

Heart of the Blue Ridge

Things to see and do in Yancey and the surrounding area

Burnsville, NC

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Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair returns Aug. 6 and 7

The beloved Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, forced into a pandemic pause last August after 63 years, returns to Burnsville's Town Square, Aug. 6-7.

Always on the first full weekend in August, hours for the Crafts Fair are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

This year, the streets of Burnsville will be filled with nearly 200 juried crafters showing off their handmade treasures.

Like a living patchwork quilt, Mount Mitchell Crafts Fair spreads across the historic Town Square and streets allowing visitors to explore work by some of the finest artists in the region--and visit local shops.

A new executive director for the Chamber of Commerce brings different ideas and a fresh perspective for 2021. "Everybody is ready to hit the road and take part in something they missed out on last year, and we're excited to have them come to Burnsville."

The Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair has an established reputation in the crafts world as a juried event that avoids mass-produced and



With nearly 200 booths, the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair is a shoppers delight -- and there's music, food, and more.

resale items. Jones plans to build on the fair's reputation by involving more top-notch artists from the Toe River Valley.

The juried entry process ensures a variety of crafts, from ceramics and wood carvings to jewelry, blown and sculpted glass, metalwork, rustic furniture, textiles and woven baskets, candles, soaps and lotions, and artwork in all mediums.

Some of the artisans will show off their craft skills throughout

the festival. Stop by the booths and watch as the artisans produce their work throughout the day.

Favorite traditions including bluegrass music and clogging on the stage underneath the shade trees are a favorite. Food trucks will complement the offerings from downtown eateries.

Sponsors include One Of A Kind Art Gallery and Young & McQueen. For additional event info: YanceyChamber.com/Crafts-Fair or (828) 682-7413.

Explore Yancey's rich history at Museum Complex in downtown

Yancey History Association was founded in 1968 and acts as caretaker/conservator of the McElroy House, Rush Wray Museum of Yancey History and the properties on the Museum Complex.

Their mission is to preserve and promote Yancey County and Toe River Valley history through exhibits, collections, community presentations, annual social events -- rotating exhibit preview parties, Veteran's BBQ Picnic, Pickin' on the Porch music; and youth programs and sponsorships.

Yancey History Association relies on membership subscriptions and donations to provide

the funds necessary to continue to meet their goals and maintain the historic artifacts and properties entrusted to their care.

Visit the Museum Complex to view the properties and ongoing exhibits highlighting Yancey County's varied and interesting history. The current exhibit in the Lloyd Bailey Building features the men and women who served during World War II.

Located at 3 Academy Street behind the Chamber Visitor Center. Call 828-678-9587, email: yhamuseum@frontier.com. Visit the website at yanceyhistoryassociation.org or at [Facebook.com/YanceyHistoryAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/YanceyHistoryAssociation)



Check out the official tourism website exploreburnsville.com. View pages for things to do and check out the visitor information to start planning your getaway to Yancey County. Our quintessential mountain community is quaint, charming, and friendly and the inspirational landscape that surrounds us is a part of daily life.

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Town Center Schedule of Events

July 10th- Beyond Measure Concert, 7 p.m.
July 16th- Hard Times Benefit Concert, 6 p.m.
July 23rd- StoneEcho Concert, 7 p.m.
July 30th- Darren Nicholson Concert, 7:30 p.m.
August 2nd- Taste of The Blue Ridge
August 14th- Dylan Wilson and
The Five & Dimers Concert, 7 p.m.
August 21st- Appalachian Therapeutic
Riding Center Benefit
September 25th- Old Timey Days
Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
October 1st & 2nd- Spirits of Autumn Art Show
October 8th- Dig in Empty Bowls Fundraiser
October 16th & 17th- Mountain Acoustics
Luthier Invitational, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
October 23rd- Riddlefest, 7pm
November 6th- Christmas Ornament
Craft Show, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
November 19th- Arthur Morgan School Fundraiser
November 27th- Christmas Extravaganza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
December 4th- 4H FFA Xmas Bazaar- 10 a.m.

Pig & Grits, a local favorite for barbecue and southern cuisine

Pig & Grits would like to share gratitude to their team and dining guests. It is the support and dedication of both that make Pig & Grits possible, and has been especially true during this past year.

This is the place where Southern Cuisine meets Southern Hospitality, and where locals and visitors gather to enjoy an exceptional meal and great company.

From their Smokehouse Breakfast and Slow Smoked Hickory BBQ to the Sweet Iced Tea, Pig & Grits delivers that 'down home' southern experience that BBQ is known for.

With humble beginnings, this now local favorite for breakfast, lunch and dinner opened its doors in December 2014, and grateful to be a part and serve the Burnsville community and surrounding areas.

Their slow-smoked meats include Pulled Pork, Brisket, Chicken, Turkey, Ribs and more. They do all the smoking over locally grown, hand-cut hickory. These all-natural meats are

smoked in-house, daily!

The barbecue at Pig & Grits is never chilled, giving diners always fresh, moist and tender barbecue on their plate.

You will always find five regional sauces, from Eastern North Carolina to Georgia, Tennessee and beyond, to satisfy your flavor exploration.

In addition, they feature Signature Seasonal Sauces that



Their breakfast menu is all homemade from scratch, including the southern favorite buttermilk biscuits and gravy, fresh omelets,

include Cherry Bourbon, Honey-Sriracha, Applewood Smoked BBQ and more.

Whether you are looking for a relaxing dining experience, catering for hundreds or just seeking delicious breakfast or some tasty barbecue, the Pig & Grits staff is here to serve you.

Pig & Grits is grateful for the opportunity to work with local vendors and partners to provide you with all natural, local and sustainably sourced produce and ingredients. It's part of their promise to freshness in every meal!

Pig & Grits also offers smoked chicken, burgers and a number of southern style sides including their signature pigtails, collards, okra, creamy macaroni, and more. Try the Hog Boss pulled pork sandwich with some pigtails. You can't go wrong.

Their breakfast menu is all homemade from scratch, including the southern favorite buttermilk biscuits and gravy, as well as morning fresh omelets and sides such as liver mush and southern



In addition to their large indoor seating area, Pig & Grits now has two decks for outdoor dining. Join friends and neighbors for a relaxing dining experience.

fried or grilled pork loin.

Pig & Grits also offers take-out service, and they can cater your special occasions, large or small.

You can check out their menu online at pigandgrits.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram. Call 828-536-0010.

Located at 620 West Main Street in Burnsville. Hours: Tuesday – Friday 7 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-2 p.m.



A great selection of delicious sides makes every meal at Pig & Grits special.

The place where Southern Cuisine meets Southern Hospitality!



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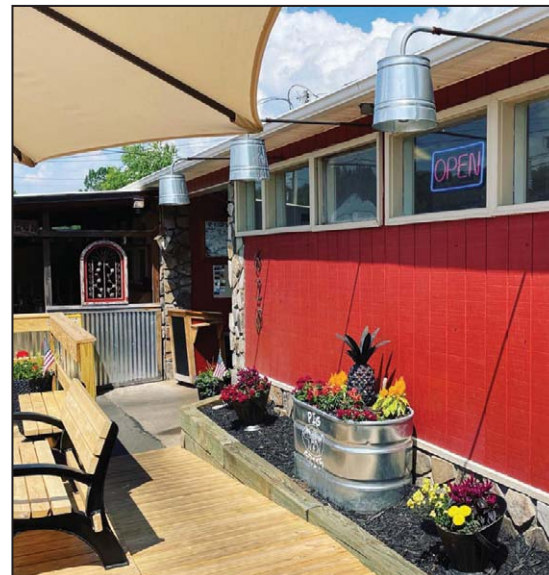
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"Looking for a relaxing dining experience, catering for hundreds, or just seeking delicious Breakfast and BBQ -- this is the place!"

Hammond Antiques has three levels jam-packed with treasures galore

Hammond Antiques features three floors and 30,000-sq.ft. of high-quality antiques, furniture, vintage toys, vases, statues, jewelry, china, and thousands of collectibles and unique treasures.

Touring the store is a true adventure, almost like traveling through time, as there are items available from many eras in history and parts of the world.

Hammond Antiques also offers event rentals, specializing

in weddings, and services such as no-fee layaway, lamp and furniture repair, and custom-made dollhouses.

In the back corner of the main floor is the famous "Tea-Room" brimming with hundreds of teapots, a particular favorite at Hammonds.

Located at 201 West Main, down from the Yancey Theater. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 to 6 and most Sunday afternoons.



Spend time exploring this antique shop on West Main.

Iconic Riverside Roller Rink making memories since 1958

The iconic Riverside Roller Rink was built in 1958 by Jim and Joyce Gardener, a time that ushered in rock n' roll, poodle skirts, bobby sox and blue jeans.

The popular spot is now operated by their niece Rhonda Peterson, who was helping with the business when the pandemic hit. She is now carrying on the tradition, filling Joyce's role of renting skates, booking birthday parties and events, and keeping the memories and the music going.

For generations of local residents and summer visitors, the roller rink was the place to go – it was a hangout where teens could meet and perhaps couple-skate under the twinkling lights or compete in the limbo contest – all to hit tunes of the time.

Last fall during the down time, the rink was renovated with new paint, handicapped access, new restrooms, and a memory wall celebrating the Gardner family.

Surprisingly, not much else has changed but the music as new generations of families lace up their skates and take to the floor making new memories.

Roller skate with friends.

Learn to skate backwards, enjoy skate games and favorite dances. If you want private lessons or want to book an event or order your very own skates from their catalog, just contact Rhonda.

Open skating (Glow Night) Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and is half price (wear your glow clothing). Open skating Friday 7-10 p.m. and Saturday 7-10 p.m. Saturday from 4-6 p.m. is open for small children and new beginners. Admission is \$7 per person, or \$6 if you have your

own skates.

Groups, birthday parties and events by reservation only on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Cost for a two-hour occasion is \$140 for up to 20 skaters. If more than 20, an additional \$7 per person will be added. For more information or to book events, call 678-0724.

Riverside Roller Rink is located just a couple of miles west of town, turn right on Rink Road. Follow the rink on their Facebook page for updates.



Learn to roller skate, come with friends, have parties.

Welcome to Yancey County

Enjoy our beautiful county and especially these events:

- Independence Day Fireworks - July 3rd
- Free Admission Days at both County Pools as follows:
Burnsville Pool at Ray-Cort Park - July 27 & 29
South Toe Pool at Patience Park - July 27 & 29

To learn more about Yancey County and all we have to offer visit our website at

www.yanceycountync.gov



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Appalachian Java for coffee, treats, breakfast, lunch and dinner in the heart of Burnsville

Calvin and Angie Rash, owners of Appalachian Java Cafe & Desserts, set out to make this downtown coffee shop a favorite destination for locals and tourists. Their vision was to create a place that truly encompassed everything that makes Burnsville and the Appalachian mountains so special.

The renovations took a while to complete but the results were worth the wait. The more than 100-year-old brick was exposed, walls were opened up, wood from old barns was brought in and local wood artist Jason King handcrafted tables, and the new bar.

Appalachian Java is a place where friends meet for lunch, early commuters stop in for coffee, husbands and wives have breakfast together, friends gather after school, groups have their meetings/luncheons upstairs...it's everything they hoped it would be and are very thankful for this town and the wonderful folks that support them.

Appalachian Java is located in the heart of Burnsville just west of the beautiful Town Square and across the street from Burnsville



Appalachian Java's cozy upstairs seating area and there is plenty of outside dining overlooking Town Square. They once again were voted Best of WNC in their category.

Town Hall.

In addition to the finest organic fresh brewed coffee from WNC's own Ingenious Coffee Roasters, Appalachian Java also serves up amazing lattes, beverages, specialty breakfast, lunch, dinner, and freshly baked pastries and Villa Dolce Gelato. Appalachian Java's made-from-scratch cakes, cookies and pastries are baked fresh daily.

