

TROUTVILLE Tidbits



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Troutville TOWN NEWS

Town Park Now Protected by Security Cameras

As a result of the money raised in support of the "Park Safety Campaign" at September's **Party in the Park**, new security cameras have been installed at the Town Park. Jeff Bowles of *Access Control Specialists* not only did a great job providing the system, but he also installed the cameras at a significant discount. **Thank you Jeff!!**

Friends of the Park very much appreciate all who supported this endeavor by attending **Party in the Park**.

We would also like to say a **Special "THANK YOU"** to the following Corporate Contributors who were very instrumental in making this happen: Bank of Botetourt; New River Electric Corp; Steve Clinton, Board of Supervisors; LiteSteel Technologies of America; Pet Health Clinic; Mayor William Rader; Apple Barn; Bank of Fincastle; Doc Luckay, PLLC; John Alderson Agency and Lawrence Transportation Systems.

Happy New Year!

Holiday Events Raised \$895.00 for the Park

The Community Snowflake Tree and Troutville's First Christmas Home Tour were both big successes! A big "Thank You" to Len Miller for coordinating both events; Len worked especially hard on the "Coming Home" Tour. Over 70 snowflakes were sold and 75 people took the tour of homes, businesses and even the Park's N&W Red Caboose.

Thanks also to the additional volunteers who helped that day, and Troutville Church of the Brethren for being the Host Church.

Store Clerk Celebrates 50 Years

By Faye Owen Caldwell

Margaret Hatcher...where do I begin the story? Margaret and I recently discussed how long we have known each other. We decided it might be more than 30 years since I became a customer at Painter's Grocery Store (Thriftway). Margaret was very helpful in finding the brand of flour I wanted when I first visited the store. Because she was so accommodating, I became a regular customer when the Bolton Store closed in Fincastle. I liked the atmosphere there – hometown and friendly – and Margaret was a part of that.

Margaret is such a sweet lady and so kind. She tells about people and events in her own slow way of speaking. I don't think I have ever heard her say a mean word about anyone. I was told that in order to be a "come-here" to Troutville, one had to "get in good" with Margaret because she had a great influence with the local people. She was even called the "Queen of Troutville." Hmm...I don't know about that, but she certainly has a nice way about her.

I remember when Margaret had been at Thriftway for 25 years. A reporter for the Roanoke Times wrote an article for the *Neighbors* section about Margaret, and happened to be visiting the store doing research for the story when I went in to get my weekly groceries. Margaret always greets me with a hug, and when the reporter saw this happen, we were told to hug each other again while a picture was taken. That picture was displayed on the front section of the paper, and I treasure my copy of it greatly.

Time has taken a toll on Margaret physically - a bad knee and ankle - but does she ever give up? Heck no!! And I don't expect her to do that either.

Margaret Hatcher.....A Very Special Lady

Look for an update from Troutville's Strategic Planning Steering Committee in the February 2010 edition of the *Troutville Tidbits!*

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