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“PARTY in the PARK”.... A SMASHING SUCCESS!!!

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The 3rd Annual "Party in the Park" raised an estimated \$7,700 in this year's effort to pursue safety improvements for the Troutville Town Park. **Many thanks to all who attended and supported this effort!!** In addition, *Friends of the Park* and the Town of Troutville would like to thank the following major financial contributors:

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Thanks are also in order for the following businesses that provided significant Gifts In Kind for this year's event:

Botetourt Chamber of Commerce / Digital Image Printing of Daleville / Happy Time Balloons / K&T Entertainment
Rader Funeral Home / Rebel Yell Auction House / Southern Trace Builders / The Fincastle Herald
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In case you missed the fun, here are some highlights:

The Car Show kicked off this year's event with 11 cars proudly displayed at the entrance to the park. The "Oldest Car" award went to Tim & June Woodward for their 1912 Ford Model T; the "Fun Car" award went to Tony Smith for his VW Tryke; and Roy Loope received the "Most Memorable" award for his 1963 1/2 Ford Falcon Convertible.

Twenty-three cakes were entered in the "Bake Off" competition, providing delicious morsels for those who cast their votes. Congratulations to our co-winners: Tammie Frate with her Dreamsickle Delight Cake, and our youngest entry, 12-year old Emily Martin, with the Chocolate Delight Cake. Peggy Comb's Brownie Cake took 2nd place. Pizza, drinks and ice cream were also served.

Both young and old enjoyed a historic caboose tour and hearing stories of "Life in the Caboose." Many thanks to Len Miller for her hard work and dedication to making the caboose, once again, open to the public, and to Cecil Bigham for his help in completing that project. The community also had the opportunity to meet Troutville's Mayor William Rader, former Mayor Jewell Tyndall, and The Honorable Steve Clinton (our Board of Supervisors Representative) and his wife, Kathleen.

The Community Variety Show followed the "Presentation of the Colors" by the Civil Air Patrol cadets and the singing of our National Anthem by Melissa Martin. A very big "Thank You" to our terrific variety show entertainers: Taylor Leonard, Judy Krough, Jessi Kidd, James Boothe, Rachel Frantz and Danielle Holter. We were also very pleased to have "The McAllister Family" join us as our featured group. Door prizes were given out during the show, courtesy of Old Dominion Veterinary Clinic and Bank of Botetourt.

Shelter B was filled with children making crafty hats and getting their faces painted, thanks to our talented face painters Anne Sleboda, Anita Lukach and Jennifer Snider, and our crafty ladies Jenelle Sleboda, Linda Koloda and Judy Krough. K&T Entertainment provided an inflatable that had children bouncing throughout the party. At dark, Greg Sleboda set up his screen to show a movie, which many families enjoyed with hot popcorn that was also furnished by K&T. And to ensure everyone's safety as they left, the Civil Air Patrol cadets directed traffic until 10:30pm. We also appreciate their help in taking down the tents and clearing out all the trash.

Friends of the Park would also like to thank everyone who pitched in to help when asked: Ashley Amos, Sharon Breeding, Vickie Clark, Emily Martin, Randy Martin, Warren Martin, Andrew Moore, Jim & Judy Showalter, Bruce & Doretta Switzer, Ed & Linda Tam, Alex Tam & members of "Five Minutes Later", Thelma Stevens, Raymond Whitlock, The Ben Hurt Band of Darren "Ben" Hurt, Samantha Johns, John Savotti, The Town of Troutville Firefighters & Rescue Squad, and our very own Master of Ceremonies, Cecil Bingham. **We could never have done this without you!**

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