Friday, October 7, 2016, 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.

Teams and players are still needed! The cost is $400 per team or $100 per player. This fee includes golf cart, green fees, team photos, awards ceremony, light breakfast, boxed lunch, on-course refreshments, and reception following the tournament. Each golfer will also receive a goody bag containing snacks and favors.

Mulligan packages will be sold at a cost of $40 per team, or $10 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, 2016.

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!**
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 16th & 23th 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, Local Kiwanis Clubs of Wise County, the Powell River Project Research & Education Center, Wise County Public Schools, Norton City Schools, and local businesses. Phil Meeks, Extension Agent, Powell River Project Education Center, serve as co-chairs of the Natural Resources Awareness Days Committee.
Our newest members for July & August

- **Lawson Building & Supply** of Rose Hill
- **Tim’s Collision Center** of Norton
- **Gibson Collision Center** of Big Stone Gap
- **Wayne Galloway** of Big Stone
- **Generations Counseling** of Wise

Membership shows that these businesses & individuals care about the future of Wise County and the City of Norton. We appreciate their support and encourage you to use, whenever possible, the products and services of Wise County Chamber of Commerce members. For a complete listing of Chamber members, please visit our Business Directory on our Web site: wise-countychamber.org
The University of Virginia’s College at Wise will host and sponsor a Business After Hours at the Lila Vicars Smith House on September 22, 2016. 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

Mark your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

2 September - Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening—Sugar Hill Brewery, St. Paul - 1 p.m.
3 September - Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening - Zest Catering, Norton - 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. $10 at the door
13 September—Doing Business with the Commonwealth of VA - Free Workshop 9-1130 a.m.—City of Norton Council Chambers - Learn new ways to run reports, identify agency targets, spend history, and how to get registered and steps to SWAM certifications.
13 September - **Active Shooter Training**—City of Norton Council Chambers - 6-7:30 p.m.—FREE Events - Please call 276-645-6650
-15-17 September - Let Freedom Ring Event (Honoring Vietnam Veterans) Lonesome Pine Airport, Wise [Full Details on flyer ]
-23 –24 September—Big Stone Celtic Festival - Downtown Big Stone—Visit www.bigstoneceltic.com for all the info
-24 September - High Knob Naturalist Rally - High Knob Lake—9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. visit www.clinchcoalition.net
29 September - Chamber Quarterly Business Meeting—Location TBA
-1 October - Hellbender 10 K—**See flyer and register today**
-7 October - 16th Annual Chamber Autumn Invitational - Sponsored by First Bank & Trust - See registration and be sure to sign up today!
-14 –15 October—Woodbooger Festival—Flag Rock Recreation Area
Mark your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

38th Annual Wise County Famous Fall

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 5K race. Visit them on the Web: wisefallfling.com or vendors contact 276-328-8184.

Home Craft Days to be Held

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.

2016 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 2017 Board of Directors

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce will be electing new members to its 2017 Board of Directors and new officers at its annual business meeting on December 1, 2016.

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 14, 2016.**

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Chamber Accepting Nominations for Forward Wise County 2017

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 2017 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