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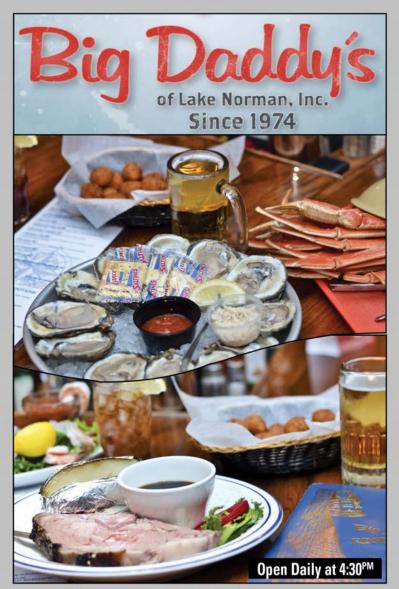
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risp air, amazing fall foliage, and the luring aroma of freshly fried funnel cakes with a side of candied apples are just a few of our favorite things that make us think of fall in Rockingham County, NC. With fall comes the season of some of our favorite festivals in RoCo. From RiverFest in Eden to What the Hay Festival in Mayodan, each picturesque town's unique festival is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Want an experience to remember? Plan your visit to RoCo this fall season around one of these fun-for-all events:

Riverfest-Eden-September 15 & 16-Celebrate Eden's art, history, and river heritage with live music, axe throwing, artisans, kid zone, and more!

Stoneville Fall Festival-September 30-This annual event brings performers, craftsmen, merchants, family, and friends of all ages.

What the Hay Festival-Mayodan-October 14-Between the decorative hay bales, you'll find a beer garden, food truck corral, and face-painting along with local artisans and vendors. It's sure to be a hay of a good time.

Fall for Madison-October 21-Visit with artisans and vintage/antique collectors and stock up on tasty, one-of-a-kind treats along the streets of Market and Murphy. Live music throughout the day.

FAB Festival-Reidsville-October 21-Featuring Food, Art, and Brew with local artisan vendors, regional favorite food trucks, and local breweries.

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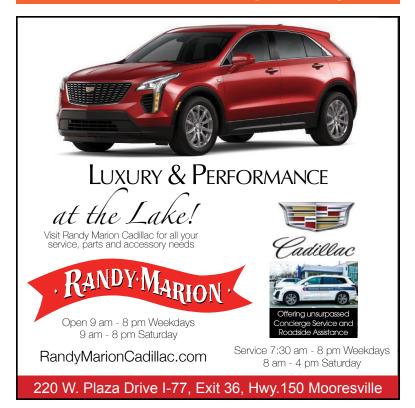
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CoMMA is home to one of the Ben Long frescos, "Sacred Dance and the Muses" which is open to visitors Monday through Friday 12pm-5pm. You can also see Morganton's own hometown legend, Etta Baker, on display with the Etta Baker Exhibit and Sculpture.

Each July, CoMMA announces it upcoming Season. The upcoming



23-24 Season offers something for everyone with Main Stage Season Passes or a pick your own package with discounts in line with the number of shows chosen from the Main Stage Season lineup. We also offer a separate Cabaret Series, which are three evenings of intimate shows placing the audience on stage with the performers. Finally a must have ticket for the Holidays is the Ballet!

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and lots of kids activities!







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The Hickory Trail meanders its way through the heart of Downtown Hickory, past captivating art installations, through Lenoir-Rhyne University's beautiful college campus, and along the serene shoreline of Lake Hickory, shaded by graceful trees. The trail's landscape transforms seamlessly, transitioning from old railroad paths to charming sidewalks and even enchanting lake-front riverwalks. Comprising a series of interconnected paths, the Hickory Trail ensures an immersive experience. This includes the City Walk, treating you to breathtaking panoramic views of bustling downtown, and the River Walk which takes you closer to the natural beauty Hickory offers. Pro-tip for visiting and if you're looking to go a bit off-the-beaten-path. Take the Greenway trail from the River Walk to explore our network of mountain bike trails.

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to prepare their bicycles and helmets before embarking on the trail. Cycling is wholeheartedly endorsed, and a fantastic way to soak in more sights in less time. With dedicated bike lanes stretching along the entirety of the trail, both cyclists and pedestrians can confidently explore while prioritizing safety.

