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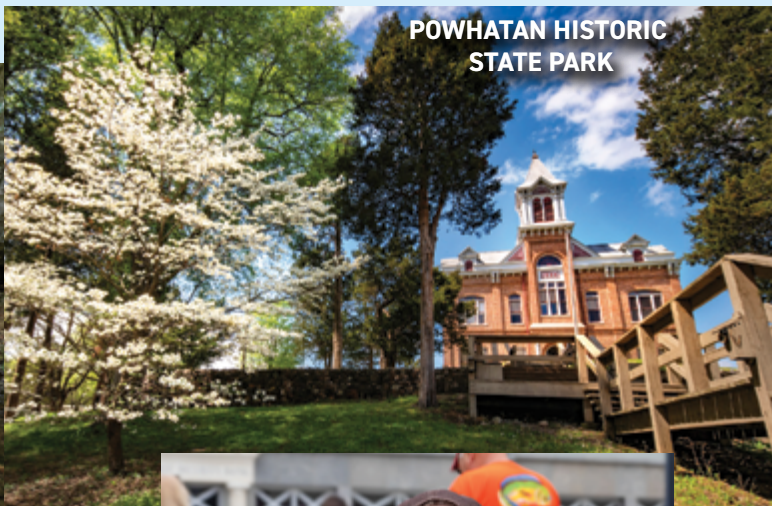
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**SHARP &
FULTON
COUNTY**

Cherokee Village



THINGS TO DO

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Easter Egg Hunt @ CVFD- 2 pm

APRIL 25

Arkansas Pie Festival @ CVTown Center

Pie day 5k Cutie Pie Pet Parade

THURSDAYS, MAY & JUNE

ACNA Music at the Gazebo @ CV Town Center

MAY 23

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast @ CV City Hall

SATURDAYS, MAY 23-JULY 25

Spring River Farmers Market on Saturday Mornings

JULY 4

CVFD Pancake Breakfast @ Baseheart Station

Thunder on Thunderbird

Firework Show @ Lake Thunderbird

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

ACNA Music at the Gazebo @ CV Town Center

OCTOBER 3

Octoberfest & Fall Farmers Market @ CV Town Center

OCTOBER 31

CV Trunk Or Treat @ CV City Hall

DECEMBER 5, 6, 7

Christmas in the Village @ CV Town Center

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Discover Cherokee Village:

A HIDDEN GEM IN THE HEART OF ARKANSAS

As Arkansas' first planned community in the state, Cherokee Village is known as a peaceful, scenic retirement and vacation destination with a low crime rate and plenty of amenities, but its crown jewel is its stunning landscape. With seven lakes for fishing and boating, the area offers a premier destination for water sports and peaceful lakeside relaxation alike.

If you'd rather stay on shore, the village has you covered with two championship 18-hole golf courses, recreation centers, pickleball and tennis courts, swimming pools, hiking trails, and a private shooting range. The Arts Center of North Arkansas hosts a variety of activities, from soapmaking, sound bath vibrations and dream journaling classes to chair yoga and qigong exercise.

Thunder on Thunderbird is the annual Independence Day fireworks show, featuring a Patriotic Boat Parade, a pancake breakfast benefitting the local fire departments and food trucks set up throughout the day. Other events throughout the year include the Spring River Farmers' Market, live music concerts, health fairs, a trunk-or-treat, Oktoberfest, Christmas in the Village, and on the last Saturday in April, the award-winning Arkansas Pie Festival, where the winners advance to the World Food Championships!

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THINGS TO DO

MARCH 21-22

Ozark Fine Arts Fair, Hardy Civic Center, By Main Street Hardy, (870) 751-3793

MARCH 28-29

Gun and Knife Show, By Main Street Hardy, Hardy Civic Center, (870) 321-9711

APRIL 11

Spring River Rambler, Bike Race & Ride, 99mobr.weebly.com

MEMORIAL DAY-OCTOBER

Music on Main, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Thompson Park

JULY 4TH

America's 250th Celebration, visithardyarkansas.com

SEPTEMBER 5-6

Treasures in the Ozarks Craft Fair, Hardy Civic Center, By Arts Center of North Arkansas, (870) 751-3793

SEPTEMBER 12

99 Miles of Bad Road Gravel Race, 99mobr.weebly.com

SEPTEMBER 26

Hardy Homesteaders Day, Loberg Park, By Hardy History Association, 870-847-3295

OCTOBER 23, 24, 29, 30

Hardy Ghost Tours, visithardyarkansas.com

OCTOBER 31

Main St. Trick-or-Treat, Costume Contest & Party, visithardyarkansas.com

NOVEMBER 7-8

Gun and Knife Show, Hardy Civic Center, By Main Street Hardy, (870) 321-9711

DECEMBER 12

Hardy Christmas Parade, By City of Hardy, (870) 856-3811

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Experience the Charm of Hardy:

ANTIQUE SHOPS, OZARK CULTURE, AND THE SCENIC SPRING RIVER

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and art galleries.

