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Farmers market kicks off season in Forest

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FOREST — Despite overcast skies and sporadic rain, many people came out to the first outdoor Forest Farmers Market of the season at the Forest Public Library on Saturday morning.

The Forest market kicked off its fifth season with about 30 vendors selling beef, poultry, baked goods, herbs and some left-over winter vegetables.

The market is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday throughout summer. Breck Light of Bold Branch Farms, said the crowd was better than he



Scott Rankins, of Lynchburg, purchased a few items from Shane Spanniger, of Turnip the Beets Farm in Gladstone, at the Forest Farmers Market on Saturday.

expected considering the weather. The opener featured a special performance by the cast of "Damn Yankees" from Jefferson Forest High School. The cast started the day at the Lynchburg Community Market and then moved to the Forest Market. In full costume, the cast mingled with the crowd and handed out little cards to promote their show, which opens Thursday.

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For a video from Saturday's Forest Farmers Market, visit [NewsAdvance.com](http://newsadvance.com).

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Salem brick company suspends operations

SALEM — A Salem brick company has suspended operations and furloughed most of its workers until further notice.

The Roanoke Times reported C.W. McNeely, the president of Old Virginia Brick, announced the move in a letter to employees.

The letter said the decision comes after a seven-year decline in demand for its products. Old

Briefly

Virginia Brick produces bricks and pavers, including wood-molded lines that serve a niche market.

When McNeely bought the company in 2006, it employed about 170 people at locations in Salem and Madison Heights. It's unclear how many people the company still employs.

Neighbors complain of train's coal dust
NORFOLK — An environmental group has presented a scientific report that shows significant levels of coal dust can be found in neighborhoods near Norfolk Southern's massive terminal on the Elizabeth River.

Residents in neighborhoods near the Lambert's Point Coal Terminal have long complained about the black soot that sometimes covers their homes and cars. Residents said they worry their health could be affected.

From wire reports



In remembrance: a special event to recognize organ donation

About the event:

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Registration:
For more information or to register, please call 1.877.MDLINK1 (1.877.635.4651).

RSPV for tribute tables by April 27.
Valet parking available.



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DATE: Thursday, April 30
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