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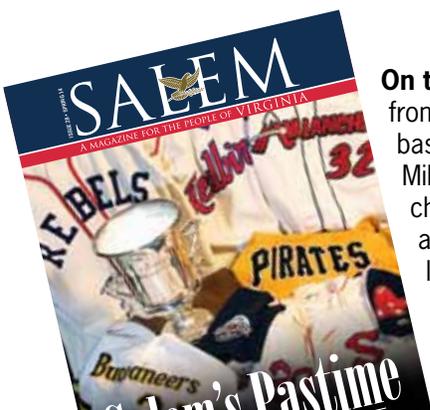
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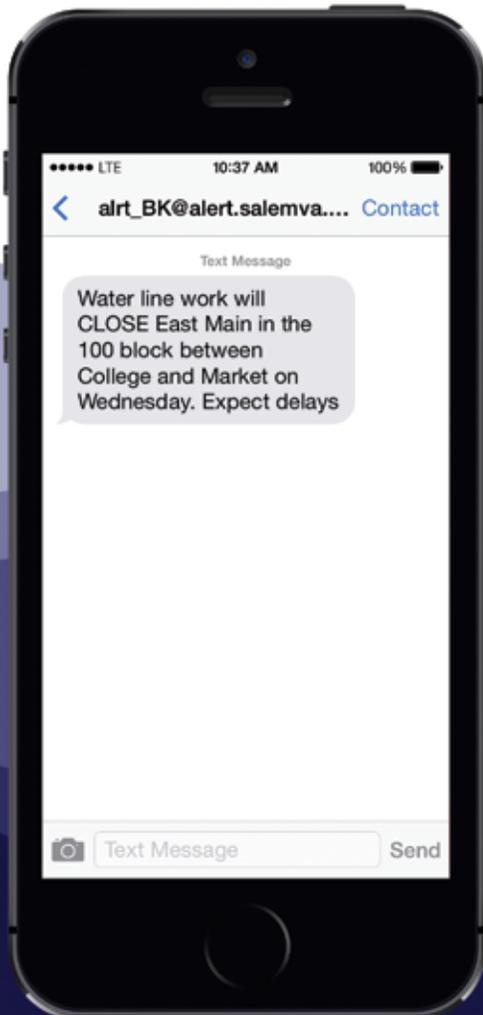
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If you were living anywhere in the Roanoke Valley in the mid-1980s, you remember the dirty word “consolidation” and the not-so-pleasant reactions it evoked from Vinton to Salem and throughout Roanoke City. While bringing all of the valley’s governments under one umbrella for everything may have been overly ambitious, recent developments have shown all of us the benefits of working together.

As many of you know, the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau (RVCVB) has been working hard to attract visitors and their travel money to the region for years. In 2013, the organization officially became known as Virginia’s Blue Ridge in an effort to be both more marketable and more inclusive.

Near the end of last year, Salem, Roanoke City and Roanoke County took a major step to support the new cooperative spirit by putting their money where their mouths are. The local governments banded together for the betterment of the region’s tourism industry and committed to give the RVCVB three percentage points of the annual lodging tax revenue valley wide. This alone has generated more than \$1 million that is being used to market this great place we all call home.

While attracting industry isn’t always easy, luring tourists to an area like ours that has so much to offer is big business. In 2012, tourism in the Virginia Blue Ridge region generated \$730 million in revenue, and provided \$52 million in state and local taxes and helped support more than 7,200 jobs.

While none of us should ever do anything for recognition, I was pleased to join Mayor Randy Foley and other valley leaders to accept a significant tourism award for this cooperative effort in Jacksonville last November. The Shining Example Award began in 1985 as a way of honoring individuals and organization that make significant contributions in the 12 member states that stretch from West Virginia to Florida. The honor we received marked the first time a joint jurisdictional nomination had ever been recognized.

Recently, Salem also was fortunate to receive a \$50,000 tourism grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The city is one of only six localities statewide to receive a grant in this amount and we are already using it to promote our “Summer Love” in Salem campaign. This campaign specifically promotes the Blue Ridge Music Festival, Shrimpfest, the Roanoke Valley Horse Show, the Salem Fair and the Salem Red Sox.

We also know Salem and the entire region have a lot to offer, and the sooner more tourists pay us a visit the better the local economy will be for everyone.

## VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE



Salem’s Kevin Boggess and Randy Foley are joined by Roanoke County Supervisor Charlotte Moore, Roanoke City Mayor David Bowers and Virginia’s Blue Ridge President Landon Howard in Jacksonville to accept the “Shining Example” award.



City, state and tourism leaders joined forces last spring to show support for Virginia’s Blue Ridge by designating a percentage of the area’s lodging taxes to help market the rich resources of the region.

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## NEWSMAKERS



## Parks & Rec Announces Changes

The City of Salem Parks and Recreation department is making some changes beginning this month. Starting this May, residents in Salem will be required to pay \$40 per participant while non-resident tuition paying students, who wish to play youth sports in Salem, will now have to pay \$90 per person.



These modest increases are necessary to help offset the rising costs of player uniforms and online registration transaction fees. Even with this \$5 across-the-board change, Salem's fees are still the lowest in the valley.

"The economy definitely has had an effect on everyone since the recession hit in 2008, and we've done a great job of serving our citizens and still keeping costs down as much as possible during this time," says **John Shaner**, Salem Parks and Recreation Director. "This modest increase is definitely needed right now in order to maintain the level of quality in our recreational programs that citizens have come to expect in Salem."

Along with the increase also comes the formation of a brand new football league for our youngest participants. Beginning with our 2014 Fall Sports registrations, Salem will be offering NFL Youth Flag Football for children ages 6-7 years old.

This new league will replace that same age group's current Biddy Football League that has experienced declining participation numbers in the last few years. Our aim in developing this program is to introduce kids to the joys of the sport without the contact of traditional football at this young age.

"We have always gone the extra mile to make sure we provide Salem's children with the best recreational programs possible," says Shaner. "I truly believe this new flag football league will help us get more kids involved and not only expose them to the fundamentals of the game, but also keep them active."

An emphasis will be placed on having fun, the basic skills necessary to play the game, teamwork and sportsmanship. Each participant will receive an NFL team-identified reversible jersey, official NFL Flag football belt and flags and a free USA Football player membership. Teams will practice twice per week prior to

the start of the season. Once games start, teams will be limited to no more than two meetings per week with one being a game. No scores or standings will be kept in this league.

"This should truly increase the enjoyment the kids have for the game of football and give them a better foundation and outlook as they progress to the next level," he says.



# Going Green on the Greenway



As part of its ongoing commitment to the environment, the City of Salem has a new pilot project in place to test the demand for recycling on the Salem portion of the Roanoke River Greenway. The city has partnered with “Star City Recycling” to provide this service at no cost to citizens for a two-year period.

“It’s essential to keep trails as clean as possible and that includes our greenway,” says Salem City Councilwoman, **Lisa Garst**. “It’s also important to provide an alternative to the trash receptacles we currently have in place, for those who are looking to deposit recyclable materials.”

Recycling is available at three locations along the greenway in Salem - Rotary Park on Route 419, the Colorado Street Trailhead near the Colorado Street Bridge, and at Riverside Park on West Riverside Drive, near Mill Lane. The bins will accept different types of recyclables such as paper, plastic, metal, and all types of glass, without sorting.

“My goal is to make recycling the norm here in Salem and Roanoke County,” says **Ed Arsura**, Star City Recycling Owner. “Some people are still very resistant to recycling, and I feel the more recycling bins we can get out in the public eye, the more people will realize that recycling is something they can easily do, even at home.”

## Carver Principal Named

Starting this summer, **Kristyn Shepherd** will be the new principal at G.W. Carver Elementary School. She has been an integral part of the Salem School Division since 1998 when she was first hired as a Special Education teacher at South Salem. After spending a dozen years in that role, she then became the division’s coordinating teacher for Special Education, and in 2010 she was appointed to her current job as assistant principal at East Salem Elementary.

“I am very excited to join the faculty and staff at G.W. Carver as their new principal,” says Shepherd. “They have an outstanding teaching staff and a reputation of always putting students first. I look forward to working with assistant principal, **Tomi Nave**, to help the teachers continue that

tradition of excellence.”

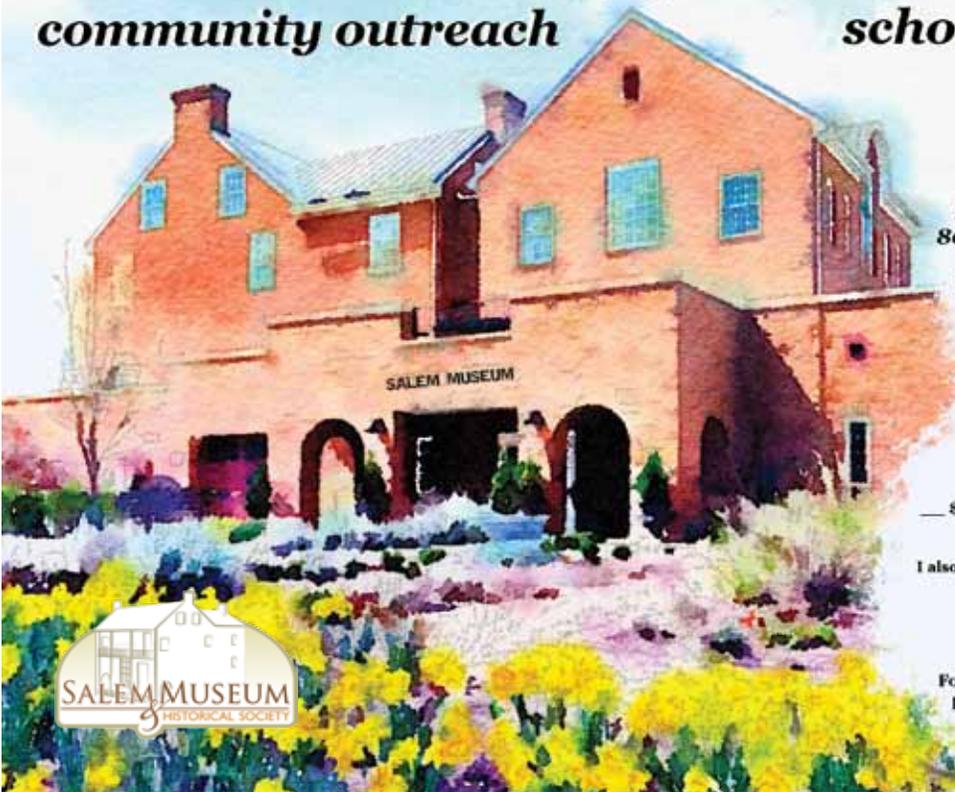
Shepherd, who earned both her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Special Education from Radford University, will replace **Dr. Joe Coleman**, who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

“Kristyn Shepherd is in the midst of a distinguished career and both her prior experience and considerable expertise were abundantly evident during the interview phase of the search process,” says **Dr. Alan Seibert**, Salem Superintendent of Schools. “G.W. Carver is a school with a rich history and a long legacy of extraordinary leaders and devoted teachers who have served generations of young people in Salem. Mrs. Shepherd will honor that history and build upon it in the years to come.”

She begins her new job on July 1.



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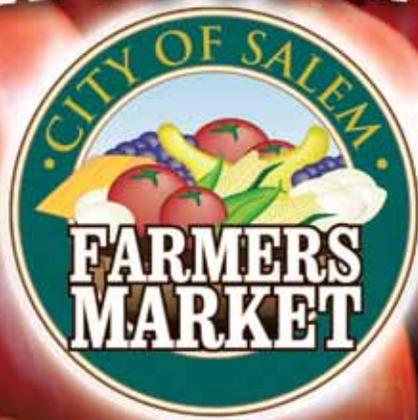
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"This shows our employees' dedication to excellence in providing quality drinking water to the citizens of Salem," says **Larado Robinson**, Salem Water Department Director. "I am very proud of each and every member of our staff, who worked so hard to make this possible."

Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, **Frank Young**, and his team achieved a perfect score of 20 out of 20 points

for their operations and performance based on filtration, water clarity and filter backwash criteria. Only 22 water plants across the state earned Gold status for 2013.

"I think all the guys are pretty proud of this honor," says Young. "The operators have to stay on top of things consistently by monitoring turbidity, pH levels and other characteristics of the water while staying within proper parameters at all times."

The City of Salem Water Department opened its state-of-the-art water treatment facility on February 22, 2005. It is capable of producing 10 million gallons of drinking water a day for residential and business customers. Prior to this year, the plant had consistently garnered silver awards for its performance.



**Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator Frank Young**

# Freedom Driven Food



The City of Salem Farmers Market will be able to serve more families this summer thanks to a generous donation from Freedom First Credit Union. Freedom First Vice-President, **Dave Prosser** and Board of Director's member, **Judith Harrison**, presented Mayor **Randy Foley** and Salem Farmers Market Director, **Laura Reilly**, with a \$5,000 award earlier this year for use with the market's EBT program.

"The City of Salem is grateful, not only for this generous grant, but also for the relationship that has formed with Freedom First Credit Union," Reilly said. "Their commitment to making a difference in the lives of the citizens of our community is inspiring and appreciated. The Salem Farmers Market is proud to partner with Freedom First by helping people in need while supporting local agriculture."

The financial institution's highly competitive Community Grant award is allowing the market to once again offer matching funds for its Electronic Benefit Transfer users. For example, SNAP program participants who spend \$10 dollars for fresh fruit and produce will be able to get \$20 worth of food thanks to the grant.

"Freedom First's continued growth allowed us to expand our grants program this year, at a time when need among nonprofits and the households they serve continues to increase," said Prosser, Freedom First's Vice President of Community Development.

This summer the market is allowing EBT customers \$50 per day in matching funds. The Salem Farmers Market is open Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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# Miller Selected Top Officer

For the second straight year, Salem's Police Officer of the Year is an individual who considers his heroic lifesaving actions "part of the job."

That humble, yet professional attitude, along with some quick thinking and precise reaction to a grave situation, are the reasons **Officer Jake Miller** has been voted Salem's top officer for 2013 by his peers in the Salem Police Department.

"We are all very proud of Jake for being selected as our Officer of the Year," says **Jeff Dudley**, Salem Police Chief. "This is a well-deserved honor for a young officer who is very dedicated to not only this department, but the citizens of Salem."

On February 12, 2013, at approximately 10 p.m., Officer Miller was dispatched to the Route 419 bridge that is located just north of Apperson Drive to investigate a man who was on the railing of the bridge, possibly getting ready to jump.

"The call came into 911 asking that we just check on the man," says Miller. "I pulled up and barely had time to put my car in park when the guy started looking back and forth at me and the railing."

As Miller emerged from his patrol car, the man suddenly began to step onto the rail and get into position to throw himself off of the bridge.

"I sprinted toward him and grabbed

him, and fortunately, **Lt. Chuck King** had arrived on the scene and both of us struggled to get him off the rail, away from the bridge and on the ground," he says. "He told me was going to jump off the bridge and kill himself if I hadn't grabbed him."

The man was taken into custody and later evaluated by mental health officials.

"We never know what we're getting into, but nine out of 10 times it's not a good situation," says Miller. "Often we deal with people who are in a really bad place in life and you just try to do your best to help them."