Everything is done over the

top while maintaining that sense of nostalgia or wonderment desserts often bring.

Classic staples like Jumbo Chocolate Chip cookies and Oatmeal Creme Pies, except much larger than you usually see, are favorites with their customers. Blueberry Lemon and Morning Glory Muffins along with giant Cinnamon Rolls are a great way to start your day – just pair it with a great cup of coffee or hot or cold

espresso beverage prepared on their state-of-the-art Astoria Sabrina machine. Truly Appalachian Java is a dessert destination!

In addition to their plethora of baked goods, Appalachian Java also offers breakfast all day with favorites like Biscuits and Gravy, Sausage Burrito, and a Bacon, Egg and Cheese Wrap. They also put forth a well-rounded lunch and dinner menu, featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, and wraps.

Smoothies, fresh-squeezed Orangeades, Italian sodas and other drink options round out any meal or provide a refreshing morning or afternoon treat.

Their Appalachian House Salad is a local favorite with organic spring mix, cabbage mix, crispy Asian noodles, mandarin oranges, ribbon carrots, sliced almonds, fire braised chicken, served with a side of homemade house dressing.

The AJ Southwestern Chicken Quesadilla has also quickly become a go-to for locals and tourists alike, and their hot pressed sandwiches are built to perfection. All of these delicious options are also available to order Online



Strawberry Salad.

from their Facebook page or website for convenient carry-out if you're in a hurry to get to Mt. Mitchell or one of the multiple other beautiful outdoor picnic destinations in the area.

The Loft offers relaxed seating upstairs. The space is also used to display original art from various local artists and for live music events that are always crowd-pleasers. Like Appalachian Java on Facebook or Instagram for the latest music listings.

Appalachian Java is open Mon. – Sat. from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 828-682-0120 or visit Facebook page, Instagram or website at appalachianjavaburnsville.com.




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Parkway Playhouse: delivering quality theatre since 1947

After a long intermission, Parkway Playhouse announced a shortened season that includes classes and a fall mainstage show lineup.

Production planned this fall are *A Good Day* (Sept. 11, 12, 18, 19) written and directed by Kristen Livengood, and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (Oct. 9-23) written by John Heimbuch and directed by Daniel Moore.

The children's production this year is *Moana Jr.* and will be

presented on Nov. 12-14, 19-21.

Nestled in the Appalachian Mountains just blocks from Burnsville's Town Square, Parkway Playhouse has been providing Yancey and the surrounding counties with high-quality, professional, family-oriented theater experiences since 1947.

It was established by Dr. Raymond Taylor, a professor of drama at Women's College of Greensboro and is the oldest continually operating summer theatre



Parkway Playhouse has operated continuously since 1947, contributing to the cultural richness of the area.

in North Carolina. The theater is located in a picturesque structure that once served as a high school gymnasium.

With the exception of the 2020 and 2021 seasons that were impacted by the pandemic, the theatre has expanded its season to stretch from May to December, moving past its "summer only" roots.

During 2021, the staff came up with online classes and streamed an innovative production of *A Sherlock Holmes Radio Mystery*.

The theatre has also expanded its wheelhouse of shows, welcoming the works of area authors and playwrights and even staging world premiere shows.

Students can enroll in Conservatory classes (ages 4-18) and showcase their work. Summer camp for ages 8-18 stages a Parkway Jr. production.

There is also a college intern program and classes for adults.

Located at 202 Green Mountain Drive. See parkwayplayhouse.com or call 682-4285.

Modern Caveman Gallery, a new shop

Modern Cavemen Gallery is a newcomer to the Burnsville experience. Located at 724 West Main Street across from Yancey Rescue Squad.

Artist Charles Goings, previously a Naples Florida resident, brings to the area an exciting collection of exquisite art.

You will be intrigued by his whimsical furniture, one-of-a-kind wind chimes, photography from his son Ian Goings, pen and ink illustrations of local places of interest, and much more. The gallery is a definite feast for the senses.

Goings has had many career experiences that have influenced his style, from cabinetmaker, auto body repair man, prop maker, and a sign painter.

Come down to see the gallery and welcome them to Burnsville! Open most days 10 to 5 or call Charles for a private showing at

239-272-5013.

See info and view work at moderncavemangallery.com and on Facebook page at [facebook.com/Modern-Caveman-Gallery](https://www.facebook.com/Modern-Caveman-Gallery).



Charles Goings' work includes whimsical furniture and his other one-of-a-kind creations and illustrations.



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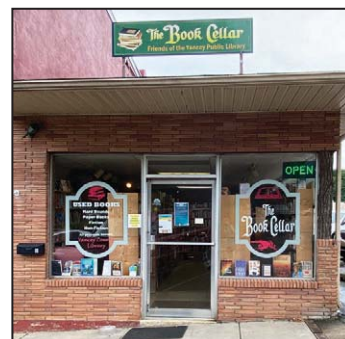
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The Book Cellar by Town Square

The Friends of Yancey Library operate Book Cellar bookstores at two locations – downtown at Town Square and in the basement of the Yancey County Public Library on School Circle.

Leisurely browse through the wide variety of good used books – culled from the library stacks and those donated by the community – along with other items such as books on tape, CDs, DVDs and more at reasonable prices.

Book Cellar at Town Square is



open Monday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at Yancey Library during the library's hours.

The original basement Book Cellar project located in the library was funded primarily with money raised by the Library Project Steering Committee, donations and Friends of Yancey Library. The Friends and other volunteers spearheaded and implemented necessary construction.

The Friends of Yancey Library leased a small building adjacent to the Town Square a few years ago and have successfully operated the Book Cellar at that location, all by volunteers.

All funds raised from sales are used by Friends of the Library to benefit Yancey Library and provide a scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior.

To become a Friend of the Library and support its many projects to enhance Yancey Library, stop by the circulation desk to inquire. An individual membership is only \$10 per year.



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Fox Country Store, a historical Burnsville gem, harkens back to old country stores

Fox Country Store was established in 1977. The general store, or mercantile, was designed to supply not only feed, seed and fertilizer for the farmers, but food and supplies for their families as well.

Fox Country Store continues to offer a wide variety of items, with the primary focus still being farming supplies, clothing, hardware, housewares, unique gifts and good conversation.

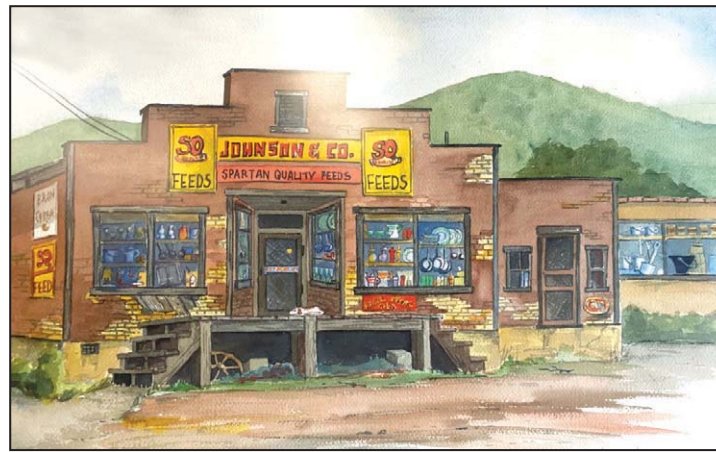
It serves as a community

center. While folks are buying supplies, they share the news with their neighbors. The store retains the charm and warmth of an old-time country mercantile. Much of the original building, including its wood flooring and walls, date from its original construction.

The Fox family has seen many years of change in the county and country, and over the past two years, they have observed the return of the small town values that



Their inventory rivals that of most large department stores, including many unique items for the home, clothing, shoes, soaps, candles, bee lotions, and more.



Fox Country Store carries a variety of item, from farm, garden and pet supplies to hardware and housewares.

this store was built on in the 1920s and before their family bought the business in the 1970s. People are searching for the simple times of farm life -- and simplicity is what they strive for because it reflects who they are as a business.

This hometown country store is packed with a "little bit" of everything in one location! They do something corporate stores can't do: offer customers an authentic old-timey shopping experience at

affordable prices.

The store's friendly staff is there to help you with farm supplies, fertilizer, fencing, garden seeds, organic soil, pet supplies, non-GMO and organic feed for your animals. If you love nature, they have you covered with bird feeders, specialty bird feed and supplies, deer feed and more.

Shop for Case knives, jars and canners, cast iron and other cookware, fire pots, yard art, garden

flags, aprons, outdoor pillows, oil lamps and propane.

They carry Kavu and Baggallini bags, Hobo leather bags, Olu kai, Keen, Iris Setters and Chaco footwear, and Lillybell and Field Stone clothing.

HydroFlasks are a customer favorite along with Stanley mugs/thermos, Peepers Eyewear and Blue Planet readers, Smartwool socks, and Mud Pie gifts.

They also carry European soaps, Swan Creek candles, Naked Bee lotions and many other gift items.

Fox Brothers Paving, etc.

The Fox family established a trucking company in the late 1950s and began crushing and hauling gravel and fixing homesites. In the late 1980s they added the paving business.

Today, with 50 years of experience in the business, they are still paving, sealing driveways and hauling gravel, dirt and mulch. They do both residential and commercial work.

Fox Country Store is located at 650 W. Main Street, Burnsville. Phone 682-2320.

"Country Shopping" at it's best on Main Street in Burnsville!

A country store packed with wonderful merchandise... visit today! You will find a "little bit" of everything in this one spot!!



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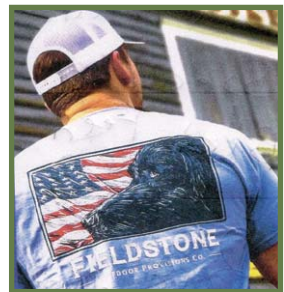
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Earth to Sky Park and Bare Dark Sky Observatory has largest telescope in Southeast

The Earth to Sky Park is an environmental educational park for those interested in learning about the natural world we live in, from the earth to the sky.

Formerly called the EnergyX-change and located on a reclaimed landfill, this innovative project

operated using captured methane gas and included greenhouses and glass and pottery studios.

The Park is now home to:

- *Bare Dark Sky Observatory
- *Glenn and Carol Arthur Planetarium (opening in 2021)
- *Paul and Susie O'Connell Conference Center

ference Center

- *Visitors' Center (opening 2022)
- *Carolyn Munro Wilson Picnic Shelter
- *Becky and Ed Anderson Outdoor Classroom
- *Bob and Wanda Proffit Viewing Terrace
- *Walking Trails and Gardens
- *Aquaponics & Hydroponics Labs
- *Children's Discovery Center

The Bare Dark Sky Observatory, named for Warren and Larissa Bare, provides an opportunity to experience the wonders of the universe while providing astronomy students with hands-on learning. The observatory sits at an elevation of 2,736 feet and offers a 360-degree view.

Enjoy an evening of stargazing as you've never seen before! Depending on the time of year and the moon phase, visitors will be able to view the moon, planets, and stars.

Named "Sam Scope" in memory of Samuel Phillips, the observatory's f/3.6 StarStructure Newtonian telescope has a 34 inch (0.86 meters) mirror. It is the largest telescope in the Southeast dedicated to public use. There is also a 14-in. mirror Meade planetary telescope.

Viewings are scheduled de-

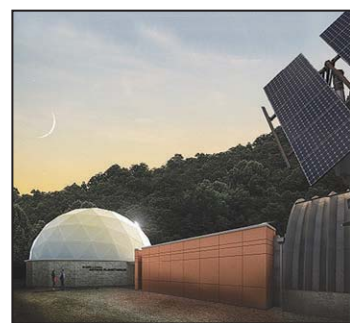


The observatory, designated by the International Dark Sky Association as a Dark Sky Park, is one of 94 in the world

pending on the moon cycle and sunset times for two-hour blocks. This is ideal for families, individuals, and out of town visitors. Parking is available at the Observatory, including a handicap space.

