First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational Golf Tournament

The 15th annual First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational golf tournament, benefitting the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce, was held Friday, October 2, 2015, at the Lonesome Pine Country Club in Big Stone Gap. The format of the tournament was captain’s choice, and teams were divided into three flights.

The winners were as follows:

- **Championship Flight**
  - First Place; First Bank and Trust Team (Ron Barrett, Joe Waters, Howard Sorber, and Chad Westfall).
  - Second Place; Warren Cleaning & Restoration (Drew Crabtree, JR Smith, Rick Day, and Todd Gibson).

- **First Flight**
  - First Place; Wellmont Health Systems (Bobby Collins, Phil Lee, Ed Roop, and Judge Robert Stump).
  - Second Place; Lake Street Secure Self Storage (Bruce Hayes, Bobby Colyer, Randy Rigg, and Rod Colyer).

- **Second Flight**
  - First Place Team; Crutchfield Corporation (Charlie McConnell, John Scott, Mike Edwards, and Doug DePreister)
  - Second Place Team; Frito Lay (John Clogston, Gene Mullins, Shawn Ratliff, and Larry Hill).

Also, Congratulations to the winner of Most Accurate Drive; Gene Mullins and Closest to the Pin winner; Steward Spradlin.

A light breakfast was provided by Food City and lunch was provided by Crutchfield. Freedom Chevrolet presented golfers with a chance to win a new Chevrolet Sonic LT by making a hole-in-one on hole #10. The on-course refreshments and reception were sponsored by Crutchfield and trophies were sponsored by Cavalier Pharmacy. The Chamber would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring golf teams: Crutchfield Corporation; First Bank & Trust Company; Frito Lay; Lake Street Secure Self Storage; New People Bank; Norton Community Hospital; Old Dominion Power Company; Powell Valley National Bank; Randy Partin Construction; Vulcan Materials; Warren Cleaning & Restoration; Wellmont Health Systems; and W&L Construction. In addition, we thank the following hole sponsors: Bob’s Market; Bolwell Financial; Cathy Mays, State Farm of St. Paul; Commonwealth Connection - President Donnie Ratliff; Crutchfield Corporation; CSE Insurance Agency; Data Ensure; Delores Smith - Wise County Treasurer; Edward Jones - Jason B. Sturgill; Edward Jones - James Lawson; EMI; Fas-Mart Markets; Food City; Frito Lay; Hagy - Fawbush Funeral Home; HairVolution; HCE Heating & Cooling; Heritage Hall Wise; Humphries Enterprises; Jack Kennedy, Jr., Clerk of Court; King University; Lake Street Secure Self Storage; Landmark Finan-
cial; Miners Exchange Bank; Mountain View Lodge; Mountain Empire Community College; Mullican Flooring; New Peoples Bank; Norton Community Hospital & Mountain States Health Alliance; Old Dominion Power Company; Pioneer Center for Business Opportunity; Powell Valley National Bank; Quesenberry’s; Reno’s of Wise; Rita McReynolds; Scott County Telephone Co-Op; Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House; Stacy’s Auto Advantage; Sykes Enterprises; Thompson & Litton; Thrower, Blanton & Associations; United Way of SWVA; Vulcan Materials; Wellmont Health Systems; W&L Construction; and Y&Y services.

Special thank you to those who donated door prizes, Colgard Outdoor Sports; Cornerstone Pharmacy; Food City of Big Stone, St. Paul, Coeburn, and Wise; Geneses Hair Salon, Todd’s Hair Studio; and Reno’s of Wise;

For their valuable assistance, we thank all the members of the Golf Tournament Committee. The Chamber especially thanks Pam Collie, Chairman; Terry Shortt, photographer; and committee members, Melissa Coffey, First Bank & Trust; Kim Clisso, Norton Redevelopment and Housing and Lori Crisp, Norton Community Hospital. We also thank Kenny Crowder, Chris Stacey, and Michelle Hall, and the staff of Lonesome Pine Country Club for their time and efforts.

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization whose goals and objectives are financed primarily by the dues of its members. The proceeds earned from this event will help support and expand the valuable work of the Chamber. Again, THANK YOU to everyone who came and participated, helped, and had fun!

Ribbon Cuttings & New Members

Bristol Bridal Station

Bristol Bridal Station features NEW, couture wedding gowns donated by bridal salons around the country. Proceeds benefit the programs of the YWCA.

During World War II, the YWCA began as a residence for women who came to the area seeking employment. Historically, the YW has tackled the toughest community issues: affordable childcare, racial justice, teen pregnancy, technology education and youth development programs, just to name a few.

Throughout the world, the YWCA has organizations in 122 countries, serving 25 million women and their families. Our local organization anchors itself firmly to the world-wide organization through our mission and programming. YWCA Bristol stands alone as the only YW in the territory between Lynchburg, VA and Knoxville, TN. Established in 1943, YWCA Bristol has a long history of empowering women throughout the region. For more information please contact them at 423-968-9444 or email ywca@ywcbristol.org

Farmers Insurance of Southwest Virginia is located at 842 Park Avenue NW, Norton, VA.

Agents Tabitha Hibbitts and Natasha Boggs bring nearly 20 years of insurance experience focused on providing customers with the sound advice they need to adequately protect themselves and their families. The agency offers a wide variety of insurance products including life, auto, homeowners, mobile homes, renters, landlord, umbrellas, motorcycle, ATV, RV/Camper, boats, commercial business, health insurance, pet insurance, and many financial planning products. We can insure many risks other insurers cannot. Farmers also offers many discounts, including military, law enforcement, firefighters, teachers, professors, librarians, doctors, nurses, dentists, lawyers, CPAs, good students, and more. We also offer discounts for multi-policy, EFTs, early shopping, and paid in full policies.

