Chamber Scholarship recipients to attend U Va-W ise

Daniel England pictured here with his parents Robert and Jennifer England. Daniel, a graduate of Central High School received the Ford C. Quillen Scholarship which will be used during his tenure at UVa-Wise this fall. Where he will also be playing football for the Cavaliers. During his tenure at Central High School, Daniel ran track where he was Conference Champion in Shot Put this spring. He also set a new set a new Central High School record in discus. Daniel, also played football and basketball where he received many acknowledgements which included most valuable player in basketball.

Alissa Stanley pictured here with her mother Heather Stanley received the 2nd Ford C. Quillen Scholarship. She is a graduate of Eastside High school and be attending UVa-Wise in the Fall. She plans on pursuing a degree in communications. Alissa received many recognitions during her high school tenure which included being a member of the National Honor Society, One Act State Championship Winner, Best Actress, and Forensics Team Conference winner.

Kalyn Falin is pictured here with her mother Tabitha Hibbits. Kaylyn is a not only a graduate of Union High School but also graduated MECC prior to graduating High school. Her high school career was filled with volunteer work and sports such as basketball, softball and tennis. Active in BETA, The National business Honor’s Society and Spanish club. Kaylyn is attending UVa-Wise in the fall and major in elementary education.

Congratulations to all our scholarship winners.
We are pleased to present the graduating class of 2016 from the Forward Wise County Leadership program.

This class graduated 21 participants.

Walter Aquirre, Mountain Empire Older Citizens
Patty Bates, Mountain States Health Alliance
Russell Cyphers *, Wise County Sheriff’s Office
Jennifer Deel, Wise County Circuit Court
Travis Deel, Micronic Technologies
Larry Diets*, Crutchfield
Mary Hagy, Nasa Develop/wise Circuit Court
Rachel Helton *, Mountain Empire Older Citizens
Joshua Justice *, UVa-Wise
Janette Kennedy, Micronic Technologies
Amanda Lancaster*, Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union
Randall Lawson, Norton Housing Authority
Tammy McDavid, Wellmont Health System
Natasha Moore, Wellmont Health System
Colin Mullins *, Crutchfield
Brianna Stallard, Micronic Technologies
Wesley Sturgill*, Thompson & Litton
Laura Taylor-Baugh, Kids Central, Inc.
Margaret Tomann, Healthy Appalachia Institute
Matthew Ward*, Wellmont Health System
Julie Wright, Crutchfield

*Perfect Attendance
This year’s recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award was Marcus Adkins. Marcus has served on the Chamber Board of Directors representing Norton for the last 2 years and he graduated from the Forward Wise County Leadership Program in 2013 where he was selected as the keynote speaker from his class for the following year.

Marcus is not only an accomplished small business entrepreneur and owning his own successful business, HairVolution in Norton but is also nurse and leader at the Healthwagon in Wise.

Marcus has helped the Healthwagon provide quality healthcare to those individuals in need in our communities through weekly health clinics both at their home base in Wise and throughout the region on their mobile unit.

Marcus has worked to help the RAM Virginia affiliate hold successful events throughout our area in Grundy, Lee County, and Marion, but been a key player in the RAM Event in Wise at the VA/KY Fairgrounds.

Marcus recently won the United Way Impact Award for Volunteer of the Year Award in Health, which was given at their annual banquet at the Virginia Higher Education Center.

Congratulations to Marcus!

The Forward Wise County class is made possible by our gracious sponsors

Celebrate Catering; City of Norton; County of Wise; Crutchfield Corporation; Dominion/Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center; Heart of Appalachia; Miners Exchange Bank; Mountain Empire Community College; Mountain Empire Older Citizens; Norton Community Hospital; Norton Redevelopment and Housing Authority; The University of Virginia’s College at Wise; Thompson & Litton; Wellmont Health System; and Wise County Public Schools.

As well as a Thank you to our presenters who took time for each class.

Kitty Barker; Shannon Blevins; Bobby Collins; David Cox; Jackie Darter; Judy Durham; Gred Edwards; Amy Greear; Leton Harding; Joseph B. Harvery; Donna P. Henry; Dick Houchins; Debbie Loggins; Greg Mullins; Dr. Keith Perrigan; Fred Ramey; Vicki Ratliff; Connie Rhoten; Jeff Rolen; Beth Shupe; and Mark Smith.

Thank you to our amazing Co-Chairs - Kim Clisso and Angie Ryan for all the time they spent attending each class and volunteering their time to make this class great.

To date the Forward Wise County class has graduated approximately 467 potential leaders.

Pictured above Marcus Adkins, 2016 Forward Wise County Alumni Recipient and Rick Colley, Executive VP/CEO Wise County City of Norton Chamber of Commerce.
The Wise County & City of Norton Chamber of Commerce joined scores of communities across Virginia in recognizing the many benefits business brings to the state and local communities. In honor of our local businesses and industries, the Chamber's Economic & Small Business Development committee organized a free award's luncheon which was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., at U Va-W ise. A BIG Thank You goes out to our sponsors by N orton Industrial Development Authority, W ise County Industrial Development Authority, and the Chamber and gracious hosts U Va-W ise. Also, to Tim & Angel Cox for taking these amazing photos.

In 2005, the W ise County/City of N orton Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Development Committee (SBDC) established the Small Business of the Year Award to recognize successful local small businesses and to encourage entrepreneurship.