For more information and to purchase tickets, click on the link at mayland.edu/observatory. Adult Tickets: \$20 from June 1 to Oct. 31, \$15 from Nov.1 to May 31. Child Ticket: \$5 (12 and under).

The observatory allows up to 20 people per viewing night. Visitors and staff are asked to continue to socially distance. Masks are not required. If you are feeling ill, please stay home and let us know so your tickets may be refunded,



Glenn and Carol Arthur Planetarium opens soon.

minus a small Eventbrite fee. Private viewings are also available. For questions about Bare Dark Sky Observatory, please email: observatory@mayland.edu.

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Terrell House Bed & Breakfast in a 1898 restored school dorm

The Terrell House Bed and Breakfast, a few blocks from the Town Square, is a restored women's dormitory that once served the old Stanley McCormick School. The McCormicks, famous for their farm machinery, began funding the school in 1898. The school was built by the Presbyterian Church on what was then a 25-acre farm in the area around Robertson and Church Streets.

Mike and Laura Hoskins acquired the Terrell House in September 2006. The inn is well known for its home-like atmosphere and tranquil environment.

There's a relaxing front porch, beautiful garden, and six comfortable air-conditioned guest rooms. Breakfast is available for guests.

The inn also hosts weddings on the grounds, wedding receptions, garden tea parties, reunions, and other events.

If you have a family or guest that would like a quiet escape at night or day, then please give them a call and make a booking.

Terrell House is located off West Main at 109 Robertson Street just a few blocks from downtown. For more, call 682-4505, or see terrellhousebandb.com.



Just a few blocks from Town Square, the Terrell House offers a home-like tranquil setting for guests.

Monkey Business in downtown Burnsville fun for adults and kids

Monkey Business Toy Shop is bursting at the seams with a great selection of summer toys. Parents and grandparents love to bring their children to Monkey Business; it's as much fun for the adults as it is for the kids!

Monkey Business Toy Shop

Monkey Business Toy Shop in downtown Burnsville has an incredible selection of toys -- from old fashioned to modern. Stop by and have fun!



is also the best place to find the latest toy craze, Pop Fidgets. The toy helps people with anxiety and improving fine motor skills. The Pop Fidgets have also been very popular with school age children and on TikTok, with the hashtag #Popit amassing more than one

billion views.

Monkey Business Toy Shop carries the area's largest variety of the fidget toys. They come in all shapes and colors to choose from. They also have Pop Fidget keychains and bracelets which are convenient for keeping the toy close at hand. And the newest styles are the spinners and the Mega Pops which provide endless hours of fun

The store also carries a lot of traditional toys too: Frisbees, bubbles, water balloons, rockets, and airplanes. And there are puzzles, games, art supplies, cars, trains, Breyer horses and every toy in between for babies to older children. And a candy section that everyone will enjoy!

The old fashion toy store is for kids of all ages and is open 9-6 Mon - Sat; 11-4 Sunday in downtown Burnsville.

Bubba's Good Eats sports-themed restaurant

"Home of the world's greatest recipe...good food, family, and friends" is the motto at Bubba's Good Eats. It's a philosophy the folks at Bubba's take to heart.

The hardwood floors and wood ceiling give the restaurant an inviting warmth. An outside deck gives additional space for dining in the quiet, relaxing setting that normally seats 73 inside and 24 outside.

Mark "Bubba" Presnell cuts the steaks and smokes his own barbecue, one of the specialties on the menu. There are also burgers, chicken, great sides, fresh salads, appetizers and an express lunch for people in a hurry.

Bubba's also offers a catering service for all kinds of events. For catering info (large or small events) or take out, call 678-3388.

Presnell teamed up with friends Chris Autrey and Craig Howell to bring a family restaurant to Burnsville that celebrates youth and youth sports. Bubba and Chris chose the theme because they had always been involved in high school sports from coaching to booster clubs.

The restaurant gives to the community in another way, serving as a hub for the Yancey County Feed-a-Child program that provides weekend snack bags for children who need some extra food. The meals are distributed through the school system. Bubba's takes donations at the restaurant or donations can be mailed to Bubba's Restaurant, 394 E. Main St., Burnsville, NC 28174. Hours are: Mon-Tues-Thurs-

Fri-Sat 11-8; Wed 11-2. Located at 394 East Main just a few blocks from Town Square. For the full menu, see BubbasGoodEats.com

or like them on Facebook. Order through their website bubbasgood-eats.com or download the App and text BUBBAS2GO to 33733.



Bubba's on East Main, a few blocks from Town Square has ample seating inside and on the porch.

Toe River Arts galleries and programs

Since 1976, Toe River Arts has been working to connect the arts and the community. The arts council is dedicated to enhancing the lives of the people who live in this region through arts-related experiences and education.

Toe River Arts operates two galleries where they host exhibits and activities throughout the

year. The Burnsville Gallery/Gift Shop is located at 102 West Main Street, 828-682-7215; The Spruce Pine Gallery/Gift Shop is located at 269 Oak Avenue, 828-765-0520.

The arts council interacts with the schools, with artists, with residents, and with those who may just be passing through.

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Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational and concert in Burnsville Oct. 16 - 17

Once a year, the Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational showcases stunning handcrafted, acoustic instruments built by luthiers from North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.

Included in this Oct. 16 and 17 event is a historical exhibit of 90 instruments illustrating the development of American musical craft ranging in date from 1870 to the present. An amazing personal collection arranged in chronological order.

Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational is strongly supported by the community. Dozens of local businesses, volunteers and community organizations rally to support and present this premier event. The exhibit is staged in Burnsville Town Center venue with Appalachian Java as the onsite food vendor.

An exhibiting luthier jam takes place on Friday evening at the vibrant Homeplace Beer Company and restaurant. The Saturday evening concert at First Baptist Church on the town square features nationally re-



Mark and Maggie O'Connor

nowned musicians, Mark and Maggie O'Connor.

These luthiers exhibit by invitation only. Recommended by their peers and invited based on the quality of their work, you will encounter 30 of some of the finest builders working in the craft today. Included are guitars, mandolins, banjos, violins, dulcimers, harps and many variations. Admission is \$10 at the door.

This is your opportunity meet the builders, try out the finest handmade instruments available, and go home with the instrument of your dreams. Arrange directly with the builder to have your custom instrument crafted to your wishes.

All this is followed by a week of concert and jam events ending with RiddleFest on Oct. 23, a popular event celebrating the music of Lesley Riddle. Bookend events of "Burnsville Music Week."

The festival was originated by Chee Ammen, an event producer with a long history of national events, tours, festivals and more. Among other productions, he produced a concert on the aircraft carrier USS Lexington that was edited into a commercial shown during Super Bowl.

Steven Miller has moved into the Director's chair this year and Jay Lichty of Lichty Guitars in



Tryon, NC again acts as Host Luthier. Strong community support has produced a stunningly successful and unique celebration of the art of lutherie placing Burnsville on center stage!

For more info, see Mountain Acoustics.com. 706-424-2700

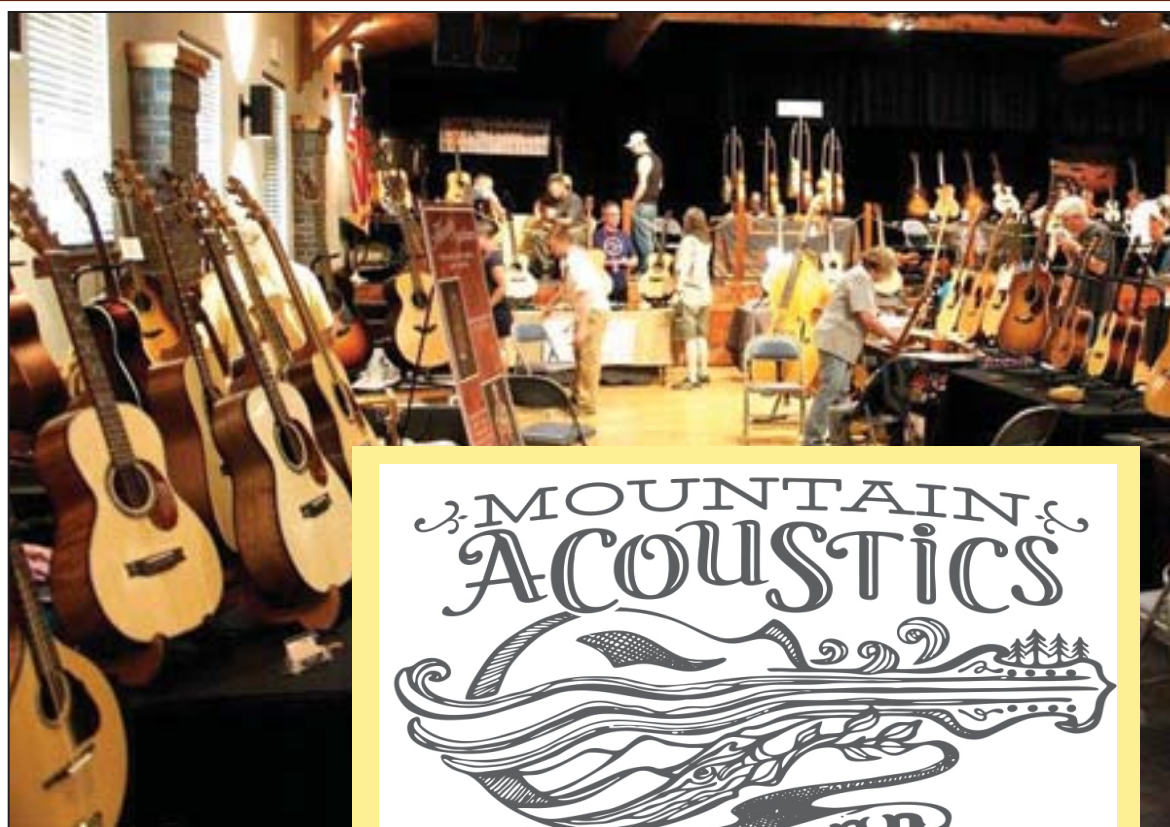
Burnsville Music Week features artistry and legacy

Music lovers have a special opportunity in October to appreciate the artistry and legacy of traditional acoustic music on two adjoining weekends at the Burnsville Town Center with the Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational and RiddleFest.

On Oct. 16 and 17, world-class makers of string instruments will display their wares during the Mountain Acoustics Luthier Invitational. In addition, a private collection of vintage string instruments will be on display. The event includes a concert by foremost string musicians Mark and Maggie O'Connor on Saturday. A musicians' jam

will be held at Homeplace Beer Company.

Oct. 23, is the annual RiddleFest Concert and Seminar by Traditional Voices Group with Rev. Robert Jones, Sr. and Matt Watroba of Detroit headlining the evening concert. They will lead the afternoon seminar, Music that Matters: Blues from the Brothers, as they explore the roots and influences of the blues. Jones, described as perhaps the world's most highly educated blues musician, ordained minister, longtime DJ, and a living encyclopedia of blues history. He is comfortable among juke-joint loud talkers, fancy-hatted church ladies,



October 16 & 17, 2021

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Mark & Maggie O'Connor in concert
Saturday evening at First Baptist Church
on the square

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Appalachian Java onsite food vendor
at exhibit

RiddleFest seminar and concert Oct. 23

This year's headliners for RiddleFest are blues brothers Rev. Robert Jones, Sr. and Matt Watroba from Detroit Michigan.