A hub for outdoor recreation along the spring-fed Spring River, Hardy serves as a popular destination for canoeing, trout fishing, kayaking, rafting, and exploring unique specialty shops in a turn-of-the-century setting. Visitors won't want to miss the Hardy History Museum and Spring River Art Gallery. nor the many local dining options in the

quaint town.

Paying homage to the community's beginnings in the 1800s during a railroad construction boon, Homesteaders Day is a popular, free event showcasing historical demonstrations like blacksmithing, spinning, and candle making, along with live music, bluegrass, and a beard contest.

Other key festivals and activities in the town include the Treasures in the Ozarks, Main Street Ghost Tours, live music from May to October, bike rides, the Christmas Parade, and more.

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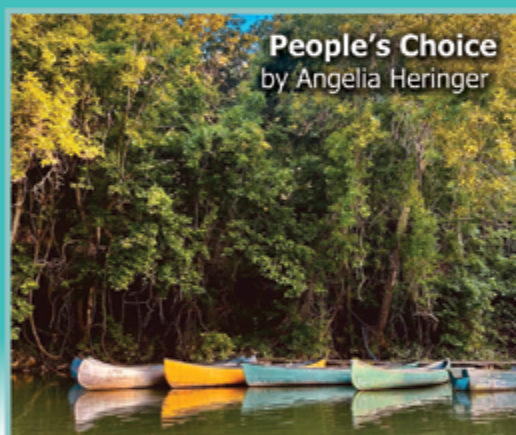
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Mammoth Spring



THINGS TO DO

MARCH 6-7

VFW Post 7831 Gun Show

MARCH 2

Bluebird Day, 10am, Mammoth Spring State Park Pavilion (Reservations Required)

APRIL 4

9am-12pm, Annual Rabies Clinic w/ Dr. Langley (Simmons Bank)

APRIL 4

Spring River Lions Club Easter Egg Scramble, Mammoth Spring State Park 2pm

APRIL 18

Earth Day, Mammoth Spring Federal Fish Hatchery 10am-2pm

APRIL 24-25

Mammoth Spring Citywide Yard Sale

MAY 9

Tourism Day Celebration- Mammoth Spring Welcome Center 10am-3pm

JUNE 5-7

Arkansas Free Fishing Weekend (Noon Friday-Sunday at Midnight)

JULY 14-18

Old Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Sponsored by local VFW Post 7831 Mammoth Spring State Park

AUGUST 15

Legacy of the Spring Program, Mammoth Spring State Park 10am at Welcome Center

SEPTEMBER 5

42nd Annual Antique and Classic Car Show- Gates open at 7am Mammoth Spring State Park ball field

SEPTEMBER 12

Art in the Park \$10 per person, reservations are required, 3pm, Welcome Center

SEPTEMBER 19

Movie in the Park- Mammoth Spring State Park near the ball field

SEPTEMBER 26

Fish Fest at the Mammoth Spring Federal Fish Hatchery (Free Fishing, 15 & under) 11am-1 pm

OCTOBER 3

Birds of Prey, Mammoth Spring State Park. Free to the public- 1 pm

OCTOBER 17

11am-1 pm at Pavilion Mammoth Spring State Park "Falloween" learn about bats, build a bat house, hay ride, pumpkin decorating contest. Reservations are required!

OCTOBER 24

Mammoth Spring Spooktacular 3:30pm-7 pm Downtown Main St.

DECEMBER 5

Holiday Open House Mammoth Spring Federal Fish Hatchery 10am-2pm

DECEMBER 5

A Railroad Christmas Celebration at the Depot

DECEMBER 12

Evening - Mammoth Spring Christmas Parade Downtown Main St.

DECEMBER 11-12TH

VFW Post 7831 Gun Show

DECEMBER 15

VFW Toys for Joy 7pm-9pm at the VFW

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Explore Mammoth Spring:

NATURE'S MASTERPIECE IN THE OZARKS

Mammoth Spring is the largest spring in Arkansas and a National Natural Landmark, pouring out an incredible 9 million gallons of crystal-clear water every hour. This massive surge creates a scenic 10-acre lake before spilling south into the Spring River, a premier destination for Ozark trout fishing and float trips.

Mammoth Spring State Park features paved walking paths, scenic overlooks, and various programs held throughout the year, such as Birds of Prey, Movies in the Park, Mammoth Spring Car Show, Art in the Park, and more. History buffs will want to check out the park's 1886 Frisco Depot – one of the most unique museums in Arkansas. This restored, turn-of-the-century Victorian station features custom-sculpted

life-sized figures that portray the train crew, depot crew and train passengers, while the baggage room includes exhibits of railroad artifacts. A Frisco caboosie parked just outside is open for touring, too. Before hitting the hiking trails or visiting the playground, make the welcome center your first stop to pick up complimentary guides to Arkansas and browse the unique treasures waiting in the gift shop.