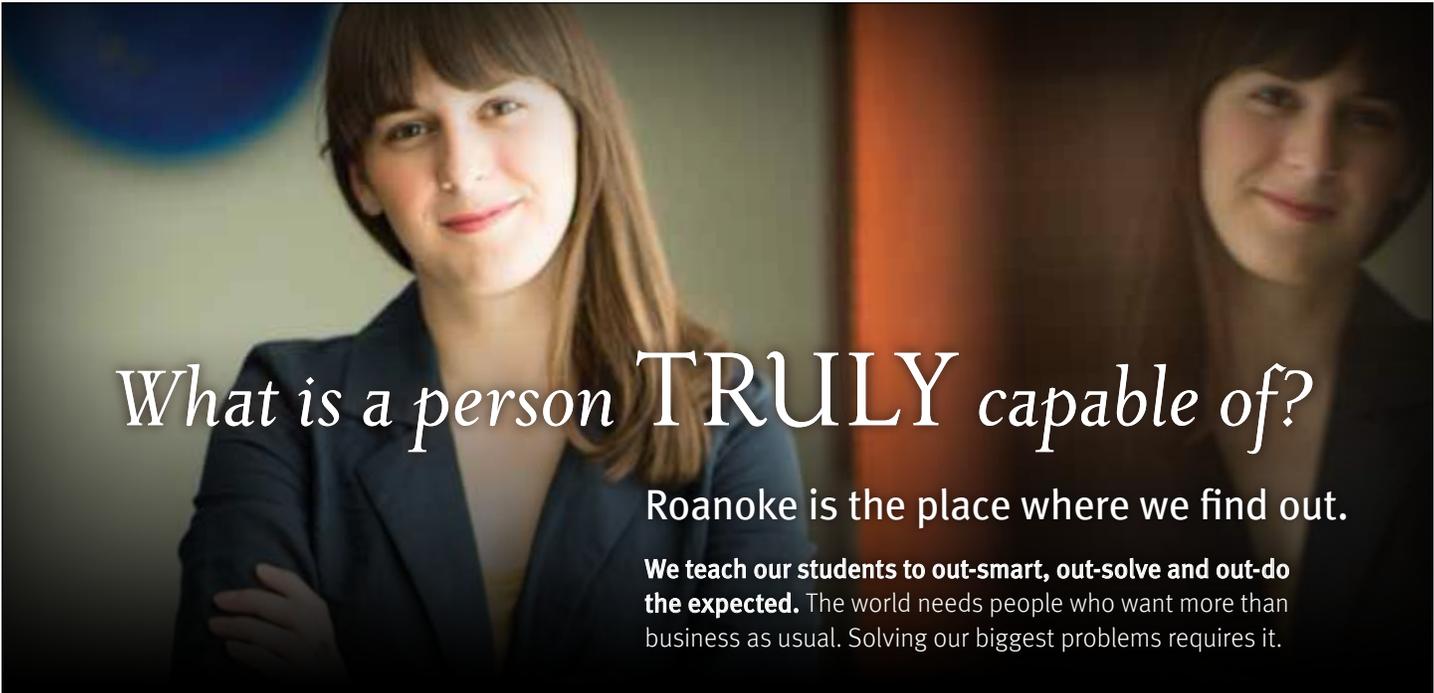
Dudley says Officer Miller is always willing to help and that he displays a solid work ethic, calm professionalism and a contagious enthusiasm for the job each and every day.

"Very rarely do you hear much out of Jake, but when you do it is always about something positive that he has done with a case or for the department," says Dudley. "He is quiet, but always very alert to his surroundings, which is a necessary trait for a good police officer."

Miller is a 2004 Glenvar High School graduate, who upon graduation enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He served as an aircraft mechanic for four years and was deployed to Qatar during that time. When he returned to the Roanoke Valley and decided to become a police officer, his goal was to join the Salem Police Department.

"When I was applying, I always heard that Salem was the place to be," he says. "The brotherhood here in the department is very close knit and at some point you end up working with everyone, so you always know someone has your back at all times. I am extremely honored that they selected me for this honor."

Miller resides in Salem with his wife, **Ashley**, and their daughter, **Claire**.



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## Watershed Moment

**Larado Robinson** took over as the city's new Director of Water and Sewer operations earlier this year after spending the past 22 years at Draper Aden Associates in Blacksburg. He developed his professional career there as a Project Engineer serving as a Team Leader and most recently Senior Project Manager for the company.

"I am excited about the opportunity to use my past experiences to help the city continue moving forward and providing excellent service to its citizens," says Robinson. "My desire is for our operations to be the best on the east coast and I want other utilities to come to Salem to see how we are doing it and desire to emulate us."

In Salem, Robinson now oversees a 40 person department that is responsible for not only providing high quality water to residents and businesses, but also maintaining the infrastructure throughout the city to ensure a high level of service, reliability and customer satisfaction.

"Before coming here, everyone I spoke with told me that this is a great place to work, and they were absolutely right," he says. "I don't consider myself in-charge, but rather I consider myself the captain of a great team of individuals here in Salem."

Robinson graduated from Virginia Tech in 1986 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Growing up he also received a number of hands-on history and geography lessons that most of us could only dream of experiencing. His father was in the State Department Foreign Service and their family lived in Afghanistan, Liberia, Myanmar and Indonesia.

Robinson secured his Professional Engineer's license in 1990, and he has lived in Blacksburg since 1991. He has spent most of his professional career in the water and wastewater industry as a consultant helping cities, counties, and towns throughout our region improve their water and sewer systems to better serve their citizens.



## Harveycutter Hoop Highlight



**Carey Harvey**, a lifelong resident of Salem and an employee of more than 45 years was named the recipient of this year's NABC Cliff Wells Appreciation Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

This award is presented in honor of former NABC executive director **Cliff Wells** and is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the Association and to college basketball.

"This is an amazing honor for me and one that was totally unexpected," says Harvey. "I have been truly blessed to work in such a great city with such great people for so many years."

Past winners of this prestigious award include **Bobby Knight, Ray Meyer, C.M. Newton, Dick Schultz, Vic Bubas, Billy Packer, Dick Vitale** and **Myles Brand**, to mention a few.

"Carey is an incredible advocate for Division III sports and basketball in particular," said **Page Moir**, Roanoke College Men's Head Basketball Coach and first Vice-President of the NABC. "He has made the NCAA championships a special event for players, coaches and fans and has been instrumental in conducting the Reese's Division III All-Star game for the NABC. When he does something, he makes sure it's done the right way."

As the game manager for NCAA Division II and III championship events, Harvey's duties have included football, baseball, volleyball, lacrosse and softball in addition to basketball. He has also been instrumental, over the last several years, working with the Reese's Division III All-Star game, conducted by the NABC and played annually during the Division III men's basketball championships.

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# Designed to Protect & Serve

The City of Salem Police Department has a new look this Spring that is more modern and more functional. Four new Chevrolet Caprice squad cars have been introduced into the Department's fleet of vehicles to replace some high mileage automobiles.

Some of the old Ford Crown Victorias, that were replaced, had more than 160,000 miles on them, and their designs and logos hadn't been updated since the late 1990s.

**Chief Jeff Dudley** let his officers submit designs for consideration. Originally, 11 ideas were on the drawing board before voting among the ranks narrowed the pool of entries to five. Eventually, a design idea from Senior Police Officer **Carla Spencer** was brought to life in the city's Communications Department and named the winner.

"I think most of the department was excited about being able to participate in choosing the graphic design of the new cars," says Dudley. "The ability to see the different



designs on paper on an actual Caprice body style was a big help when it came time to choose the final version and I appreciate the amount of time **Clark Ruhland** put into that phase of the project."

Cars aren't painted any longer beyond their base coat, so the next step was turning the design into a menagerie of decals. The Sign Factory on Brambleton Avenue in Southwest Roanoke County took the brightly colored vinyl, applied some heat and turned the white palette into full-fledged patrol cars.

"We have been posting progress reports on the 'building' of the cars on the department face book page so citizens can see how much time and effort goes into one of these cars," says Dudley. "We have been getting a lot of positive feedback from those posts when it comes to the look of the cars and everyone is amazed at the amount of work it takes to get one of these cars on the road."

In addition to the sleek new look and modern design, the cars are better equipped inside with new technology and safety features and these new cars are more fuel efficient.

Check out more images of the new patrol cars on the Salem Police Department's facebook page located in the photos section at [facebook.com/salemvapolice](https://facebook.com/salemvapolice).





# Special Selection

Salem Teacher of the Year  
Debbie Hughes shares her  
excitement with her third graders.

BY MIKE STEVENS

Salem's Top Teacher for 2014 is a special recipient of the honor for a number of reasons which include her desire to help boys and girls in special education become success stories and her passion for positively molding elementary school students at G.W. Carver.

"Personally, I hope that I provide a caring and forgiving environment in my classroom," says Debbie Hughes, Salem's 2014 Teacher of the Year. "I strive to build my students' confidence and self-esteem and encourage participation. I try to instill in my class that it's important to learn from your mistakes and treat one



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another with respect, and I try to never forget that I am taking care of someone else's children."

Hughes has taught third graders at G.W. Carver Elementary for the past 14 years and she considers that somewhat ironic since that particular age group was by far her favorite during her year-long student teaching requirement as an undergraduate in college.

"I love that third graders are still very excited about learning, and I enjoy the curriculum," she says. "Even though it is quite rigorous, most students achieve great success and growth, which is very rewarding."

Third grade is the first year in which students actually receive letter grades in the classroom and experience the SOL tests. It's also a time when Hughes works extremely hard to build self-confidence in her young pupils.

"Third graders are still young enough to where they want to please you all the time, yet they can be very independent at this age," she says. "Sometimes they are very afraid of the third grade and it's my job to show them they can do it and that everything is going to be alright."

Hughes was born in West Virginia, but spent most of her life in Arlington before she headed off to college and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Virginia Tech.

"While I was interviewing for my first job with the assistant superintendent in Warren County, the Special Ed. Supervisor overheard our conversation as I was talking about my interest in special education and my work at Camp Easter Seals," she says. "They were desperate for special ed. teachers back then and they hired me without a degree and then paid for me to get my Master's in special education."

Hughes would teach during the day and then ride with other teachers back and forth from Front Royal to James Madison University to take classes at night. She did the majority of her course work at JMU and then finished her requirements and graduated from Marymount University in Arlington. After a couple of years instructing 7th and 8th grade special education in Warren County she taught middle school special ed. students in Fairfax before eventually moving to Salem.

By the time she and her husband, Jack, arrived in Salem in 1996, she had left the classroom to raise their four children. She did some tutoring and eventually began helping as a substitute teacher at all of Salem's six schools. Fourteen years ago, she returned to the classroom full-time in the Salem School Division as a third grade teacher and she's been shaping young lives ever since.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," she says. "I think all little girls play and pretend to be teachers and it just never left me, plus I always loved school."

At Carver, Hughes believes she is truly making a difference in the lives of young people.

"G.W. Carver provides the perfect climate for any student," she says. "It is a beautiful, spacious school with a very caring and diverse group of people. We have a supportive administration and staff members who truly care about what is best for our children."

Hughes is a firm believer in the African Proverb that says "It Takes a Village" to raise a child and she credits not only the administration, but her fellow third grade teachers.

"Mrs. May, Mrs. Raines, Mrs. Travitz, and I have worked together for six years now and we collaborate daily sharing ideas, successes, and frustrations," she says. "As a team we produce tremendous results and do all we can to bring out the best in our students."

"Debbie has been an asset to the third grade team at Carver from the beginning," says Joe Coleman, G.W. Carver Principal. "With 25

years of experience, her knowledge of curriculum, differentiation, developmental needs of children and her true understanding of special education provide the foundation needed to effectively reach all students."

The administration at Carver has high praise for Hughes' creativity and flexible thinking as well as her exemplary professionalism and her desire to follow her students' successes as they move forward.

"There are days I can sense my students are just not with me and then there are times when I am teaching and all eyes are on me and hands are raised with enthusiasm to answer questions or to give some input into a discussion," she says. "That's when I stop and think that this is a wonderful job and I truly love it." 🦅



**Debbie Hughes**  
**Husband:** Jack  
**Children:** Robert, Annie, Jackie, and Johnny – all SHS Graduates

**Debbie is a volunteer at the Clothes Closet and an active member at Salem's First United Methodist Church**



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 SOUTH SALEM ELEMENTARY  
 THIRD GRADE



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 WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY  
 FOURTH GRADE

# STAKEHOLDER



The Salem City School Division is focused on continuous improvement. Every two years, the division collects School Climate Data to gauge stakeholder satisfaction on everything from learning environments to school lunches as part of the ongoing Comprehensive Planning Process. The results of the survey were positive and affirming, reinforcing the notion that Salem's educators always strive to put children first.

# 97%

**OF PARENTS** feel positive about their child's school, believe that their child's school provides a high quality education, and that the schools have a positive impact on the community



# 94%

**OF PARENTS** feel that our schools provide caring, respectful, disciplined environments



# 89%

**OF PARENTS** agree that the schools communicate effectively and that schools are taking steps to promote positive peer-to-peer interactions



## Opportunities for Improvement Parental Suggestions

Parents said communication, grading practices, school lunches, and facilities could be improved.

# 67%

**OF PARENTS** are pleased with the quality of food served in the cafeteria



# SATISFACTION *On the Rise*

91% OF PARENTS feel that rules are fairly and consistently enforced



98% OF STAFF indicate that the Salem City School Division provides a high-quality education



88% OF PARENTS agree that teachers are responsive to their child's individual needs



95% OF STAFF indicate that they enjoy working for the division



## Staff Suggestions

Teachers say they would like more opportunities to participate in decision making and better communication.



Four consecutive years without pay raises along with numerous new federal, state and local requirements have negatively affected employee satisfaction.

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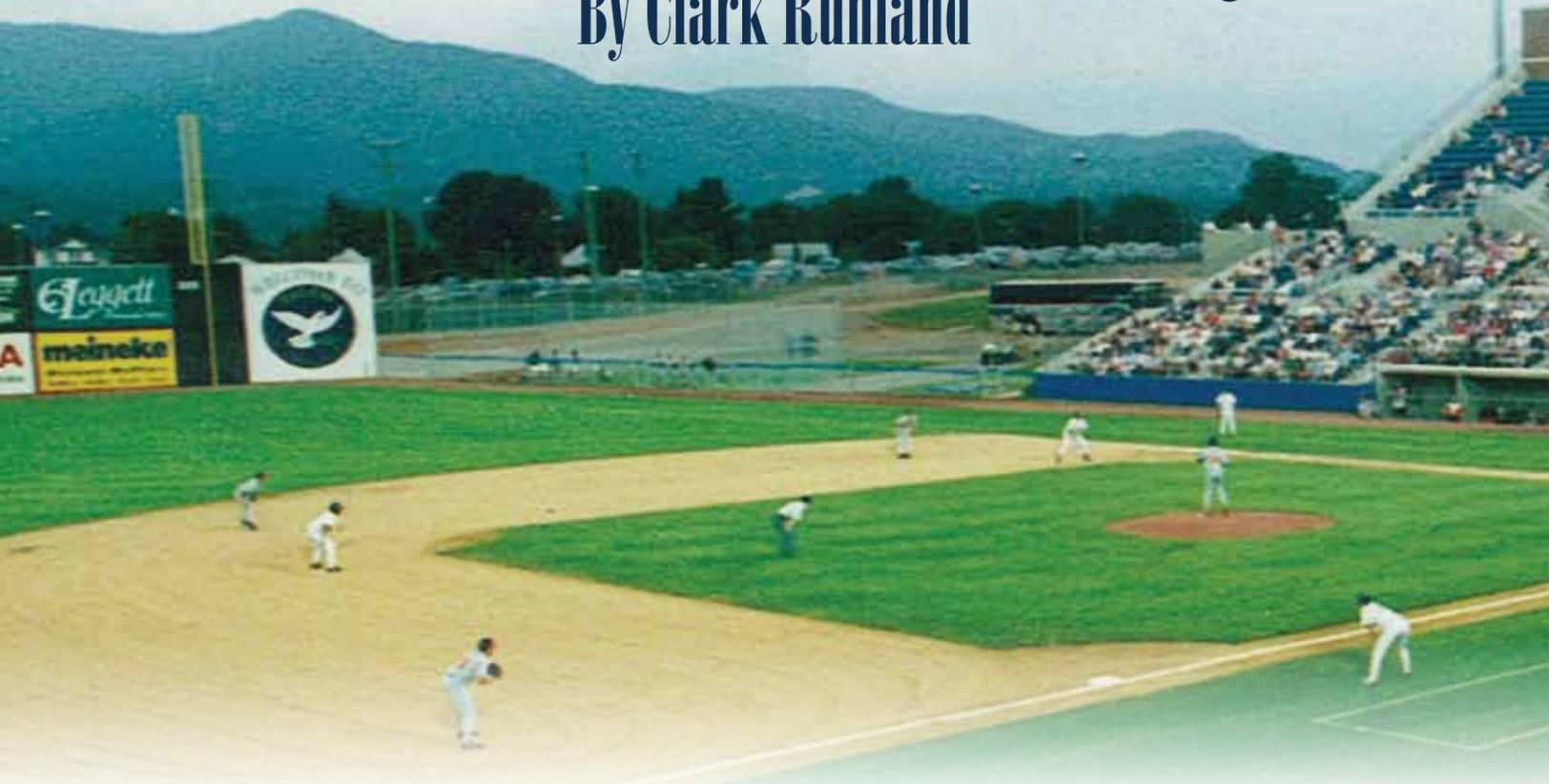


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# The Diamond in the Valley

By Clark Ruhland



Salem has been the area's home to Minor League Baseball since 1939.