For more than 25 years Jones has entertained and educated audiences of all ages in schools, colleges, libraries, union halls, prisons, churches and civil rights organizations. At the heart of his message is the belief that our cultural diversity tells a story that we should celebrate.

Watroba is a veteran performer, teacher, radio host, song writer, community singer, song leader and educator. He is a regular instructor at the Swannanoa Gathering near Asheville. Matt is passionate about bringing com-

munity together through music and education.

Join the Traditional Voices Group on Saturday, October 23, for RiddleFest 2021 at the Burnsville Town Center.

The Seminar, Music that Matters: Blues from the Brothers, 3-4 p.m., is free and open to the public. Admission to the Concert, which begins at 7 p.m., is \$20 at the door or in advance through Eventbrite.com.

For further information, visit the website: traditionalvoicesgroup.org or call Burnsville Town Center at 828- 682-7209. RiddleFest is sponsored by Yancey County Travel and Tourism, Explore Burnsville

Headliners for 2021 RiddleFest are "blues brothers" Rev. Robert Jones, Sr. and Matt Watroba from Detroit, Michigan



Reverend Robert Jones Sr. holding a traditional African gourd instrument (ancestor of the banjo) and a dobro. Jones will headline this year's RiddleFest.

Riddlefest past and present keeping the legacy alive

RiddleFest is produced annually by Traditional Voices Group as a tribute to Lesley Riddle, an African-American musician from Yancey County, who influenced the development of early country music through his collaboration with A.P. Carter and the Carter Family. Riddle was an innovator who straddled the worlds of black and white mountain musicians in early 20th century Appalachia.

Riddle was born in 1905 in Yancey County but spent his youthful years migrating between family homes here and Kingsport, TN. He met A.P. Carter in Kingsport in 1927. Thus began a friendship and musical partnership with the First Family of Country Music that spanned several years.

He stayed with the Carters, including Sara and Maybelle, in Mace's Springs VA, and they learned many of the old gospel, blues and railroad tunes from his repertoire. Maybelle also watched the young black man's slide and finger picking guitar technique and adapted much of it to her style—a style that countless country pickers have copied.

A.P. and Lesley traveled to remote hollows throughout the southern Appalachians collecting old songs. Carter wrote down the



Brownie McGhee and Lesley Riddle (right) in Kingsport, TN where Riddle first met A.P. Carter in 1927.

lyrics and Riddle played along and memorized the melodies. After returning to the Springs, the Carters and Riddle would re-work the tunes into versions acceptable for the recording studio.

As the Carter Family's star



rose after 1932, Riddle's life passed into obscurity. Eventually he moved to Rochester NY with his new wife and set his guitar aside. About 1970, musician and musicologist Mike Seeger rediscovered Riddle and recorded the songs he remembered from his days of collecting and tunes he wrote. These original recordings are collected on the album Step by Step produced by Rounder Records. Riddle returned to the southern mountains later in life and died in Asheville in 1979. An historical marker is located on the south side of Hwy 19E near Windy Hill Lane.

RiddleFest was created in 2008 by Larry Howell and others to honor Riddle. Each year, musicians who have contributed to the legacy of traditional Appalachian music and the artistry of its many innovations are invited to headline the RiddleFest concert and discuss the genre in an afternoon seminar. Past RiddleFest performers include Mike Seeger, David Holt, Dom Flemons, Laura Boosinger, Scott Ainslie, Michael Reno Harrell, Josh Goforth and Prof. Lee Bidgood with his students from East Tennessee State University.

For more about Lesley Riddle, visit: traditionalvoicesgroup.org.



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--James Fraher, photographer and author

Free Seminar: Music That Matters
Saturday, October 23 / 3:00 p.m.,
Burnsville Town Center

Robert Jones and his blues brother Matt Watroba will talk about the blues, its origins and influences on American music. Open to the public.

Produced by Traditional Voices Group
Sponsored by Yancey County Travel & Tourism, Explore Burnsville

Snap Dragon by Town Square is a cozy restaurant celebrating Burnsville's namesake

Snap Dragon is a great place to meet friends for drinks and food after work or spend a pleasant evening out in Burnsville. Located by Town Square, owner Greg Yuziuk has created a cozy nook with indoor and outdoor seating

for those who would like to enjoy a bite to eat with an expertly-made cocktail, a beer or glass of wine in a relaxing atmosphere.

Greg and his wife Hiroko opened the establishment in 2015 as a new nightspot next to their



Snap Dragon is a cozy nook with indoor and outdoor seating to enjoy mixed drinks, beers or wine and dinner.

popular Garden Deli restaurant. Snap Dragon is a nautically-themed bar and kitchen based on the heroic life of Burnsville's namesake, Capt. Otway Burns, and his privateer ship the Snap-dragon that braved the Atlantic fighting the British during the war of 1812.

If you are looking for a tasty appetizer or a drink from their full-service bar, or a complete meal, you won't be disappointed. The mountain-to-sea menu at Snap Dragon features burgers made with local beef, handcrafted hotdogs, chicken wings, calamari,

spring rolls, fried pickles, salads and other menu items. The friendly staff makes your visit a pleasant one.

Snap Dragon's kitchen staff uses local ingredients including local beef, and fresh vegetables and fruits from the Yancey Farm-

ers Market and other local sources – everything is fresh and beautifully served. Snap Dragon is proud of its Farmhouse Power Salad made from seasonal fruits and vegetables from the local market, and their delicious fries are seasoned with sea salt from Kill Devil Hills on the Outer Banks.

The bar features handcrafted NC beers on tap and has quickly become a meeting place for locals and visitors alike.

From Howlin' Moon Moonshine to Outer Banks Kill Devil Rum to fine whiskey and vodka, crafted with pure Yancey County spring water by Great Wagon Road Distillery, the Snap Dragon carries premium craft spirits from small towns across the state. Their nautically-themed drinks are delightfully refreshing.

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Garden Deli uniquely blends food traditions from around the world

Tucked away in greenery beside Burnsville's Town Square is Garden Deli, a unique restaurant where Greg and Hiroko Yuziuk blend food traditions of Ukraine, Japan, Manhattan and North Carolina for their diners.

Garden Deli has been in business by the Town Square for more than 30 years.

Open year-round, they offer lunch Monday-Saturday with fantastic deli sandwiches, freshly prepared soups, crisp salads and tasty side dishes, all at small-town prices.

Garden Deli uses local sources for many of their menu items, including local beef.

When dining in the evening

Thursday-Saturday, customers can choose from rotating specials. Relax with a glass of wine or a locally crafted beer.

Local, visiting, or just passing through, don't miss the opportunity to experience the unique atmosphere provided by the garden setting or indoors where a fireplace warms on chilly days.

The Garden Deli is located at 107 Town Square and is easily recognized by its expansive wisteria covered outdoor seating area that is delightful even when the vines are not flowering.

Open 11 - 2 for lunch Monday - Saturday, year-round. Evenings Thursday, Friday, Saturday 5-8. Call 682-3946.

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Garden Deli's signature wisteria covered deck.

High Peaks Trail Assoc. for hikes, info

If you enjoy hiking, you've come to the right place: Yancey County offers some of the region's most spectacular trails.

Home to the tallest mountain in the Eastern United States, Mt. Mitchell (6,684 feet), the county's terrain varies from deep woods tracts to picturesque waterfalls and craggy peaks topping 6,000 feet.

Hiking map has a trail for everyone

With 20 named peaks soaring above 6,000-feet, including mighty Mount Mitchell, and lush river valleys over 3,000-feet below, Yancey offers nearly 100-miles of hiking trails that can accommodate all capabilities!

In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the tourism committee, NC High Peaks also offers free 11x17-inch hiking maps of the Black Mountains and the Mount Mitchell State Park/Black Mountain Campground Trails Network. These free maps can be found at the Visitor's Center at 106 West Main Street, at Black Mount Campground, and at Mount Mitchell State Park.

At the county's highest elevations, the weather, plants and animal life are more like what you'd find in Canada than in the Southern U.S.

Leading the way on adventures into this natural paradise is the N.C. High Peaks Trail Association, Yancey's hiking club. The group typically sponsors monthly hikes, along with an easier stroll, plus trail maintenance work. Hikes vary from short and leisurely to long and hard, sometimes with climbs or descents of several thousand feet.

The group's website nchighpeaks.org has a list of hikes and other events, along with an interactive trail map. Just click on the trail you are thinking of hiking and a pop-up window will give you all the details, from directions to the trailhead to length, elevation change, overall difficulty and the availability of water.

High Peaks is also a vital partner with federal agencies for maintaining local hiking trails.

Club hikes are open to the public, and leashed pets are welcome on most of the outings.

Gem Mountain on Main is unique downtown addition

Gem Mountain is excited to open their second location, this one in downtown Burnsville.

The shop has gem and mineral specimens, crystals, fine jewelry, souvenirs, canvas bags, day packs, fountains, bird houses, home decor, and so much more.

You can even purchase a bucket of mining material to take home to find your own gems and minerals.

They also serve the famous homemade ice cream from The Hop, including milk shakes and sundaes, along with all kinds of

goodies like yummy fudge, candy, Moon Pies and other treats.

The Buchanans have owned and operated Gem Mountain Gemstone Mine in Spruce Pine for nearly 35 years, providing family fun and sharing their passion for gemstones and the re-

gions mining history. Find more about this family-owned business at gemmountain.com.

This shop is located at 113 W. Main St. in Burnsville across from the Chamber Visitor Center. Their summer hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Call 828-536-5299.



Stop by for ice cream, shakes and sundaes.



Gem Mountain on Main is the newest addition to downtown Burnsville and is a delight to explore.



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Dinner: 5 - 8 Thurs - Sat

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Dinner menu features nightly specials of steak, prime rib, sushi, and much more with all the trimmings.



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Burnsville's Old Timey Fall Festival a favorite with locals and visitors

The Old Timey Fall Festival, a favorite of local residents and visitors alike, returns to Burnsville on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Old Timey Fall Festival on the beautiful Town Square, is

just that – a good old fashioned festival that celebrates local heritage. Crafters are invited to come out and demonstrate the old methods of producing their crafts so that the younger generations can see how their ancestors made



There will be great music and dancing at the event.

these wonderful items.

The Town Square will be filled with vendors selling a wide variety of handcrafted goods, delicious food, music and more.

The day will kick off with the National Anthem, followed by the ever-popular Antique Tractor parade. The Antique Cars and Trucks will be positioned around the square, allowing plenty of time to view them all. Cast your vote for your favorite Tractor and Car or Truck. Tickets can also be purchased for a fabulous raffle prize. And check out the special tractor race – instead of a race of speed, this one is for the slowest tractor!

There's always top-notch local entertainment featuring singers, musicians and dancers, children's games and rides, con-

tests for adults and kids.

Of course as with any great festival, there will be some great food. Soup beans and cornbread, hot dogs, hamburgers and barbecue with all the fixin's, cold drinks, and booths with home-baked goodies.

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets, load up your kids and

neighbors for this free event.

Watch the local newspaper and the festival website for a schedule of events. Check out the website for details at theoldtimeyfallfestival.com.

Hosted by the Old Timey Fall Festival Committee and Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by local businesses and individuals.

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New to You has furniture, antiques, gifts, collectibles, and much more

New to You Furniture carries quality used and some new furniture, antiques, and home decor accessories.

This is not a cookie-cutter box store; they take pride in the unique and often eclectic merchandise offered. Yet, more times than not, the fare in the store also appeals to more traditional tastes.

Whether you're looking for that special side table for a hard-to-fit space, or a full bedroom or living room set, you may find that perfect piece that is "new to you." Try this jam-packed shop for antiques, furniture, collectibles,

gifts, and much more. They buy, sell and trade.

The well-organized business invites browsing through the wonderland of often-changing stock found through regular trips to auctions and estate sales.