Mammoth Spring isn't just a natural wonder; it's also a site rich in history and played a critical role in the area's development. During the Civil War, Mammoth Spring's strategic proximity to transportation routes made it a target for both Union and Confederate forces. After Union troops seized control in 1862, the

site became a crucial supply depot for the remainder of the conflict. Since 1890 the area has hosted the Old Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Reunion (formerly the "Reunion of the Blue and Gray"). The centerpiece of this history is the 3,500-pound cannon in Cannon Park. Delivered by the Department of War in 1893, it was fired to signal the start and end of each festival day until it was finally retired.

The spring's dependable flow year-round would make it ideal for powering industries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Today, the steady flow of the spring makes the Spring River one of the state's best year-round floats even during the summer months when river levels tend to fall.

The Spring River is one of Arkansas' premier destinations for trout and walleye, but what makes it truly unique is its source. Unlike other trout streams fed by man-made dams, the Spring River's cold water comes naturally from a spring, and the river stays

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Welcome Center # 1

MAY 27: Great Spring River Clean-Up 9am at Welcome Center-
reservations required

JUNE 24: Mammoth Spring State Park Adopt a Highway Clean-Up 9:30am
Welcome Center #2

AUGUST 5: Mammoth Spring State Park Adopt a Highway Clean-Up
9:30am Welcome Center #3

SEPTEMBER 9: Great Spring River Clean-Up 9am at Welcome Center-
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OCTOBER 15: Mammoth Spring State Park Adopt a Highway Clean-Up
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cold enough to support a thriving trout population for 10 miles downstream.

As one of the nation's oldest hatcheries, the Mammoth Spring National Fish Hatchery and Aquatic Conservation Center was established in the Ozark foothills to harness the cool, gravity-fed waters of the world-famous spring. Its proximity to the railroad made it a historic hub for conservation. Today, it's a perfect family destination – kids can feed the fish, discover aquatic life up close, and maybe even take home a new plush friend from the Cast a Line Gift Shop.

Just a few miles down the road is the Jim Hinkle State Fish Hatchery. This vital hub produces more than 1 million 11-inch rainbow trout annually. These fish sustain the state's premier angling destinations, including the Bull Shoals and Greers Ferry tailwaters, the Spring River, and Blanchard Springs, as well as

seasonal community ponds throughout South Arkansas. The hatchery also hosts an annual fishing derby that is a great way to get kids "hooked" on the sport.

Mammoth Spring offers campsites, cabins, RV spots, and motel lodging, with attractions like canoeing, kayaking and floating – not to mention various restaurants nearby. People come from all over to enjoy the catfish, hush puppies and other local cuisine.

Beyond the water's edge, downtown Mammoth Spring invites visitors to stroll the historic main street lined with eclectic boutiques and antique shops. Between browsing for unique treasures and chatting with friendly locals, the area's small-town charm is sure to entice.

Whether you're here to fish, take photos, or simply watch the water pour from the earth, Mammoth Spring offers a powerful experience that leaves an impression.



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MAY 9

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JUNE 6

Bethesda Day

SEPTEMBER 19

Bethesda Community Center
Dinner

SEPTEMBER 26

Miners Day, Cushman

OCTOBER

Haunted House all month,
Bethesda

OCTOBER 17

Bethesda Ride



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Discover Batesville:

HISTORIC STREETS, RIVER ADVENTURES, AND HOLIDAY MAGIC

Step back in time in Batesville – Arkansas' oldest city. Established in 1821, this historic gem blends 19th-century architectural charm with the natural beauty of the White River. This timeless landmark is the heart of the community, offering a scenic backdrop to a city rooted deep in Southern heritage.

If you enjoy being on the water, the Poke Bayou is the ideal spot to float, kayak, fish and swim. For those who prefer exploring on land, the city's history comes to life downtown, with charming 19th-century buildings, now home to unique shops and boutiques, restaurants and cafes, and art galleries. For a deeper look into the past, visit the Old Independence Regional Museum. From the pioneer days and the Civil War to the freshwater pearl

"rush" at the turn of the 20th century, the exhibits offer a fascinating window into the region.

Located just a few minutes south of Batesville, Jamestown Crag sits where the Ozark Mountains meet the Delta and is one of the premier rock-climbing spots in the state with 50 acres perfect for climbing, camping, hiking and biking. The Crag itself offers over 140 sport climbing routes on Arkansas sandstone, ranging from 5.5 to 5.13 and up to 90 feet tall – perfect for beginners and pros alike.

For sports enthusiasts, the Mark Martin Museum sits just south of town. It offers an in-depth look at the career of the NASCAR legend who got his start on the local tracks of his hometown.

