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Star Reaches New Heights **Mike O'Brochta – KPAD Chairman**

Well, it is safe to say that the Roanoke Mill Mountain Star has reached new heights, at least as far as it's auction is concerned. Bower Heating & Air Conditioning submitted the winning bid of \$7,700 shortly before the auction deadline last Thursday evening. Bidding, during the five-day auction was brisk; 21 bids were received mostly from businesses looking for a unique marketing opportunity. Some bid multiple times in competition with the others. Visits to our website during the auction skyrocketed by a factor of ten times to 250 visits in one day. The winner gets, besides bragging rights, a large custom plaque with their name on it at the base of the Star for a year, and media attention at a Star dedication event. A large star-themed gift basket has already been delivered to Bower Heating & Air Conditioning. Stay tuned for more KPAD results information at our Wrap Up program during the June 14 Club meeting.

Pictured below are Eric Danielsen and Mike O'Brochta from Kiwanis and Sheila Bower and Mark Flanary from Bower Heating & Air Conditioning.



Kids Catching Day

KFD was actually KIDS CATCHING DAY . Well over 100 trout were caught. One boy caught 12! We just had enough food for the picnic (bought by Amy Carter & cooked by Reef Kessler and David Lemon.) Mike Bell & Jim Randles cleaned the fish along with Walter Vance's friend Steve. John Pendleton, John Ewert, Lance Bowen, and Will Dibling helped as fishing guides. Of course, Walter Vance led the way catching trout along with another friend named Steve. My great friend, Barry Webb, helped us out with several last minute tasks besides helping his group of kids catch lots of fish. Betsy Bohannon and husband Chris set up the food, took pictures, and generally were a huge help. Several parents helped with fishing and stayed for the lunch. We had just enough food. Mark King with Hope Tree was extremely

helpful with the entire event. Danny Britton and his helper Jason coordinated the 22+ West End Center kids. John PENDLETON 's comment that if he'd had an experience like Saturday, he would be a real fisherman today (paraphrasing) summarized what a GREAT time everyone had.

Many thanks for the support from Jeremy Benn and Orvis.

Bob & Mike








Fun Day at Goodwill Picnic Shelter

If anyone can help at any of our volunteer shifts - could they get in touch with me please via email? Shifts are from 9 to 11 am; 11 am to 1 pm; and 1 pm to 3:30 pm. They can check in with me at the Wildflower Pollinator Garden where Cynthia Gray, Dave and I will be available to check folks in. (Right next to the Kiwanis Centennial Playground - through our new gate!)

Cheri

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH MEN'S MINISTRY
& KIWANIS CLUB OF ROANOKE PRESENT 

Fun Day

AT KIWANIS CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND

FOOD, MUSIC,
ZOO ANIMALS,
FUN & ACTIVITIES!

Kiwanis Nature Park
Presentation by
Dr. Rupert Cutler @ 1pm

Wildflower Garden
Planting All Day

For Fun Day & Planting Information, Call (540) 981.7099

**MULTIPLE EVENTS
SAME DAY, SAME LOCATION
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

**SATURDAY
MAY 20, 2023
11am - 3pm**

2502 MELROSE AVE. NW
GOODWILL JOBS CAMPUS | MELROSE LIBRARY
KIWANIS CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND

Special Thank You to Our Fun Day Supporters

- Bank of Botetourt
- Bridge Builders
- Chick-fil-A
- Coca Cola
- Cox Communications
- DJ Gary Bannister
- Dr. Frank Cotter
- Duncan Automotive
- Gun Violence Prevention Commission
- Heywood Fralin
- Mayor Sherman Lea
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Nicole Ross
- Rev. Johnny Stone
- Roanoke City Libraries
- Roanoke City Parks & Recreation
- Steve Bowery
- Straight Street
- Total Action for Progress
- Virginia Western Community College
- William Fleming & Patrick Henry Cheerleaders