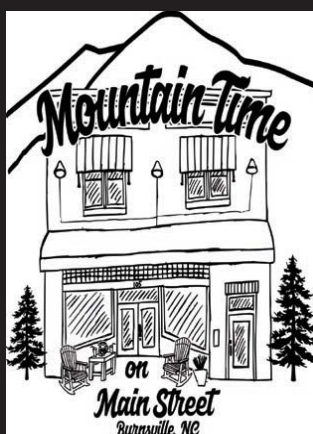
Owners Jeanne and Craig Martin invite you to stop by and explore their treasure trove. Be sure to check out New to You on their Facebook page.

New to You is located at 601 East Main Street, across and up the street from Lil' Smokeys Restaurant. They are open Monday - Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4. Call 682-9354.



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The shop also carries a good selection of organic and sustainable wines, along with wine accessories.

Joyce always has an assortment of cold beer in stock that you won't find in grocery stores.

Stop by and purchase a glass of wine or a beer while you shop,



or enjoy a beverage with friends inside or relax out back on the cozy deck.



Free wine tastings are held Friday's 4-7 p.m. Company representatives are often on hand to pour at the tastings. Snacks are served during tastings or bring your own snacks to enjoy while you sip wine or beer on the deck.

Curb service is available if you would wish. Call and place your order and honk or call to let Joyce know you have arrived.

She can also special order wines for you. Requests made by Tuesday, if the wine is available, can be in the shop by Friday.

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phy that "Life is too short to drink bad wine." She has made Burnsville Wine and... a place where people feel comfortable visiting with friends while having fun and enjoying good customer service.

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Joyce welcomes you to participate in Burnsville Wine's Escape Adventure featuring clues from Beasley, the shop kitty. You use Beasley's clues to locate the awesome wine Joyce picked for you to enjoy. Like many wine enthusiasts, she often chooses it because she loves the label!

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ture is \$20 per person and you get the bottle of wine you find. Call 828-682-5506 to schedule your time to play the game.



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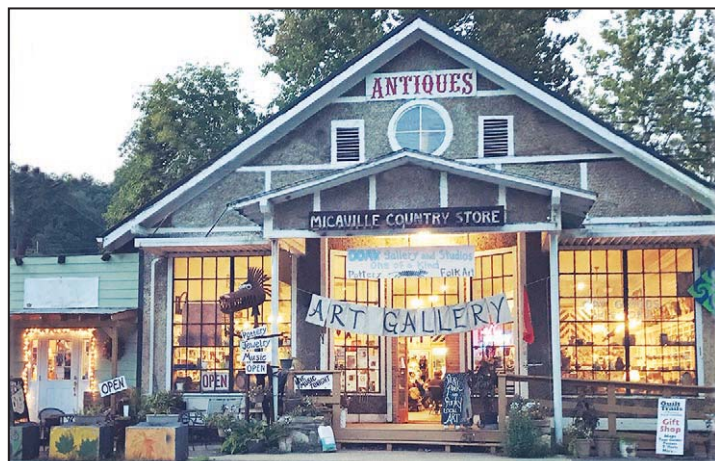
OOAK Art Gallery and live music venue

One of a Kind (OOAK) Art Gallery is celebrating its eleventh year in business and continues to represent local art with the works of over 170 artists and craftspeople in the nostalgic Old Micaville Country Store.

Gallery owner Kari Weaver welcomes you to come on in and enjoy the fine, folk, and funky local art. The selection of artwork includes pottery, jewelry, paintings, prints, photography, lamps, textiles, woodworking, and more. The mountains of Western North Carolina are home to a diverse and vibrant arts community, and OOAK offers a broad representation of the creative work being done here.

OOAK is the starting point for the Highway 80-South Art Hop, which is a self-guided driving tour of art studios and galleries from Micaville to the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Art Hop takes place annually on the second Saturday and Sunday in October, 10-5 both days.

Live music is thriving in Micaville with the Micaville Music Jam every Saturday morning on the OOAK Deck. Hosted by



OOAK Gallery is a hub of activity whether shopping for fine, folk, and funky art or enjoying live music. Stop by when heading to or from South Toe Valley and the Parkway.

local singer-songwriter David Wiseman, the Jam is a gathering of local musicians and visitors to play and share music together. Everyone is welcome.

The Micaville Music Thursday Concert Series has resumed this year on the OOAK Deck, every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Micaville Music is proud to be a part of the Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina.

Come visit and stay awhile. Hours are 10 to 5 Mon.-Sat. and Sundays 12 to 5. Micaville is 4 miles east of Burnsville, at the intersection of Hwy 80-S and Micaville Loop on the Mt. Mitchell Scenic Byway. Parking is available in front of the church and in the large parking lot next door.

For more information, call 828-675-0690, email ooakartgallery@gmail.com, or visit on Facebook or ooakartgallery.com.

McWhirter Pottery is Yancey County's oldest pottery

Established in 1963, McWhirter Pottery is Yancey County's oldest working pottery. Second generation potters Pete and Kim McWhirter continue to make designs created by his parents during the 30 years they worked in the business.

Today, Pete and Kim are carrying on the artistry of his parents but are also adding their own creativity to the mix. They continue to lovingly create many of the designs and patterns started by his parents nearly 60 years ago.

When James and Kore McWhirter started the business, the original location was in a milking parlor on White Oak Creek Road before they moved it to the current location on Red Clay Road at Highway 80-South in the Celo area of South Toe Valley.

Pete and Kim carry on other traditions such as making their own glazes using recipes hand down from his parents, while adding some of their own formulas.

Their glazes and designs are easily recognized as McWhirter pottery because of the uniqueness of the critters, dragons, skeletons, butterflies and other whimsical offerings.



Mugs, honey pots, soap pumps, pitchers, plates, bowls, utensil holders, face jugs and much more line the shelves in their picturesque studio. There's something for everyone in the mix, even for children. Their customers come back again and again to add to their McWhirter Pottery collection. Their work can also be found in a number of retail shops around the country.

Their pottery is functional, decorative, sturdy, whimsical, classic and is collected by people worldwide.

If they aren't in the shop, they

are probably exhibiting at a show somewhere in the Southeast. Or, they may be practicing for an appearance as Broke Holler – the two are accomplished musicians and singer/songwriters.

Drop in the shop – they spend much of their time there working on their pottery – but you might want to call ahead to make sure they are there. Their residence is just up the road so they can be there quickly if they are at home.

Open year-round, the shop is located on Hwy 80-S at 139 Red Clay Road, 12 miles from Burnsville and 10 miles north of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mt. Mitchell.

Call 828-6754559 or you can also email them at pkmcwhirter@gmail.com. Or check them out on Facebook or Instagram @mcwhirterpottery, and their website McWhirterPottery.com.



Babe's Pizza & Treats: great menu, convenient hours, patio dining, live music

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Babe's Pizza & Treats has ample indoor and outdoor seating and has extended hours to accommodate diners. Live music each weekend, weather permitting.

The Treats side of the restaurant features 24 flavors of Hershey's ice cream, milkshakes, homemade cakes, brownies, cookies, cinnamon rolls, and more. The space is perfect for birthday parties, sports teams, club meetings, etc.

Babe's Pizza & Treats has some of the best pizza around but

there's much more on the menu at this locally owned hometown business that has been here more than two years and has become an active part of the community.

Bob and Phyllis Myers, who were retired but decided to get back into the successful business Bob ran for many years – making great pizza.

"We are so appreciative to everyone for their faithful patronage and for making us a part of the community, and we feel privileged to give back by supporting many local causes in return."

The couple have given more than \$5,000 to local schools and

community programs since opening nearly three years ago.

Bob's homemade pizza dough, seasoned marinara, and fresh mozzarella cheese is a customer favorite as is their signature Double Decker Pizza. They also have gluten-free pizza.

And Babe's is not just pizza. The restaurant also serves up some fine baked ziti, lasagna, chicken parmesan over pasta and "Babe's Bites", a garlic bread knot served with a side of their own marinara.

Other menu items include fish and chips, bone-in or out wings, a large Chef or Greek salad and side salads, a variety of sandwiches and subs included a newly-added veggie sub, fun appetizers, and a good selection of bottled beers and wine to finish out the menu.

Walk through an archway and you find yourself on the Treats side of the restaurant featuring 24 flavors of Hershey's ice cream, floats and sundaes, homemade cakes, brownies, cookies and even an old-fashioned banana split.

The large Treats dining room

also serves as a perfect venue for private parties, youth ball team events, church, school, and club meeting space. For reservations, call 828-536-5511.

"In our friendly, relaxed hometown atmosphere, we see our customers as friends and we hope they feel the same about us," says Bob.

And those friends love the expanded outdoor patio seating and the live music that takes place every weekend all summer long. Recently, Bob has added an Open Mic night every first

Friday night of the month and it has been a great time for local talent to shine.

To view the complete menu, visit babespizzaandtreats.com or their Facebook page. Open Tuesday thru Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. with plenty of indoor and patio dining space or for carry-out service. They also deliver within 5-miles of town.

Located at 170 Reservoir Road next to Sav-Mor in the Rose's shopping center. Phone 828-536-5511.



Friday is Open Mic Night; live music most Saturdays.



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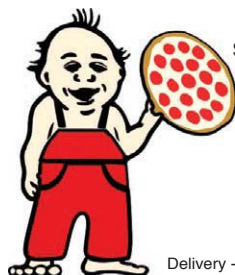


The Burnsville Rotary Club meets at Babe's Pizza and Treats every Thursday at noon.



Babe's Big Belly Buster! An 8 oz. battered cod filet served with french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and tarter sauce.

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Something Special Gift Shop is stocked and ready for summer in the mountains. Whether you are decorating around the house or looking for cool summer fashions to wear, the store is just the right place to begin your shopping experience.

Owners Dennis and Tina Matelski always have a great selection of apparel to choose from throughout the store. One of the more popular clothing lines the store carries is KanCan jeans and shorts. They are a great line that give comfort and style to any outfit. Something Special Gift Shop also has many summer tops to choose from for any occasion.

The store also carries a very extensive selection of Burnsville t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. There are also souvenir mugs, magnets, key rings and other gift items.

The store has many great items for enjoying the summer outdoors with as well. One of the most popular items is Corinthian Bells, hand-tuned chimes that



Something Special Gift Shop just off Town Square is the right place to begin your shopping experience.

are made in Virginia. This is a wonderful gift that adds soothing sounds for relaxing. And while relaxing outside, BruMates are the perfect item to keep your beverage ice cold!

A visit to downtown Burnsville would not be complete without stopping by Something

Special Gift Shop and Monkey Business Toy Shop next door. It's a great shopping adventure for the entire family!

Both stores are open Monday – Saturday 9-6 and 11-4 Sunday. Call 828-682-9101 or check their Facebook page for more information.

Toe River Crafts is a cooperative gallery and retail shop in scenic South Toe Valley

The Toe River Crafts, a cooperative gallery and retail shop, is located in the beautiful South Toe Valley on the Mount Mitchell Scenic Byway.

This unique shop still offers all the wonderful handmade arts and crafts works offered since Toe River Crafts was founded in 1974 by a group of local artisans as a display and retail space.

The shop was built on land owned by Celo Community, which leased use of the land and gave financial assistance. Friends and neighbors pitched in to construct the shop with beams cut from trees in Celo and it retains that rustic atmosphere.

The working members rotate duties to keep the shop open.

The stable of artists has increased again this year, and there are lots of new offerings from those artists who were already members.

Many of the shops' contributors have added new items as well this year, so the displays have a fresh look with lots of wonderful creations. There's also new

work by those who were already members.

Check out the new online shopping option at toerivercrafts.com where you will find a nice selection of items. Just click on "shop" at the top of the page.

