Crutchfield takes Championship flight at the 16th Annual First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational Golf Tournament

The 16th annual First Bank & Trust Autumn Invitational golf tournament, benefitting the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce, was held Friday, October 7, 2016, 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** – Crutchfield Team – 1st Place Team  
  Dan Minahan, Doug Depreister, Michael Edwards and Charlie McConnell

- **2nd Place Team** – (Sponsored by New Peoples Bank.) –  
  Brandon Bolling, Chris Mullins, Wes Needham, and Brad Robinson

- **First Flight** - 1st Place Team – (Sponsored by Cavalier Pharmacy) –  
  Rick Mullins, Ethan Stewart, Jordan Barnette and Pat Begley

- **First Flight** - 2nd Place Team (Sponsored by Wellmont Health Systems) –  
  Dale Clark, Bobby Collins, Phil Lee and Bobby Fox.

- **Second Flight** - 1st Place Team – (Sponsored by Old Dominion Power) –  
  Stewart Spradlin, Charles Lawson, Matthew Lane, and Mark Leho

- **Second Flight** - 2nd Place Team –  
  Peter Yun, James Deboe, and Rick Colley

A light breakfast lunch was provided by Crutchfield. Freedom Chevrolet presented golfers with a chance to win a new Chevrolet Cruze by making a hole-in-one on hole #10. The on-course refreshments and reception were sponsored by Crutchfield. The Chamber would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring golf teams: Cavalier Pharmacy; 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; and Wellmont Health Systems. Individuals that participated were Karen Sorber, Micronic Technologies and Dr. Peter Yun. In addition, we thank the following hole sponsors: Bolwell Financial; Cavalier Pharmacy; Crutchfield Corporation; CSE Insurance Agency; Delores Smith - Wise County Treasurer; EMI; Fas-Mart Markets; Food City; Frito Lay; Frontier Secure; Hagy - Fawbush Funeral Home; Hairvolution; Heritage Hall Wise; Humphries Enterprises; Lake Street Secure Self Storage; 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; Quisenberry’s; Reno’s of Wise; Scott County Telephone Co-Op; Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House; Stacy’s Auto Advantage; Sugar Hill Brewery; Thompson & Litton; Thrower, Blanton & Associates; Vulcan Materials; Wellmont Health Systems; and Y&Y services.

Special thank you to those who donated door prizes, Colgard Outdoor Sports; Freedom Chevrolet; Food City of Big Stone, St. Paul, Coeburn, and Wise; and Reno’s of Wise;

For their valuable assistance, we thank all the members of the Golf Tournament Committee. The Chamber especially thanks Melissa Coffey, Chairman; Terry Shortt, photographer; and committee members, Pam Collie, Frontier Secure. 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!
Thank you to our newest members

Frontier Secure of Wise
Located in the technology park on airport road in Wise, VA. Frontier Secure is part of Frontier Communications, a telecommunications leader with more than 3 million residential and small business customers in 27 states and nearly $5 billion in annual revenues. Frontier provides broadband, voice, satellite video, wireless Internet data access, data security and Digital Living services for residential and small business customers, as well as advanced services for medium and large businesses. Frontier has nearly 14,000 employees—all based in the United States.

New members from Coeburn, VA
Funk Drilling of Coeburn located at 108 Quillen Ave, (276) 395-3392

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!
The suggested theme for the 2016 Christmas parades is *A WhoVille Chirstmas!*

*Please think lots of colors and fun ideas for this theme.*

All local churches and other organizations are urged to prepare floats and participate in as many parades as possible to make each town's celebration a fun-filled event.

### 2016 Wise County/City of Norton Christmas Parade Schedule

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"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"
Planning for the Wise County & City of Norton Chamber of Commerce’s annual Gala & Silent Auction set for Saturday, April 8, 2017, is well underway. Donations from community businesses are needed for the silent auction. The Chamber’s Gala & Silent Auction is a highlight every year and funds go toward funding the valuable work of the Chamber. The Chamber accepts new items both big and small and donations may be tax deductible. 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 2017**

The Chamber is accepting nominations for the 2017 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 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.

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**Annual Business Meeting Set for December 1**

The Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce’s 2016 Annual Business Meeting will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016, 11:30 a.m., at The Inn at Wise, At this meeting, the Chamber will be electing new officers and new board members to its 2017 Board of Directors. Year-end committee reports will be given.

Lunch will cost of the lunch is $15. 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 28, 2016.**
Be sure to shop local this holiday season. Gift cards to restaurants, retailers, gyms, and even the local theaters.

Catering can be done locally by a wonderfully talented group of entrepreneurs.

Take a look [here](#) at the local business listing to find that special someone a great stocking stuff or the big ticket item you need.