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August is a “Happening” Month for Haywood County

A Variety of Cultural, Musical and Family- fun Events Scheduled throughout the Month

Waynesville, NC - As the 29th Folkmoot Festival winds down on July 29th, Haywood County is preparing to kick off a multitude of special events planned in August. From the Materfest to the Moonlight Run, there is something for all ages that covers a wide range of interests.

Here is a list of some of the August upcoming events:

Pickin in the Park

Fridays, August 3 – Friday, August 31, 2012 (Every Friday evening in August)

Time: 7pm

Admission: FREE

Location: Canton Recreation Park

Contact: 828.648.2363

Live Bands, Clogging Groups! Come enjoy a nice night of Mountain Music every Friday night in the summer through August 31.

Mountain Street Dance

Friday, August 3, 2012

www.downtownwaynesville.com

Time: 6:30-9pm

Admission: Free

Location: Main Street, Downtown Waynesville, Rain or Shine

Enjoy downhome mountain music and clogging on Downtown Waynesville’s Main Street. Music provided by Eddie Rose & Highway Forty and dance team J Creek Cloggers, with special guests, the Trantham Family. Joe Sam Queen will be the Emcee. Limited bleacher seating. Bring a chair or blanket

9th Annual Mountain Mater fest

Friday, August 3 – Saturday, August 4, 2012

www.focusoncanton.com

Time: Noon on Friday – 11pm Saturday
Admission: FREE
Location: Canton Recreation Park

Materfest is Canton's Flagship event of the season with fun for the whole family. Huge car show, a wide variety of craft and food vendors, a kids area and the main stage area full of music and dancers. Come join us for the whole weekend. And don't forget to bring your lawn chair or blankets to curl up with loved ones and watch some of the best musicians in the mountains. No need for a picnic...we'll have great food vendors. Fun for the whole Family!

August 3rd's Pickin' In the Park will be held simultaneously with Materfest.

**3rd Annual Popcorn Sutton Acoustic Jam
Friday, August 3 – Saturday, August 4, 2012**

www.maggievalleyfestivalgrounds.org

Time: 4pm - 11pm Friday, 11am - 11pm Saturday

Admission: \$2.00 per day

Location: Maggie Valley Festival Grounds

This is a 2-day music festival and summer jam, celebrating legendary local moonshiner, Popcorn Sutton

**Lake Logan Multisport Festival
Saturday, August 4- Sunday, August 5, 2012**

Registration now open

www.gloryhoundevents.com

Location: Lake Logan Episcopal Center, Canton, NC

Lake Logan may be the most beautiful triathlon venue in the country. Voted Top Triathlon by Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine 2010 Reader's Choice Awards, this is a great opportunity to participate in a triathlon or aquathlon! The swim in this pristine mountain lake has a unique course starting near the main docks but finishing under the highway bridge in the mouth of the river. The bike course is unusual for the mountains in that it is mostly flat and very fast. It is a lollipop shaped course that takes riders to and from Canton.

**Blue Ridge Breakaway Bike Event
Saturday, August 18, 2012**

www.blueridgebreakaway.com

Location: Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center, Lake Junaluska, NC

The Blue Ridge Breakaway is an adrenaline pumping ride through county lanes, scenic byways and the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The ride begins at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center which is conveniently located off of Interstate 40 and Highway 23/74. With a variety of routes specifically designed for riders of all skill levels, including the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Blue Ridge Breakaway is sure to please. Beginners and avid cyclists alike will find challenging rides to meet their individual needs.

The 15th Annual Fines Creek Bluegrass Jam
Friday, August 24 – Saturday, August 25, 2012

www.finescreek.org

Location: On the lawn of the Fines Creek Community Center at 190 Fines Creek Rd, Clyde, NC.

Admission: Adults: One night \$15.00, Both nights \$25.00

16-18 yr. olds: One night \$10.00, Both nights \$15.00

Children under 16 are free with a paying adult.

Advance tickets available at Ferguson Supply or call 828-627-1912.

Limited RV parking reservations available.

Come and have some funnel cake or fried green tomatoes (and more) in the prettiest part of Haywood County while you enjoy this year's bluegrass lineup.

31st Maggie Valley Moonlight Run

Saturday, August 25, 2012

www.maggiervalleymoonlightrun.com

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Location: Maggie Valley Fairgrounds, Hwy 19, Maggie Valley, NC

Registration is now open

The Moonlight Run is a terrific opportunity for a vacation in one of America's most scenic regions. Run this race, enjoy the panoramic majesty of the Great Smoky Mountains, and hit the trails and the whitewater. This 8K race (4.96 miles) is unique and located in a stunningly beautiful location.

New for 2012 will be the Sunset Fun Run - a safe, controlled "race" inside the Fairgrounds prior to The Moonlight Run.

Along with its cultural, music, family-fun activities and special events throughout the year, Haywood County is situated in a beautiful, mountain setting. With 554 scenic square miles of spectacular country, more than a dozen of Haywood County's mountain peaks soar to elevations of at least 6,000 feet (more than any east of the Mississippi River), and the county is one of the highest, with a mean elevation of 3,600 feet, east of the Rockies. The county sits at the western edge of the state, with the Blue Ridge Parkway running along its southwestern border. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Pisgah National Forest are located in the northern section of the county. For more information about Haywood County, call 800.334.9036 or visit

<http://www.visitncsmokies.com/>.

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