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Emma Land of Roanoke Wins \$5,000 Kiwanis Scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is pleased to announce that Emma S. Land of Roanoke has been chosen to receive the club's first environmental scholarship for area college students majoring in an environment-related field. The \$5,000 award will be presented to Ms. Land at the June 14 meeting of the club in Charter Hall in Roanoke's Market Building by club President Ben Spiker.

Ms. Land, a Raleigh Court neighborhood resident, attended Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke. She graduated this month from Roanoke College with a B.S. degree in Environmental Studies. The Kiwanis scholarship will help her pursue an M.S. in Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia beginning this fall.

Ms. Land worked close to full time to fund her college education. She volunteers on stewardship efforts throughout the Roanoke Valley including as

a Trail Maintainer for both the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club and the Nature Conservancy. As a Virginia Master Naturalist, she has assisted with stream monitoring, leading guided hikes, and invasive species removal.

The \$5,000 Roanoke Kiwanis environmental scholarship was open to all Roanoke students currently attending one of four designated local colleges or universities and majoring in an environment-related degree. An applicant had to be a graduate of a City of Roanoke or Roanoke County public or private high school and attending Virginia Tech, Hollins University, Roanoke College, or Ferrum College. The award criteria focused on financial need, academics, experience in environmental protection or natural resources management, and goals after graduation.

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is one of the largest and most active of the 15,000 worldwide Kiwanis clubs. Its membership includes city and state government leaders, corporate leaders, nonprofit leaders, and civic-minded citizens. It meets in Charter Hall on the third floor of the Roanoke City Market Building and guests are welcome at its midday Wednesday meetings. The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke has been serving the Roanoke community for over 100 years.



Fun Day at Goodwill Picnic Shelter

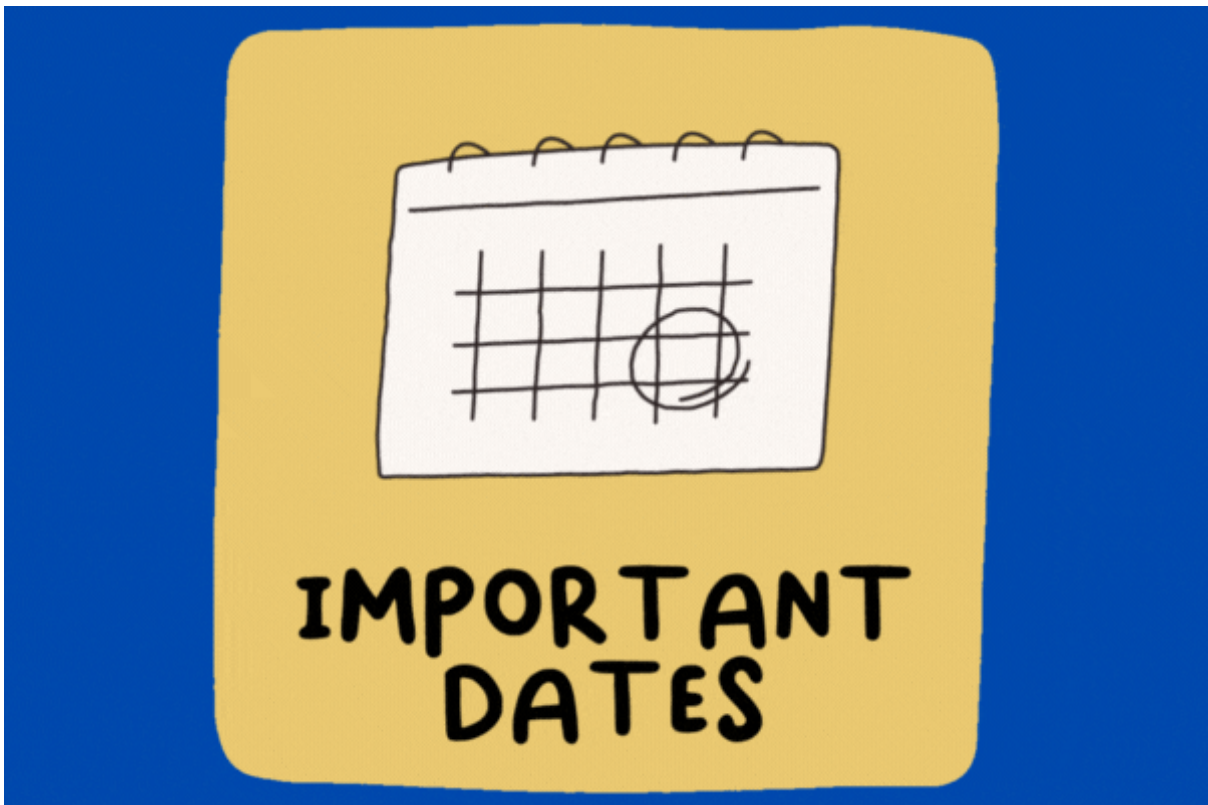
Saturday was Spring FunDay and Job Fair. What an inspiring gathering uniting so many of us throughout our Valley. Our Kiwanis Nature Park got a

great boost/ doubled the size of the Wildflower Garden — exciting to see how last year's plants are thriving. Cynthia Gray and her son were a tour de force planting all day! So were John Ewart, Joe Lemmer, Joe Gaither, Steve McGraw, Dave Hartman, Andy Stone. Others who helped with the Kiwanis activities like Bridge Builder's contribution included Ken Briggs, Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Dr Bill Kagey and his wife, JC Taylor. Shiloh Baptist Church fed us all- great grilled food. Goodwill, TAP, Zoo, Anthem Blue Cross- Blue Shield, library, sheriffs office, police department. Even the Mayor came! Key Clubs from Patrick Henry High School and Roanoke Catholic got into that garden -hands dirty — weeding and planting our beautiful native flowers! TAP brought youth too. I loved the real skin in the game as we relished the wonder of nature together. Cutest little lady bug baby! Awed at the resilience of perennials like our bee balm! Kids enjoyed the playground, the exhibitors, seeing us all come together from every corner, age, and background! Roanoke at its best. Thanks to all of our vendors, performers, exhibitors, cooks, gardeners, speakers inspiring us! Weather held out! Someone is living right- must be Joe Gaither with the holy connections! All who helped showed their kind hearts today! Glorious gathering! Eagle Scout to be —Lucas— got some help preparing site to install benches and picnic table next to the Wildflower Pollinator Garden. Beautiful new shed was built on site by Don Witt and Steve McGraw. Wow! What a day!!!

~ Cheri Hartman!







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 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!







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Happenings

Cares and Concerns:

We were sorry to learn that Dick Clark, husband of Kiwanian Judy Clark, suffered a broken ankle last week and is undergoing surgery tomorrow. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Meeting Recordings

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

Garden Shed

Don Witt and I are happy to report that our Kiwanis Club pollinator garden shed next to the Centennial Playground at the Melrose Branch Library is now completed and ready for use! (Pictured below)

~ Steve McGraw



More Photos From Fishing Day!









Villa Heights Sign

This is a picture of Bert in front of the villa heights sign which Kiwanis helped finance. Saturday Bert and I did some landscaping around the sign.
~ Don Witt



Please email any potential happenings to Alex at abarge11@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



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