



**FRI  
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- 12-5 PM** Thru-hiker welcome, orientation & registration at the Big Tent, Alpine Court.
- 4:30 - 6:30 PM** Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by and benefiting the Madison County Group Home  
Location: Steen's Reception Building
- 7 PM -** An Evening with Grandma Gatewood, Pioneer Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker  
Actress Anne Van Curen will bring Grandma Gatewood to life and tell the inspiring story of the woman who at 67 became the first woman to solo thru-hike the Appalachian Trail.  
Sponsor: Madison County Libraries

**SAT  
27**

- 10 AM- 5 PM** Thru-hiker welcome, orientation & registration at the Alpine Court. Ongoing give-aways, Duck sales, food, gear, and information vendors, Silent Auction. AT videos at the Hot Springs Welcome Center.
- 10 AM- 5 PM** Music at the Big Tent
  - 10:00 Butter Holler String Band
  - 11:00 Peter and Susi Gott
  - 12:00 Roy Hurley
  - 1:00 Hiker Cook-off Contest at the Big Tent
  - 2:00 Richard Thornburgh String Band
  - 3:00 Ron Neill and "The Neills"
  - 4:00 Mark Shane
  - 5:15 Duck Race on bridge at Spring Creek.  
1st Prize \$100, 2nd Prize \$50
  - 6:00 Free Hiker Feed at Laughing Heart Hostel with music by Mark Shane

**SUN  
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- 8 AM- 10 AM** \$5.00 Pancake Breakfast Location: Smoky Mountain Diner
- 10 AM** Area churches welcome AT hikers and guests to their services.

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