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Saturday's events included live music, children's crafts and games, various hiking clinics, hiking on the A.T., interviews with hikers and students, Boy Scout projects, great food, and the Appalachian Trail movie from National Geographic. One mother said it was the most fun she and her family had ever had in Troutville. Even her kindergartner hiked two miles on the trail with the entire family.

Together For Troutville, Inc., under the leadership of Sybille Nelson, has a dream and a vision for the Troutville community. The first big event, Troutville Trail Days, is only a beginning. Next, T4T plans to build a kiosk at the trailhead on the outskirts of the town. Plans for next year's Troutville Trail Days have begun. New events and "fun" activities, many of which were suggested by hikers and visitors, will be incorporated into next year's program. T4T is evaluating this year's event to make sure it is even better in the future. We welcome feedback and ideas from the community. Call Sybille Nelson, 540- 529-9532 to share your thoughts.

Call Helen Tippie at 540-330-3863 **to purchase your own Troutville Trail Days commemorative t-shirt** which displays the official logo on the front and a depiction of the winning poster contest painting on the back by Buchanan art student, Lizzy Chilcott. Supply and sizes are limited.

The July issue of **Troutville Tidbits** will feature the names of Trail Day sponsors, information about the poster contest winner and will give a more detailed report about the Hiker's Hustle and other events of the two-day celebration of the Appalachian Trail.

Focus on Troutville

Troutville Lions Club was founded in 1941. The membership is comprised of a diverse group of men and women from a variety of professions. Members enjoy the work of Lionism and they enjoy working together to improve their community. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at the Troutville Town Hall at 6:45 PM. Dinner meetings last approximately one hour and include guest speakers on many different topics.

The Lions motto is "We Serve". They are dedicated to helping their fellow man, their community, their district and the world. There are more than 1.4 million Lions located in 190 countries. The Troutville Lions Club raises money to support the Old Dominion Eye Bank, community service projects, the Bland Music Scholarship for school children, Leader Dogs for the Blind, disaster relief, the Peace Poster Contests at Read Mountain and Central Academy Middle Schools, the Remote Area Medical Program, the Botetourt Resource Center, and more. They assist individuals and families with sight and hearing needs in the Troutville community and surrounding areas. They help to process eyeglasses at the recycling center in Roanoke. These glasses are sent to other countries around the world. Additionally, the Troutville Lions contribute funds to several Boy Scout troops, to Fincastle and Troutville Rescue Squads and Fire Departments, to the Free Clinic in Fincastle and to The League for Animal Protection. The Troutville Lions Club built both picnic shelters in the Troutville Town Park and there are plans to build a permanent stage there.

The club raises funds by selling their gourmet apple butter, mints and brooms. They conduct White Cane fundraising twice per year and hold a potato and chili supper. All funds raised are used for their projects. Members pay dues for club social activities and meals.

If you are interested in joining this vibrant, community service club, call new president Bob Venable at 540-400-7420 or 540-206-4130. The Lions welcome you to visit during a meeting at the Troutville Town Hall. Call in advance and they will provide you with a great meal and an interesting program. Together we can make a difference in Troutville and within the larger community. **The Troutville Lions Club wants you to become a Lion.**

(Beginning this month, Tidbits will include a **Focus** article about different organizations, businesses, and individuals from the Troutville community. Let's get to know each other!)