Batesville truly earns its reputation as the "Christmas Capital of Arkansas," offering one of the most enchanting holiday experiences in the state. Each year, the city transforms into a winter wonderland, with millions of sparkling lights decorating Riverside Park. Take a nostalgic

carriage ride or board the holiday train for a tour of the grounds – or take in the views from high above on the Ferris wheel. Lace up your skates for ice skating, then warm up with a cup of hot cocoa and some freshly cooked kettle corn as you immerse

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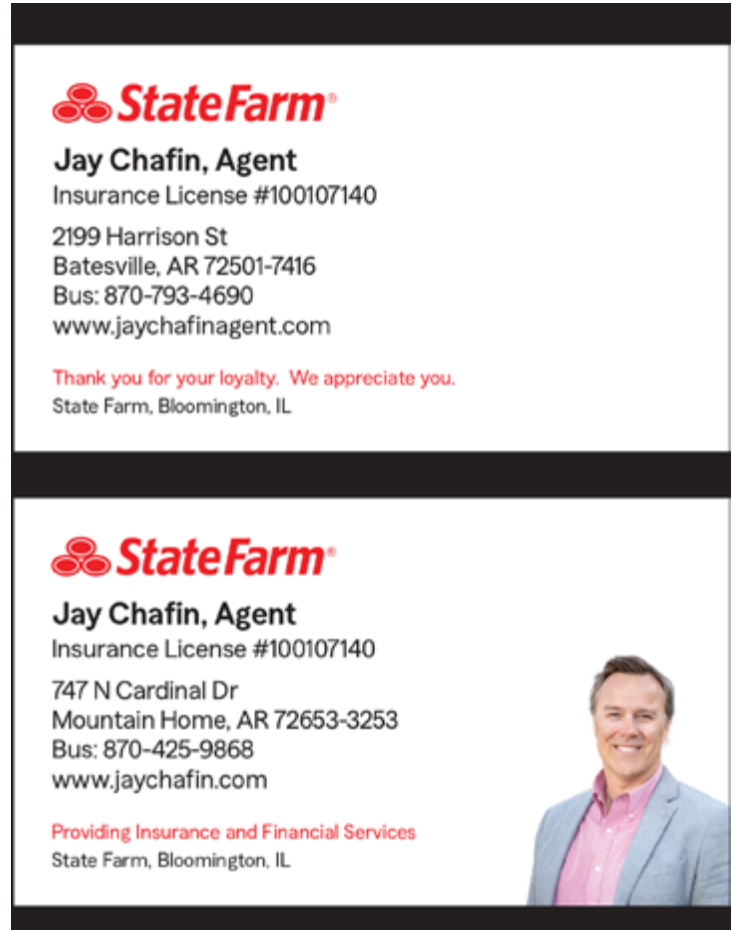
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Independence County is one of Arkansas' oldest regions, established in 1820 and named to honor the spirit of American independence. The White River remains its central pillar, driving the county's character and economy by providing vital resources for agriculture, transportation, and recreation. Independence County's residents are known for their strong sense of community. Events like Batesville's Independence Day celebrations and the Cave City Watermelon Festival bring people together, fostering a sense of pride in local traditions.

BATESVILLE

As the county seat, Batesville serves as the cultural, educational, and economic heart of Independence County. Since its founding in 1821, Arkansas' oldest city has masterfully balanced its deep historical roots – seen in its thriving, boutique-filled downtown and Lyon College

– with modern progress in healthcare and industrial growth.

SOUTHSIDE

Southside is a rapidly growing community thanks in part to its proximity to the county seat. As a premier residential hub, it offers families and residents increasing access to top-tier schools, essential services, and expanding recreational facilities.

NEWARK

Strategically positioned near the White River, Newark is a tight-knit community defined by its deep agricultural heritage. Historically, the river has been a vital resource for farming and livestock irrigation, and today, the town serves as a scenic gateway to the region's premier outdoor recreation.

OIL TROUGH

With a population of just 220, Oil Trough is a hidden gem along the White River with

one of Arkansas' most unique backstories. Founded in the 19th century, this rural community earned its name from the troughs used by early hunters to render bear fat – a testament to its rugged pioneer roots. Today, the town is defined by its incredibly fertile river-bottom soil and a tight-knit atmosphere. If you're passing through, be sure to grab a bite at the Trough Stop, a local favorite for authentic small-town dining.

PLEASANT PLAINS

If you're looking for a peaceful escape, this charming town in southern Independence County is the perfect entry point. Offering a quieter, slower pace of life, it serves as a scenic southern gateway to the region. Its rolling fields and rural character are a beautiful nod to the county's deep-rooted farming history, making it a must-see for those who appreciate authentic, small-town Americana.



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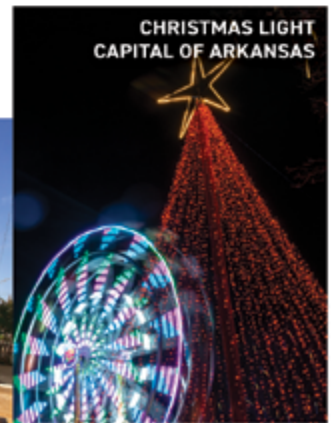
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MAY 7-JULY 9

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SEPTEMBER 26

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OCTOBER 23-25

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Through dedicated partnerships and a passion for local culture, Main Street Batesville has created a vibrant destination where old-world charm meets modern energy. From eclectic shops,

restaurants and art galleries – not to mention the renovated historic Melba Theater to a packed calendar of inclusive events, there is a place here for everyone to feel at home.