**W**arm summer nights in Salem can only mean one thing – Baseball season is back.

The crack of the bats, the smell

of grilling hot dogs, the cool, refreshing taste of ice cream and the singing of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” with family and friends during the seventh inning stretch



fills the air from spring until the beginning of September.

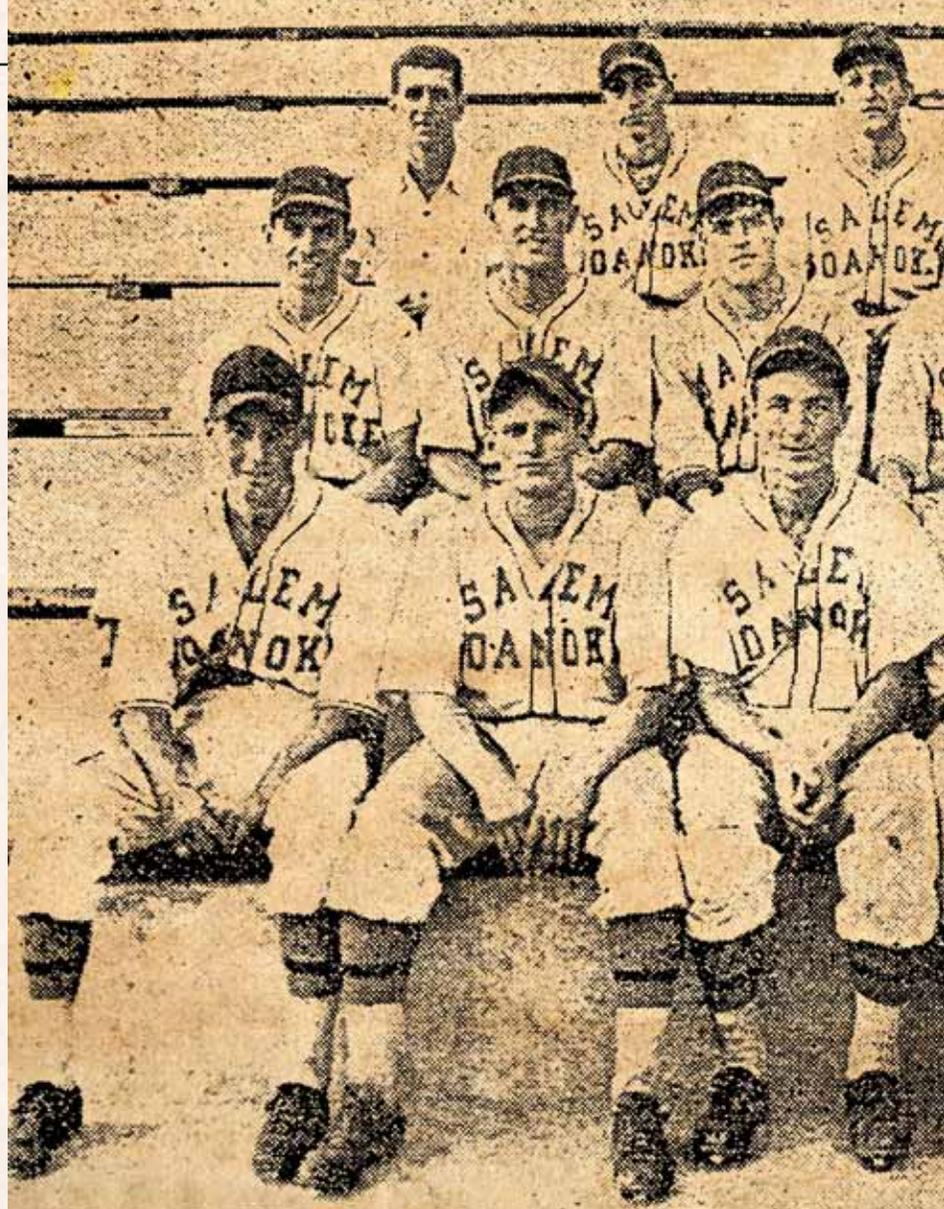
This 2014 season marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first time professional minor league baseball was played in Salem. Since the 1939 Salem-Roanoke Friends took the field, 38 Major League All-stars and one National Baseball Hall

of Famer have worn a Salem jersey.

From the Rebels to the Redbirds, the Pirates to the Avalanche, baseball has a deep and rich history in Salem. The Salem Red Sox are defending their 2013 Carolina League championship after celebrating the eighth league title won by a team that plays right here in our own backyard.

1939 - 1942

VIRGINIA LEAGUE



The Salem-Roanoke Friends were the first minor league team to play in Salem when...

## SALEM-ROANOKE FRIENDS

NO MLB AFFILIATION

P	BUDDY LIVELY	1942	3	MLB (CIN)
OF	DANNY GARDELLA	1940	3	MLB (NYG)
2B	HANK SCHENZ	1939	6	MLB (CHC, PIT)

225-248 OVERALL RECORD (.476 W-L%)



### Did you know?

Ray Ryan, a former player for the Roanoke Tigers and the man credited with starting minor league baseball in Salem, was featured in the famous T206 baseball card collection from 1909. When in very good condition, the card will sell for around \$80.

\* DENOTES MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STAR SELECTION  
 PLAYER NAME IN RED DENOTES CURRENT MLB PLAYER

## The Beginning

School enrollment in 1926 was increasing enough that the school board bought a seven-acre tract of land between the Boulevard, Florida and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, where a Lutheran Orphanage was located. Plans for a new elementary school and auditorium were proposed for the opening of the 1927-28 school term. Due to lack of funding, the school was never constructed.

That all changed on the morning of January 19, 1931 when an electrical fire heavily damaged Salem High School located on Broad Street. A new high school was built and the damaged building was renovated into a new elementary school in 1932.

The land on Florida and Boulevard, once planned for the new elementary school, was proposed as a site for a football and baseball field. City Council approved the proposal and Municipal Field was built and opened in the spring of 1932.

Ray Ryan, a former baseball player for the Roanoke Tigers in 1909, convinced the Virginia League to field an expansion team in the new ballpark in Salem. The field



Municipal Field constructed on land between the Boulevard and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets that was originally planned for an elementary school.

1943 - 1953

PIEDMONT LEAGUE



When they took the diamond at Municipal Field on May 20, 1939 beating Lynchburg 9-2.



Construction began in 1931 on the site of the stadium. The stadium was located on the corner of 1st and 2nd Streets. The stadium was planned to be used for baseball and football. It opened in 1932.

configuration was flipped so the 2,000-seat concrete bleachers could be built into the side of the hill.

On May 20, 1939, professional baseball made its official debut in Salem when the Salem-Roanoke Friends beat the Lynchburg Grays 9-2 in front of more than 1,000 fans. Team owners installed lights later that season and the first night game was played on June 27, 1939.

The Friends, named for Salem's "Friendly City" moniker, won the Virginia League crown in 1941 beating the Lynchburg Senators. In 1943, World War II forced gas and tire rationing and a ban on driving vehicles for pleasure. The team owners decided to move the club to Maher Field next to the brand new Victory Stadium on Reserve Avenue in Roanoke, where fans could walk to the games.

The team became the Roanoke RoSox, a Piedmont League team for the Boston Red Sox. Mid-way through the 1953 season, team management fell apart just after the RoSox team boarded the bus bound for a Norfolk road trip. With no money left, the owners called Calvin Falwell, the Lynchburg team owner, to have the bus pulled over by the state police and sent back to Roanoke. Minor league baseball never returned to the Star City.

## ROANOKE ROSOX

BOSTON RED SOX (1943-1953)

P	HAL BROWN	1946-47	14 (CHW, BOS, BAL, NYY, HOU)
3B	FRED HATFIELD	1946	9 (BOS, DET, CHW, CLE, CIN)
SS	VIRGIL STALLCUP	1946	7 (CIN, STL)
3B	PINKY HIGGINS*	1947	14 (PHA, BOS, DET)
1B	CHARLIE MAXWELL*	1947-49	14 (BOS, BAL, DET, CHW)
P	WINDY McCALL	1947	7 (BOS, PIT, NYG)
SS	MILT BOLLING	1948-49	7 (BOS, WSH, DET)
C	PETE DALEY	1949	7 (BOS, KCA, WAS)
P	IKE DELOCK	1950	11 (BOS, BAL)
C	SAMMY WHITE*	1950	11 (BOS, MLN, PHO)
P	RUSS KEMMERER	1951	9 (BOS, WSH, CHW, HOU)
2B	TED LEPCIO	1951	10 (BOS, DET, PHI, CHW, MIN)
3B	KEN ASPROMONTE	1952	7 (BOS, WSH, CLE, LAA, CLE, MLB, CHC)
P	ARNOLD EARLEY	1953	8 (BOS, CHC, HOU)

673-656 OVERALL RECORD (.506 W-L%)

1955 - 1963  
APPALACHIAN LEAGUE



SALEM REBELS

PITTSBURGH PIRATES (1957-1959)  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (1960-1963)

1B	ORLANDO CEPEDA*	1955	14 (CHW, BOS, BAL, NYY, HOU)
1B	DONN CLENDENON	1957	12 (PIT, MON, NYM, STL)
P	AL McBEAN	1958	10 (PIT, SDP, LAD)
P	BOB PRIDDY	1958	9 (PIT, SFG, WSA, CHW, CAL, ATL)
OF	JIM RAY HART*	1960	12 (SFG, NYY)
C	RANDY HUNDLEY*	1960	14 (SFG, CHC, MIN, SDP)
P	FRANK LINZY	1960	11 (SFG, STL, MIL, PHD)
OF	OLLIE BROWN	1962	13 (SFG, SDP, OAK, MIL, HOU, PHD)
2B	TITO FUENTES	1962	13 (SFG, SDP, DET, OAK)
OF	DAVE MAY*	1962	12 (BAL, MIL, ATL, TEX, PIT)

328-273 OVERALL RECORD (.546 W-L%)



The 1955 Rebels finished the season 84-38 and a .689 winning percentage, the best in Salem history.



Appalachian League President Chauncey DeVault presents Salem Athletic Club President Jack Dame a league baseball to celebrate the new Salem Rebels joining the league starting with the 1955 season.

Resurrection

Salem fielded a semi-professional team at Municipal Field in 1954 in hopes of attracting a new minor league club. Jack Dame and the Salem Athletic Club introduced a team following an invitation from the Appalachian League in 1955. The Salem Rebels were born.

The youngest player on the Rebels that season was a 17-year-old infielder named Orlando Cepeda. The son of a professional baseball player in Puerto Rico, Cepeda played in a handful of games before his father passed away from malaria.

Devastated, Cepeda returned home and contemplated giving up baseball. A family friend convinced him to return later that season to the Rebels, where he would be cut for poor performance. Forty-four years later, Cepeda was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. To this day, Cepeda is the only former Salem player to be elected to the Hall.



Orlando Cepeda (left) is the only Salem player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. This is the only known photo of him in a Salem uniform.



The Rebels dominated the 1955 season with an 84-38 win/loss record and won the Appalachian League Championship. Just as things were looking up for minor league baseball in Salem, the Appalachian League folded and the 1956 season was cancelled.

The absence of professional baseball extending from Salem to Johnson City, TN was short-lived as the Appalachian League re-formed as a short-season rookie league in 1957. The Pittsburgh Pirates assigned their new signees to the Salem Rebels. Three seasons later, the affiliation changed to the San Francisco Giants. Despite the affiliation changes, the Rebel nickname and the Confederate flag remained a constant staple in town.

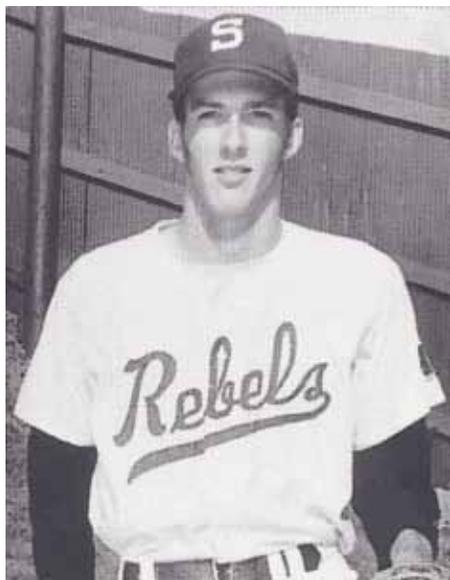
“In the Appalachian League, we always had good crowds,” said Carey Harvey cutter, who worked at Municipal Field starting at age 8 in 1960. “There wasn’t nearly as much to do around here. Baseball wasn’t on TV all the time and life was slower. It was a nice night out.”

During this boom in attendance, many improvements were made to Municipal Field. A new scoreboard was built, more concrete stands were poured down the base lines and new seats were added behind home plate. The seats, purchased from a stadium in Schenectady, New York, had once been in Yankee Stadium.

The Pittsburgh Pirates affiliation returned in 1964. The next season, the Rebels won the 1965 Appalachian League pennant. All-star players like Cepeda, Jim Ray Hart, Randy Hundley and Dave May played for the Rebels.

## Joining the Carolina League

The Town of Salem was granted a new city charter by the Virginia General Assembly to become the City of Salem in 1968. That same year, Falwell convinced the Salem Athletic Club to have the Rebels moved up to the Single-A full-season Carolina League to fill a void left by the Asheville Tourists, who moved up to Double-A.



**Kent Tekulve** was a popular relief pitcher for the Rebels in 1970. Known for his submarine delivery, Tekulve won a World Series ring with the 1979 Pirates and now works as a TV analyst.

the best record in the Carolina League, featured 10 future major league players including a 21-year-old outfielder named Dave Parker.

“We had a loyal group of fans that showed up for every game,” Parker recalled. “The Salem community took us under their wing. People loved baseball in that area and it showed. I played with some great guys and we made it a fun season.”

The Pirates were on board with Salem’s jump to the Carolina League and transferred their Single-A affiliation from Raleigh, NC to Salem. Several players who played on the 1966 and 1967 teams played in Salem again during the 1968 and 1969 seasons. Players like MLB All-Stars Don Money, Dave Cash and Kent Tekulve played for the Rebels in those first seasons.

