

**High Country Regional Visitor Center**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**AFTERNOON ART CLUB**

**Every Tuesday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

*Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*

Children ages 6 to 10 years of age are invited to join us at the Museum for creative art-making activities. Participants will find inspiration from current exhibitions and will introduce them to different art mediums, from watercolor to clay.

Registration is required. Email [Jennifer@BlowingRockMuseum.org](mailto:Jennifer@BlowingRockMuseum.org)

**DOODLEBUG CLUB**

**Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

*Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*

Preschool-age children and a parent/guardian are invited to Doodlebug Club -- a fun, educational art program focused on basic art skills (holding your paintbrush, identifying primary colors, etc.) while introducing children to different art media, from watercolor to clay. After clean-up it is storytime! This program is a great way to introduce your child to art and meet other children and parents. \$5 Space is limited, reservation required. email:

[jennifer@blowingrockmuseum.org](mailto:jennifer@blowingrockmuseum.org) or call 828-295-9099

**WEEKLY FREE LIVE MUSIC**

**Nightly throughout the High Country**

Find live bluegrass, country and modern music nightly on our list of free live music.

Visit: [highcountryhost.com/NC-High-Country-FREE-Music](http://highcountryhost.com/NC-High-Country-FREE-Music)

**FARMERS MARKETS**

**Every Tues, Thurs & Saturday throughout the High Country**

Find fresh fruit, veggies, meats, pastas, breads and more! Some markets feature craft vendors, food trucks, live music and children activities. View the complete list at: [highcountryhost.com/High-Country-Farmers-Markets](http://highcountryhost.com/High-Country-Farmers-Markets)

**VALLE CRUCIS PARK BIRDWALK**

**Every Wednesday, 8:30am – 10:30am**

Join the High Country Audubon Society for a bird walk at Valle Crucis Community Park every Wednesday. Enjoy an opportunity to see our beautiful birds in the area in a walk led by one of your community members. These walks will start on April 3rd and end on October 30th, 2019.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY MUSIC AT THE ORCHARD AT ALTAPASS (PARKWAY MILEPOST 328)**

May 17: Tom Sparks & Friends, Orchard at Altapass, 1:45 pm

May 18: Town & Country and Bearwallow, Orchard at Altapass, 1:00-4:30 pm

May 19: Harlan County Grass and Country Just Us, Orchard at Altapass, 1:00-4:30 pm

May 24: Sam McKinney, Orchard at Altapass, 1:45 pm

May 25: Amantha Mill and Rewind, Orchard at Altapass, 1:00-4:30 pm

May 26: Randy Flack and Terry McKinney, Orchard at Altapass, 1:00-4:30 pm

May 27: Memorial Day Picnic, Orchard at Altapass, 10:30 am-5:30 pm

May 31: Sound Traveler, Orchard at Altapass, 1:45 pm

**Friday, May 17, 6pm, Backstreet Park, West Jefferson**

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. Bring a chair!

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### **TODD COMMUNITY OLD TIME DANCE**

**Friday, May 17, 2019 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm, Todd Mercantile, 3899 Todd Railroad Grade Rd, Todd, NC 28684**

Grab the family and your neighbors and get ready to kick up your heels for the monthly dance at the Merc - always the first "teenth" Friday of the month. Dances include reels, squares, contras, waltzes and maybe a little bit of flat footing. No experience necessary. Live callers and music provided by the ever-changing and ever versatile Laurel Creek Stringband led by Cecil Gurganus. <http://toddmercantile.com/>

### **BACKSTREET CONCERT**

**Friday, May 17, 6pm, Backstreet Park, West Jefferson**

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. Bring a chair!

### **STILLS & GRILLS**

**May 17-18, Wilkes Agricultural Fairgrounds, North Wilkesboro**

Enjoy live music, spirits and try grilled delights

### **APPLE HILL FARM OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 11:00am - 4:00pm, Apple Hill Farm, 400 Apple Hill Road, Banner Elk, NC 28604**

Join us to celebrate Spring! Meet our animals by taking one of our public tours or by booking a private tour. Our tours are guided walking tours of our working alpaca farm generally 45 to 60 minutes. Get up close and personal with the alpacas, llamas, angora goats, guardian donkeys, dogs, and all the other animals that call Apple Hill Farm home.

Saturday, May 18 tours will start on the hour from 11AM to 2PM. Summer hours begin with tours everyday at 2PM and Saturdays at 11AM & 2PM. Tour prices are \$12 for Adults, \$7 for Children ages 4-10, <http://www.applehillfarmnc.com>.

### **CONCERTS on the DECK**

**May 18, 6pm, Yadkin Valley Marketplace, North Wilkesboro**

### **RED, WHITE & BLUEGRASS**

**Tues, May 20, 6pm, American Legion Hall, Blowing Rock**

Enjoy live bluegrass music from the areas best performers!