The excitement continues to grow in 2026 with the debut of The River Haunt. Located at the corner of Main and State, this multipurpose facility will offer thrills and chills in the fall, while serving as a hub for holiday parties and youth activities year-round. This is sure to be a great complement to the vibrant Maxfield Park, an oasis that features a waterfall, meditation garden, stage area for live music, playground equipment and benches.

To top it all off, the Levitt AMP Music Series returns this year, bringing free weekly concerts and family-friendly entertainment to the center of it all. The 10-week series kicks off May 7; look for a schedule later this year.

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The library is a favorite after-school destination, featuring a popular Teen Lounge and regular Dungeons & Dragons sessions. There's even

a weekly Tween Club meeting for grades 4-6 and Storytime for the younger crowds.

Looking for more than a book? You can also check out our collection of movies, TV shows, board games, and puzzles. For adults, the library offers a full calendar of yoga, fitness, crafting classes, and coloring book sessions, plus fan-favorites like Bingo and Book Club.

If you're exploring your roots, dive

into your family history with the library's extensive local, state and national genealogy resources.

Saturdays at the library are all about gaming, featuring Magic: The Gathering and tabletop favorites.

With multiple meeting rooms at hand, the library also provides a space for connection through the weekly grief support group. From past events like the wolf encounter with Howling Hills Wolf Pack and

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From April to October, Maxfield Park transforms into a vibrant hub for the Downtown Batesville Farmers Market. More than just a grocery run, it's a community celebration. Fill your basket with sun-ripened produce, artisan baked goods, assorted flowers, and handcrafted treasures while enjoying the crisp morning air. Whether you're hunting for the perfect heirloom tomato or a unique handmade gift, the market offers a true taste of Arkansas life.

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Located along the shores of the White River, Batesville is a small community located in the north central section of the state about 90 miles from Little Rock.

Holding title as the oldest city in the state, the town is packed with history. The city can trace its recorded history to 1804, when a squatter was reportedly living in a log cabin where the Polk Bayou enters the White River. Within a few years, a little settlement had been established as well as a trading post, owned by John Reed and which sold "whiskey and notions." Within a few more years, the settlement was getting heavy exposure as thousands of pioneers were traveling across the state on the Old Southwest Trail, which crossed the White River just below Batesville.

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MAY 8-9

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Downtown Newport

JUNE 5, 7, 12, 14

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Much of the community's modern energy comes alive each year through the **Downtown Monster Series**, a collection of free concerts, festivals, and cultural events held from April through October in Front Street Park.

The downtown park becomes a seasonal gathering place where locals and visitors spread out lawn chairs and blankets, children dance near the stage, and live music fills the air. The series offers something for every interest, blending concerts, arts events, exhibits, and festivals into a calendar that keeps downtown Newport buzzing all summer long.

Among the signature events is the **Delta Arts Festival**, one of the region's most dynamic cultural showcases. The festival is uniquely multi-disciplinary, hosting three festivals simultaneously in downtown Newport. Visual artists line the streets with works ranging from pottery and painting to jewelry and sculpture, while musicians and performers add rhythm and movement to

the experience. More than 200 creatives participate, creating an atmosphere that feels both intimate and expansive. At the same time, the **Delta Festival of Books** brings more than 30 authors—many from Arkansas—who connect with readers eager to engage with Southern stories and voices.

Music, however, is more than an event in Newport—it's part of the town's DNA. In the 1950s, Jackson County played an unexpected role in the birth of rock 'n' roll. The so-called "rock 'n' roll train" steamed out of Memphis and rolled into nightclubs along Highway 67, stopping at venues like the Silver Moon and Porky's Rooftop in Newport and Bob King's King of Clubs in nearby Swifton. Legends such as Elvis Presley, Johnny

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Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, and Sonny Burgess all passed through, performing at local honky-tonks during the earliest days of the genre. That history remains a point of pride today, drawing music lovers eager to trace the roots of American rock.

Newport is equally inviting for families. Events like **Monster Kids Fest** are designed with younger visitors in mind, offering inflatables, games, crafts, interactive performances, and hands-on activities that keep children engaged throughout the day. Parks and green spaces throughout the city provide room to play and explore, including the Mary Alice Holden Conner Memorial Park in the heart of Newport, which features modern play stations, a zipline, walking trail, and gathering areas for families to relax and reconnect.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Jackson County delivers a landscape

shaped by water, woods, and wide-open spaces. Three rivers, numerous lakes, and wooded areas provide year-round recreation, from fishing and boating to birdwatching and hunting. Duck and deer seasons attract sportsmen from across the region, while anglers are drawn by the area's reputation for exceptional fishing. With both public and private preserves available, along with convenient lodging options, outdoor adventure is always within reach.



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picnic areas, sandy beaches, a playground, the Tunstall Riverwalk, a boat launch, and full-service campsites, making it a destination that blends education, relaxation, and outdoor recreation.