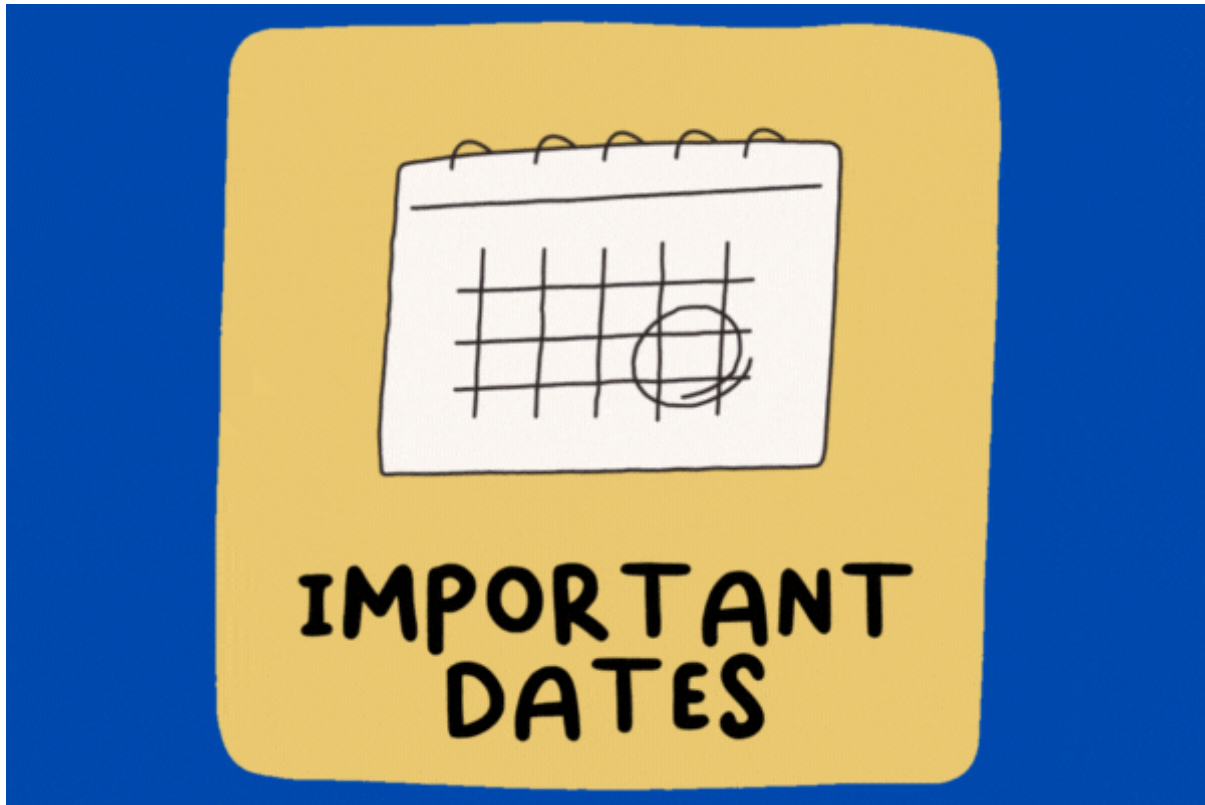
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KPAD Marketing

KPAD on TV!

- Jeanne spoke with WDBJ7 and WSLS about the star auction. [Check out WDBJ7 here](#) and [WSLS here](#).



May 17 - (8 - 9 am) Fun Day Committee Meeting

May 17 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Legislative Update

May 19 - (8 - 9 am) Membership Committee Meeting

May 20 - (11 am - 3 pm) Fun Day at Goodwill Picnic Shelter

May 24 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Jeremy Holmes

May 31 - NO Meeting

June 1 - (5 - 8 pm) Fun Social at Brady's Distillery

June 7 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting

June 14 - (1:30 - 2:30 pm) KPAD Wrap-up Meeting

June 15 - (5:30 pm) KPAD Close-out Meeting at Elks Club

June 21 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting

June 28 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting

May 17th Club Meeting - Legislative Update

- Kiwanian Chris Head has represented the 17th District in the Virginia House of Delegates since 2012. Delegate Head currently serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions, and on the Commerce and Energy, Privileges and Elections, and Rules committees. He also serves as Co-Chair of Virginia's Small Business Commission. In 2022, Delegate Head received the Free Enterprise Award from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his legislative efforts in support of health insurance options for small businesses as well as the Industrial Strength Leadership Award from the Virginia Manufacturers Association PAC. He is a husband, father, grandfather, and business owner, who lives in Botetourt County and owns a senior care business in Roanoke along with Betsy, his wife of 33 years.
- John S. Edwards, born October 6, 1943, in Roanoke, Virginia, is the son of the late Judge Richard T. Edwards and Augusta Saul Edwards Farrier. He is married to Cathye Dabney Edwards and they have three children, Jack, Dabney and Catherine, and seven grandchildren. They are members of Christ Lutheran Church in Roanoke.

