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Blue Sky Distillery Opens Store & Tasting Room ~ Open House Planned for September 4th ~

SMITHFIELD, Virginia (August 29, 2017) – Blue Sky Distillery, a start-up micro-distillery in Smithfield, is expanding its operations to include a distillery store and tasting room just seven months after opening. Distillery owners Mark and Kim Rangos of Carrollton will host an Open House at 20042 IWIP Road in Isle of Wight Industrial Park on Monday, September 4, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to stop by for a visit.

Blue Sky Distillery produces DOG STAR Vodka, a smooth premium Vodka handcrafted in small batches with wheat from a farm near Williamsburg and has plans for additional spirits. Water comes from Spring Lake Bottled Water Co., and the bottles for the finished product come from a business in Suffolk. DOG STAR Vodka, a Virginia's Finest® product, is available at several local restaurants including: Wharf Hill Brewing Co., Smithfield Inn, Smithfield Station, The Virginia Company, Captain Chuck-A-Mucks, and A.J. Gators Sports Bar and Grill. It is also for sale in Virginia ABC Stores throughout the Hampton Roads region.

Through the store, the Distillery is permitted to sell all spirits it produces to bars, restaurants, and customers. The Distillery will also sell DOG STAR merchandise such as t-shirts and hats and allow tasting of spirits free of charge.

Beginning September 5, 2017, normal hours of operation for the Distillery Store and Tasting Room are Tuesday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Evening and weekend visits are available by appointment.

For more information, visit Blue Sky Distillery on the web at www.blueskydistillery.com and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/blueskydistillery).

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