As Hickory thrives and evolves, so do the opportunities for enjoyment and exploration, mirroring the dynamic growth of the Hickory Trail. The upcoming extensions to the trail will feature the OLLE Art Walk, the Historic Ridgeview Walk, and the Aviation Walk, which conveniently concludes at the Hickory Regional Airport, Hickory Aviation Museum, and the Hickory Crawdads Baseball Stadium. With an array of experiences along this single path and the anticipation of more to unfold, the Hickory Trail becomes a vibrant conduit bringing visitors into the heart of the flourishing creative culture that defines Hickory.

Hickory is a wonderful place for visitors! We have great food, furniture shopping, fantastic pottery, our local Hickory Crawdads baseball, and more! www.visithickorymetro.com



Whiskey, Wine & Fire In Cary

his 2nd Annual Whiskey Wine & Fire Festival will heat up the night! It is an elegant foodie celebration in the Pines at Koka Booth Amphitheatre on Saturday, September 23rd, 4pm-9pm. It features Whiskey Bars, elegant Wines & Cocktails, Great Live Music, Tented Food Stations. Food Trucks & Restaurants, Bonfires throughout and vendors to shop from. Relax around the Fire Gardens and enjoy an inspired take on fire-kissed Barbeque, Specialty Grilling and Drink Pairings. Each guest receives a souvenir glass to enjoy All-You-Care-To-Taste Whiskey and Wine samplings as you stroll from table to table.



The Twilight VIP ticket – 4pm-9pm - Includes a souvenir tasting glass with all-you-care-to-taste sampling of whiskey, wine, and other beverages, early entry into the event with one extra hour of tastings, a Passport of Tastes from each of our open-fire Grilling/Meat Stations (all other foods are a la carte), a bottle of wine from our curated selection, a special VIP communal seating Lounge Area and all live entertainment. This is limited to the first 400 guests.



The General Admission ticket – 5pm-9pm - Includes a souvenir tasting glass with all-you-care-to-taste sampling of whiskey, wine, and other beverages, access to all food trucks and vendors (all food is a la carte with this ticket) and all live entertainment.

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The festival will feature a hot air balloon exhibition and. mass ascensions, live entertainment. We're beyond excited to announce that Bucky Covington will be headlining the Balloon

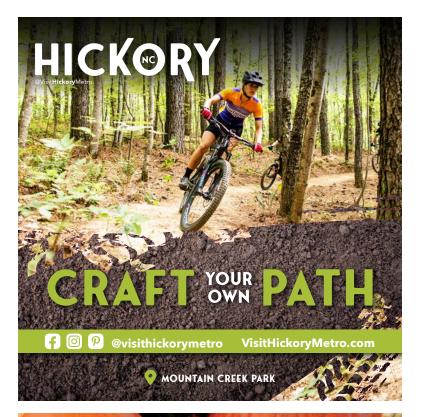


Festival Saturday, September 9!!! A kids' zone, craft vendors, bike, and car show.

We look forward to seeing everyone and appreciate everyone supporting our local veterans.

- Alcovets.org for tickets!







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Fall Color Tours On The Ridgeline Trolley

ell, that was a hot summer! But finally Autumn is almost here and so are the Fall Color Tours on the Ridgeline Trolley.

These super-popular tours start out in the quaint downtown village of Morganton. Morganton lies in the Catawba River Valley between the high peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the uniquely situated South Mountains.

Tours are boarded near the new Burke County Visitors Center in downtown. Once loaded, the trolley heads north through the Pisgah National Forest towards the Blue Ridge Parkway. The tours stop for a delicious boxed lunch at the Linville Falls Picnic area.You'll be outdoors under a picnic shelter with the leaves already starting to fall around you. After lunch you'll have an opportunity for a 1-mile guided stroll to see the mighty Linville Falls- North Carolina's largest volume waterfall. Some guests may elect to remain at the Linville Falls Visitor Center area where there is a gift shop and a bridge over the Linville River.

Leaving the falls, the trolley stops at the Linville Falls Winery where you can take in the beautiful views of the Tuscan Style Italian architecture and sample some of



their award-winning wines. Wine sampling is at the guest's expense.

