



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2017

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Hot Springs Tourism Association

Hot Springs Summer Fun has Already Begun!

There are some exciting events & festivals happening in town this summer. Two of these events are new to town this year. Be sure to check out event websites to confirm place and time.



Mark these events down on your calendar and get ready to celebrate:

- Bluff Mountain Music Festival on Saturday, June 10
- Concerned Bikers Association Rally on Fri - Sun, June 23 - 25
- Fourth of July Fireworks on Saturday, July 1
- Wild Goose Festival on Thur - Sun, July 13 - 16
- Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21
- German Internment Centennial on Fri - Sun, September 15 - 17
- Deep Water Soul Fest on Fri - Sun, September 22 - 24
- Skirmish at "Warm Springs" on Fri - Sun, November 3 - 5

Stop in at the *Hot Springs Welcome Center* for valuable information on short-term lodging, places to eat and outdoor areas to explore. Inside the Center are fascinating photos and exhibits detailing our area's rich history and beautiful, natural world around us.

The Welcome Center is operated by the Hot Springs Tourism Association with support from the Town of Hot Springs and the Madison County TDA.

Learn More at HotSpringsNC.org

1st Annual Deep Water Soul Fest

The *Hot Springs Resort & Spa* pulled out the stops and has created an amazing weekend



music & camping festival for the whole family. The festival takes place on Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24. Along the banks of the French Broad River, on the newly expanded Main Stage of the Resorts campground, will be featured some fantastic Soul and R&B artists. 17 bands in 2 days!

Appearing onstage will be *Donna the Buffalo* from Trumansburg, NY performing original and cover songs. Their feel-good groove oriented vibe of folk-rock, reggae, & bluegrass has been wowing crowds since 1989.

Lukas Nelson and The Promise of the Real crank it up with their brand of cowboy, hippie, surf-rock. Playing live all over the country, they have recently opened for Sheryl Crow. Band members Lukas and Micah are sons of famous father Willie Nelson. The band also released their 3rd album. It's called "Something Real" with Neil Young lending his voice to track "San Francisco".

Alanna Royale is a 6 member band based in Nashville, TN. Their spunky blend of soul, funk and pop have added musical depth with the additional sounds of the bass, trumpet and trombone. The bands most recent album is "Achilles".

Amazingly talented local musician and songwriter from Marshall, *Andy Buckner*, will perform. Expect vibrant sounds from *Pierce Edens and the Dirty Works* and Asheville's energy-filled *The Pleasure Chest* to keep you on your feet. Recording-artist *Ashley Heath and Her Heathens*, *The Screaming J's* and more will perform over the week-end.

This is a family friendly event. Children under 12 are free. A portion of the proceeds will go to Madison County Arts Council and the Madison County Community Learning Center.

Tickets are available now on their website **deepwatersoulfest.com**

German Internment Centennial

Friday, Sept 15 through Sunday Sept 17

One hundred years ago in 1917, our little town of Hot Springs was greeted



by around 2,500 German Nationals arriving by train. The Government believed the isolated Mountain Park Hotel could accommodate the large number of Internees. When America entered WWI, German cruise ship crewmen, officers and guests alike were stuck on transatlantic cruise liners in New York's Hudson River Harbor. For 18 months these and other Germans stayed within the fenced-in compound while the townsfolk guarded the Hot Springs Internment Camp.

In remembrance of this unusual time in history, *Sunnybank Inn* will be sponsoring a series of lectures, panel discussions, author readings, and walking tour during a three-day weekend.

Documentary film by Kevin Kennedy "*German Enemy Aliens in the Land of the Sky*" will be shown at the *Hot Springs Welcome Center*.

Expect a wreath laying ceremony at the *Odd Fellows Cemetery* to be performed by members of the German Consulate . A photo exhibit of the German "invasion" will be featured at the Welcome Center. Food trucks of German cooking will also be participating at the weekend event.

Look at our Facebook Page for a Full Schedule of Activities for this Once in a Hundred Year Event!

Hot Springs Homegrown & Handmade Market

Garden planting season has begun. We have been blessed to have fresh produce, cheese, bread, and other handmade items available right here in town. Area farmers, bakers and other crafts folk have been on the front lawn of the Alpine Court on Bridge Street (Route 25/70) every Saturday since April.



At the Hot Springs farmers market you'll find plant starts, seasonal produce, earth-friendly cleaning products, crafts, delicious locally baked goods, cheese, meat and honey. Stop by to get all your good-for-you goodies from ...

10 am to 2pm every Saturday.

Learn More on their Facebook Page

Lend A Hand At The Welcome Center
Volunteer and Paid Positions

If you are interested in greeting visitors and helping with special projects, please give the Administrator, Stacey Geyer, a call at (828) 622-7287. Paid positions may be available for those 55 and older through the Senior Service America program.



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Give us a call today!

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