

# TROUTVILLE Tidbits



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## Town Community Christmas tree is up!!

Thank you Ernie Graybill for the beautiful Town Tree!!



That's right....Ernie has trees again this year on Route 11, north of Troutville. He will be there every weekend through Christmas.

For more information, call the Graybill Tree Farm at 312-8978 (cell).

## The Town Has Been Good to Troutville Upholstery

Thirty-eight years ago, when son Marvin was 17, Mildred Lawson opened Troutville Upholstery. Throughout the years, many Botetourt residents have taken their furniture to this friendly, family business. Besides furniture, Marvin has upholstered everything from boats to convertible tops. As you listen to his good friend and first cousin, Tim Taylor, talk about the Harley three-wheeler that Marvin is building and hopes to finish, it's easy to see that this talented man can do anything. No matter what needed to be repaired, Troutville Upholstery could probably do it.

Unfortunately, Marvin is currently battling cancer and the shop is now up for sale. No one knows the future of this special building, which was once a grocery store, an antique shop and, 30 years ago, even had two apartments upstairs. Mrs. Lawson, who will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Valentines Day, would like to thank everyone for doing business with them through the years. Mrs. Lawson also wants her customers to know that even when the building sells, she plans to continue doing upholstery work as long as her health holds out.

Our prayers are with the Lawson Family, and if you happen to see Marvin around town this month, be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday....his birthday is on December 18th.

*SEASON'S GREETINGS*

## Don't Miss Troutville's First Christmas Home Tour

**December 6, 2009 1:00pm-5:00pm**

On the tour you will visit beautiful homes in the area and conclude at Troutville Church of the Brethren for a reception and a visit with history.

And don't miss a special appearance by Santa Claus at the Caboose! Tickets are \$7.00 and are available at each home.

For more information go to [townoftroutville.com](http://townoftroutville.com) or call Len Miller at 992-1512.



## SNOWFLAKES Still Available



Snowflakes are still available if you would like to place one on the Town Community Christmas Tree in honor or memory of a loved one. To purchase a snowflake for the tree, call 819-6335 or stop by the Troutville Town Hall.

## Goodbye and Good Luck Tootsie and Dave Timmerman

If you are planning your annual trip to see the elaborate Christmas light display and/or visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Tootsie and Dave Timmerman's home on Stoney Battery Road, your trip is going to take a little longer this year.

The Timmermans are leaving Troutville and moving to Ohio to be closer to Tootsie's family. Their house and acreage is up for sale; Dave has loaded a big rig trailer with the Christmas decorations, and is hopeful to put out the display at his new home in Ohio.

Tootsie noted that "Last year, the Santa House gave out 3800 Christmas gift bags to boys and girls who visited...and the year before that, 4200 were given away." If you add other family members, the number easily reached 10,000 per year, not counting the drive-by traffic. It's hard to imagine anywhere else in Botetourt County where so many visited in such a short time.

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