The shop is located 7 miles south of Micaville at 6274 Hwy 80-South or can be accessed from Blue Ridge Parkway.

The shop is open Monday-Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 12-5 336-398-7201.



Toe River Crafts, a cooperative gallery and retail shop, located in the beautiful South Toe Valley on the Mount Mitchell Scenic Byway, was founded by a group of local artisans and built by friends and neighbors.

Farmers Market on Saturday mornings by Town Square

For nearly 30 years, Yancey County Farmers Market has been providing the community with local produce, meats, and many other products from April through mid-November.

The market has been located in numerous locations during that time but later this year will have a new permanent home across from Homeplace Beer Company where construction is underway.

For now, it's located next to

Burnsville's Town Square behind Town Hall and is open on Saturdays from 8:30 – 12:30 a.m., then from October to mid-November from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Live music most Saturdays.

When you buy from a local farmer directly, you are helping a family preserve their connection to the land and way of life, supporting the diversity of products and heirloom and heritage varieties from this mountain region,

investing in the local economy, and saving on all those transportation costs.

The vendors have a hardy welcome for visitors. This must-visit Saturday morning destination offers locally grown produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, pickled kraut and veggies, beef, chicken, pork, goat cheese, mushrooms, eggs, flowers and plants, herbs, natural body care products, honey, artisan crafts and more.

Explore the Lamp Post Vintage Market on West Main

Lamp Post Vintage Market is a large indoor vendor market located in the historic Lamp Post Shop in beautiful downtown Burnsville next to Yancey Theatre at 127 West Main Street.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with extended hours on July 4th weekend.

Over 40 local artisans, crafters, and vendors, are showcased year round in the spacious, meandering market. Local pottery, up-cycled furniture, fresh cakes and pies, antiques, vintage collectibles, pottery, unique gifts, and antique tools, are just a few of the wonderful things you'll find in the market.

Lamp Post Vintage Market is proud to promote local musicians, live on the porch on July 3 for their Red, White, & Bluegrass event. Doors open at 10 a.m., music will begin at noon.

Inside Lamp Post Vintage market is Magnolia Wren Boutique & Gift Shop. Shop beautiful women's clothing, hats, jeans, men's t-shirts and hats, locally

made bath and body products for men and women, hand poured soy candles, hand cut leather jewelry, handmade purses & bags, and much more.

Located in the historic Lamp Post Shop on West Main, this large indoor market with crafts, food vendors and much more is also home to Magnolia Wren Boutique & Gift Shop is a delight to explore.



Alexandra's Closet upscale thrift boutique, home decor

Alexandra's Closet, a thrift boutique located in a beautiful building with a welcoming front porch on East Main Street in Burnsville. The shop also has a section with furniture, housewares and decorative items.

This woman-owned consignment shop and boutique carries women's, men's, teen's, and chil-

dren's clothing and accessories. They also carry some new clothing.

They also have a section of new trendy clothing and carry sizes up to 3X. They carry only the best brands (Keen, Frye, Michael Kors and many more) and are known for their low prices! They also have a good selection

of gently worn name-brand shoes for men and women.

Be sure to check out the Home and Décor room for furniture, housewares, accessories and decorative items. They always have some lovely and interesting items.

The shop takes consignment items by appointment only – call 828-284-4207. You can also message Alexandra's Closet Facebook page and they will help you set up an appointment to bring in your consignment items.

Stop by and check out their great selections. The inventory is constantly changing. You won't be disappointed.

They are located at 230 East Main Street in Burnsville next to Rescue Dog Cafe. Alexandra's Closet is open 10-5:30 Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4:30 on Saturday. Call (828)284-4207. Find the shop on Facebook.



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Rutkowski Pottery creates a variety of functional, decorative and inspirational work

Rutkowski Pottery is owned by Michael and Ruth Fischer Rutkowski. Each potter has their own style developed over many years of potting; Ruth since 1993, Michael since 1980.

Twice fired, their pots are finished in a 30 cubic ft. gas kiln fired to a temperature of 2350 F. Originally Pond Branch Pottery (Michael) and Just be Clay Art (Ruth), Rutkowski Pottery

was formed when Ruth and Michael partnered in life and business. Their pottery is available locally and regionally, and in 2020 a pivot was made to include a 'Shop' online at RutkowskiPottery.com

The Rutkowski Pottery showroom and studio complex is nestled into a holler near the end of Cane Branch Road. Parking is convenient and shoppers are welcome year-round. For the curious, they are happy to give the nickel-tour 'round the studio.

Photo ops abound, as the Black Mountains are visible to the south, and many friendly cows live across the road. Behind the studio is an artful walkway between the creek and the studio with up-cycled manhole covers serving as stepping-stones. It is a peaceful place which allows creativity to flow.

A variety of functional, decorative, and inspirational pieces is what you will find at Rutkowski Pottery. From mugs, plates, and bowls to baking dishes, covered casseroles, utensil jars, vases, and lamps in several sizes.

Michael's style is uniquely his own, easily recognizable by his use of layered slips & glazes



Ruth Rutkowski



Michael Rutkowski

and bold linear surface designs. His pottery is collectible, highly functional (oven safe), and suits pottery lovers of all ages!

Ruth's pottery reflects a spiritual flair with surface design that often depicts water and sky. Her etched 'Prayer Orbs' are a unique trademark item perfect for commemorative occasions. Custom work for weddings, an-

niversaries, and graduation can be made to include names, dates, imagery, and verses uniquely commissioned by you!

Their studio is open to visitors by appointment, please call ahead to ensure they will be available to greet you. Call 828-675-9745. The studio is located at 1489 Cane Branch Rd. between Burnsville and Micaville.

Internationally-known glass artist Rob Levin's studio is in South Toe

Internationally-known glass artist Rob Levin lives in the Celo area near Burnsville in the mountains of WNC.

Rob loves working with hot glass and is known for his organic, fluid shapes and the colors which he formulates in his own studio.

Born and raised in Baltimore, he received his BFA from Denison University and his MFA from Southern Illinois University. He was the Resident Glass Artist at Penland School of Crafts.

Levin has lectured, taught, and led workshops throughout the US, in Ireland, and in New Zealand. He has exhibited widely in the US, Europe, Japan, and Russia.

His work is in numerous public and private collections, including the Corning Museum of Glass, the Museum of American Glass, the High Museum in Atlanta, the Contemporary Glass Museum in Madrid, the Ebeltoft Glasmuseum in Denmark, the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem, and the Museum of Arts and Design in New York.

Rob has been a recipient of a Southern Arts Federation/NEA Visual Arts Fellowship, two NC Arts Council Fellowships, and an NC Arts Council Project Grant.

For nine years he created the NC Governor's Entrepreneurial Schools Awards. He has twice created the NC Governor's Business Awards in Arts and Humanities, and has also created works that

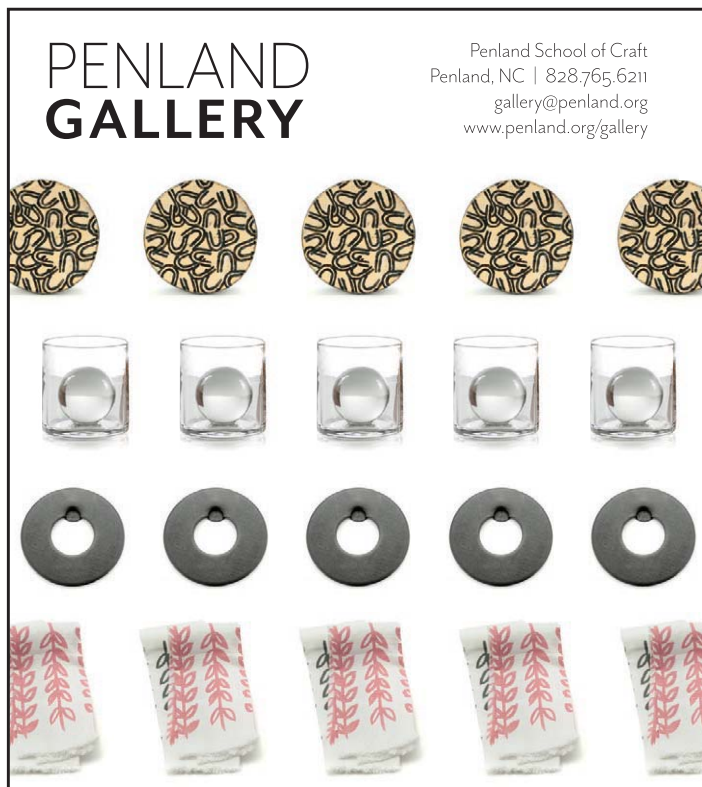


Glass artist Rob Levin.

have been presented to visiting dignitaries to our state.

His work has been featured in numerous magazines, as well as in books about contemporary glass.

Rob's studio is on Upper Browns Creek Road in Celo, call 675-4331. See his work at robertlevin.com.



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Dixie's Antiques offers unique finds when collecting

Sam & Dixie's Antiques had its beginning some 40 years ago. A lot of stuff has accumulated through the years. "You name it, it's probably around somewhere," says Dixie. "Just to look in all the buildings."

Looking for rustic or classic items, she has reclaimed doors, windows, bath tubs, ladders, tools, crocks, juke boxes, lots of oak and country furniture. You will also find country tables, chests, buffets, lamps, all kinds of glassware, and many unique collectibles.

You can explore her collection in four buildings and a large shed. She's there most days and if she's not, call anytime 828-208-1447.

Open Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., on most days. Located across from the Shell station, at 733 East Main Street in Burnsville.



You never know what interesting item you might find at Dixie's Antiques in Burnsville.

Mica Gallery presents featured member artist exhibits

Mica Gallery, the members owned cooperative fine craft gallery in downtown Bakersville in Mitchell County, presents a monthly "Featured Artist Spot-

light" exhibiting the work of its 15 artist-members. Work includes sculpture, glass, jewelry, fiber, wearables, painting, and functional pottery.

This extraordinary collection, enhanced by a yearlong rotation of featured artists and the welcoming and beautiful setting, make Mica a must-see destination for those who appreciate the hand made.

July: Robbie Bell and Claudia Dunaway. Bell's exhibit, "The Table is Set - A Feast of Dinnerware," will showcase an assortment of his pottery: plates of all sizes, bowls, drinking vessels, serving vessels, flower vases, and candle sticks. Dunaway will present "Paper Work," a series of new woodblock printmaking works-on-paper that she created this past winter and spring.

August: Vicki Essig and David Ross. Essig's exhibit, "Memento Mori," will show how some of her work is a collaboration between silkworms and herself as the artist. "The silkworm process is fascinating and educational," she notes. Ross exhibits a collection entitled, "Africa Dreaming." "The Pandemic gave me time to read and reflect on the series of historical novels by Wilbur Smith set during African Colonization. This inspired me to create a series of pottery with African imagery."

September: Weaves and Tapestries," new work by JJ Brown

and Simona Rosasco. Fyreglas Studio is noted for kiln-formed glass art using colorful pattern bars that are cut, arranged, and repeatedly fired to achieve unique designs.

Located at 37 Mitchell Ave, Bakersville. Open Mon-Sat 10-5; Sundays 12-5. Call 828-688-6422; or micagallerync.com; Facebook at Mica Gallery NC; Instagram at micagallerync.



Vicki Essig collaborates with silkworms to create fascinating and unique art.



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Ye Olde Country Store for lunch, Amish foods, meats, cheese, bulk foods, jams, honey, antiques

Ye Olde Country Store, locally known as the Amish Store, is located at 7 South Main Street, in the historic Carriage House across from Burnsville Town Center. Enter this unique business and you may feel like you have arrived at a museum or an old-fashion country store.

The store is under the ownership of Wade and Latasha Dahlberg and family. In addition to food items and a deli, the store carries bulk foods and baking supplies, and pickled and jar-canned foods.