Fan attendance picked up with the move to the Carolina League. After the 1971 season, the team dropped the Rebels nickname to become the Pirates, reflecting their affiliation with Pittsburgh. The 1972 Salem Pirates, who posted

# 1964 - 1971

APPALACHIAN (1964-67) / CAROLINA (1968-71)



## SALEM REBELS

PITTSBURGH PIRATES (1964-1971)

1B	BOB ROBERTSON	1964	11 (PIT, SEA, TOR)
SS	DON MONEY*	1965	16 (PHI, MIL)
P	BOB MOOSE	1965	10 (PIT)
P	GENE GARBER	1965	19 (PIT, KC, PHI, ATL)
2B	DAVE CASH*	1966, 68	12 (PIT, PHI, MON, SDP)
OF	GENE CLINES	1966	10 (PIT, NYM, TEX, CHC)
1B	RICHE HEBNER	1966	18 (PIT, PHI, NYM, DET, PIT, CHC)
OF	RICHE ZISK*	1967, 69	13 (PIT, CHW, TEX, SEA)
P	BRUCE KISON	1970	15 (PIT, CAL, BOS)
OF	RENNIE STENNETT	1970	11 (PIT, SFG)
P	KENT TEKULVE*	1970	16 (PIT, PHI, CIN)
3B	ART HOWE	1971	11 (PIT, HOU, STL)

126-149 APPALACHIAN RECORD (.458 W-L%)  
288-272 CAROLINA RECORD (.514 W-L%)

1972 - 1980

CAROLINA LEAGUE



SALEM PIRATES  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES (1972-1980)

P	DOUG BAIR	1972	15 (PIT, OAK, CIN, STL, DET, PHI, TOR)
SS	MARIO MENDOZA	1972	9 (PIT, SEA, TEX)
OF	DAVE PARKER*	1972	19 (PIT, CIN, OAK, MIL, CAL, TOR)
OF	OMAR MORENO	1973	12 (PIT, HOU, NYY, KC, ATL)
2B	CRAIG REYNOLDS*	1973	15 (PIT, SEA, HOU)
P	JOHN CANDELARIA*	1974	19 (PIT, CAL, NYM, NYY, MON, MIN, TOR, LAD)
OF	MIGUEL DILONE	1974	12 (PIT, OAK, CHC, CLE, CHW, MON, SDP)
P	RICK LANGFORD	1974	11 (PIT, OAK)
P	AL HOLLAND*	1976	10 (PIT, SFG, PHI, CAL, NYY)
P	ED WHITSON*	1976	15 (PIT, SFG, CLE, SDP, NYY)
C	TONY PENNA*	1977	18 (PIT, STL, BOS, CLE, CHW, HOU)
3B	LUIS SALAZAR	1977, 78	13 (SDP, CHW, DET, CHC)
SS	VANCE LAW*	1978	11 (PIT, CHW, MON, CHC)
P	PASCUAL PEREZ*	1978	11 (PIT, ATL, MON, NYY)
P	STEVE FARR	1979	11 (CLE, KC, NYY, BOS)
C	JUNIOR ORTIZ	1979	13 (PIT, NYM, MIN, CLE, TEX)

645-592 OVERALL RECORD (.521 W-L%)

Parker, who played 19 years in the Major Leagues, won the 1978 National League Most Valuable Player award and played on seven All-Star teams. He developed his power inside, and occasionally outside, the walls of Municipal Field.

“My goal was to get the ball in play, but I did hit a few houses beyond the right field fence on occasion,” explained Parker. “I was more of a line drive hitter coming up, but it seemed like I had more doubles than anything until I developed that arch in my swing.”

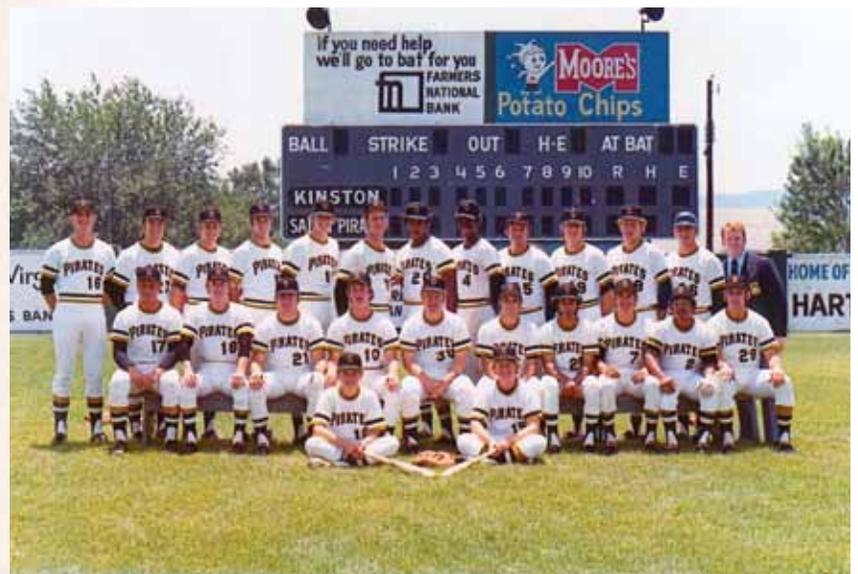
During the late 1960s and the early 1970s, the Pittsburgh Pirates were one of the best teams in baseball. They played for the National League pennant four times and won the World Series in 1971. Their winning attitude was felt throughout the entire organization, including Salem during the 1972 campaign.

“That year felt like a Triple-A club with all our talent. That was a padded lineup,” said Parker, who was named the Carolina League MVP in 1972. “We had a good time off the field, but the game was serious when we played. That was what the Pirates organization was all about. Nobody wanted to be embarrassed, so every time we crossed the line, we were serious about our craft.”

Parker and the 1972 Pirates won Salem’s first Carolina League Championship beating the Burlington Rangers in three games. Two seasons later, the Pirates won the 1974 league title by sweeping both halves of the season. Between 1972 and 1980, Salem was home to MLB All-Star players like Parker, Craig Reynolds, John Candelaria, Al Holland, Tony Pena, Vance Law and Pascual Perez.



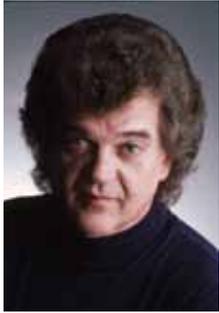
**Dave Parker** played for the Carolina League champion Pirates in 1972. He was voted league Most Valuable Player and then played 19 MLB seasons and won the 1978 National League MVP.



**The 1972 Pirates** won Salem’s first Carolina League title when they beat the Burlington Rangers. Dave Parker (center back row) said, “That year felt like a Triple-A club with all our talent. That was a padded lineup.”

## Changing of the Guard

During the 1980 season, the Salem Athletic Club sold the Pirates to a group led by Tennessee entrepreneur Larry Schmittou, owner of the Nashville Sounds Double-A club. Other investors included country music stars Conway Twitty, Larry Gatlin, Jerry Reed and Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys.



Country music star **Conway Twitty** was part owner of Salem's Redbirds.

Pittsburgh left the club and the team fielded a joint roster of San Diego Padres and Texas Rangers. The nickname "Redbirds" was adopted after a local Salem boy, Jimmy Fielder, won a name-the-team contest.

The Redbirds lost more games than they won over their six seasons in Salem. The 1982 team lost a Salem record 101 games.

"When the team would go on some long losing streaks, I do remember seeing fans with paper bags over their heads," said first baseman Dave Christianson. "But not every game was bad. We lost a lot of nights that year, but they were fun games because there were a ton of runs scored. I had several injuries that season, but the team was struggling enough that I was still playing. Half that season I was hurt enough that I would limp to first base if I got a hit. It was a rough year."

Despite the rough season, Christianson fell in love with Salem. A native of Chicago, he married a local girl and began to raise his family.

"I had travelled all over the West Coast, Texas and even British Columbia. I was taken back by how beautiful the Roanoke Valley was," Christianson said. "Everybody in Salem was so friendly to all the guys on the team. You couldn't go anywhere without people striking up conversations and talking baseball."

The connection of baseball and Salem has stayed with Christianson over the last 30 years. When his minor league playing days with the San Diego Padres were behind him, he started Rip City Baseball Training Center and managed the Salem American Legion team from 1997 to 2011.

"I got involved in coaching because I loved the game and wanted to give back what I got out of the game," said Christianson. "We've had hundreds of players go on to play in college and some even made it professionally. It's my passion to help kids enjoy the game as much as I have."

San Diego left the Redbirds after the 1983 season. There was talk of moving the team to Charleston, West Virginia, however, the Carolina League felt vested in the team's longevity in Salem. Texas remained with the team until 1986 fielding MLB All-Stars Mike Stanley, Mitch Williams and Kenny Rogers.

1981 - 1986

CAROLINA LEAGUE



## SALEM REDBIRDS

SAN DIEGO PADRES & TEXAS RANGERS (1981-1983)

TEXAS RANGERS (1984-1986)

C	MARK PARENT	1981, 82	13 (SDP, TEX, BAL, CHC, PIT, DET, PHO)
2B	LUIS QUINONES	1981	8 (OAK, SFG, CHC, CIN, MIN)
P	BILLY TAYLOR	1983	7 (OAK, NYM, TB, PIT)
2B	JERRY BROWNE	1985	10 (TEX, CLE, OAK, FLA)
1B	MIKE STANLEY*	1985	15 (TEX, NYY, BOS, TOR, OAK)
P	MITCH WILLIAMS*	1985	11 (TEX, CHC, PHI, HOU, CAL, KC)
C	CHAD KREUTER	1986	16 (TEX, DET, SEA, SHW, ANA, KC, LAD)
P	KENNY ROGERS*	1986	20 (TEX, NYY, OAK, MIN, DET)

336-496 OVERALL RECORD (.404 W-L%)

### Did you know?

Municipal Field is known for the outfield light poles, which are inside the wall and in play.

"Those poles were very tricky. They weren't padded when we played and you had to run around them during the game." - **Dave Parker**



Photos courtesy of Dave Christianson



Chicago native **Dave Christianson** played for the 1982 Redbirds. His love for the game led him to open Rip City Baseball Training Center for aspiring players and he coached the Salem American Legion team from 1997-2011.

1987 - 1994

CAROLINA LEAGUE



SALEM BUCCANEERS

PITTSBURGH PIRATES (1987-1994)

1B	JEFF KING	1987	11 (PIT, KC)
SS	CARLOS GARCIA*	1988, 89	10 (PIT, TOR, ANA, SD)
3B	ORLANDO MERCED	1988	13 (PIT, TOR, MIN, BOS, CHC, MON, HOU)
P	STAN BELINDA	1988	12 (PIT, KC, BOS, CIN, COL, ATL)
P	RICK REED*	1988	15 (PIT, KC, TEX, CIN, NYM, MIN)
OF	MOISES ALOU*	1989	17 (PIT, MON, FLA, HOU, CHC, SE, NYM)
3B	JOHN WEHNER	1989	11 (PIT, FLA)
P	TIM WAKEFIELD*	1990	19 (PIT, BOS)
3B	KEVIN YOUNG	1991	12 (PIT, KC)
P	RICK WHITE	1991, 92	12 (PIT, TB, NYM, COL, STL, CHW, HOU, CLE, CIN, PHIL, SEA)
OF	MIDRE CUMMINGS	1992	11 (PIT, PHIL, BOS, MIN, ARI, TB, BAL)
P	JASON CHRISTIANSEN	1992, 93	11 (PIT, STL, SF, LAA)
SS	TONY WOMACK*	1993	13 (PIT, ARI, COL, CHC, STL, NY, CIN)
P	ESTEBAN LOAIZA*	1993	14 (PIT, TEX, TOR, CHW, NY, WAS, OAK, LAD)
C	JASON KENDALL*	1994	15 (PIT, OAK, CHC, MIL, KC)

523-591 OVERALL RECORD (.469 W-L%)

A New Owner and a New Outlook

Kelvin Bowles, a cable television provider to over 20 Virginia communities, did not want to see minor league baseball disappear from Salem. A scout for the Montreal Expos, Bowles knew the team was for sale so he bought the club for \$175,000 in December 1985.

“I knew a couple of local people that were interested in buying the team, but they couldn’t put the deal together,” said Bowles, a Franklin County native. “I asked my boss in Montreal if it would be a conflict. He called me back and said, ‘Go for it.’ Two weeks later, the deal was done.”

Bowles remained a scout for the Expos and left the day-to-day operations to new General Manager Sam Lazzaro, who came to Salem from the Elmira Pioneers in the New York-Penn League. His task became a difficult one when the Rangers announced they were leaving Salem at the end of the 1986 season due to the age of Municipal Field. Instead of searching for a brand new affiliation, Lazzaro and Bowles looked to a former club affiliate.

“The Pirates had a good relationship before they left in the 1970s and came back in 1987,” Lazzaro explained. “They left it up to us to bring back the Pirates name or go with something with a new identity, so we created the Buccaneers name.”

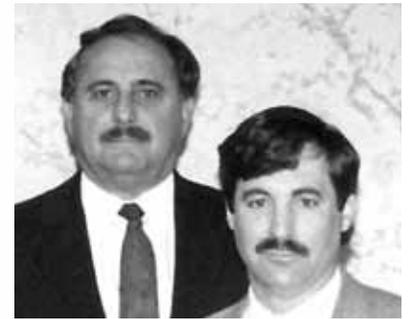
With a new owner, a new brand, new lights at Municipal Field and a fan-favorite parent club, Salem baseball was back on track. Attendance increased by 25,000 between 1986 and 1987 in large part to the hard work of Lazzaro and his staff.

“We really had to make it a carnival atmosphere. The main thing was to get people in the gate,” Lazzaro said. “Once they got here they would say, ‘Hey, this is fun! We need to come back!’ And it worked.”

The team did its part too. After a rough first half of the season, Salem rebounded and won the second half of the Northern Division. The Buccaneers beat the Kinston Indians to win Salem’s third Carolina League Championship in 1987.

“The Pirates wanted to develop a winning culture on all levels,” said Lazzaro. “They said kids needed to learn how to win. It was one of those years where everything came together. The second half we ran away with it and hid. When the playoffs arrived, we rolled right through it.”

Several seasons later, a young right-handed pitcher named Tim Wakefield was called up to the Buccaneers.



Kelvin Bowles and Sam Lazzaro brought a new attitude to Salem baseball with the Buccaneers.

Salem/Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame



Known for his mastery of the knuckleball, Tim Wakefield pitched for 20 major league seasons with Pittsburgh and Boston.

## Outgrowing Municipal Field

Drafted as a first baseman by the Pirates, Wakefield soon converted to a pitcher, which had mixed results when he arrived in Salem in 1990.

“The Pirates came to me and said, ‘We’re going to turn you into a knuckleball pitcher,’” said Wakefield, who won 200 career games with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Red Sox. “My year in Salem was my first full year as a pitcher. The only thing going through my mind at that point was that I still had a job. It was either convert to a pitcher or be released. I certainly didn’t like the latter of the two.”

Wakefield, known for his friendly personality, was the go-to player when it came to the Buccaneers’ relationship with the Salem community.

“Tim was one of the best players to work with in terms of his cooperation with the front office. What an incredible guy. Any time we needed a player, he would bend over backwards, especially with kids,” Lazzaro said. “He was just learning the knuckleball when he came here. A lot of them ended up in the houses beyond the right field wall.”

The knuckleball, a pitch that features erratic movement due to no spin of the ball, was a challenge for Wakefield, who gave up 100 earned runs and 24 home runs in his 28 starts.

“What was I? 10-14 that season? That was a great year, right?” Wakefield said, laughing. “As long as you kept it in center field, you were OK. I remember the right field wall was very short and that didn’t help.”

