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### ***Fridays on the Canal Brings Music, Food, and Community to Downtown Scottsville***

**Scottsville, VA – [May 20, 2025]** – A brand-new event is lighting up Friday nights in Scottsville this summer. *Fridays on the Canal* is a free concert series created to bring the community together through live music, local food, regional wine and beer, and family-friendly fun in the heart of downtown. Held at Canal Basin Square, the event will take place on the fourth Friday of each month from May through September, from 5–8 PM. The first event kicks off this Friday, May 23 with live music by rising country music artist, James Tamelcoff.

Made possible by a partnership with the Town of Scottsville, Scottsville Chamber of Commerce, and a generous group of local sponsors, *Fridays on the Canal* is a grassroots effort built for the community, by the community.

Sponsors include:
Kevin Quick, REALTOR® at RE/MAX Specialists, Mr. Z’s BBQ, The Market at Scottsville/Tiger Wash, WNRN, Soothe Dispensary, Muddy Paws Winery, and many other local supporters who share a vision of bringing fresh energy and connection to this historic river town.

“We wanted to create something that reflects what makes Scottsville such a great river town,” said Ben Rullman, owner of Mr. Z’s BBQ and the visionary behind the series. “There’s a strong sense of community here and a lot of locally owned businesses doing really great things. This series is a way to bring people together, support what’s already happening downtown, and give folks—locals and visitors alike—a reason to come out and experience it.”

Each event features a different live band, rotating food trucks, wineries and breweries, and local artisan vendors. Vendors are also giving back. The Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department will be on site offering water for donation, Mr. Z’s BBQ will be raising funds for the James River Boys & Girls Club, and several other participating vendors will be supporting local charities throughout the series. These grassroots fundraising efforts are a key part of the event’s mission to uplift the community.

“This is what hometown pride looks like,” said Kevin Quick, presenting sponsor. “It’s neighbors showing up for each other, local businesses pitching in, and our town taking the spotlight it deserves. I couldn’t be prouder to support something that brings so much good to our community.”

*Fridays on the Canal* is more than just a concert—it’s a weekend invitation to discover everything Scottsville has to offer. Enjoy *Fridays on the Canal* with local eats and drinks on Friday evening. Then on Saturday, grab a coffee at Baines Books & Coffee, stroll through the Farmers Market at the Pavilion, or head out on the water for tubing or an unforgettable James River Batteau Tour. Finish the day with dinner at one of Scottsville’s standout restaurants like Tavern on the James, El Cazador, or Amici’s, and take time to explore the town’s unique shops, brewery, and other local gems. Whether you’re visiting for the night or staying for the weekend, Scottsville offers a warm welcome and a truly memorable experience.

**2025 Event Dates:
May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26
Location:** Canal Basin Square, Scottsville, VA
**Time:** 5:00–8:00 PM

For more information, vendor lineups, and event updates, visit [www.fridaysonthecanal.com](http://www.fridaysonthecanal.com) or follow @fridaysonthecanal on Facebook and Instagram.

**About Fridays on the Canal***Fridays on the Canal* is a free concert series held on the fourth Friday of each month from May through September at Canal Basin Square in downtown Scottsville, Virginia. The event is a partnership between the Town of Scottsville, the Scottsville Chamber of Commerce, and a dedicated group of local sponsors. Each evening features live music, food trucks, local beer and wine, and fundraising opportunities for area nonprofits—bringing people together to celebrate everything that makes Scottsville special.