There is also a large selection



Wade, Ashlyn and Blake Dahlberg at the deli counter. The store is located in the historic Carriage House.

of fascinating antiques, local crafts, folk art prints, barn stars, and many other crafts and gift items.

The store offers indoor seating for customers to come in from the heat and sit for a spell and visit. Purchase delicious deli items to take home, or sit down and enjoy fresh made-to-order deli sandwiches, salads, hot paninis, and gluten free and vegan items.

The kitchen has been expanded, which means a bigger menu with hot items. Breads and baked goods are made fresh in-house by staff.

The meat and cheese deli products come directly from Amish country in Ohio.

Homemade ice cream is now being offered. Flavors are made from seasonal products and include strawberry, cherry chocolate, peach and lemon blueberry cheesecake.

A large selection of Amish foods are available: delicious fruit butters, cider, and a variety of pickled veggies and salsas. You'll also find the highest quality jams in many flavors and local honey.

Other goods can be special ordered. Many great tasting snack items are offered as well. And don't forget spices at the best prices. Grains, gluten free

flour, organic artisan flour and other baking items are available. Customers can also buy food in bulk. Bulk offerings have been expanded to include more baking products.

Stop by this unique store

across from Burnsville Town Center to see for yourself what people are talking about and why this is a destination in Burnsville! Hours open Monday - Saturday, 10 to 5. Call 678-9900. Like the store on Facebook.



Shelves of canned foods.

Yummy Mud Puddle, a fun art and contemporary craft gallery

Yummy Mud Puddle, the art and contemporary craft gallery and studios of woodblock printmaker Claudia Dunaway and extremely mixed media artist John D. Richards is located on 10 wild acres just one mile from downtown Burnsville.

Their gallery is a delightful and inspiring place to visit.

In addition, the secluded location features a vacation rental home with privacy and a gorgeous view of the Black Mountains that accommodates six guests in comfort.

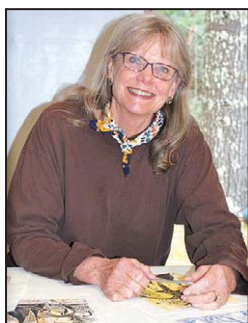
John and Claudia are also founding members of the Hot Duck Soup Novelty Jazz Band. John plays banjo and sings and Claudia holds forth on ukulele, cornet, nose flute, and deer call.

CDs are available through their website or at their gallery.

For more information call, 828-682-6567 or visit yumymudpuddle.com or facebook page for Yummy Mud Puddle.



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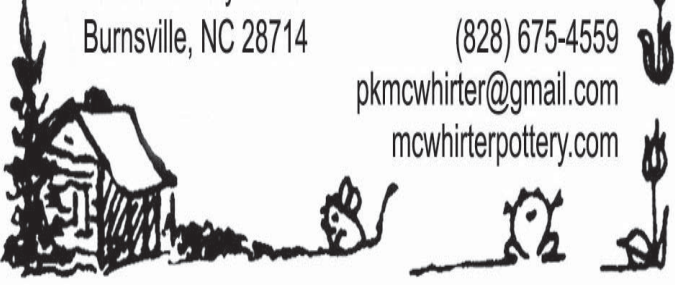


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Mountain Time on Main Street features Buck Stove hearth and patio items, crafts, specialty items, plants

Claudia Bailey Honeycutt, the owner of Mountain Time on Main Street, has established a unique business downtown in Yancey County now in its third year.

The shop has a great source of quality furniture for your sun-room, porch, patio, deck, and garden. They also provide bedding plants and garden accessories to complete your outdoor room.

The shop is filled with thousands of crafts and specialty items created by more than 50 local artisans for your home or for gift-giving.

Working closely to understand your wishes and expectations for your outdoor living spaces, they guide you to choices that will provide a lifetime of satisfaction. They welcome both homeowners and designers to visit Mountain Time on Main Street, where they gladly offer the information, insight, and vision to turn your dreams into reality.

The family-owned business is the first factory-direct outlet for Buck Stove products in the nearly 50-year history of the business established in Mitchell County. Yancey County is a prime location, being the number one wood-burning county in the state.

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Mountain Time on Main regularly hosts live music on the patio. Pick a comfortable chair

out front and sit a spell, if there's music on tap, you have a front row seat.

Stop by and say hello or check out their furnishings that decorate the sidewalk in front of the shop located at 105 West Main Street.

For more info: mountain-timeonmainst.com, follow on Facebook, instagram.com/mountain-timeonmainstreet, or call 828-398-5943.



Mountain Time on Main Street in Burnsville features Buck Stove hearth and patio items as well as decorative work by local artisans and craft vendors. Come sit and relax, explore the store -- there's often live music out front.

The Orchard at Altapass—grab the experience

The Orchard at Altapass is a non-profit working heirloom apple orchard, educational and music venue nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains at mm 328.3 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, just a couple of miles up from Spruce Pine.

For over two decades they have been "saving the good stuff"—the heritage, culture, land, and ecosystem of the region. When the music "died" in 2020 due to the pandemic, the Orchard refocused its major efforts on its educational and fun programs for both kids and adults.

The ecosystem is thriving. You can watch monarch butterflies, plucked every so carefully from milkweed leaves in the fields, metamorphose into brilliant-winged creatures. The honeybee habitat is on display in the red barn, the number of hives in the field has grown from one to six, yielding oh so much honey.

The Clinchfield Railroad Project continues at the far end of the red barn with a first stage comple-

tion date in early August. The orchard layout has been divided into sections and now kids can "plant" an apple tree, receive a certificate of ownership, and be able to point to its location when they return. The Railroad is an intricate part of the Orchard. Bill Carson can often be found sharing stories.

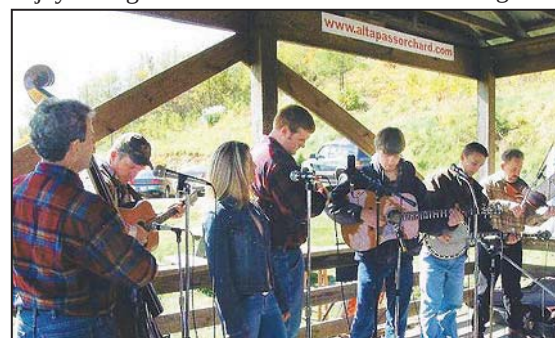
Dancing is back--on the pavilion in a temporary venue. It's roofed but open-air with great views of the fields and great sounds from the "stage." Every Saturday and Sunday through mid-October, enjoy the region's traditional music

from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

When the band takes a break midway, take a stroll back inside the red barn and enjoy a piece of hot apple pie with that big scoop of ice cream atop. The General Store is filled with apple and honeybee products, yummy local jams and jellies, local artist work.

Apples begin ripening mid-to-late July when U-pick begins.

Hours: 10-5, Wednesday-Sunday, through Oct. 31. For more information, visit altapassorchard.org or email information@altapassorchard.org.



Live music is one of the many highlights of an outing to the historic Orchard at Altapass.

Sandy's Hair & Gifts for personal care and home decor

For more than 16 years Sandy Presnell has created an oasis of beauty and comfort for Yancey County residents and visitors.

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and the glow of shimmering metals and sparkling glass.

Sandy's offers an array of comfortable linen and cotton clothing with lines such as Krazy Larry Pants and Casual Wear XCVI along with Spartina handbags, a travel and accessory

line. Accent your fabulous new wardrobe with fashionable jewelry from Sorrelli, Enewton, and Ronaldo.

The shop has artfully crafted bureaus, lamps and many household accessories including candles, florals, lanterns and elegant Arte Italica dinnerware. Complete your home decorating with an array of silk and dried flowers selected by Sandy.

For pure comfort, Barefoot Dreams offers a selection of clothing, sleepwear, blankets and throws.

Also a full service hair and nail salon, Sandy's provides pedicures and manicures along with salon products.

The licensed esthetician tempts clients with "Pampering on Purpose" including facials, peels, microdermabrasion, light therapy and waxing.

Sandy's salon products include mineral-based skin care and makeup, Glo-Minerals, and Thymes bath and body products.

Put Sandy's Salon & Gifts on your "go to" shopping list for all your beauty and comfort needs for hair, body, home, gifts and more.

Visit at 131 East Main Street, Burnsville or call (828) 682-9158. Open Mon - Sat.



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Main Street Shoes has footwear for outdoor adventure or strolling in town

Main Street Shoes in downtown Burnsville offers the latest styles for functional and fun living. They carry Astral, which is an Asheville shoe company, and Teva for outdoor activities.

Hey Dudes in men's and women's styles for casual and relaxing wear. The shop carries a wide selection of soft leathers for every season.

If you are looking for a great pair of new shoes, stop in this cozy and welcoming business on Main Street in Burnsville.

Denise Collier started the business in 2017 and is always happy to help customers select the perfect footwear. First-time customers are always amazed at the great selection Denise carries.



Owner Denise Collier

Located 120 West Main Street across from the Yancey Theater. Like them on Facebook, follow on Instagram, and you can always give them a call 828-284-6036.

The fishing is great in Yancey County

Yancey County is a paradise for fishing enthusiasts or those who want to learn. Brook, rainbow and brown trout are abundant in headwater streams, in addition to world class smallmouth bass downstream. Southern Drifters Outfitters, a full-service fly shop, is located at Burnsville's Town Square and offers guided fly fishing trips on Yancey's waters, and in WNC and TN. Open Monday - Saturday, call 828-678-1511.

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Cast Iron Kitchen coming to downtown Burnsville

Cast Iron Kitchen of Burnsville is thrilled to be joining the local restaurant scene as of early August 2021 in the old Hilltop restaurant building, more recently occupied by Mountain Chef Bistro.

Chef and owner Chris Hall is trained in the culinary arts. He was born and raised here in nearby Madison County, is a graduate of Asheville-Buncombe Technical College and has been cooking professionally for nearly 20 years.

Along with his wife Caitlyn, who is also trained in the culinary arts, and a strong staff, Cast Iron Kitchen provides high quality food at a reasonable price using local sources and farm-to-table ingredients.

Steaks, burgers, seafood and more can be enjoyed in a welcoming environment with both indoor and outdoor seating. Accompanied by a hand-picked wine or local beer, this is the perfect place to relax with friends and family. Whether you are a full-time resident, seasonal, or visiting our beautiful city, Cast Iron Kitchen invites you to dine with them from 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday through Monday.

Cast Iron Kitchen is located at 109 West Main Street, directly across from the Visitor Center.

Contact the restaurant at Chefsforhall.com for information. Learn more and follow their progress on Facebook/Cast Iron Kitchen of Burnsville.



Chef Chris Hall and wife Caitlin of Cast Iron Kitchen that has a projected opening in early August next to Mountain Time on Main.

Fill-More: WNC's first refill shop & eco-general store

Sue and Mark Bayliff opened Fill-More early last year and are grateful for the wonderful response they have gotten from the community. Both native North Carolinians, they have called Yancey home for three years now.

Though refill stores have been popular in Europe and in larger US cities for a while now, Sue and Mark see a need for more eco-friendly options and decided to open a store in Burnsville.

Though recycling is an important part of environmental responsibility it should be used as a last resort after reducing, reusing or repurposing as much as we can. When you need more dish soap, laundry soap or shampoo, you purchase products in plastic containers. Refill those containers instead, and cut down on the waste. That's where Fill-More can help!

You are encouraged to bring your own containers to refill from a large selection of laundry and dish soaps, all-purpose cleaners, shampoos, lotions and other per-



Fill-More has eco-friendly options for household and personal care products -- and you can refill your containers.

sonal care items, all environmentally friendly and free of sodium laurel sulfates, artificial colorants and scents -- and other "no-nos."

