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To our Boone community,

I come to you today with a heavy heart, still grappling with the tragedy that unfolded in our peaceful community. On Friday afternoon, the road rage incident that resulted in the loss of life, left us bewildered and deeply saddened. In times like these, it is only natural for both compassion and frustration to intertwine within us. Let us first extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends involved in this incident. Also, to those that innocently witnessed this incident, we are with all of you as you navigate through this pain, grief, and trauma.

As your Mayor, I share your concerns over this incident. Our community, known for its tight-knit bonds and peaceful coexistence, has been marred by this incident. I feel your frustration as we grapple together with the realities of the tragedy that has taken place within our town. In times like these, our character is tested, and I believe in the resilience and goodness that reside within each one of us.

We must come together as neighbors, friends, and fellow human beings to heal. Let us remember the positive aspects of our community that have defined us over the years – the shared hikes, the friendly gatherings, the helping hands during difficult times.

In the coming days, I will begin the important work of convening a community meeting to discuss how we can move forward together, support those traumatized, and ensuring resources are provided to those affected. I commend the Town's emergency first responders for their quick work to ensure to safety of our residents.

While the pain of this incident will not disappear overnight, I have faith that we will emerge from this tragedy stronger, more united, and more committed to preserving the peace and harmony that define our beloved mountain community.

With heartfelt compassion and a determination to heal,

Tim Futrelle

Your Boone Mayor

If you or someone you know is struggling with the effects of trauma, please contact a trained counselor to assist you

- Call or text [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990). SAMHSA Helpline

- or refer to: www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/trauma-listing

If you or someone you know is struggling or having thoughts of suicide, call or text the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](tel:988) at 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org. In life-threatening situations, call 911.