### **ASHE COMMUNITY SINGERS**

**Friday evening, May 24, 7:30pm, Ashe Civic Center in West Jefferson**

The repertoire will be a mix of classical, contemporary, sacred and popular music for this Springtime concert.

The event will be free and open to the public. Donations accepted! For more information please call 336-846-2787.

### **ART IN THE PARK**

**Sat, May 25, 10am, Downtown Blowing Rock**

Juried arts & crafts show

### **CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD**

**Sat, May 25, 4pm, Tanger Outlets, Blowing Rock**

Shopping, food trucks and live music!

### **BLACK LIGHT MINE TOUR**

**Sat, May 25, 9pm, Emerald Village, Little Switzerland**

Nighttime underground mine tour

### **ART ON THE GREENE**

Historic Banner Elk School, 140 Azalea Circle, Banner Elk, NC 28604

**Memorial Day, May 25-26**

Three times each summer, the green at the Historic Banner Elk School comes to life with Art on the Greene, featuring quality, hand-made arts and crafts from select regional and national artisans. Art on the Greene takes place Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend. The festivities include food vendors and other entertainment.

[www.bannerelk.com](http://www.bannerelk.com)

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### **LUKEFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, May 26, 2pm – 5pm**, Crouse Park, 60 Cherry St. Sparta

5 musical acts, including Wayne Henderson, food, patriotic festivities.

### **JOE SHANNON'S MOUNTAIN HOME MUSIC MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT - THE SILVIO MARTINAT SWING BAND**

**Sunday, May 26, 7:30pm**, Harvest House, 247 Boone Hts. Drive, Boone

Two-time national studio musician of the year and long time JSMHM friend, David Johnson will host the show and sit in on a few numbers. This concert will feature selections of music paying tribute to all of our nation's servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice preserving our freedom. \$18 advance, \$20 at the door, \$5 student.

[www.mountainhomemusic.org](http://www.mountainhomemusic.org)

### **BLOWING ROCK ART & HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBITION CELEBRATION**

Friday, May 31, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm, BRHAM

Our seasonal Exhibition Celebrations are some of our biggest gatherings of the year! Three times a year—winter, summer, and fall, the Museum hosts a reception to celebrate our latest changeover of exhibitions in the galleries. Hors-d'oeuvres, drinks, and music are offered throughout the evening. You'll have the chance to meet museum staff, exhibiting artists, featured historians, and fellow cultural enthusiasts from across our High Country community. Every reception is free, family-friendly, and always a party you don't want to miss! This event is free and open to the public.

### **DRAFT HORSE PULL**

On **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Avery Agriculture & Horticulture Fair is holding a Draft Pull on the Avery Extension Service Grounds located at Heritage Park, 661 Vale Road in Newland. The Draft Pull is a family-friendly event oriented around large draft horses pulling weighted sleds in competition. These horses are cared for and loved by their owners and enjoy competing in Draft Pull events. **Gates will open at 12:00 noon with the Draft Pull getting underway at 3:00 p.m.** There will be live music featuring the local Toe River Drifters Band and concessions available by the Linville Central Rescue Squad from 12:00 noon until when the Draft Pull starts. Further details about the Draft Pull can be obtained from South by calling the Extension Center (828-733-8270). Admission is \$10, except for children ages 12 and under, who are admitted free.

### **WATAUGA COUNTY EMERGENCY FEST**

**June 1, 10am – 2pm**, ASU Peacock Lot

Come join us. It is serious fun for the entire family and it is free! The 16th annual event where local and regional emergency service providers teach safety for emergency situations while giving the chance to interact in a fun and unique way!

### **ENSEMBLE STAGE PRESENTS: "FORTUNE"**

**June 8 – June 16**, Historic Banner Elk School. See [www.ensemblestage.com](http://www.ensemblestage.com) for times and prices.

Maude, a lonely, surly, storefront psychic has accepted that love is not in the cards for her. She can see the future and knows this to be her fate. But when she takes pity on a love-hungry customer whom she tells is destined to the same fate, she decides fate is in need of a real butt-whipping. Thus begins a hilarious and clever, no-holes-barred, wrestling match, pitting love against predestination.

### **THE CHAPEL OF REST PRESENTS "LOVE MAKES A HOME: THE LIFE OF REBECCA BOONE"**

**Sunday, June 9 at 4 pm**. The Chapel of Rest is located at 1964 Highway 268, Lenoir, NC

This year marks the 250th anniversary of Daniel Boone's first trek through the Cumberland Gap! In *Rebecca Boone: Love Makes a Home*, the wife of Daniel Boone shares homespun wisdom and meaningful memories as she chops wood, cooks stew, and does her mending on a winter evening in 1811. The play features a dozen tunes of the time played by **William Ritter**, with **Terra Currie** as Rebecca Boone. Daniel and Rebecca met and married in the Yadkin Valley.

The trail-blazing midwife didn't get the luxury of a home she could keep, but her adventures made up for what went missing. She walked through Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Kentucky before she found her final rest in Missouri. Visit: [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)