In addition to all of the great household products and bath and body care items by the ounce, Fill-More also offers a wide variety of goods that will help you replace single-use items in your home and items that are usually made from plastic. This gives you the opportunity to compost them

instead of having to throw them away. Beeswax wraps, dryer balls, produce bags, bamboo toothbrushes and Swedish dish clothes are among their best sellers, but they have a vast and ever expanding selection of goods.

Hours: 10-6 Mon-Sat, noon-4 on Sunday at 225 West Main St. in back of the municipal parking lot and next to Hammond Antiques. Learn more on Facebook, or call the store at 828-380-3648.

Penland Gallery located at iconic Penland School of Crafts

If you are visiting the Yancey/Mitchell area because of its well-deserved reputation as a center for great craft, then you'll want to make sure to include a stop at the Penland Gallery, which is part of the renowned Penland School of Craft.

The Penland Gallery shows and sells work by several hundred artists who have been teachers, students, or resident artists at the school. It is filled with beautiful and varied work in materials that include clay, glass, metals, textiles, wood, printmaking, handmade books, photography, drawing, and painting.

The gallery also has an exhibition that presents some of the school's history, and you can watch a short video that will take you into Penland's famous teaching studios. An exhibition hall presents work representing special themes or larger work that you

might expect to see in a museum. The Gallery is a great place to shop for a gift or add to your collection.

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Fine Italian food at Laura's Pizzeria & Trattoria

Laura's Pizzeria and Trattoria on East Main in Burnsville serves up delicious, authentic regional Italian dishes, great pizza, and some truly inspired specials are always on the menu.

Operated by Carl and Laura Vitellino, an experienced Italian chef, this restaurant quickly became one of Burnsville's foremost culinary venues.

Carl trained and worked with top chefs in Manhattan and Washington, DC, then operated restaurants in Miami and Palm Beach Gardens in Florida. He has worked in the restaurant business for 30 years. He and his wife and children came to the area several years ago on vacation and fell in love with the mountains.

They decided to purchase a vacation home in the Cattail Creek area of Yancey County and then in 2016 made it their permanent home, a move they have never regretted.

Carl trained with a top chef at Michelin Star Restaurants in Washington, then served as executive chef at an Upper East Side Manhattan restaurant in NY, then returned to the DC restaurant

where he served as executive chef.

The dining experience centers around two things: great food and the joy of sharing good times with those who matter most. Laura's offers diners the opportunity to explore a diverse range of regional Italian dishes, pizza, and specials in a fun, casual setting.

Working as much as possible with sustainable and organic produce, chicken and beef sourced from locally, the menu shifts with the seasons ensuring each diner leaves with an experience that is uniquely Laura's. Diners appreciate the authenticity of the food, the great atmosphere, and inviting outdoor deck dining. Plus, it's a great place to unwind and enjoy a glass of wine or beer – they have one of the largest selections of craft beers in town.

The restaurant offers an excellent lineup of live entertainment, several times a month – everything from bluegrass to folk to contemporary. . Due to the pandemic, Carl has created an outdoor area in the area near the deck where musicians and listeners can practice social distancing. If the

weather is uncooperative, then the performance will be rescheduled. Check their Facebook page for the schedule or changes.

In addition to amazing pizza in the area, Laura's offers tasty appetizers, salads, a great selection of authentic Italian entrees, pasta, calzone, paninis served on homemade Italian bread, sides, and desserts.

Their classic Fettuccini Alfredo with heavy cream and Pecorino Roman cheese is a favorite, as is the Fettuccini Funghi with sauteed mushrooms, sweet onion and roasted garlic in white wine sauce. Other favorites are Linguini with Clam Sauce, Bolognese, and with Meatballs .

Entrees include vegetables, Chicken Marsala, Chicken Milanese, Chicken Parmigiana, Chicken Piccata, Eggplant Parmigiana, Zuppa di Pesce, and Grilled Spicy Tuna. And they always offer specials, including some of the best steaks in town.

Laura's is open Tuesday – Thursday 11:30-8, Friday 11:30-8:30, Saturday 12-8:30, Sunday 12-4, closed Monday. Online ordering is available on the web-



Laura's has indoor or outdoor seating options. Live music out back on the deck and lawn area.



site and Facebook page. Located at 114 E. Main St. in Burnsville. Call 828-682-5551 or visit lauraswnc.com or see their Facebook page



Come join the Laura's family and experience authentic Italian dishes nestled in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. The Laura's experience centers around two things: great food and the joy of sharing good times with those who matter most. We offer diners the opportunity to explore a diverse range of regional Italian dishes in a fun, casual setting.

We strive to provide the freshest ingredients and source as much locally as possible. Working with sustainable organic produce, chicken and beef, our menu shifts with the seasons ensuring each diner leaves with an experience that is uniquely Laura's.

Laura's is open Tuesday – Thursday 11:30-8, Friday 11:30-8:30, Saturday 12-8:30, Sunday 12-4, closed Monday.

See our online menu and place online orders at lauraswnc.com.

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Don't be a Stranger: Homeplace Beer Company a popular gathering place

"The Homeplace is where you come from and where you hope to return to. It's where you find warmth and familiarity. We hope that our beers offer the same sense of comfort. Don't be a stranger."

For Yancey County native John Silver the words ring true. After more than a decade of working in the micro-brewery business in WNC, he came home to start his own brewery in Burnsville.

The brewery quickly outgrew its first space and opened in early 2020 at a new location on West main, Homeplace became a magnet for bringing locals and visitors alike to Burnsville.

The new brewery location has ample seating on the second level where the bar, restaurant and large deck are located, with additional seating on the third level.

The lower level where the

brewing operation takes place also houses the Spring House Cellar where you can also order beverages and food – and there's plenty of outdoor seating in the green space with picnic tables and rocking chairs around the fire-pit.

Hog Hollow Wood Fired Pizza's kitchen on the main floor serves excellent pizza, sandwiches, burgers, wings, salads and more.

Live music is a regular feature at Homeplace, inside during the colder months, on the deck or outside during warmer seasons. The outdoor area also provides more space to experience music, lawn games and other fun things.

Silver says the expansion has also increased brewing capacity to fulfill the growing wholesale demand for his popular brews.

"We continue to focus on making our establishment a place where anyone can feel welcome, including families with children," he said. "And dogs! We have a great outdoor area for dogs."

Hours at this time: Monday 4-7 Basement Bar only (no food); Tues-Thurs 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun-

day noon-7 p.m.

To learn more, visit Homeplace on Facebook or homeplace-beer.com. Call (828)536-9068.

For Hog Hollow Wood Fired Pizza, visit hoghollowpizza.com or call (828) 680-0505. See hoghollowpizza.com or Facebook.



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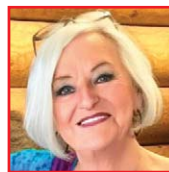
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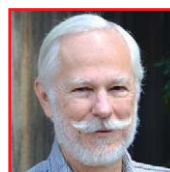
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Center for Pioneer Life: Preserving the legacy

The Center for Pioneer Life is a project of The Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young Foundation. Its mission is to preserve the legacy of Southern Appalachian pioneers and experience how they lived. The Center is located on 12 acres of prime farmland, just three miles from downtown Burnsville, in the scenic valley of Shoal Creek.

The descendants of Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young, one of the region's founding fami-

lies, settled this property more than 180 years ago.

The Center features panoramic views of Celo Knob, the reconstructed Josiah and Frances Ray Young Cabin, six farm buildings including a corn crib, blacksmith forge, spring house, tool shed, barn, and hog shed. A kitchen garden and farm plot with heritage crops is cultivated using traditional sustainable farming and gardening methods.

The most recent addition, the first settler's cabin, was constructed to allow an immersion experience into the stark lifestyle of early settlers and serves as a living example of the rudimentary skills needed to survive.

Reconstructing the log home of Josiah and Frances Ray Young on Shoal Creek was one of the Foundation's first projects. The house was originally located on Bolens Creek and is thought to have been built around 1840-1850. Josiah Young was the son of Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young and the grandson of Thomas and Naomi Hyatt Young, who moved from Maryland to N.C. in



Open-air guided walking tours are offered by reservation on Wednesdays at 10:30 and 2:30. Wear comfortable shoes and come dressed for the weather. Tours fill up fast. Reserve your spot. Email hello@PioneerLife.org or call 828-536-0337.

the 1760s and were the first settlers of the North Cove in what is now McDowell County.

The cabin, is furnished with items from the 19th Century meant to demonstrate the lifestyle of the families during that time. The East and West wings of the cabin are separated by a covered dogtrot, which provided cross ventilation and served as a work area. The second story of the cabin features a well-preserved sleeping loft.

Today, few people know what it takes to fell a tree with an axe, haul it to the site with an ox, hew it, notch it, and hoist it into place. You can learn from books and websites, but the best way to learn these skills is from another set of experienced hands, and to practice them yourself.



The Center for Pioneer Life was created for experiential education where visitors will learn how pioneer families lived. To learn more visit PioneerLife.org.



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Winter Star Country Store, reminder of the past with retro items, clothing, fresh produce, flowers

"We wanted to make this a fun place for people to come where they could see things you don't see every day," Wade Dahlberg said of Winter Star Country Store, the family-operated business that

opened two years ago.

The old country store theme can be seen throughout the 5,000-sq. ft. space finished with reclaimed barn wood and decorated with antiques that his wife Tasha has collected over the years.

They have created a business that harkens back to some of the fun things people remember from the past -- and there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The coolers are filled with retro bottled sodas, with more than 100 different brands. And there's an incredible selection of old fashion bulk candies, more than 300 different kinds, that take all generations back to their childhood.

There is also a great selection of classic toys and games that can introduce children to fun entertainment from the past.

The shop carries a nice selection of candles and many other items that make great gifts any time of the year, including knives and locally-made pottery.

There's also a wide selection of southern/country-inspired t-shirts and clothing for men and women.

One of the most exciting offerings is their ample selection of fresh vegetables and fruit, and even large bags of potatoes to feed a family. They also have a nice selection of flowers and plants.

Seasonally, the produce comes from their own Winter Star Family Farm and from other local farmers. In the winter, the produce comes from other sources. There's also a nice selection of jams, jellies and honey, hot sauces, chow chow, pickles, ciders, and much more.

Wade says the family has been successful in farming and in business and they are looking to

the future. They also purchased Ye Olde Country Store, known locally as the Amish Store.

He and Tasha, have worked side-by-side operating the farm and businesses, they also have

their sons Riley and Blake working with them.

Open from 10 to 6 Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Call 828-536-5338. Visit their Facebook page.



Winter Star Country Store is a sensory delight with fresh produce, old fashion candies, retro sodas, classic toys and games, country-inspired clothing, and more.

Barn Charm – a charming shop for farmhouse rustic to modern décor

Barn Charm, located just west of Burnsville, is the place for southern charm home decor. This unique business carries vintage to rustic to modern farm house home décor – from old to new.

From furniture to home accents that will compliment your style, Barn Charm can create inspiration for any home that is comfortable, functional and affordable.

April and David Grindstaff enjoy visiting different places and are always seeking out vintage, new and modern farmhouse decor and accent furniture pieces for their shop.

April is always eager to share her decorating knowledge and assist you with finding the perfect decor for your home.

All of the furniture at Barn Charm is made in the USA and comes in many different styles.

They also offer re-purposed furniture pieces as well. While reminiscing about days gone by, bring classic furniture back to life with a new purpose and some added inspiration.

Barn Charm is located at 56 Stardust Rd, Burnsville, at the Shops of Riverside - just West of Burnsville.

This charming shop is open Tuesday - Friday 10 to 5. Call them at 828-682-8043. Be sure to follow them on facebook and Instagram to see their latest acquisitions.



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