

Sweet Summertime

Hot Springs has something to offer every day of the week, plus many special events planned this summer! Make sure to visit our very own microbrewery for a brew, tacos, and a live act most evenings. On weekends, weather permitting, you can find vendors downtown at two different locations. Cafés, gift shops, delis, and restaurants will round out your experience of this quirky mountain town.



Every Tues at 6pm..... [Game Night at Big Pillow Brewing](#)

Every Wed at 6pm..... [Karaoke or Open Mic at Big Pillow](#)

Sundays all summer.... [Markets at Trust General Store](#)

2nd Saturdays..... [Laurel Community Monthly Market](#)

Saturday, June 11..... [Bluff Mountain Music Festival](#)

Saturday, June 18..... [Max Patch Presentation in Spring Creek](#)

June 18 & 19..... [Charcoal Portrait Workshop at Gallery 339](#)

Saturday, July 2..... [Fireworks Celebration Downtown](#)

Saturday, July 2..... [Freedom Festival in Laurel Community](#)

Monday, July 4..... [Fireworks in Spring Creek](#)

Saturday, Sept 10..... [Car Show in Spring Creek](#)

Check event websites for details, special protocols and general change in plans before arrival.



Speaking of Sweet, Visit Artisan Gallery to Sample Homemade Sweet and Savory Baked Goods Made Right in Town

All Events and Live Music are on our [**Events Calendar**](#)
(Scroll down to find a detailed list of Library Events too!)

Donna Ray Norton, Shares Her Story of Growing Up Singing in These Mountains



Donna Ray Norton was raised in the nearby Sodom community, surrounded by song while doing everyday things with family. These traditional ballads were handed down over generations to keep their stories and lessons alive. In modern times, such traditions can become a thing of the past. But fortunately, people like Donna Ray are performing and carrying many of the same traditional ballad songs forward into the next generation.

Tiffany Narron sat down and talked with Donna Ray about her life and upcoming 3rd album release. This article will touch your heart, and includes a recording of the tempestuous tale of 'Mathy Groves'.

[Read the Full Article and Listen to Donna Ray Sing Here.](#)

The Madison County Arts Council
Presents the 25th Annual
Bluff Mountain Festival
Hot Springs, North Carolina
SATURDAY JUNE 11 2022 10am-6pm
A special tribute to Arvil Freeman
AT THE HOT SPRINGS RESORT & SPA
All Acoustic! Old Time - Bluegrass
Ballads - World Class Clogging
Silent Auction - Cash Raffle
Food Vendors - Art Market
Family Friendly and Free! No Pets Please
828.649.1301 madisoncountyarts.com
Spa and Camping Info: 828.622.7676 nhotsprings.com

This Saturday, June 11, Donna Ray will be performing with the Madison County Ballad Singers at the Bluff Mountain Festival.

The festival is on the lawn of the Hot Springs Resort & Spa from 10am-6pm.

We are excited to gather again for this heartwarming community event, see each other's friendly faces and enjoy this lineup!

JAM ~ David Hughes ~ Sheila Kay Adams ~ Cole Mountain Cloggers with Stony Creek Boys ~ Josh Goforth & Bryan McDowell ~ Sourwood Ridge ~ Carley Arrowood & Daniel

Thraillkill ~ Whitewater Bluegrass Co. ~ Roger Howell ~ Madison County Ballad Singers ~ Dangerous Curves ~ Green Grass Cloggers ~ Travis Stuart ~ Lillian Chase



Fireworks Celebrations in July

Hot Springs will have its celebration on **Saturday, July 2nd**. Come early to enjoy the shops, restaurants and vendors downtown before the fireworks at dark.

Fireworks will be rocketed from the water tower north of town near River Road. **People may gather downtown and at the elementary school grounds.** The school has a great view and additional parking in designated areas such as the teacher lot, front circle, bus area, or along roadways so as to not impede traffic.

Our Volunteer Fire Dept will have someone there to monitor the area and accept donations. Please plan to carry out your trash.

**Note that only guests who have signed a waiver are allowed on the Hot Springs Resort & Spa property to view fireworks.*

Laurel Community Center will host its Freedom Festival on Saturday July 2nd. They will have live music, food, fireworks, and fun for the whole family beginning around 2pm. There is also a 5K Road Race in the morning from 9-10am. **Sign Up for the 5K here**

Spring Creek sets off a beautiful display at their community center on the big day, Monday July 4th at dark. Settle in beforehand with food from Dave's 209 and live music.

Fun for the Whole Family- Hot Springs Library Events



June 6 - 11am at Pine Hall (64 S Spring St) - Junior Appalachian Musicians will perform (all ages) - Don't miss the opportunity to listen to local favorite, the Junior Appalachian Musicians (J.A.M.) perform in Hot Springs. This group is comprised of local youth, age 5-17, who are learning and performing Appalachian traditional music, which often includes fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, a junior and senior string band, and dance. Registration recommended but not required - <https://bit.ly/mcpl-jam>

June 13 - 11am at Pine Hall - The Abells will perform (all ages)- Susana and Timmy Abell present an exciting, engaging, and interactive blend of music, puppetry, poetry, and storytelling. Registration recommended but not required - <https://bit.ly/hs-abells> - This group is also performing at the Marshall Library (1335 N Main St, Marshall) on June 29 at 11am

June 20 - 11am at Hot Springs Library - Pollination- Do you love to eat? Learn why we must have pollinators!! (geared for kids but all ages welcome)

June 21 - 1pm at Pine Hall - Watercolor Painting Class for teens and adults - no charge - registration required since supplies are limited - <https://bit.ly/wc-paint>

June 28 - 11am at Hot Springs Library - STEM Lab - Crash Test Cars (for kids) - Engineer with LEGOs to construct a car that will make it through a crash test undamaged. We will briefly discuss car safety mechanisms, then put them to the test.

July 5 - 1pm at Pine Hall - River Conservation and Fly Fishing 101 for teens and adults - registration required so we can plan for group size - <https://bit.ly/mcpl-fishing>

July 11 - 11am at Hot Springs Library - Deep Sea Science with the Hands On Museum of Hendersonville - Learn about the bottom of the deep blue sea as we learn about the creatures living in the ocean. We'll discuss the multitude of amazing ocean life, the life of a marine biologist, and make our own ocean in a bottle. Registration recommended - <https://bit.ly/mcpl-sea>

July 18 - 11am at Pine Hall - Fur, Feathers, and Scales - Balsam Mountain Trust - Learn about the different classifications of animals by meeting some real-life examples! During this interactive lesson, we will explore Amphibians, Fish, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals. This program can be tailored to different ages to cover NC standard topics such as body coverings, structural anatomy, biodiversity, adaptations and evolution, and human/environment interactions. - Registration recommended - <https://bit.ly/hsl-balsam>

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