers Market, 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Salem Parks and Recreation and Q-99-FM.

65TH ANNUAL ERNEST

“PIG” ROBERTSON FISHING RODEOS

Lake Spring Park, To register please call (540) 375-3057. **April 23rd** Children Ages 3 – 8, 9 a.m. – Noon. **April 25th** Children with Disabilities Day, 10 a.m. - Noon. **April 27th** Nursing Home Patient's Day, 10 a.m. – Noon. **April 31st** Children ages 9 – 12, 9 a.m. – Noon.

James I. Moyer Sports Complex

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Get into the Christmas spirit

YE OLDE SALEM CHRISTMAS Saturday, December 5th, Salem Farmers Market, Salem Library, and Downtown Salem. Kids can get their pictures taken with Santa and listen to a story from Mrs. Claus at the library, enjoy children's activities and mail a Christmas wish-list to Santa! Open houses with Downtown Merchants and vendors on the market.

SEPT. 5TH - 7TH
 ASA Men's & Women's Eastern Slow Pitch National Championships

SEPT. 12TH & 13TH
 NSA Blue Ridge Girls College Showcase Tournament

SEPT. 19TH & 20TH
 ASA Heartland College Showcase Fast Pitch Tournament

SEPT. 26TH & 27TH
 ASA Girls Fast Pitch Fall Champions Cup

OCT. 3RD & 4TH

USSSA Baseball Western Area Fall State

OCT. 10TH & 11TH

ASA Scappers College Showcase Tournament

MARCH 11TH - 13TH

West Virginia Wesleyan Division II College Softball Tournament

APRIL 15TH - 17TH

36th Chance Crawford Benefit Adult Slow Pitch Tournament

APRIL 29TH - MAY 1ST

ODAC Women's Softball Conference Championship Tournament

SEPT. 5TH & 6TH

National Baseball Fall State Qualifier

SEPT. 12TH & 13TH

USSSA Baseball Star City Challenge

SEPT. 19TH & 20TH

USSSA Baseball Tournament

SEPT. 26TH & 27TH

Nations Baseball Western Area Fall State

OCT. 3RD & 4TH

USSSA Virginia Fall State Baseball Tournament

OCT. 11TH & 12TH

USSSA Fall Bash Baseball Tournament

Salem Kiwanis Baseball Field

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youth and adult athletics

YOUTH SPORTS MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of youth recreational athletic leagues is to provide an enjoyable experience for each youth participant, while

Ways to register for Athletics

- Online – www.salemva.gov
- In Person – Sports Office located at 925 Union Street between the hours of 8:00a-5:00p, Monday through Friday
- By Phone – (540) 375-4094

\$35 Salem Residents, \$85 Tuition Paying Students enrolled in a Salem School. Uniforms are included with paid registration.

developing character, skills, sportsmanship and promoting good will among all teams and individuals. Although sports are competitive by nature, the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department's intentions are to place less emphasis on winning, while promoting the building of lifetime physical activity and health for each participant.

REGISTRATION DATES

Boys Soccer: Jan. 5 - Feb. 15
Baseball: Jan. 5 - Feb. 15
Softball: Jan. 5 - Feb. 15
Boys Soccer: May 11 - June 14
Girls Soccer: May 11 - June 14
Football: May 11 - June 14
Cheerleading: May 11 - June 14

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Girls Softball takes over the Moyer Complex

OCT. 11TH & 12TH ASA JO/Scappers 18U & 16U College Show Case Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

A LONG TIME AGO

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125 YEARS AGO



Educational opportunities for African Americans in Salem were scant after the Civil War. Accordingly, a small public school opened in 1872 near Chapman Avenue. The student population soon necessitated a bigger facility. And so this school, originally known as Graded School A, was built in 1890 on Water Street (now South Broad). While an improvement, the school was still woefully lacking – Only six classrooms to serve sometimes nearly 300 students. There was little space outdoors for activities. Legendary local educator **John Duckwilder** (the only male in the faculty photo) served as principal until 1920. By the 1910s, the name had been changed to Roanoke County Training School, to reflect the vocational training offered there.

When **T. N. Williams** became principal of the Training School in 1925, he began to lobby for better facilities. It took years, but the construction of Carver School was his dream realized. The old RCTS was later converted into a community cannery during and after WWII. When that use ended the building stood abandoned for a few more years. Finally, in the 1960s the local landmark, in which hundreds of school kids got their start in life, was unceremoniously burned down as a training exercise for the fire department. 🐦



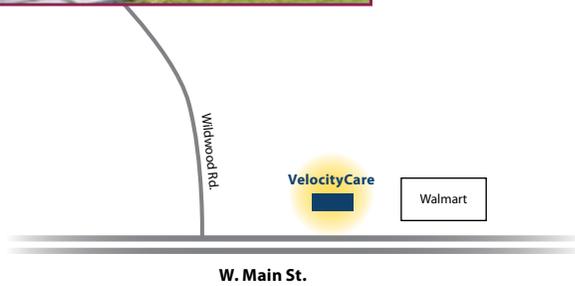
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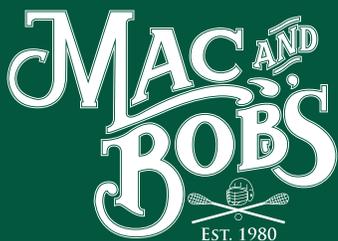
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