Farmers Insurance, as a company, is known for quality financial service products. Many consumers are now familiar with the Professor and Farmers University through recent marketing, and it rings true that superbly trained agents and exceptional product offerings are the hallmarks of our brand.

Bring your current declaration pages and drop in for a no obligation review of your coverages, Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:30PM, or call us anytime at 276-275-FARM (3276).

The Chamber will hold a Ribbon Cutting for the new location on November 9, at 11:30 a.m., we invite you out to help welcome our new chamber member.
Murphy USA is located at 675 Hawthorne Avenue, Norton.

Since 1996, Murphy USA has been the place people go to save on the gas that fuels their lives. From the lowest prices on gas to exclusive deals on your family's favorite snacks and drinks, we're always going the extra mile to help you buy smarter and drive farther. Welcome to Murphy USA.

We understand how local communities and families depend on us every day, and that's important. These principles help us set the standard for great service, great prices and high-quality fuel — and they help us deliver on our promise to you:

- **Integrity:** Be persistently ethical and honest to foster trust.
- **Respect:** Value and appreciate others.
- **Citizenship:** Believe in the power of good actions.
- **Spirit:** Strive to be the best.

All Murphy USA gasoline and diesel products meet or exceed government regulations and receive rigorous inspections before transport. Our fuels contain cleaning agents to prevent engine buildup and are filtered at the pump to stop potential contaminants from entering your vehicle.

Murphy USA was founded on the promise of delivering fuel quality that's second to none. Contact us at 1.800.843.4298 to learn more about the Murphy USA Fuel Quality Guarantee.

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber was pleased to be part of a Re-Grand Opening for Fas Mart and Subway of Norton. Located on Trent Street, Norton this location has remodeled the inside of their location to make their customer feel more comfortable during their lunch. Be sure to visit their new location to see their expansion and thank them for their membership to the chamber.

Pictured left are Chamber Board Members and Employees of Fas-Mart.

Pictured above are Chamber Board Members and Employees of Murphy USA.
**Connect & Grow with the Wise County & City of Norton Chamber of Commerce!**

The *Chamber* works to build the economic base of Wise County and the City of Norton, bringing you more employment, business opportunities, private investment, and improved quality of life.

- The *Chamber* is your voice on issues of taxation, legislation, and transportation. It represents you at legislative hearings, budget sessions, and VDOT funding hearings.
- Your listing in the *Chamber's Wise County Business Directory of Members* puts your business name on the desks of other business people, new residents, and new businesses.
- The *Chamber* replies to thousands of inquiries about the surrounding area, your business, and you. Inquiries about products or services are directed to *Chamber* members.
- The *Chamber* sponsors meetings and receptions that provide valuable networking opportunities for you and your business. Members are linked by shared interests and concerns and can learn from each other.
- *The Catalyst* published six times a year, contains news of *Chamber* and community events of interest to members.
- Each year, the *Chamber* distributes thousands of brochures that help local businesses obtain maximum benefit from tourism.
- The *Chamber* is your best local source for accurate business information. Whether it's economic data, news of regulatory policies, new legislation, or the latest in area demographics, the *Chamber can help!*
- The *Chamber* is the only organization through which we can all work together to develop the area as an economic, financial, educational, medical, and cultural center. Ask yourself, "If the *Chamber of Commerce* didn't do all these things, who would?"
- Would you like your business to be larger? The *Chamber* staff, added to your staff, will multiply your effectiveness in the community.
- Area businesses succeed, in part, due to the efforts of the *Chamber*. Your membership will help to continue development of the economy. Your Chamber membership shows your customers that you care about the future of Wise County and the City of Norton. Your customers, in turn, care about a business that cares about them!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual…

**Christmas Social**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

**Holiday Inn, Norton**

Formal invitations with sponsor information will be sent at a later date.

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**Chamber Accepting Donations for Gala**

Planning for the Wise County & City of Norton Chamber of Commerce’s annual Gala & Silent Auction set for Saturday, April 9, 2016, is well underway. Donations from community businesses are needed for the silent auction. The Chamber’s Gala & Silent Auction is a highlight every year, funds go toward funding the valuable work of the Chamber. The Chamber accepts new items both big and small and donations may be tax deductable. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To donate auction items or become a gala sponsor, contact the Chamber office at 276-679-0961.
Nominations Being Accepted for Forward Wise County 2016

The Chamber is accepting nominations 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 late February and will conclude with a graduation ceremony during our board meeting 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 local government, work styles and leadership skills, the Appalachian perception, community trusteeship, criminal justice system, legislative issues, Wise County’s natural resources, education, workplace harassment, motivational skills, media relations, and more.

The cost of the program is $250 which includes all sessions, meals and refreshments, a plaque, and the graduation luncheon. The class 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 Chamber of Commerce at 276-679-0961.

Annual Business Meeting Set for December 3

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce’s 2015 Annual Business Meeting will be held Thursday, December 3, 2015, 11:30 a.m., at The Lonesome Pine Country Club, Big Stone Gap. At this meeting, the Chamber will be electing new officers and new board members to its 2016 Board of Directors. Year-end committee reports will be given.

Lunch will be Dutch treat at the cost of the lunch is $14. All directors and members of the Chamber are encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend, please call the Chamber office at 276-679-0961 in order to reserve your seat before November 30, 2015.

2015 Wise County/City of Norton Christmas Parade Schedule

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The suggested theme for the 2015 Christmas season is “The Christmas Express”. All local churches and other organizations are urged to prepare floats and participate in as many of the parades as possible. For more information, please call the Wise County Chamber of Commerce at 276-679-0961.
Serving the County of Wise, the City of Norton, and the Towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul, and Wise.

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