As the seasons change, Newport takes on a new kind of magic during the holidays. The **Holiday Trail of Lights** transforms Newport Lake into a glowing

winter landscape with more than 100 illuminated displays. Downtown shines with festive décor, including giant Nutcracker soldiers, musical performances, and seasonal exhibits at the Veterans Memorial. Throughout the city, visitors can spot trios of pre-lit Christmas trees, while one of the region's most impressive private light displays draws families from miles around, adding to the sense of wonder and celebration.

Beyond festivals and attractions, Newport's charm lies in its sense of community. Visitors are welcomed warmly, whether they're shopping at the Newport Farmers Market, exploring downtown, or chatting with locals who are proud to share stories of their hometown. With a regional airport, walkable downtown entertainment district, and a calendar full of events, Newport and Jackson County make it easy to arrive—and even easier to want to return.

Blending music history, creative expression, outdoor adventure, and small-town hospitality, Newport and Jackson County offer a destination that feels both timeless and vibrant. It's a place where the past is honored, the present is celebrated, and visitors are always invited to be part of the story.



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APRIL-JUNE

Farmer's Market, Saturdays, 8am-6pm, Leona's Garden

APRIL 4

Cave City Easter Run 5k, 10k, & 1/2 Marathon, City Park

APRIL 11

Founders Day

APRIL 18

Tea Party with Snow White, 10am, Cave City Library

JUNE 1-JULY 20

Summer Reading, 2pm, Cave City Library

JUNE 13

Cave City Fire Department Poker Run, 9:15am registration, 10am start, City Park

JULY-HOLIDAYS

Farmer's Market, Saturdays, 8am-noon, Leona's Garden

JULY 3

21st Annual Celebrate Freedom, 7:30pm, City Park

JULY 23-25

Cave City Watermelon Festival, City Park

JULY 24-25

Cave City Kiwanis Craft Fair, 4pm-6pm (24th), 9am-2pm (25th), Cave City High School Cafeteria

JULY 25

Melon Dash 5K, 7am, City Park

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 7-10am, First Baptist Church

OCTOBER 3

Caveman 5K and Kid's FunRun, Cave City High School Nature Trail

OCTOBER 10

Heroes for Hope, City Park

NOVEMBER 20

Pink Friday, All small businesses

Christmas Tree Lighting, 7pm, Veterans Park

DECEMBER 12

Storytime with Santa, 10am, Cave City Library

Holiday Fun Run, 5pm, Cave City Middle School

Christmas Parade, 5pm, Heart of Cave City

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The hype is real: each summer, thousands of people flock to the community for a taste of the "World's Sweetest" melons during the Cave City Watermelon Festival. This free, three-day event, July 23-25th, will include entertainment, seed spitting contests, a 5K run, pancake breakfast, parade, activities for kids and adults, vendors and food trucks, craft fair, talent show, and a free melon feast, courtesy of the registered watermelon growers. This isn't just a local favorite; the festival was inducted into the Arkansas Food Hall of Fame in 2017 and named the Ozark Gateway Region's Festival of the Year in 2019. It's an experience – and a flavor – you won't want to miss. For event details, follow the Cave City Watermelon Festival

Facebook page, or visit cavecitywatermelonfestival.com.

Cave City is built atop the Crystal River, a subterranean mystery with no known source or outlet. Once a gathering site for Native Americans – the Crystal River Cave is the town's most legendary landmark. Perched directly above the cavern is the oldest operating motor court in Arkansas. Built in the 1930s, this National Register of Historic Places site features walls of local fieldstone, intricately inlaid with geodes, quartz, and petrified wood forming patterns of animals and crosses. Coming in 2026, the motor court will debut two newly renovated lodging units, allowing you to stay right where the story began.

Cave City's revitalized Chamber of Commerce is breathing new life into the community, spotlighting the local leaders and businesses that make the area a premier destination. Main Street offers a vibrant mix of antique shops, retail, and dining, ranging from artisan dishes to home-cooked comfort food and specialty coffee. The community's commitment to excellence extends to the Cave City Nursing Home, which boasts a 5-Star CMS rating for its balance of high-quality clinical care and a warm, personal touch.

There's always something happening in Cave City. Follow the Cave City, Arkansas Facebook page for every event and an authentic look at small-town life.



FULTON COUNTY

Salem

THINGS TO DO

FEBRUARY 18

Hands On Homesteading, 10 a.m., Fulton County Fairgrounds, 870-895-3301

MARCH 28

Easter Egg Hunt, Date/Time TBD, South Fork River Therapy and Living, 870-895-3817

APRIL 10-11

Spring Community-Wide Yard Sale & Business Sidewalk Sales, 9 a.m., 870-371-0111

APRIL 11

Salem Home & Garden Show and Maker's Market, 9 a.m., Renee Watts, 870-656-7724

APRIL 18

Cruizin' at the Fairgrounds Car Show, Reg. : 7 a.m., Judging: 8, Kaitlyn, 870-371-1231

MAY 22-23

Stars, Stripes & Small Town Nights, Annual Fulton County Homecoming Festival, Downtown Salem & Surrounding Areas, 870-371-0111

