

### **Eagle Scout Project to Benefit Appalachian Trail**

Troutville, a designated Appalachian Trail Town, is fortunate to have an outstanding young resident, **Shawn DiRocco**, a Boy Scout with Troop 137. He has been a Boy Scout for more than three years and is currently at the rank of "Life", working towards his Eagle Scout classification. The last requirement for earning his Eagle Scout classification is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project that benefits the community. For his project, he plans to build a double-sided three-panel kiosk on the Appalachian Trail. It will be located in Troutville on the southbound trailside of Route 11. The project will benefit day hikers and also help thru hikers (folks who are hiking from Georgia to Maine). The kiosk will provide them with trail information as well as instruct them about the local community, local amenities and services available. Maps, messages and other information can also be posted at the kiosk. Shawn is working in coordination with Together For Troutville, Inc. and with the authority of the Town of Troutville, Botetourt County, the Appalachian Trail Club and the Forest Service.

### **Pomegranate Restaurant News**

The very popular **Stone Canyon Band** returns to the stage at the Pomegranate on March 16 for the St Patrick's Day party. Troutville's own Callback Comedy Club continues every Friday night at 8:00. The Comedy Club is the only one of its kind in the entire Roanoke Valley! Go to the web site <http://www.pomegranateva.com/> for more information.

### **Botetourt Treasures**

Curt and Kim Arney own three of Botetourt's best-kept secret treasures, all of which are located at 5690 Roanoke Road (220 N). The first treasure is that **White Oak Tea Tavern** resides in the historic Cloyd House, circa 1783. Just feasting your eyes on this historic building is worth the trip. The second treasure is the fine luncheon available in the fireside pub-style dining room. Guests sip wonderful iced or hot teas, sample various chicken salad delights and have a delicious scone or other treats while they chat and relax. The third treasure is their remarkable gift shop containing everything from glamorous "bling" (girl talk for body candy universally known as jewelry), body products, fashion accessories, and many varieties of tea to brew at home as well as elegant tea accessories. It's a perfect gift solution showcase. So, dine and shop locally; it's the way to go. Check out the White Oak Tea Tavern's web site [www.whiteoakteas.com](http://www.whiteoakteas.com) for further information.



**Have a Happy and Very Lucky St. Patrick's Day!**