Wakefield was among a handful of Buccaneer players who become Major League All-Stars including Carlos Garcia, Moises Alou, Tony Womack, Esteban Loaiza and Jason Kendall.

The wall distances Wakefield struggled with were not the only things that were falling short at Municipal Field. Following that 1990 season, Major League Baseball released a set of minimum regulations for every minor league ballpark. Bowles and the City of Salem were faced with a major dilemma.



Construction began on **Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium** at a site behind the Salem Civic Center in the summer of 1994.

Bowles and Lazzaro had two clear choices when the MLB stadium regulations were released at the end of 1990... either renovate Municipal Field or build a new stadium.

Renovation was the first option considered. Features such as seating capacity, concession areas and restrooms would all have to be completely rebuilt. The light poles in the outfield would need to be removed and the walls would have to be moved further out onto 6th and Florida Streets.

“Even good teams didn’t have good pitching in our park because the fences were so short. Those routine fly balls to left center or right center field were into the houses in the neighborhood,” explained Lazzaro, who paid for every door and window whenever it was busted by a home run ball. “There were no nets there when I first started. A line drive would end up in somebody’s living room. It got to the point where I knew the neighbors on a first-name basis. They knew we would take care of them if something happened.”

The Buccaneers had simply outgrown the landlocked Municipal Field. The team and the city did not want to spend the money to buy the houses beyond the outfield walls, build a new parking lot and move the streets. A new stadium had to be built or the team would be lost.

At the time, Roanoke City Council member Mac McCadden had plans of his own to move the team to Roanoke from Salem due to the status of Municipal Field. This possibility didn’t set well with Salem Mayor Jim Taliaferro.



Salem Mayor **Jim Taliaferro** made sure a new stadium would be built.

“One morning I picked up the paper and there’s an article in there that McCadden was going to get a stadium built in downtown Roanoke and had financial backers that would purchase the Buccaneers and move them to Roanoke City,” Lazzaro said. “That morning, my phone rang at home and it was Jim Taliaferro mad as a hornet. ‘McCadden’s never going to get our ball club! I’ve got the council votes and we’re going to put that ballpark right behind the civic center!’ When he decided on something, it got done.”

On July 25, 1994, Salem City Council unanimously voted to build a new 6,500-seat baseball stadium between the Salem Civic Center and Salem Stadium at a cost of \$5 million.

The location was selected and planning began. Taliaferro formed a group with Vice Mayor Carl Tarpley, City Manager Randy Smith, Assistant City Manager Forest Jones, Architect Doc Shane and Carey Harvey Cutter, the Director of Civic Facilities, to research different minor league facilities in the region. They agreed on a design similar to Harbor Park, home to the Norfolk Tides Triple-A team.

“We were asked by the city to design a stadium and I didn’t know anything about baseball,” Shane said. “I went down to the Tides stadium and all I did was walk around the stadium. I noticed the people that would watch the game and the people that would congregate behind home plate having a good time for a nice evening. We scrapped our original idea and that led to the design of the opening when you enter the park.”



**Mike Tyler and Doc Shane** helped make the new ballpark a reality in 1994 and 1995.

Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium, the chosen name, was set to be built to Double-A standards with the ability to expand to a Triple-A capacity. Many city departments, such as the Street and Building Maintenance, Water, Electric and Engineering Departments, played vital roles in the construction. However, costs escalated and the \$5

million estimate quickly ballooned to more than twice that. There was some community backlash when the final cost was known.

“Well, how was I supposed to know how much it would cost? We never built a baseball stadium before!” Taliaferro said in 1995. “We certainly didn’t know it was going to cost \$12 million.”

During construction, the affiliation contract with the Pirates expired. With a brand new stadium, Salem became a hot commodity and essentially had the freedom to choose what franchise to bring in.

“With the new stadium on the horizon, we were in the driver’s seat,” Lazzaro said. “We had organizations coming to us that were interested. The New York Yankees, Cincinnati Reds, Boston Red Sox and Houston Astros came to us, and the Pirates didn’t really want to leave. But Colorado was an up-and-coming expansion team and they were willing to spend money for a good farm system.”

Instead of adopting the Colorado Rockies nickname, Lazzaro and his staff looked for something original. They settled on the Avalanche.

The new Salem Avalanche started the 1995 season at Municipal Field with hopes of moving into the new stadium during the year. Billboards were sold and skybox and season

tickets were bought, but the facility wasn’t quite ready.

“We asked for a fast track project and so many different city departments worked together and got it done,” said Mike Tyler, Building Maintenance Superintendent. “It was a fun project because it was out of the norm. Even the small things like welding the foul poles here in the shop were fun.”

The project had its hiccups during the winter, which included keeping the concrete warm enough to cure in the cold conditions. By the time summer rolled around, the stadium was nearing completion and the lights were up for testing.

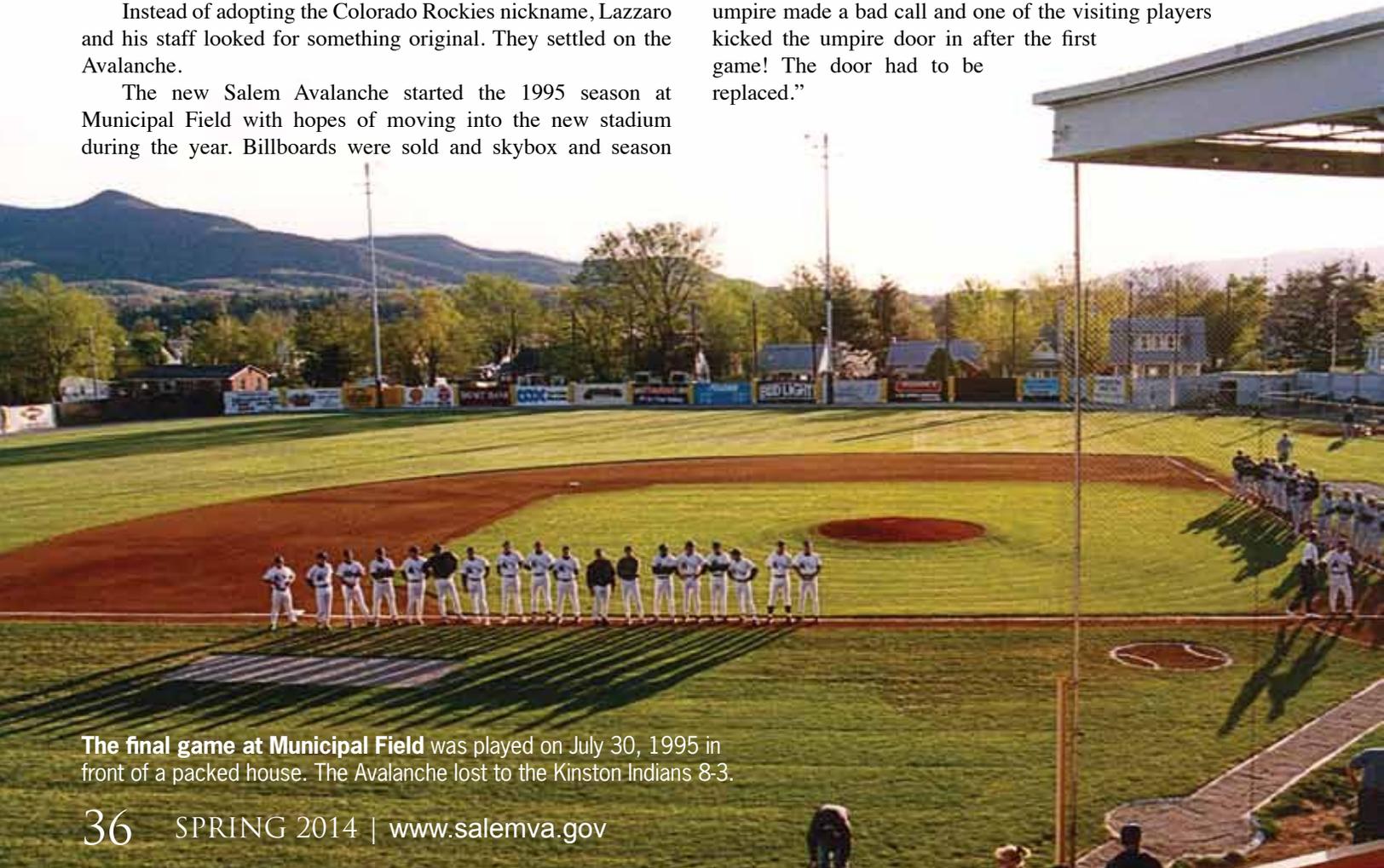
“I remember the night we turned the lights on for the first time,” Tyler said. “It looked so cool. We knew at that moment that we had a gem here and such a nice place to hang out.”

At the end of July, the team went on an extended road trip and when they returned the ballpark was good to go.

“When we got the green light to start a home stand at the new ballpark, there was a staff of six of us and two interns. We basically worked day and night for seven days moving everything we could,” said Stan Macko, stadium groundskeeper. “We had to maintain both fields for a bit until the city said it was finally ready. It was a cool thing to be a part of because we didn’t have any idea what we were doing, but we were having fun doing it. It was a blur of a week and very crazy.”

The week culminated on August 7, 1995 with the grand opening of Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium in front of a crowd of 6,421 fans. The Avalanche beat the Frederick Keys 3-2 in a marathon 15-inning game. After the game, Shane realized he had made a minor blunder with the stadium design.

“I placed the umpire locker room right next to the visitors locker room, which ended up being a mistake,” joked Shane. “An umpire made a bad call and one of the visiting players kicked the umpire door in after the first game! The door had to be replaced.”



The final game at Municipal Field was played on July 30, 1995 in front of a packed house. The Avalanche lost to the Kinston Indians 8-3.

1995 - 2002

CAROLINA LEAGUE



SALEM AVALANCHE

COLORADO ROCKIES (1995-2002)

P	JAMEY WRIGHT	1995	18+ (COL, MIL, STL, KC, SF, TEX, CLE, SEA, LAD, TB)
1B	LARRY WALKER*	1996	17 (MON, COL, STL)
2B	ERIC YOUNG*	1996	15 (LAD, COL, CHC, MIL, SF, TEX, SD)
P	BILL SWIFT	1996	13 (SEA, SF, COL)
P	CURT LESKANIC	1996	11 (COL, MIL, KC, BOS)
P	SHAWN CHACON*	1998-99	8 (COL, NYY, PIT, HOU)
SS	CHONE FIGGINS*	1999-00	11 (LAA, SEA)
C	JOSH BARD	2000	10 (CLE, BOS, SD, WAS, SEA)
OF	MATT HOLLIDAY*	2000-01	10+ (COL, OAK, STL)
SS	JUAN URIBE	2000	13+ (COL, CHW, SF, LAD)
P	AARON COOK*	2000-01	11 (COL, BOS)
P	JASON JENNINGS	2000	9 (COL, HOU, TEX)
P	CLINT BARMES	2001	11+ (COL, HOU, PIT)
1B	BRAD HAWPE*	2002	9 (COL, TB, SD, LAA)

541-571 OVERALL RECORD (.487 W-L%)



Photo courtesy of Stan Macko

The 2001 Avalanche won the Mills Cup title the night before September 11.

Winning Another Title

Six years after settling into the new stadium, the Avalanche were enjoying well deserved success. The 1999 season marked the first time attendance drew in excess of 200,000 fans and the team was winning games.

Two seasons later, Macko was elevated to General Manager and the Avalanche earned their way back into the Carolina League playoffs for the first time since 1988. The Kinston Indians won both halves of the Southern Division, but due to a new league rule stating that if a team won both halves, the runner-up in the second half would be given a wild card entry. Salem finished second and had a chance.



2001 General Manager Stan Macko recalls the championship year.

“We squeaked into the playoffs with that wild card spot and pulled off the upset over Kinston,” Macko explained. “We knew there was something special. The team had a lot of gamers. They weren’t stars at the time, but they came together at the end. That team was a lot of fun.”

That 2001 team featured nine future major league players including Matt Holliday, Clint Barmes, Choo Freeman, Aaron Cook and John Lindsey.

“Lindsey stepped up in the championship game with a few home runs and we pulled it off,” said Macko. “We had some great crowds in that series. What a special night that was winning the title.”

That September 10, 2001 championship night featured plenty of champagne toasts. Knowing that would be the final game of the season, many players already had their bags packed to travel home on the morning of September 11.

“We celebrated quite a bit that night we won, so we were all rolling into the office at different times not knowing what was going on,” Macko said when he learned about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. “All these players had flights going out and some had already taken off from Roanoke. We were getting sparse messages about where our guys were.”

Many of the foreign-born players never left Roanoke and remained at the team hotel for the week following. All the American players were on the road or in the air. Some got as far as Cincinnati where they stayed with Aaron Cook, who was from that area. The rest managed to make it home safely.

Colorado remained the parent club of the Avalanche for one more season. In the eight seasons with the Rockies, All-Star players like Larry Walker, Eric Young, Shawn Chacon, Chone Figgins, Holliday, Cook and Brad Hawpe played for the Avalanche.

The Houston Astros, who showed interest in moving their Single-A team to Salem in 1995, became the team affiliate in 2003. John Katz was hired as the new

## 2003 - 2008 CAROLINA LEAGUE



### SALEM AVALANCHE HOUSTON ASTROS (2003-2008)

P	WANDY RODRIGUEZ	2003	9+ (HOU, PIT)
OF	LUKE SCOTT	2004	9 (HOU, BAL, TB)
OF	HUNTER PENCE*	2005	7+ (HOU, PHI, SF)
SS	BEN ZOBRIST*	2005	8+ (TB)
P	MATT ALBERS	2005	8+ (HOU, BAL, BOS, ARI, CLE)
P	TROY PATTON	2005-06	5+ (HOU, BAL)
P	FELIPE PAULINO	2006	5+ (HOU, COL, KC, CHW)
3B	CHRIS JOHNSON	2007	5+ (HOU, ARI, ATL)
P	BRIAN BOGUSEVIC	2007-08	4+ (HOU, CHC, MIA)
P	BUD NORRIS	2007	5+ (HOU, BAL)
<b>416-418 OVERALL RECORD (.499 W-L%)</b>			



#### Did you know?

Mugsy, the lovable Saint Bernard mascot, has been in Salem since 1997. Pepsi paid for the costume and named it after Mug Root Beer.

general manager at the end of the 2005 season. During the 2006 year, Salem was set to host its first California-Carolina League All-Star game, however, dismal weather posed a real threat.

“In the days leading up to that All-Star game, it rained four days straight,” Katz said. “Luckily, on game day it stopped in the early afternoon, maybe around 2 o’clock. The home run derby went off without a hitch and we played the game. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff. The Carolina League ended up winning the game, which was great for us.”

Just a few days after the success of the All-Star game, Kelvin Bowles surprised the Salem community by announcing he was selling the team to a group of investors known as Hardball Capital from Atlanta, Georgia.

“Hardball Capital was always interested in buying a team,” Bowles said about selling the team on July 15, 2006. “I called them and said I’d talk about it. The more we talked, the closer we got. When the day came I was happy and sad at the same time.”

Bowles, who attended games on a regular basis, cared more about the team winning than how much money was brought in at the gate. He originally bought the team to keep minor league baseball in Salem, but was now ready to hand over the reigns.

“Twenty-one years is a long time. There were other things I wanted to do, like relax and sleep well at night,” said Bowles. “I definitely made sure the team would never leave Salem. With this great stadium and the strong support of the city and fans, the league would never allow this team to move. I still enjoy going to the games. It’s part of my life.”

Katz remained General Manager through the transition and the fan support remained strong.