MAY 23

Kentucky Headhunters Concert, TBD, Fulton County Fairgrounds, 870-895-5565

JULY 2-4

Fulton County Freedom Festival, Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary, Fulton County Fairgrounds, 870-895-5565

JULY 4

Fireworks in the Park, Salem City Park with views from the Fulton County Fairgrounds, 870-371-0111

JULY 10-18

107th Annual Fulton County Fair, 870-895-5565

SEPTEMBER 26-27

Fall Community-Wide Yard Sale & Business Sidewalk Sales, 870-371-0111,

SEPTEMBER 27

Autumn Thunder, Fulton County Fair Annual Truck Pull, 870-895-5565

OCTOBER TBD

Fulton County Fair Awards and Volunteer Dinner, 870-895-5565

OCTOBER 31

Trunk or Treat on the Square, 5:30 p.m., Salem Square, 870-371-0111

NOVEMBER TBD

Chamber of Commerce Award Ceremony and Luncheon, 870-371-0111

DECEMBER 5

Salem Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, 870-371-0111

FEBRUARY 11, MARCH 11, APRIL 8, MAY 13, JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 12, SEPTEMBER 9, OCTOBER 14, NOVEMBER 11, DECEMBER 9: Country Quilters Quilt Guild Meeting, 10 a.m., Fulton County Fairgrounds, cqqq.salemar@gmail.com

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Salem Offers Natural Beauty:

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Defined by rolling, forested hills, the landscape of Fulton County is perfectly suited for both pasture and woodland use. Historically, these natural resources fueled the region's growth, with timber and livestock serving as the foundation of the local economy. Today, Fulton County is anchored by its four incorporated cities: Mammoth Spring, Salem, Cherokee Village, and Viola.

Centrally located and rich in history, Salem began its journey as Pilot Hill. Named for the prominent landmark overlooking the South Fork River valley, the town served as a vital lookout point during the Civil War. Though the land was designated as the county seat in 1844, it wasn't until its 1900 incorporation that it adopted the name Salem – meaning "City of Peace."

Today, this town, which is the county seat of Fulton County, maintains a peaceful, conservative atmosphere where community pride shines. Local organizations like the Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Master Gardeners are currently leading beautification efforts to keep the town vibrant.

An outdoor lover's paradise, the area is renowned for its world-class fishing – from trout and bass on the South Fork and White Rivers to boating on the scenic Lake Norfolk. Adventure seekers can also head to Fulton County's Spring River for a premier canoeing experience. Beyond the water, the region is proud to be the home of legendary baseball All-Star Preacher Roe.

Salem is a well-rounded community, home to essential

services like Fulton County Hospital and Salem Schools. The area also features a thriving Amish community with unique local businesses. Visitors often stop by Borntrager's Amish Farm for seasonal greenhouse plants or visit the Pine Creek General Store for a wide selection of fresh eggs, meats, cheeses, handcrafted furniture, and baked goods.

Driven by a dedicated board of community leaders, the Fulton County Fair Association is working hard to put Salem on the map. This year, they're bringing a major dose of star power to the annual Salem Homecoming festival in May with a legendary performance by Southern rock icons, The Kentucky Headhunters!

Other events include a Home & Garden Show and Cruisin' at the Fairgrounds in April, and the

three-day Fulton County Freedom Festival celebrating our nation's 250th birthday this year. There will be a carnival, activities for all ages, food, and of course, the Chamber of Commerce's Fourth of July fireworks display.

Save the dates, invite your friends, and be part of the excitement as Salem and Fulton County make 2026 a year to remember!

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Beyond the lake, the Strawberry River offers a quaint, scenic backdrop for those who want to unplug and recharge. Diamond,

Pioneer, and North Lake offer serene settings perfect for a peaceful morning of fishing away from the crowds.

Whether you're a serious golfer or looking for family fun, Horseshoe Bend also offers a full-length 18-hole course or the faster-paced par-3 executive course.

Visit the Crown Lake Resort and Spa for a friendly round of miniature golf or a classic game of horseshoes, or check out the newly renovated bowling alley in town. Take a refreshing dip at the swimming areas or simply soak in the sun. Indulge in a rejuvenating day at the spa or browse local stores, then catch a live performance at the community theater or dine at one

of our local restaurants.

Horseshoe Bend comes alive through its community celebrations, offering a year-round calendar of festivities that bring neighbors and visitors together.

Dogwood Days is the town's premier spring event, featuring local arts, crafts, food vendors, a 5K, and live music. On July 4th, the town goes all out with a patriotic parade, flotilla on the lake, food, games and fireworks on Turkey Mountain. Seasonal events include a community Easter egg hunt, weekly farmer's market, Halloween trunk-or-treat, and Winterfest & Christmas parade.

