The First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational Golf Tournament Set for Friday, October 2

The 15th Annual First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational Golf Tournament, benefitting the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce, will be held Friday, October 2, 2015, at the Lonesome Pine Country Club in Big Stone Gap, VA.

The tournament will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at which time a light breakfast will be served. The format will be captain’s choice, and there will be three flights.

We have planned an exciting day with good food, fun, and friendly competition. Prizes will be awarded for the most accurate drive on hole #2, longest drive on hole #4, closest-to-the-pin on hole #6, and longest putt on hole #18. Make a hole-in-one on hole #10 and win a car courtesy of Freedom Chevrolet. In addition to the grand prizes, other hole-in-one prizes are available at three other par 3 holes.

The winners and runners-up of each flight will receive a trophy. Also, there will be drawings for lots of other great prizes at the conclusion of the tournament.

Teams and players are still needed! The cost is $400 per team or $100 per player, which includes a mulligan and red tee.

Hole sponsors are also needed! Sponsors will be recognized with their company’s sign prominently displayed on one of the tee boxes. The cost is $100. The proceeds earned from this event will help support and expand the valuable work of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce. There are a limited number of teams, so register now! The deadline to register is September 25, 2015.

For more information concerning the First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational Golf Tournament, please call the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce at 276-679-0961.

Click here to download sign up sheet!

Quarterly Board Meeting Set for September 24

The next meeting of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, September 24, 2015, 11:30 a.m., in Appalachia at the Cultural Arts Center.

All members of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce are welcome and encouraged to attend! If you plan to attend, please call the Chamber office at 276-679-0961 by September 20 in order to reserve your seat and meal.
Natural Resources Awareness Days to Be Held September

Natural Resources Awareness Days (NRAD) will be held in September. Sixth grade students of Wise County along with City of Norton will take a one-day fieldtrip on September 18th & 25th to the Powell River Project Research & Education Center in Norton. Students will view displays and participate in discussions about Wise County’s natural resources as they relate to science topics incorporated in the Virginia Standards of Learning. Students will also be treated to a free lunch and soft drinks will be provided courtesy of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company. Several local agencies and businesses will be participating in this year’s event - Alpha Natural Resources, LLC; Dominion; Powell River Project Research & Education Center; Range Resources; USDA Forest Service - Clinch Ranger District; Virginia Dept. of Forestry; Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME); Vulcan Materials; and Wise County Litter Control and Recycling Department.

Following the fieldtrip, students will be given the opportunity to participate in one or more contests - essay, poetry, and art. Contest winners will be presented with a plaque and award at the December meetings of the Wise County & City of Norton School Boards courtesy of Dominion.

Natural Resources Awareness Days, formerly Coal Appreciation Days, originated in 1984 as a joint effort among several organizations to salute the coal industry and show appreciation for its contribution to Wise County. In 2001, the Chamber’s NRAD Committee dramatically changed and expanded the program to include activities and speakers relating to all our natural resources including mined minerals, water, gas, oil, and timber. To reflect these changes, the name of the event was changed to Natural Resources Awareness Days. Now our goal is to raise awareness of the importance of all of Wise County’s natural resources.

Natural Resources Awareness Days is sponsored by the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce, the Powell River Project Research & Education Center, Wise County Public Schools, Norton City Schools, and local businesses. Donnie Ratliff, Alpha Natural Resources, and Phil Meeks, Extension Agent, Powell River Project Education Center, serve as co-chairs of the Natural Resources Awareness Days Committee.

Pro-Art is please to announce its 39th Season Schedule September

16 - 7:30 p.m. - The Life of King Henry the Fifth - UVa-Wise Gilliam Center
17 - 7:30 p.m. - The Importance of Being Earnest - UVa-Wise Gilliam Center
25 - 7 p.m. - Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante, The Ocean Band, Big Stone Gap Celtic Festival - MECC Goodloe Center
26 - 7 p.m. - Dale Ann Bradley - Lee Theater
30 - 7:30 p.m. - Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante - UVa-Wise, Chapel of All Faiths

Detailed Schedule available at Proartva.org
Dr. Weberling and Associates are located at 137 Plaza Road, Wise, VA. Dr. Weberling and Associates provide an outstanding experience in state of the art eye health care for every individual. With a team of experts clearly focused on You, they use leading edge technologies and products in an effort to provide you with a lifetime of healthy sight.