In November of 1995, Edwards unseated a Republican incumbent to win a seat in the Senate of Virginia, representing the 21st District. He was re-elected in 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. In the Senate, he has served as Chair of the Rules Committee, Chair of the Civil Law Subcommittee, and Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee. He has served on the Transportation and Privileges & Elections Committees. In 2020 he became Chair of the Judiciary Committee, which had previously been called Courts of Justice. He also currently serves on the Finance, Commerce & Labor, Education & Health, and Rules Committees.



May 24th Club Meeting - Jeremy Holmes

Jeremy Holmes, Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, will be presenting Get to Know the Roanoke Valley

Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO). The RVTPO is the federally-designated planning organization for the urbanized Roanoke Valley. Decisions here influence everything from I-81 widening, to Greenway expansion, to bike lanes, to roundabouts, and now electric vehicle infrastructure. Learn how the RVTPO makes decisions and how you as citizens can get involved in making sure our urban transportation network meets your needs.

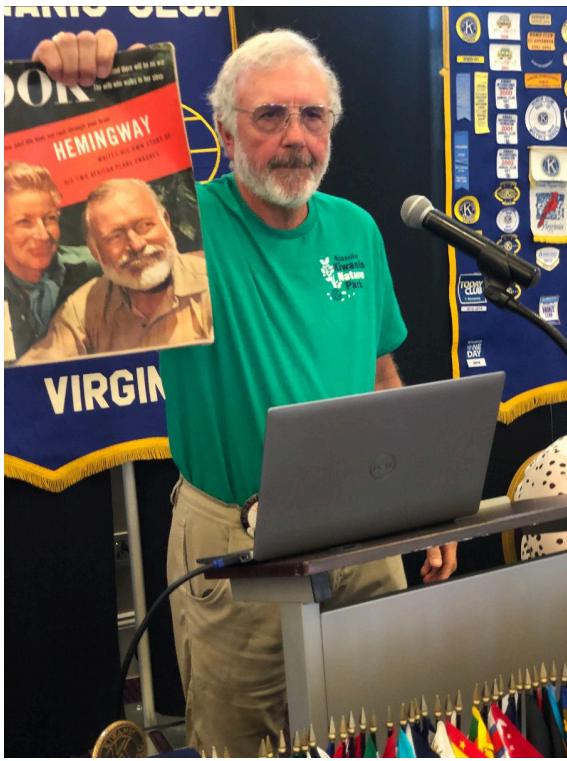
Jeremy Holmes has been with the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission for 17 years. Until 2021, he served as the Director of RIDE Solutions, the regional sustainable transportation program. In 2021, he became the organizations sixth Executive Director, overseeing all aspects of its regional transportation, community development, economic, and environmental planning efforts.

Highlights from our last club meeting!

TOP RACE TEAMS FOR THE SEASON		
3 rd Place –	No. 1 Car (Jamie Bailey)	- \$ 7,750
• 2 nd Place –	KPADS of Thunder (Lois James)	- \$ 9,500
• 1 st Place –	The Intimidators (Kevin Reeder)	- \$ 10,006

TOP DRIVERS FOR THE SEASON		
• 6 th Place	- Mike Loveman	- \$ 1,196
• 5 th Place	- Mike Leigh	- \$ 1,200
• 4 th Place	- Andy Stone	- \$ 1,260
• 3 rd Place	- Eric Danielsen	- \$ 1,285
• 2 nd Place	- Ben Spiker	- \$ 2,000
• 1 st Place	- Rupert Cutler	- \$ 2,225







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Happenings

Cares and Concerns:

Get well wishes are extended to Past President Jackie Bledsoe, who took a nasty spill at home yesterday and suffered a severe bruise to her tailbone.

Meeting Recordings

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Please email any potential happenings to Alex at abargell@gmail.com.

Kiwanian Birthdays

May

3 - Sheila Umberger

5 - Ryan LaFountain

9 - Emily Bailey

10 - Steve Bowery

11 - David Bowers

14 - Hi Nicely

15 - Luke Young

16 - David Points

25 - Bob Bradshaw



Officers:

Ben Spiker, President

Mike O'Brochta, President-Elect

Jeanne Bollendorf, Vice President

John Montgomery, Secretary-
Treasurer

Clark Goodman, Past President

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Don Wilson, President, Kiwanis
Foundation of Roanoke -Term Ends
2023

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Luke Young, 2023

LeeAnn Linkenhoker, 2023

Kevin Reeder, 2024

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