After about an hour at the winery, the trolley reboards and travels up scenic NC Highway 221 to the Christmas Shop near Crossnore. As the name implies, they have all varieties of Christmas decorations there as well as homemade ice cream and baked goods.

Heading back down the mountain, the trolley makes a brief stop at the Brown Mountain Overlook. Hear tales of the mysterious Brown Mountain Lights-a rare phenomenon still unexplained. Expect to arrive back in Morganton around five thirty. Hang around town. There are multiple lodging options as well as restaurants and three breweries, and a casual bottle shop with all kinds of selections.

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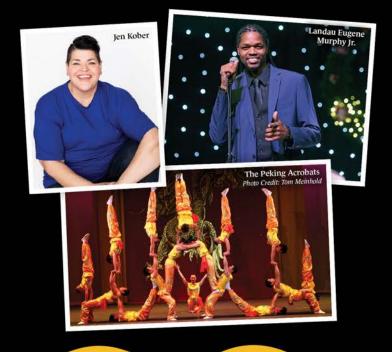


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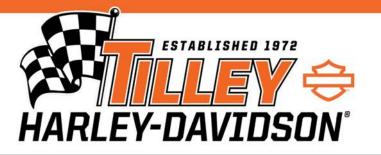
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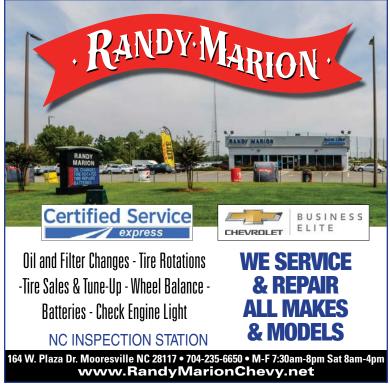
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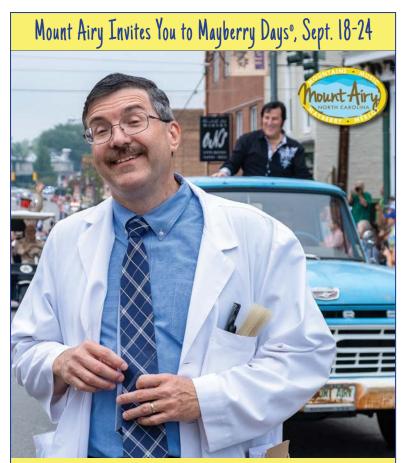
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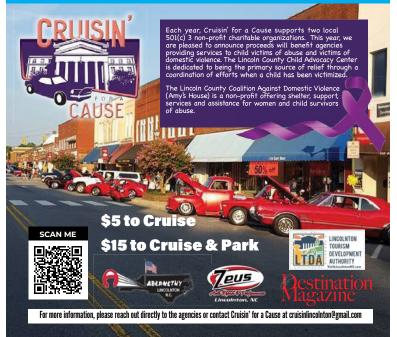


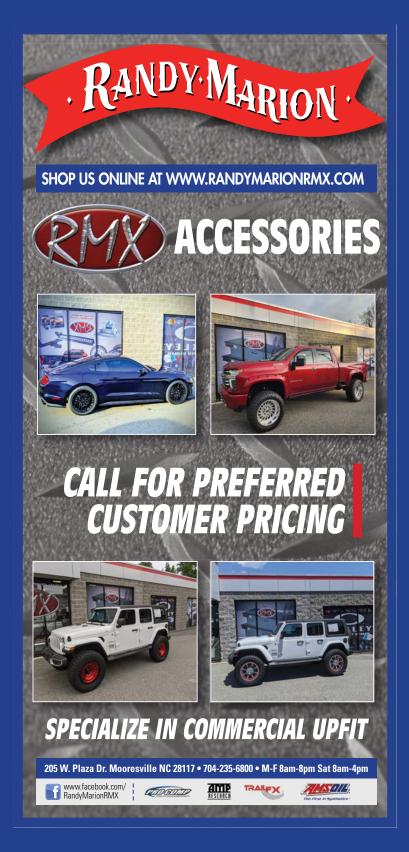
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