“Our main reason for success was the relationship with the city. The city as a whole ‘gets it’,” Katz said. “There was never anything we couldn’t accomplish when we worked together with the city to make things happen.”

All-Star players Hunter Pence and Ben Zobrist both played for the Avalanche while under the Houston umbrella.

## Fenway Sports Management

The Avalanche had success on the field during the 2007 campaign and played for the Mills Cup championship, losing to the Frederick Keys. Three months later, Hardball Capital sold the team to Fenway Sports Management, a sister company to the Boston Red Sox. The financial terms were undisclosed.

“We always had an interest in acquiring a minor league team,” said Tim Zue, Vice President of Business Development for FSM. “It made things easier to purchase an affiliate in terms of player development and we wanted to bring back our Advanced-A team to the Carolina League.”



Attendance was at an all-time high with over a quarter-million fans passing through the gates of Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium.

“We also wanted a market that was passionate and had history because Boston has that passion and history as well,” Zue said. “Salem is a market that embraces all sports and is a region with a rich history. That was very appealing to us and it became a perfect fit.”

The Houston Astros remained, along with the Avalanche name, for the 2008 season. In 2009, FSM brought the Red Sox affiliation to town and rebranded the team to what it is today – The Salem Red Sox.

Since coming to Salem, the Salem Red Sox have had 18 players advance to play in the major leagues, mostly with parent club Boston. Since the Boston Red Sox play on television more frequently than the Colorado Rockies and Houston Astros, local fans are able to spot familiar faces in the big leagues.

“It’s a source of pride now that we’re starting to see players that played

Photo courtesy of Billie Weiss/Boston Red Sox



**Will Middlebrooks** and **Xander Bogaerts** both played for the Salem Red Sox on their way to playing for the World Series Champion Boston Red Sox.

in Salem now playing here in Boston,” said Zue. “You see a guy like Will Middlebrooks or Xander Bogaerts starting in the World Series. That’s only a few years removed from playing in Salem.”

Advertising today is more media friendly than it was 20 years or even 10 years ago. Salem’s new general manager, Ryan Shelton, is using innovative ways to bring more fans into the stadium.

“Social media is vital to our advertising and our reach has doubled over the past year. Every day we can promote the night’s game to our fans,” Shelton said. “The fans need to be entertained. We hired a full time promotions and marketing manager who has experience. We’re bringing in creativity and new things to put bodies in the building and bring fans back.”

That creativity includes a special “Turn Back the Clock Night” on May 20 when the team will once again become the Salem-Roanoke Friends for the evening. Special throwback uniforms will be worn for the event.

## The Fabric of Salem

This season marks the diamond anniversary of the first pitch thrown in Salem. The city has the third-longest tenure with Carolina League behind Lynchburg & Winston-Salem in part due to the community support throughout the years. Faces and facilities have changed, but summer nights at the ballpark remain a constant.

“Baseball has been part of the fabric of this community for so many years that it’s hard to think about not having baseball here in Salem,” Harveycutter said. “It’s one of those things that makes Salem what it is. It puts Salem on the map.”

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Salem’s scenic setting lingers in the minds of the athletes who played at both ballparks, even after more than 20 years.

“Salem was such a beautiful place to play,” Wakefield said. “Coming from Florida, I didn’t get time to spend in a mountainous area. It was picturesque to play ball there with that backdrop.”

In addition to players, former staff members still have lasting impressions of their time in Salem.

“My first impression and last impression of Salem was and will always be the people,” said Katz, now the general manager for the Savannah Sand Gnats. “A place like Salem will stay with you for the rest of your life.”

The relationship between the City of Salem and Fenway Sports Management continues to flourish. There are no talks of them leaving Salem because of the strong tradition in the Carolina League and loyal fans who return year after year.

“Salem is a great baseball town,” said Lazzaro, now an attorney in Salem. “This will always be the Roanoke Valley team, but the success is being here in Salem. Salem does it right.” 

## 2009 - TODAY

CAROLINA LEAGUE



## SALEM RED SOX BOSTON RED SOX (2009-TODAY)

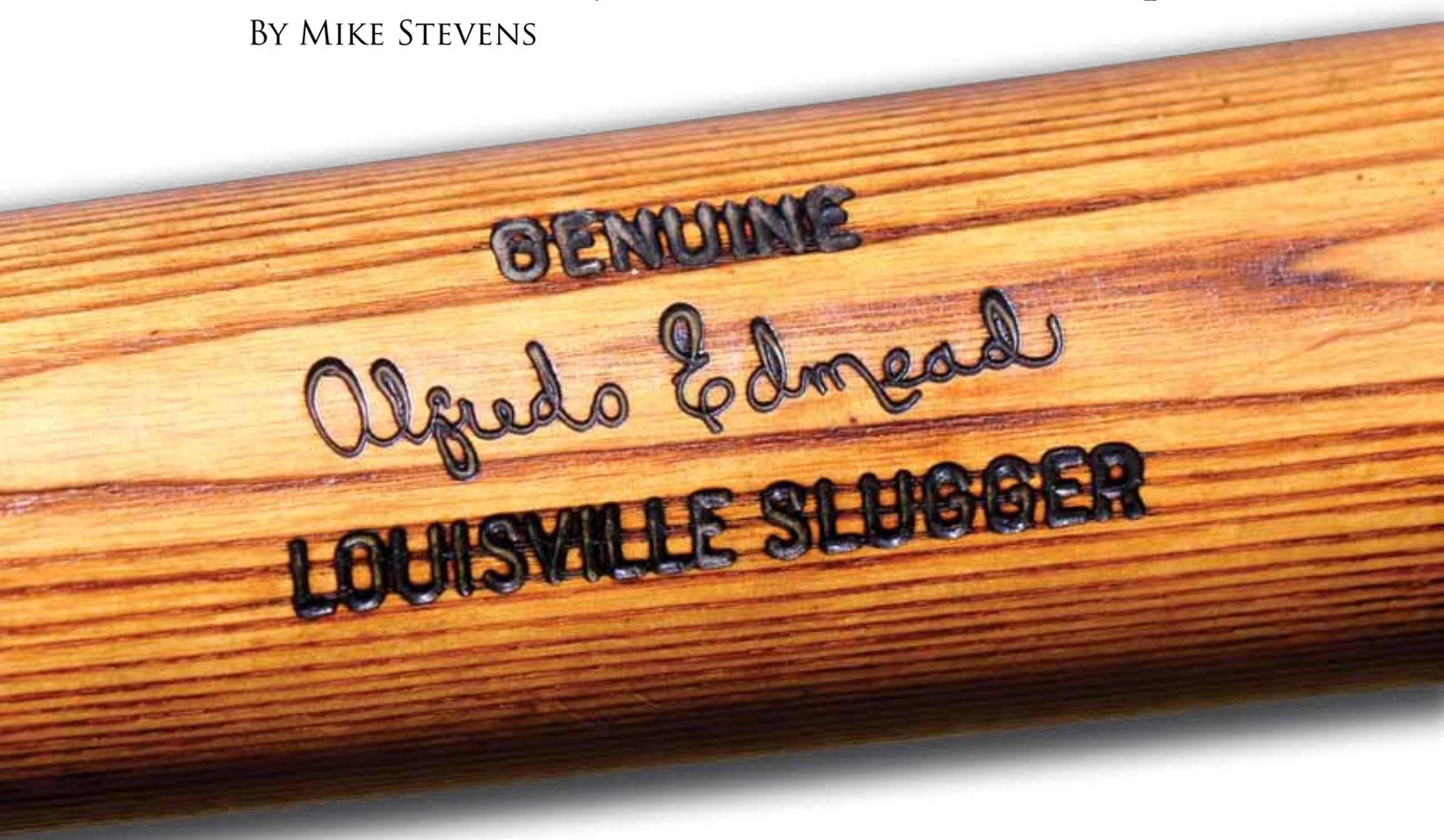
C	TIM FEDEROWICZ	2009-10	3+ (LAD)
OF	DANIEL NAVA	2009	3+ (BOS)
1B	ANTHONY RIZZO	2009	3+ (SD, CHC)
P	STEPHEN FIFE	2009	2+ (LAD)
P	CASEY KELLY	2009	1+ (SD)
C	RYAN LAVARNWAY	2010	3+ (BOS)
3B	WILL MIDDLEBROOKS	2010	2+ (BOS)
P	CESAR CABRAL	2010-11	1+ (NYY)
P	MIGUEL GONZALEZ	2010-11	2+ (BAL)
P	STOLMY PIMENTEL	2010-11	1+ (PIT)
P	ALEX WILSON	2010	1+ (BOS)
P	DRAKE BRITTON	2011	1+ (BOS)
P	RYAN PRESSLEY	2011	1+ (MIN)
P	JUNICHI TAZAWA	2011	4+ (BOS)
SS	XANDER BOGAERTS	2012	1+ (BOS)
OF	JACKIE BRADLEY	2012	1+ (BOS)
P	DAISUKE MATSUZAKA	2012	7 (BOS, NYM)
P	BRANDON WORKMAN	2012	1+ (BOS)

348-345 OVERALL RECORD (.502 W-L% ENTERING 2014)

# Remembering a Fallen Pirate

Alfredo Edmead's memory lives on thanks to a local sports fan.

BY MIKE STEVENS



GENUINE  
Alfredo Edmead  
LOUISVILLE SLUGGER

As you've read in the previous pages, nothing short of a World War or the collapse of a league has stopped baseball in Salem. In fact, not even the death of a star player could derail it.

Forty years ago this season, on the hallowed grounds of old Municipal Field, a promising 18-year-old prospect in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization died right on the field.

Alfredo Edmead, who was one of 11 children in his large Dominican Republic family, left his homeland in early 1974 and headed to Salem to chase his dream of playing professional baseball. In his first season as a pro, he not only learned to speak English, but also how to crush a baseball.

Thanks in large part to Edmead's talents, the Salem Pirates won both halves of the Carolina league season in dominating fashion in 1974. As the prized rookie approached the end of August, his offensive statistics were staggering for a seasoned veteran, much less a first-year player. Edmead was



**Alfredo Edmead** was considered to be better than Roberto Clemente.

hitting nearly .330 for the year and 119 games into the season he had amazingly driven in 59 runs and stolen exactly 59 bases.

Some scouts in the Pirates' organization reportedly believed, and even said publicly, that Edmead was a better prospect than the great Roberto Clemente. In fact, the Pirates thought so much of Edmead that they gave him the largest bonus ever paid to a player from the Dominican Republic when they signed him in the winter of 1973.

But ironically, like Clemente, he would leave this earth way too soon. On August 22, 1974, a fly ball filled the night sky along the right field area of the outfield that borders Florida Street. As Edmead rushed in to make a diving catch, second baseman Pablo Cruz was running

out trying to do the same from his infield position at second base. As they converged on the ball, Edmead's head crashed into one of Cruz's knees and he was knocked unconscious.

Newspaper accounts of the incident said that Edmead died

from a skull fracture and massive brain injuries. He was taken to Lewis Gale Hospital where he was officially pronounced dead, although many of the players in that game believe he died in right field. Cruz reportedly was wearing one of the steel knee braces that were very common in that era. Edmead's head hit the metal part of the brace at full speed, giving him almost no chance of surviving the collision.

The tragic accident occurred just one day after he was named to the Carolina League all-star team, and since it was the first on-the-field death in professional baseball since the 1920s, it even made news in the September 2, 1974 edition of Sports Illustrated.

"It's a relatively unknown and obscure story, but there will always be an interest in the weird and the unusual things that happen on the field, because they are very, very rare," says Todd Marcum. "It will always be a footnote in the game of professional baseball."



**Kim Clark** and Marcum owned the Trading Block in the late 1980s.

Marcum is an avid baseball fan who has been spewing trivia and collecting memorabilia related to the history of America's pastime his entire life. He is now the President of Roanoke-based Access Advertising, but back in the late 1980s and early 1990s he and his good friend Kim Clark owned and operated the Trading Block, a successful baseball card shop in the Wasena area of Roanoke.

One day, a longtime Salem baseball fan named Rich Epperly showed up at the shop looking to sell Clark a piece of local history, the actual bat that Edmead had in the dugout on that fateful night.

"Rich had specifically sought out Kim because he knew he appreciated local sports items as much as anyone, and Rich wanted someone to have the bat who would cherish it as much as he did," says Marcum.

The Hillerich and Bradsby Company has been making signature bats for professional players with their names literally burned into the wooden barrels of the bats since 1905 when Honus Wagner gave the company permission to use his autograph on their bats. That day, Epperly sold his signature Edmead bat for \$100.

"Kim bought this bat as a keepsake and never had any intention of marketing it or selling it, and I plan to do the same," says Marcum.

And that brings us to the explanation of how Marcum ended up with a huge piece of Salem baseball history. Clark, himself, died way too soon, passing in January of 2011 from complications caused by Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was just 52.

His widow, Bonnie, asked Marcum to liquidate her late husband's extensive collection of sports memorabilia to help create a college fund for their daughter. She also mandated that Marcum keep a few things for himself as a way of honoring his longtime friend and former business partner.

"Someone living in Sheboygan would have a marginal interest in the bat at best, but for me it is a legitimate piece of the valley's baseball heritage and something that should be revered," says Marcum. "Most importantly, the bat is something that will always give me a direct connection to Kim."

And that makes it a signature piece of any friendship, as well as a signature part of Salem's rich baseball history. 🐦



**Todd Marcum** holds the bat Alfredo Edmead likely used the night he died at Municipal Field on August 22, 1974.



Edmead takes a swing while friend Pablo Cruz stands on deck.



# CITY f SALEM

2013 WATER QUALITY REPORT

**W**e're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is the Roanoke River, and three (3) ground water wells. In emergency situations we purchase or exchange water with the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA).

The Virginia Department of Health has

completed a source water assessment for our waterworks system. This assessment provides information on possible sources of contamination to our source water. As determined by the source water assessment, the possibility of contamination to our water source (Roanoke River) is high. This is due to the fact that surface water is exposed to an inconsistent array of contaminants at varying concentrations due to changing hydrologic, hydraulic and atmospheric conditions with land use activities of concern in the assessment area. To view a copy of this water assessment, please contact the City of Salem Water Department office at 540-375-3029.

**Please remember that we need your help in the protection of this valuable water resource.**

**WHAT'S NEW?**

We constantly monitor for various constituents in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. Monitoring various sites in the distribution system helps us to better protect public health. During 2013 your water system conducted the triennial lead and copper monitoring.

For those of you that assisted us in this process I want to thank you for your assistance. I hope that you will continue to help ensure that your water and the water of all your fellow citizens remain within the health standards required by the Virginia Department of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection (USEPA). Also this year we will be doing Assessment Monitoring for 21 contaminants. This will assist the USEPA in acquiring scientifically valid data on the possible occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water.

**WHO CAN I CONTACT?**

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions concerning this report or your water utility, please contact Frank Young – Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, or Marcus Potts – Chemist at 540-375-3029. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings. They are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month in council chambers.