We would like to congratulate the following award recipients:

- Pathfinders Outdoor Adventures - Small Business of the Year
- NorrisBuilt Fabrication & Welding and Machine Shop
- Mineral Gap DP Data
- HealthPlex of Norton Community Hospital
- Mountain View Lodge
- The Clapboard House

As well as the following for their recent accomplishments:

- Quesenberry's Inc.
- Thompson & Litton
- University of Virginia's College at Wise
- Mountain Empire Community College

Pictured left to right: Mark Caruso; Rick Colley, Cavalier Pharmacy; and Carol Caruso, Pathfinders Outdoor Adventures

Pictured left to right: Ron & Tiffany Norris, NorrisBuilt Fabrication; and Chamber President Henrietta Dotson

Bonnie Aker and Travis Kennedy owners of the Clapboard House

Accepting the award for DP Facilities was Kenny Gilley, Wise IDA pictured here with Rick Colley, Executive VP/CEO Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce
Chancellor Donna Henry (left) of UVa-Wise; Henrietta Dotson (middle), 2016 Chamber President; Shannon Blevins (Right) UVa-Wise

Quesenberry's Cotton Stone, Quesenberry's; Henrietta Dotson, 2016 Chamber President; Abe Quesenberry

Buzz Witt of Mountainview Lodge pictured here with his daughters, Julia (left) and Laura (left)
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**Rachel’s Cupcakes** of Norton held their Grand Opening on Friday, July 1, 2016. The chamber was proud to be a part of this small business that had an amazing first day! Rachel’s Cupcakes is located on 607 Park Avenue, Norton and will be open Tuesday—Friday 11a.m. until 6 p.m and Saturday 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Feel free to check out her [Facebook](#) page and call for any orders 276-219-0906

**Park Avenue Academy of Cosmetology** located on 738 Park Avenue, Norton.
A cosmetology and barber school taking students now for classes. Park Avenue Academy is also an active salon and takes appointments.

Please visit their [Facebook](#) page to see more and to make an appointment.
276-220-4346
The 30th annual Best Friend Festival was held June 11-18, 2016, in downtown Norton, Virginia. The theme was “Friends in the Mountains”. Each year, the Best Friend Festival committee sponsors a t-shirt logo contest. The winning design is that which best represents the theme of the festival and the spirit of friendship. This year’s Best Friend Festival t-shirt logo contest winner was Missy Bush of Appalachia; she was presented with $100 and a Best Friend Festival t-shirt.

This year’s festival was jam-packed with activities appealing to all age groups, including: Norton’s Largest Sandbox, First Bank & Trust Picnic in the Park, Paint-a-Trash-Can, Bike Rodeo, Concert in the Park, Friend’s & Farmer’s Market, Dog Costume Contest, Senior Citizen’s Day, Norton Cinema City Kid’s Day, Norton Lion’s Club Kid’s Night, Karaoke Contests, Crankfield, Slip & Slide Water Activities, A Kid’s Place, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Citywide Yard Sale, Flea Market Vendors, and the Regional Rehab 5K Run.

Thanks to great entertainment, generous sponsors, and tireless volunteers, the 29th annual Best Friend Festival was a tremendous success! This year’s activities attracted people of all ages and each event drew in large crowds. In addition, thousands turned out to Park Avenue on Friday to enjoy the Friday night Family Fun Night, featuring music by Dave Edggar and the family entertainment by Mark Lippard.

The Best Friend Festival committee would like to thank the City of Norton and dozens of other sponsors for their generous contributions. Without the support of local businesses and civic organizations, no community activity can continue to grow and be successful. A list of event sponsors are available online. Please make every effort to thank these sponsors for making this event a great success.

In addition to financial support, it’s the combined efforts of countless volunteers that make this festival possible. Therefore, the City would like to thank the Best Friend Festival committee, and all the members of this committee and other volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

More photos from the week are on the Best Friend Festival Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BestFriendFestival.

**Our sponsors for the week were:**
All Indoor Farm Store, LLC; Alpha Natural Resources; Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union; Appalachian After-Hours Care; Auto World; City of Norton; Coalfield Progress; Coeburn Home Center; Commonwealth Catholic Charities; Crutchfield Corporation; Danny G. Mullins Insurance Agency; Dominion; Dr. William C. Horne, Jr.; Family Preservation Services; Ferrell Gas; First Bank & Trust; Freedom of Worship Church; Food City; Freedom Ford; Green Thumb Garden Club; HairVolutions; Holiday Inn of Norton; Hospice & Palliative Care; In Home Health; INTotAl; J. Daniels HVAC & Plumbing Co.; Kiwanis Club of Norton; Lemons Jewelry; Lion's Club of Norton; Lonesome Pine Cycling; Lonesome Pine Economy Drug; Lonesome Pine Office on Youth; MajestaCare; Miners Exchange Bank; Morgan McClure Chevrolet; Mountain Motor Sports; Mountain View Regional Medical Center; Mullican Flooring; New Peoples Bank; Norton Cinema City; Norton Community Hospital; Norton Kiwanis Club; Norton Parks and Recreation Department; Norton Police Department; Norton Redevelopment & Housing Authority; Norton Rescue Squad; Norton Social Services; Old Dominion Power Company; P.A.W.S. of Southwest Virginia; Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Norton; Reno's; Southwest Tool Rental; Sykes Enterprises; U.S. Department of Forestry; Upper TN River Roundtable; Valley Utility Buildings; Vic's Decorating; Virginia Cooperative Extension Agency; Virginia State Police; W al-Mart; W A XM; W ells Fargo Bank - Norton; W IC; W ise County Health Department; W ise County Public Library; W ise County Sheriffs Dept; and Zion Family Ministries

**Board Meeting Set for Thursday, August 26, 2016**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be held Thursday, August 26, 2016, 11:30 a.m., at the Prime Sirloin, Norton, VA.

All dues-paying members of the Wise County Chamber of Commerce are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch will be Dutch treat. If you will be attending, please call the Chamber office at 276-679-0961.