Dr. Weberling and Associates are primary eye health physicians, focused on managing your best eye health and sight correction. Their doctors will work to enhance, preserve, and protect your precious sense of sight for a lifetime. Being able to prescribe ophthalmic medications, eyeglasses, sunglasses and contact lenses. Offering pre and postoperative care for your peace of mind should eye surgery should become necessary.

Visit their website or contact them today for more information 276-679-5612

Zest Catering of Wise, VA
Zest Catering is locally owned and operated by Shawn Campbell of Wise, VA. In Zest’s first year of business, it served over 3,500 people. Using the best quality of food as possible, Zest strays away from using canned or frozen food and makes everything from scratch. Zest is always adding to and updating its menu to ensure a variety of choices for your next event.

Check them out on Facebook and their website Zestcaters.com
276-708-6717 or contact@zestcaters.com

Tickets on Sale Now!
Zest Pasta Bar Tickets hot off the press! Sept. 17th from 6pm-9pm at Zion Family Ministries! $15/person. Get your tickets today! Call him today at the number above!
Newest Members Continued…

Baby Bear Daycare located in Wise accepts children from birth & up. Open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Available for evening hours and occasional weekends. No check in time and welcomes drop ins for a Mommy’s Day out. Employees are CPR Certified and a certified Day Care through the department of Social Services. Operated by Jamie Sanders contact her today for more information regarding setting up daycare appointments for your child. 276-328-1149.

Check them out on Facebook for more great information

Kevin Bolling Construction
Kevin Bolling Construction is located in Wise, Va. 276-393-0871

Working closely with the local supply companies to help out the Wise County area for their construction needs, from small projects to big jobs give him a call to set up your next home project.

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise will host and sponsor a Business After Hours at the Lila Vicars Smith House on September 10, 2015. We would like to invite everyone to attend and enjoy a wonderful evening with Mrs. Donna P. Henry and Mr. Allen Henry. Please RSVP to the Chamber office 276-679-0961
37th Annual Wise County Famous Fall Fling to be Held October 10-11

Arts...Crafts...Food...Music.

Nestled in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains, and on the Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, Wise is “the place to be” during the second weekend each October. Held downtown and on the lawn of the historic courthouse while fall color is at its peak, the event features over 150 vendors selling crafts, food, jewelry, and more, while live traditional music ranging from banjos to bagpipes is played.

The Fall Fling also features essay, photo and art contests, a chili cook-off and a 5 K race. Visit them on the Web: wisefallfiling.com or vendors contact 276-328-8184.

Home Craft Days to be Held October 17-18

For more than 40 years, musicians and craftspeople from southwest Virginia, east Tennessee, and eastern Kentucky have come to Mountain Empire Community College (MECC), Big Stone Gap, VA, to celebrate Home Craft Days. The event is held on the third Saturday and Sunday in October. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at MECC at 276-523-7486 and 276-523-7464 for more information.

2015 Cavaliers Football Schedule

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For more information or to purchase season tickets, please call the Athletics Department at 276-328-0206. Help support Southwest Virginia’s team!
Chamber Accepting Nominations for 2016 Board of Directors

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce will be electing new members to its 2016 Board of Directors and new officers at its annual business meeting on December 3, 2015.

The Chamber is actively seeking directors who demonstrate great potential for leadership, dedication, service, and a willingness to contribute their sincere efforts to the betterment of Wise County and the City of Norton. These individuals must have the time to attend Chamber board meetings as well as assigned committee meetings.

Chamber members are urged to nominate qualified individuals not only from their locale, but from across Wise County and the City of Norton. All nominees must be members of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce.

You may make nominations by calling the Chamber office at 276-679-0961 or writing to the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 226, Norton, VA 24273. **Deadline for making nominations is Friday, October 16, 2016.**

Chamber Accepting Nominations for Forward Wise County 2016

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 class of Forward Wise County, a leadership development program sponsored by the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce.

Forward Wise County 2016 will begin in March and will conclude with a graduation ceremony in May. There will be ten weekly sessions. One all-day Saturday seminar and one Saturday field trip may also be included. Session topics will include Criminal Justice System, work styles and leadership skills, generational identity in the workplace, Appalachian perception, workplace harassment, legislative issues, sensitivity training, tour of Wise County Landfill & CNW Wastewater Treatment Plant, tour of Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center, local government, and more.

The cost of the program is $250 which includes all sessions, meals and refreshments, a plaque, and the graduation luncheon. The 2016 class of Forward Wise County will be limited to 24 participants. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

For more information or to nominate someone, please call the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce at 276-679-0961. **Nomination forms are available on our Web site: wisecountychamber.org**