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Word continues to spread about biscuits from The Roanoker Restaurant

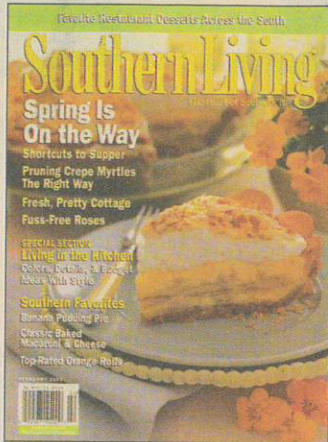
In July, The Roanoker Restaurant will celebrate 70 years of serving Southern-style home cooking. But it appears as if the celebration is kicking off a little early.

Owner Renee "Butch" Craft recently learned that the restaurant is featured in a two-page spread in Southern Living's new book, "Off the Eaten Path" by Morgan Murphy. The book is in stores now.

This week, Craft said, she got a call from a magazine representative who said Murphy planned to mention The Roanoker during a segment on NBC's "Today" show Friday between 10 and 11 a.m. They even asked Craft to ship some of those famous homemade biscuits to New York for the show.

Craft spoke to a Southern Living reporter early last year, but said she thought a small blurb in the magazine's February 2010 issue was as far as it would go. Then she heard about the feature in Murphy's book, which includes the recipe for Roanoker biscuits.

The book also mentions the Pink Cadillac Diner in Natural Bridge and The Local, a restaurant in Charlottesville.



The Roanoker Restaurant, which was featured in Southern Living magazine last year, will receive a two-page spread in the magazine's new book, "Off the Eaten Path" by Morgan Murphy.

Craft said she plans to ship some of the restaurant's biscuit mix along with the biscuits just in case they don't look so good when they arrive in the Big Apple.

"Wouldn't E.C. be thrilled?" she said, referring to The Roanoker's longtime owner, E.C. Warren, who died in 2008.

Craft said Warren was a big fan of Southern Living.

— Lindsey Nair