

# TROUTVILLE Tidbits



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## A TROUTVILLE RESIDENT REMEMBERED... *Wolfgang Oedel*

Wolfgang Oedel was born in Heidelberg, Germany 72 years ago, and said he moved to America so he could have all the fried chicken and Coke he wanted. This special man was a father to many during his days as a Lieutenant for the Salem Police Department; he would always go above and beyond his duty to help out kids who seemed to be in need. He and his wife Jeanette (she was a Lawrence who grew up in the Hollins area), whom he met while in the Navy in Germany and she worked in the hospital as a translator, ended up in Botetourt County. Remember the "Cake & Delhi Shoppe" in Daleville? How about "Sweet Things" in Blue Ridge? They owned both bakeries, and then sold them to open a tavern in Daleville called "The Outdoor Inn." Wolfgang also worked at the Botetourt County Sheriffs Department and several of his co-workers at Roanoke Cement Company share fond memories of him as well. He worked there until he received medical retirement in 2004 when he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Wolfgang enjoyed life to its fullest with the love of his life of 53 years from every dance step of the Jitterbug and Waltz to the highways on his fully dressed 1350 Electra Glide Harley. He worked hard and played harder. Years ago, some also called him "Smokey". He loved all sports from golf to soccer, which he later watched daily on his big 61" screen TV; he was also a Virginia Tech Fan. Wolfgang was a great dad to his two girls and three boys, and many others whom he treated like his own; his two grandkids were also very dear to him. He loved everything about life, and was a very positive man always with a smile right up to his last day.

**May was ALS Awareness Month.** Also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS affects the central nervous system, making it difficult for the brain messages to get to the muscles. Fifteen percent of ALS patients are diagnosed right here in Southwest Virginia.

The ALS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 @ 9:00am at Hollins University. Show your support and come out that day for a campus walk in honor of Wolfgang Oedel. He will be smiling down on each and everyone there. For more information, visit the website at [ALSinfo.org](http://ALSinfo.org).

## Here's What Your Friends & Neighbors Are Saying About The *Troutville Farmer's Market in the Park* Open Every Saturday, 7am - 12noon

"The market is great!" – *Pat Wultanski*

"All the vendors are just great people!" – *Inger Reed*

"This is wonderful. I look forward every spring to the Troutville Market!" – *Jan Duus*

"I have been waiting for the Market to open! We just moved here from Ohio and we love Troutville! It's a great place to be and the people are the best part!" – *Pam Jones*

"I come to this market almost every week! It's cozy, friendly, and a good way to buy fresh food and other goodies.....Way to go Troutville!" – *Jane Kneisley*

"I have been coming to the Troutville Farmers Market almost weekly since it started! I love the friendly vendors, the great food and crafts." – *Joyce Smith*

"I was born in Troutville on July 9, 1926. The market is a good addition. Semper Fi!" – *Wes Bowen*

"I love the market. I am here looking for good things, including crafts!" *Cathy Benson*

"I often come to the Troutville Market. I often get items for gifts as well as staples for myself. I feel so fortunate." – *P. Welsh*

## WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PARK!!

Just a quick note to say how beautiful the landscaping and flowers are at Troutville Park! My wife and I frequent the park to walk around the track, and it is impossible not to notice the thought and work that goes into making Troutville Park pleasing to everyone. The flowers are beautiful this year! Please pass along to the responsible party how much we enjoy the fruits of their efforts!

Sincerely,  
Mike & Donna Leiner

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