The City of Salem Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water mandated by Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2013. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

*Non-Detects (ND)* - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* - one part per million corresponds to one

minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

*Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter* - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

*Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)* - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

*Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)* - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

*Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)* - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

*Millirems per year (mrem/yr)* - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

*Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)* - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

*Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)* - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

*Action Level* - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

*Treatment Technique (TT)* - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

*Maximum Contaminant Level* - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal* - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The USEPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by

public water systems. (MCL's are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks two (2) liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. The USEPA generally sets MCL's at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same public health protection. This table lists contaminants that had some level of detection. Many other contaminants were analyzed for but were not present or were below the detection limits of the lab equipment. Most of the results in the table are from testing done in 2012. However, state and federal agencies allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of the contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or [www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html)

To learn even more about your water after reviewing this report, please call our office at 540-375-3029 or visit the City's website at [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov)

We at the City of Salem Water Department work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

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<b>TEST RESULTS</b>						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	2 samples	P/A	0	presence of coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
2. Fecal coliform and <i>E.coli</i>	N	0 samples	P/A	0	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	Human and animal fecal waste
3. Turbidity	N	0.019-0.051	NTU	n/a	0.3	Soil runoff
4. Cryptosporidium <b>Most recent monitoring period 2008-2010</b>	N	1-2	Oocysts per 10 liters	0	99% removal by filtration plus addition as required under the LT2ESWTR	Human and animal fecal waste <b>THIS IS UNTREATED WATER!!</b>
5. Giardia lamblia <b>Most recent monitoring period 2008-2010</b>	N	2-7	Cysts per 10 liters	0	99.9% removal or inactivation	Human and animal fecal waste <b>THIS IS UNTREATED WATER!!</b>
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>						
6. Beta/photon emitters	N	2.0	pCi/1	0	4	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
7. Alpha emitters	N	<1.1	pCi/1	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
8. Combined radium	N	0.8	pCi/1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
9. Antimony	N	< 2	ppb	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
10. Arsenic	N	< 2	ppb	n/a	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
11. Aluminum	N	0.08	ppm	0.05-0.20	0.20	Metal used in electrical conductors, explosives, paints, photography, utensils
12. Barium	N	0.048	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Beryllium	N	< 2	ppb	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
14. Cadmium	N	< 2	ppb	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
15. Chromium	N	< 10	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
16. Corrosivity	N	10.7	Aggr	n/a	noncorrosive	Physical property of water
17. Silver	N	<0.01	ppm	n/a	0.10	Naturally occurring in environment
18. Chloride	N	16.2	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring in environment
19. Sulfate	N	30.9	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring in environment
20. pH	N	7.27-8.09	pH units	n/a	6.6 – 8.5	Acidity or basicity of water
21. Total dissolved solids	N	211	ppm	n/a	500	Physical property of water
22. Iron	N	< 0.05	ppm	n/a	0.3	Naturally occurring in environment
23. Manganese	N	0.01	ppm	n/a	0.05	Naturally occurring in environment
24. Nickel	N	< 0.01	ppm	n/a	0.1	Naturally occurring in environment, Used in alloys, protective coatings

25. Zinc	N	< 0.01	ppm	n/a	5	Naturally occurring in environment, Used in alloys, batteries, fungicides
26. Color	N	<5	Color units	n/a	15	Physical property of water
27. Sodium	N	7.24	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in environment
28. Chlorine	N	0.73-1.57	ppm	4	4	Required disinfectant added during the treatment process to eliminate bacteria
29. Fluoride	N	0.59-0.78	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
30. Cyanide	N	<0.02	ppm	0.2	0.2	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
31. Mercury (inorganic)	N	< 0.2	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
32. Nitrate/Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	N	0.48	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
33. Ortho Phosphate	N	<0.05	ppm	n/a	n/a	Used in drinking water treatment
34. Selenium	N	< 0.01	ppm	0.05	0.05	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
35. Thallium	N	< 2	ppb	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories
36. Hardness	n/a	131-225	ppm	n/a	n/a	Primary dissolved limestone minerals from soil and rock materials
37. Alkalinity	n/a	105-182	ppm	n/a	n/a	Primary dissolved limestone minerals from soil and rock materials
<b>Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides</b>						
38. 2,4-D	N	< 0.5	ppb	70	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
39. 2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	N	< 0.5	ppb	50	50	Residue of banned herbicide
40. Carbaryl	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	700	A pesticide used on forest lands
41. Alachlor	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	2	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
42. Atrazine	N	< 0.5	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
43. Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH)	N	< 0.2	ppb	0	0.2	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
44. Carbofuran	N	< 0.9	ppb	40	40	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
45. Chlordane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	2	Residue of banned termiticide
46. Dalapon	N	< 0.5	ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
47. Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	N	< 0.5	ppb	400	400	Discharge from chemical factories
48. Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
49. Dibromochloropropane	N	< 0.2	ppb	0	0.2	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
50. Dinoseb	N	< 0.5	ppb	7	7	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
51. Diquat	N	< 0.4	ppb	20	20	Runoff from herbicide use
52. Methomyl	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	200	Broad spectrum insecticide
53. Aldicarb Sulfoxide	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	4	Runoff from insecticide use, applied directly to soil
54. Aldicarb Sulfone	N	< 0.7	ppb	0	2	Runoff from insecticide use, applied directly to soil
55. Aldicarb	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	3	Runoff from insecticide use, applied directly to soil

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56. Ethylene dibromide	N	< 0.1	ppb	0	0.05	Discharge from petroleum refineries
57. Dicamba	N	< 0.1	ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide use
58. Heptachlor	N	< 0.04	ppb	0	0.4	Residue of banned termiticide
59. Heptachlor epoxide	N	< 0.02	ppb	0	0.2	Breakdown of heptachlor
60. Hexachlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	1	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
61. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	N	< 0.5	ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
62. Lindane	N	< 0.02	ppb	0.2	0.2	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
63. Methoxychlor	N	< 0.5	ppb	40	40	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
64. Oxamyl [Vydate]	N	< 1.0	ppb	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
65. PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls]	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	0.5	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
66. Pentachlorophenol	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
67. Picloram	N	< 0.5	ppb	500	500	Herbicide runoff
68. Simazine	N	< 0.5	ppb	4	4	Herbicide runoff
69. Toxaphene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	3	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
70. Benzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
71. Carbon tetrachloride	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
72. Chlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
73. o-Dichlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	600	600	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
74. p-Dichlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	75	75	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
75. 1,2 - Dichloroethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
76. 1,1 - Dichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
77. cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	70	70	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
78. trans - 1,2 -Dichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
79. Dichloromethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
80. 1,2-Dichloropropane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
81. Ethylbenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	700	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
82. Styrene	N	< 0.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
83. Tetrachloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
84. 1,2,4 -Trichlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	70	70	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
85. 1,1,1 - Trichloroethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	200	200	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
86. 1,1,2 -Trichloroethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	3	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
87. Trichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
88. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	9.5-41.1	ppm	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

89. HAA5 [Haloacetic acids]	N	15.7-34.8	ppm	n/a	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
90. Toluene	N	< 0.5	ppm	1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories
91. Vinyl Chloride	N	< 0.2	ppb	0	2	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories
92. Xylenes	N	< 0.5	ppb	1000	1000	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
<b>Total Organic Carbon</b>						
93. Total Organic Carbon	N	0.66-1.26	ppm	n/a	Treatment Technique (see note #93)	Naturally present in the environment

### Lead and Copper Analysis ( Most recent monitoring period 2013)\*

Contaminant	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Action Level Exceeded	Samples > AL	Typical Source of Contamination
Copper	ppm	1.3	AL= 1.3	0.087	No	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	ppb	0	AL=15	7.7	No	0	

#### Analysis frequency is every three years; thirty samples are collected from the distribution system

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Salem Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your tested. Information on lead in drinking, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Testing water in the City of Salem water lab.



## Microbiological Contaminants:

(1) **Total Coliform.** Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

(2) **Fecal coliform/E.Coli.** Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

(3) **Turbidity.** Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

(4) **Cryptosporidium.** Pathogenic protozoa that is widely distributed in nonpotable water supplies. This organism can cause gastrointestinal illness (e.g. diarrhea, vomiting, cramps).

(5) **Giardia lamblia.** Pathogenic protozoa that is widely distributed in nonpotable water supplies. This organism can cause gastrointestinal illness (e.g. diarrhea, vomiting, cramps).

## Radioactive Contaminants:

(6) **Beta/Photon emitters.** Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

(7) **Alpha emitters.** Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

(8) **Combined Radium 226/228.** Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

## Inorganic Contaminants:

(9) **Antimony.** Some people who drink water containing antimony well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience increases in blood cholesterol and decreases in blood sugar.

(10) **Arsenic.** Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

(11) **Aluminum.** People at risk for health problems include dialysis patients. Symptoms of chronic aluminum exposure include softening of the bones and brain dysfunction.

(12) **Barium.** Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

(13) **Beryllium.** Some people who drink water containing beryllium well in excess of the MCL over many years could develop intestinal lesions.

(14) **Cadmium.** Some people who drink water containing cadmium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.

(15) **Chromium.** Some people who use water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.

(16) **Copper.** Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess



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of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

(17) **Silver.** Since silver is not a health benefit for living organisms in any way, the body has a low capacity for absorbing it. Low amounts of ionic silver water intake are not harmful or life threatening in any way, but large intakes can prove to be extremely toxic. Water guidelines suggest an incredibly low amount of silver within drinking water because a high concentration of silver water can bond while boiling and create silver oxide. Silver water that contains silver nitrate can be even more harmful and cause dizziness, diarrhea, and vomiting.

(18) **Chloride.** Chlorides are usually not harmful to people, however they can corrode metals and effect the taste of food products.

(19) **Sulfate.** Health concerns regarding sulfate in drinking water have been raised because of reports that diarrhea may be associated with the ingestion of water containing high levels of sulfate.

(20) **pH.** The U.S. E.P.A. does not regulate pH levels in drinking water, it is classified as a secondary water contaminant whose impact is considered aesthetic.

(21) **Total dissolved solids.** Total dissolved solids can give water a murky appearance and detract from the taste quality of the water.

(22) **Iron.** Elevated iron levels in water can cause stains in plumbing, laundry, and cooking utensils, and can impart objectionable tastes and colors to food.

(23) **Manganese.** Elevated manganese levels in water can cause stains in plumbing, laundry, and cooking utensils. Upon exposure to air or other oxidants, manganese will usually precipitate black.

(24) **Nickel.** Nickel is not known to cause any health problems when people are exposed to levels above the MCL for relatively short periods of time

(25) **Zinc.** Harmful effects generally begin at levels 10-15 times higher than the amount needed for good health. Large doses taken by mouth even for a short time can cause stomach cramps, nausea, and vomiting.

(26) **Color.** Color in drinking water is classified as a secondary water contaminant whose impact is considered aesthetic.

(27) **Sodium.** An essential element required for normal body function including nerve impulse transmission, fluid regulation, and muscle contraction and relaxation. However, in excess amounts, sodium increases individual risk of hypertension, heart disease, and stroke. One of the chief sources of sodium is the consumption of salt; therefore salt restrictions are often recommended as a first-line of treatment for individuals suffering from these conditions.

(28) **Chlorine.** Some people who use drinking water containing chlorine well in excess of EPA's standard could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose and stomach discomfort.

(29) **Fluoride.** Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.

(30) **Cyanide.** Nerve damage or thyroid problems.

(31) **Mercury (inorganic).** Some people who drink water containing inorganic mercury well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.

(32) **Nitrate.** Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.

(33) **Orthophosphate.** A commonly used corrosion inhibitor that is added to finished drinking water. Orthophosphate works by forming a protective coating inside of pipes in the distribution system and in customer homes to prevent lead from leaching into drinking water. It is approved for use in drinking water treatment by the USEPA, and certified by the National Sanitation Federation. It is not used at the City of Salem Water Plant.

(34) **Selenium.** Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail losses, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.

(35) **Thallium.** Some people who drink water containing thallium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair loss, changes in their blood, or problems with their kidneys, intestines, or liver.

(36) **Hardness.** Hardness does not pose a health risk and is not regulated by state or federal agencies. It often causes aesthetic problems, such as scaling on pipes and fixture; lowers detergent performance.

(37) **Alkalinity.** High alkalinity does not pose a health risk, but can cause aesthetic problems.

## Synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides:

(38) **2,4-D.** Some people who drink water containing the weed killer 2,4-D well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys, liver, or adrenal glands.

(39) **2,4,5-TP (Silvex).** Some people who drink water containing silvex in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver problems.

(40) **Carbaryl.** Carbaryl may reduce learning ability and aggravate viral diseases.

(41) **Alachlor.** Some people who drink water containing alachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could

have problems with their eyes, liver, kidneys, or spleen, or experience anemia, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(42) Atrazine.** Some people who drink water containing atrazine well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their cardiovascular system or reproductive difficulties.

**(43) Benzo(a)pyrene [PAH].** Some people who drink water containing benzo(a)pyrene in excess of the MCL over many years may experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(44) Carbofuran.** Some people who drink water containing carbofuran in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood, or nervous or reproductive systems.

**(45) Chlordane.** Some people who drink water containing chlordane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(46) Dalapon.** Some people who drink water containing dalapon well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience minor kidney changes.

**(47) Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate.** Some people who drink water containing di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience general toxic effects or reproductive difficulties.

**(48) Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate.** Some people who drink water containing di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in excess of the MCL over many years may have problems with their liver, or experience reproductive difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(49) Dibromochloropropane (DBCP).** Some people who drink water containing DBCP in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(50) Dinoseb.** Some people who drink water containing dinoseb well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.

**(51) Diquat.** Some people who drink water containing diquat in excess of the MCL over many years could get cataracts.

**(52) Methomyl.** Repeated exposure to methomyl may cause an unsuspected inhibition of cholinesterase, resulting in flu-like symptoms, such as weakness, lack of appetite, and muscle aches.

**(53) Aldicarb Sulfoxide.** The primary route of human exposure to aldicarb sulfoxide is consumption of food and of contaminated water especially wells. There may be adverse immune system effects associated with long term ingestion of aldicarb sulfoxide.

**(54) Aldicarb Sulfone.** The primary route of human exposure to aldicarb sulfone is consumption of food and of contaminated water especially wells. There may be adverse immune system effects associated with long term ingestion of aldicarb sulfone.

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**(56) Ethylene dibromide.** Some people who drink water containing ethylene dibromide in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, stomach, reproductive system, or kidneys, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(57) Dicamba.** Chronic exposure to dicamba can lead to the loss of appetite, vomiting, shortness of breath, and bluing of the skin and gums.

**(58) Heptachlor.** Some people who drink water containing heptachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver damage and may have an

increased risk of getting cancer.

**(59) Heptachlor epoxide.** Some people who drink water containing heptachlor epoxide in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver damage, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(60) Hexachlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing hexachlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys, or adverse reproductive effects, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(61) Hexachlorocyclopentadiene.** Some people who drink water containing hexachlorocyclopentadiene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or stomach.

**(62) Lindane.** Some people who drink water containing lindane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or liver.

**(63) Methoxychlor.** Some people who drink water containing methoxychlor in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.

**(64) Oxamyl [Vydate].** Some people who drink water containing oxamyl in excess of the MCL over many years could experience slight nervous system effects.

**(65) PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls].** Some people who drink water containing PCBs in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their skin, problems with their thymus gland, immune deficiencies, or reproductive or nervous system difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(66) Pentachlorophenol.** Some people who drink water containing pentachlorophenol in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(67) Picloram.** Some people who drink water containing picloram in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(68) Simazine.** Some people who drink water containing simazine in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood.

**(69) Toxaphene.** Some people who drink water containing toxaphene in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their kidneys, liver, or thyroid, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### *Volatile Organic Contaminants:*

**(70) Benzene.** Some people who drink water containing benzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia or a decrease in blood platelets, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(71) Carbon Tetrachloride.** Some people who drink water containing carbon tetrachloride in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(72) Chlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing chlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.

**(73) o-Dichlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing o-dichlorobenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory systems.

**(74) p-Dichlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing p-dichlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia, damage to their liver, kidneys, or spleen, or changes in their blood.

