

CHAMBER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Kendall Good was the recipient of the Chamber's annual scholarship award for 2009. Kendall, who graduated from E.C. Glass High School this month, will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant or one of their parents, must be a member of the Altavista Area Chamber or an employee of a Chamber member business or industry. The scholarship, which is awarded in the spring, is available to any student who will be a fulltime college student for the upcoming academic year. Chamber president Patty Eller is shown at the right presenting Kendall with her scholarship award. Next to Kendall is her father, Tom, who is employed by BGF Industries here in Altavista.



Running a Business in Difficult Economic Times

There are several resources for businesses, large and small, that are free to businesses. This past year the Chamber has featured each of the below organizations in hopes that you will seek their assistance. Please feel free to contact them with any questions you may have and/or go to their websites for a look at all they offer.

SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business)

Free and confidential small business advice. The Greater Lynchburg Chapter of SCORE covers the Region 2000 area. Their service includes Business Planning, Loan Assistance, Marketing, Legal Entity of your Business, Pricing your Product/Service, Financial Analysis. SCORE is a resource partner of SBA (Small Business Administration) that promotes small business through free education, training and counseling. www.sba.gov/va. Email: info@lynchburgscore.org. www.lynchburgscore.org. Phone 846-3235.

Virginia Department of Business Assistance

Business information and resources for starting a business, running a business, small business technology, manufacturing. www.business.virginia.gov.

Region 2000 Small Business Development Center

Going into Business, Business Plan Development, Financing, Marketing. SBDC comes to the Altavista Train Station the first Thursday of each month for private consultations. Call Chamber office for appointment. They provide workshops and seminars also. Check out upcoming events at www.lbdc.com or call at 582-6170. Reach SBDC at 582-6170.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS



Please provide the Chamber Office with your current email address. The Chamber will use it to keep you informed of Chamber news, events and business information.

TGIFs ARE COMING!

Mark your calendars for the summer's remaining TGIFs - all at AVOCA Museum!

- ☺ Friday, June 26 "Scratch Gravel Road" (70-80s rock) - **Bike Nite**
- ☺ Friday, July 31 "Almost Brothers Band"
- ☺ Friday, August 22 "Key West

All TGIFs start at 6:00 p.m. and admission is \$3.00

CHAMBER HOLDS TGIF

The Chamber held its first of four TGIFs for the season last month at AVOCA Museum here in Altavista. A little rain preceded the event but the skies cleared just in time. Attendees enjoyed pizza, a cold drink, some cool looking cars and trucks and music by "Papa Groove," on a most pleasant spring evening.

THANKS to the following for sponsorship of the May 24th TGIF: **Danville Distributors (Budweiser), First National Bank, NAPA, and the One Stop Mart.**

ENTREPRENEUR EXPRESS

A t t e n t i o n
Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs: You are invited to attend the Entrepreneur Express



Workshop, which is a series of free workshops being offered throughout Virginia. See the enclosed flyer for additional details.

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**Altavista's
Thank
Goodness
It's
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**Friday June 26, 2009
Avoca Museum
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Bike
Night**

Music by Scratch Gravel Road (70s - 80s rock)

ABWA Volunteers

Admission: \$3.00

Children under 12 FREE

F O O D, F U N, F R I E N D S !

Picture ID required to buy alcoholic beverages.
Bring lawn chairs or blankets. No coolers or pets, please.

Major Sponsors for all 4 Events:

**Altavista Area Chamber of Commerce
Danville Distributing/Budweiser
First National Bank of Altavista**

**Vendors: Domino's Pizza
Tomahawk Mills Winery**

Other Sponsors: Bank of the James