**(75) 1,2-Dichloroethane.** Some people who drink water containing 1,2-dichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(76) 1,1-Dichloroethylene.** Some people who drink

water containing 1,1-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(77) cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene.** Some people who drink water containing cis-1,2-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(78) trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene.** Some people who drink water containing trans-1,2-dichloroethylene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(79) Dichloromethane.** Some people who drink water containing dichloromethane in excess of the MCL over many years could have liver problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(80) 1,2-Dichloropropane.** Some people who drink water containing 1,2-dichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(81) Ethylbenzene.** Some people who drink water containing ethylbenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.

**(82) Styrene.** Some people who drink water containing styrene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory system.

**(83) Tetrachloroethylene.** Some people who drink water containing tetrachloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(84) 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their adrenal glands.

**(85) 1,1,1-Trichloroethane.** Some people who drink water containing 1,1,1-trichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, nervous system, or circulatory system.

**(86) 1,1,2-Trichloroethane.** Some people who drink water containing 1,1,2-trichloroethane well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or immune systems.

**(87) Trichloroethylene.** Some people who drink water containing trichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(88) TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes].** Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(89) HAA5s [Haloacetic acids].** Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(90) Toluene.** Some people who drink water containing toluene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their nervous system, kidneys, or liver.

**(91) Vinyl Chloride.** Some people who drink water containing vinyl chloride in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(92) Xylenes.** Some people who drink water containing xylenes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience damage to their nervous system.

**(93) Total Organic Carbon.** A parameter that is monitored to determine the probability of disinfection by-product formation (TTHMs no.88 and HAAs no.89) exceeding the MCL. Treatment Technique: The annual average removal ratio is  $\geq 1.0$ .

# EVENTS

## AROUND SALEM



For class dates, times and to register, head to [parksandrec.salemva.gov](http://parksandrec.salemva.gov).

## adult programs

### ADULT ART CLASSES

**At Salem Art Center.** Each four weeks we will learn and perform a new idea, style or medium. With painting and/or drawing as our focus students will learn a couple tricks to help them produce art with a bit more ease. Fun with a perfect blend of education is at the heart of each 4 week session. Please feel free to join in no matter what level of skill you carry.

### BALLROOM DANCING: BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE (ADULT & TEEN)

**Class is on-going.** 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.

### CHESS

This chess group is for all levels of playing strength. One hour instruction.



Bob Maiden plays the mandolin.

## Get your Bluegrass fix

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

### 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.

### 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.

### CROCHETING & KNITTING

Learn the basics of crocheting and knitting and complete a couple of different projects in class.

### DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS

This is a six week course for dogs

of any breed and any age. Dogs will learn to heel calmly on a leash, react to different commands, and come when called. AKC Canine Good citizen test available. AKC S.T.A.R. puppy program is available for puppies under 1 year of age.

## for all ages

### TENNIS (ALL LEVELS)

To register or get more information call Scott Gibson at 397-1257 or [sgibson@salemva.gov](mailto:sgibson@salemva.gov)

## health & fitness

### INTERVAL EXERCISE CLASS (ALL LEVELS)

Interval training can be a very effective way for clients to

increase sports performance, lose weight faster and make workouts more enjoyable. Interval training combines short bursts of intense activity, called intervals, with periods of lower intensity, or rest periods. Switching between the two makes your body work harder, burning more calories faster than it would at a steady, moderate pace.

### 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 training to modify exercises for beginning levels.

### 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 also improves memory, focus, and attention, as well as promote an overall sense of well being.

### ZUMBA

This class combines Latin dancing with interval resistance training for a full-body, rhythmic workout. Zumba can help you to build both muscle tone and cardiovascular endurance.

## youth/teens

### GUITAR FOR KIDS (AGES 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.

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[vsword@salemva.gov](mailto:vsword@salemva.gov)  
Asst Supervisor: Drew Carroll  
[dcarroll@salemva.gov](mailto:dcarroll@salemva.gov)  
110 Union Street  
Phone: (540) 375-3054  
\*REGISTER AND PAY FEES ON SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION WEB SITE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CITY OF SALEM AND MAIL TO 110 UNION STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

**KNIT AND CROCHET  
(AGES 8 - 14)**

Learn the basic knitting and crocheting stitches and how to read patterns.

**TENNIS (BEGINNERS  
AGES 6 - 10)**

To register or get more information call Scott Gibson at 397-1257 or [sgibson@salemva.gov](mailto:sgibson@salemva.gov).

**day trips**

**SUMMER SMITHSONIAN  
SERIES - WASHINGTON, DC**

Saturday, June 14 – National Museum of Natural History  
Saturday, August 16 – National Air and Space Museum  
Cost: \$25 per trip

**BUSCH GARDENS –  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

Saturday, July 12, 2014.  
Cost: \$80

**SPARTAN SHUTTLE –  
SALEM HIGH FOOTBALL  
AWAY GAMES**

Fridays Fall 2014. Cost: TBA.

**summer camps**

**SUMMER CLINICS**

Boys Basketball (2nd - 9th grades)  
Girls Basketball (2nd - 9th grades)  
Boys Lacrosse (2nd - 9th grades)  
Girls Lacrosse (2nd - 9th grades)  
Boys Soccer (2nd - 9th grades)  
Girls Soccer (2nd - 9th grades)  
Football (2nd - 6th grades)  
Girls Volleyball (3rd - 9th grades)  
Baseball (2nd - 9th grades)  
Softball (2nd - 9th grades)  
Cheerleading (2nd - 9th grades)  
Clinics are offered for Salem residents or children who attend Salem City Schools. The cost for the clinics will be \$10 per clinic.

**SALEM JUNIOR GOLF CAMP**

This camp is designed for the first time player who has never been enrolled in formal golf lessons. Previous participants do not qualify. Players will receive a



**The world is a canvas**

**ART - AFTER SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS ENRICHMENT** An on-going adventure in color and style. Explore your creative side in the new Salem Art Center. Everything from drawing to painting will be taught in this easy going creative environment. Snacks will be provided.

starter set of clubs & 4 days of lessons from the pro at Hanging Rock Golf Course. For ages 9-13.

**HANDBUILT CERAMICS  
(RISING 6TH-9TH GRADES)**

Learn to form original works in the art of clay. Ages rising 6th graders to rising 9th grader.

**ART CAMP (AGES 8-11)**

This camp is a week-long art experience with Darlene Marshall and Mike Gibson. Campers will learn about artists, art techniques, and dabble in art history. Both camps are identical. For ages 8-11.

**senior center  
110 UNION STREET**

**MONDAYS**

9 am - 12 noon – Bridge  
12:30 pm – Senior Mtn. Pickers  
12:30 pm – Painting with Phyl (second Monday of the month)  
7 - 9 pm – Cole Bluegrass Show (First Monday every month)

**TUESDAYS**

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

fourth Tuesdays – Tea Dance)

**WEDNESDAYS**

9 am – Tap dance  
10 am - 12 noon – Ceramics  
10 am – Needlework  
1 pm – Line Dance

**THURSDAYS**

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

**FRIDAYS**

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

**THE BOB ROSS METHOD  
OF OIL PAINTING CLASSES**

with Phyl Fralin are held the second Monday of every month. The picture for the month is on display at the Senior Center. Cost is \$40 and you will need to sign up if you wish to attend.

**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 and the American Red Cross.

**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 TRIPS**

These trips are planned for the year to the Wytheville's Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre, Myrtle Beach, SC, Strasberg, PA to see Moses and tour the Amish Village. New trips are added regularly. Stop by and pick up a trip list.

**SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENTS**

are provided through each month. We frequently make outings in our van or bus to local malls, shops and restaurants, or day trips to Winchester, Peaks of Otter, Lynchburg, Charlotte, 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 call the Senior Center to inquire.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

A calendar with news of our activities and outings is distributed at the Monthly Luncheons. Please stop by and pick one up so you can join us at the Senior Center.

## special events

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 620 Florida Street  
 Phone: (540) 375-3057

**62ND ANNUAL ERNEST "PIG" ROBERTSON FISHING RODEOS**  
**April 26th** Children Ages 3 – 8, 9 a.m. - Noon.  
**April 28th** Children with Disabilities Day, 10 a.m. - Noon.  
**April 30th** Nursing Home Patient's Day, 10 a.m. – Noon.  
**May 3rd** Children ages 9 – 12, 9 a.m. – Noon.  
 Lake Spring Pond, (540) 375-3057.

**MOVIES AT LONGWOOD**  
**May 25th:** Frozen. **June 28th:** E.T. **August 23rd:** Rudy. **September 13th:** The Lego Movie. Sponsored by Richfield Retirement Community. Bring a

blanket and chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars!! Admission is free. Concessions will be available to purchase from Fun Times.

**RELAY FOR LIFE June 20th - 21st**, Noon on the 20th - Noon on the 21st, Salem High School Track, (540) 375-3057.

**JAZZ IN JULY Saturday, July 19th**, 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Come enjoy beer, wine and food while you listen to local jazz musicians. Bring a blanket and chairs. New for this year, the children's art project from the Salem Art Center. Presented by Richfield Retirement Community, Salem Parks & Recreation and Salem Fine Arts Commission, (540) 375-3057.

**SALEM DISTANCE RUN Saturday, August 9th**, 40th Annual Health Focus Salem Distance Run. Longwood Park. Featuring a 3 mile walk, 5k & 10k

aces. Proceeds go to support oral cancer. The 5k starts at 8a.m. and the walk & 10k run starts at 8:15a.m. Awards will be given out to the top 3 overall finishers and the top 3 in each age group. For more information call, (540) 444-2925.

### STAR-B-Q BASH

**Date TBA**, sponsored by Star Country and the Salem P&R. Performer is TBD. Gates open at 4p.m. and the concert starts at 5p.m. The tickets are \$12 in advanced and \$15 at the gate. Kids 10 and under are free.

### PUMPKINFEST

**Saturday, October 25th**, 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. Sponsored by Salem P&R and Q99 to benefit Area 8 Special Olympics.

## James I. Moyer Sports Complex

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 Supervisor: Scott Scharnus,  
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 1000 Union St. (540) 375-4021

**MAY 1ST & 4TH**  
**Mountain East Conference Women's Softball Champ.**

**MAY 23RD - 27TH**  
**NCAA Div. II Women's Fast Pitch Softball National Champ.**

**JUNE 1ST & 2ND**  
**NSA Bronze NIT Adult Slow Pitch Softball Tournament**

**JUNE 13TH & 14TH**  
**VHSL Div. 1 State Softball**

**JUNE 21ST & 22ND**  
**NSA 14U Youth Fast Pitch State Tournament**

**JUNE 27TH - 29TH**  
**ISF Senior World Cup Adult Slow Pitch Softball Champ.**

**JULY 5TH & 6TH**  
**USSSA Milton Stuart Invit. Adult Slow Pitch Tournament**

**JULY 12TH & 13TH**  
**ASA Commonwealth Games Adult Slow Pitch Tournament**

**JULY 19TH & 20TH**  
**NSA Commonwealth Games Youth Fast Pitch Softball Tourn.**

**JULY 26TH - AUGUST 3RD**  
**ASA/USA Girl's Class "A" 16U Fast Pitch National Champ.**

**AUGUST 9TH & 10TH**  
**NSA Youth Summer Finale Fast Pitch Softball Tournament**

**AUGUST 16TH & 17TH**  
**NSA Adult Slow Pitch Tourn.**

**AUGUST 23RD & 24TH**  
**USSSA Class "E" Nationals Adult Slow Pitch Softball Tourn.**



## Good Music. Great Times. Even Better Causes.

**SALEM AFTER FIVE** The legendary Tams highlight the 2014 Salem After Five schedule. Adults - \$5, Children 12 and under are free, Food Court, Children's Play Area, Sponsored by Q99-FM, Re-MAX/Real Estate One of Salem and Pepsi. Proceeds of events are donated to local non-profits. **April 25th - Key West, May 30th - Domino, June 27th - Project 4 and The Kings, July 25th - Super Hold, August 15th - The Tams**

**AUGUST 30TH & 31ST**  
 USSSA Church of God Adult  
 Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

**SEPT. 6TH & 7TH**  
 USSSA Star City Challenge  
 Baseball Tournament

**SEPT. 20TH & 21ST**  
 ASA /USA Heartland College  
 Fast Pitch Showcase Series

**SEPT. 27TH & 28TH**  
 ASA Fall Champions Cup Youth  
 Fast Pitch Tournament

**OCT. 4TH & 5TH**  
 NSA Fall Festival Fast Pitch  
 Tournament

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



## VHSL State Championship at Kiwanis Field

**JUNE 13TH & 14TH** VHSL Division 1 State Championships

## Salem Kiwanis Baseball Field

**MAY 3RD & 4TH**  
 USSSA Chance Crawford  
 Middle School Tournament

**MAY 17TH - 18TH**  
 Nations Baseball Summer State  
 Tournament

**MAY 24TH - 25TH**  
 USSSA Memorial Shootout

**MAY 20TH - 24TH**  
 VHSL River Ridge District  
 Baseball Championship Tourn.

**JUNE 2ND - 7TH**  
 VHSL Region Tournament

**JUNE 13TH & 14TH**  
 VHSL Division 1 State Champ.

**JUNE 28TH & 29TH**  
 USSSA Baseball Virginia NIT  
 Baseball Tournament

**JULY 3RD - 6TH**  
 Commonwealth Games High  
 School All-Star Showcase

**JULY 18TH - 27TH**  
 American Legion District  
 Baseball Championship Tourn.

**AUGUST 9TH & 10TH**  
 USSSA Baseball Tournament

**AUGUST 16TH**  
 USSSA Fischer Financial Tourn.

**AUGUST 30TH & 31ST**  
 Nations New River Shoot Out

**SEPT. 6TH & 7TH**  
 USSSA Star City Challenge  
 Baseball Tournament

## 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 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.

### GREAT BEGINNINGS WITH ED GREEN & STAFF

Make checks payable to Ed Green, Great Beginnings, and get application online at parksandrec.salemva.gov. For more info, call Ed at 387-9516.

### ADULT LEAGUES OFFERED

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of adult leagues aimed at increasing physical fitness and promoting social interaction between participants. Adults 18 and up.

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 925 Union Street, Salem  
 (540) 375-4094

### REGISTRATION DATES AT ACTIVENET

Boys Soccer: May 12 - June 16th  
 Girls Soccer: May 12 - June 16th  
 Football: May 12 - June 16th  
 Cheerleading: May 12 - June 16th  
 Basketball: Sept. 15th - Oct. 20th

### SUMMER SPORTS CLINICS

**See web for more information:** Boys & Girls Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Co-ed Soccer, and Cheerleading. Visit website for location, dates & time.

### Ways to register for Athletics

- Online – [parksandrec.salemva.gov](http://parksandrec.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.

# A LONG TIME AGO

John Long - Salem Museum Executive Director [info@salemmuseum.org](mailto:info@salemmuseum.org) 389-6760



## 89 YEARS AGO



**Salem Junior Women's Club Baseball Team.** While we celebrate the 75th anniversary of professional baseball in Salem, let's not forget that it's never been a game just for the boys. Pictured here is the women's baseball team from the Salem Junior Women's Club, ca. 1925. These spirited ladies played other amateur clubs around the valley and, from the looks of it, had a great time on the diamond. Longtime Salem treasurer Louise Fitzgerald Hurt identified the players for the Salem Museum in 1999, using the later married names of the women where she knew them. Top row: James "Chili" Duncan, Margaret Stearnes Senter, Gene Senter, John Miller. Middle row: Janie Bradley McNeill, Louise Fitzgerald Hurt, Betty Dooley Frye, Mary Morgan Hill, Mary Faust, Edna Lace. Front row: Mary Tyler, Laura Smiley Franklin, Melda Frances Crawford, Frances Fitzgerald, Claudine Grimm Ball, Brooke Younger, Sarah Lance. Alone on bottom bleacher: Virginia Little. 🐦



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