Horseshoe Bend is more than a

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THINGS TO DO

MARCH 9

Surge Leadership Seminar

MARCH 11

Chamber Business Consulting
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APRIL 2-4

Countywide Yard Sale

APRIL 14

2026 NEA Outstanding Business
Awards Luncheon (Jonesboro)

MAY 9

Farmers Market Kickoff

MAY 20

Maximize your Marketing
Seminar (ASBTDC)

JUNE 12

Chamber Social Media Seminar

AUGUST 19

Chamber Business Consulting
(ASBTDC)

SEPTEMBER 3-5

Countywide Yard Sale

SEPTEMBER 19

Beatles at the Ridge Festival

OCTOBER 3

Craft Fair

OCTOBER 6

Starting a Small Business
Seminar (ASBTDC)

OCTOBER 30

Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER 7

Black Rock Foothills Festival &
Ravenden Fall Festival

NOVEMBER 12

Annual Chamber Banquet

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Ever since the Beatles touched down at Walnut Ridge Airport in September 1964, this town has embraced its place in music history as a premier destination for fans. If you're looking for a blend of British Invasion nostalgia and Deep South rockabilly roots, Walnut Ridge is a must-visit. Located on Abbey Road (formerly SW 2nd Street), Beatles Park is home to a striking 20' x 10' hand-etched metal sculpture. The piece

features life-sized silhouettes of the Fab Four, artfully recreating the iconic Abbey Road album cover. It's the centerpiece of why we call downtown "Where Abbey Road Meets the Rock N' Roll Highway!" Rockabilly pioneers are memorialized at the Guitar Walk. As you stroll the "fretboard," you'll encounter displays honoring legends who played the local circuit, including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. An audio tour is

included, narrated by Sun Studios recording legend Sonny Burgess. Sonny shares insightful bits of history about each of the performers at the tribute, as well as song snippets of their music. Each September, downtown Walnut Ridge springs to life for the Beatles at the Ridge music festival. Enjoy two stages of entertainment and various vendors across multiple city blocks.

Located at the Walnut Ridge Airport, the Wings of Honor WWII Museum houses an impressive collection of displays and artifacts, ranging from weapons and uniforms to vintage vehicles. The museum offers visitors a glimpse into the past, specifically the era when Army fliers trained for combat at the former Walnut Ridge Army Flying School.

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Hoxie, where another important piece of history comes to life. Hoxie: The First Stand Museum opened in January 2026 and commemorates the 1955 desegregation of Hoxie schools, two years before the Little Rock Nine. This small farming community suddenly became the focus of national attention when the school board voted to end segregation, a decision met with both hope and resistance. This was the first segregation to be contested in court – and upheld by the Department of Justice. Although the town eventually faded from the headlines, the spirit of the movement remained alive through the dedication of local residents who refused to let this legacy be forgotten. Ethel Tompkins, the first Black student to graduate from Hoxie High School, now serves as the museum's president.

Nestled between Smithville and Black Rock, Jackson Farm is a premier family-owned destination for seasonal fun. Founded in 2015 with a mission to foster an appreciation for nature and farming, the farm aims to provide families with fun, educational, hands-on agricultural experiences. Visitors can enjoy various attractions, including a petting barn, hay rides, a corn maze, zip lines, giant slides, pony rides, jumping pads, fall photo opportunities and festival food, making it a popular spot for creating lasting memories.

Located in Walnut Ridge, Williams Baptist University is home to the stunning Manley Chapel and the industrious Eagle Farms. Through the innovative Williams Works initiative, students gain hands-on experience by working at the meat processing facility, an organic egg operation, greenhouses, and produce farm to earn their education. Visitors are welcome to tour the grounds or stop by Williams Corner (at Highway 67 and Fulbright Avenue) to shop for fresh products grown right on campus.

Within easy driving distance there are three state parks, which means you can visit all three parks in one day. Located in Powhatan, Powhatan Historic State Park preserves a 19th-century river port town, once a hub of northeast Arkansas commerce, industry and government. It features the 1888 courthouse, a jail, and other historic structures, offering guided tours on the Black River. Less than 10 minutes away, Lake Charles State Park offers a 645-acre lake that is known for excellent fishing (bass, crappie, bream), boating, camping, and swimming. Davidsonville Historic Park meanwhile preserves the site of the first town and county seat in the Arkansas Territory (1815).

The great outdoors define life in Lawrence County, particularly during the winter months when duck hunters from across the globe arrive to experience some of the world's finest waterfowl

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The Friday before the Beatles at the Ridge music festival, Brookland AR art students and their instructor Carrie Hatton, share their Beatles based visions in the form of chalk art. The paint base created from powdered chalk washes away throughout the year and is ready for the next years talents to share their new ideas and images.

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hunting. Hunters can take advantage of sprawling fields and flooded timber, with various outfitters, guide services, and leased hunting grounds available to support their pursuit.

For travelers, the Amtrak terminal is situated within the historic Iron Mountain Depot in Walnut Ridge. This beautifully restored landmark now serves

as the home for the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Those who prefer to arrive by air can utilize the Walnut Ridge Airport.

Experience the magic of the holiday season on Main Street in downtown Walnut Ridge, where the Light Up Downtown Christmas project transforms the area into a scene straight out of a Hallmark movie. Stewart Park

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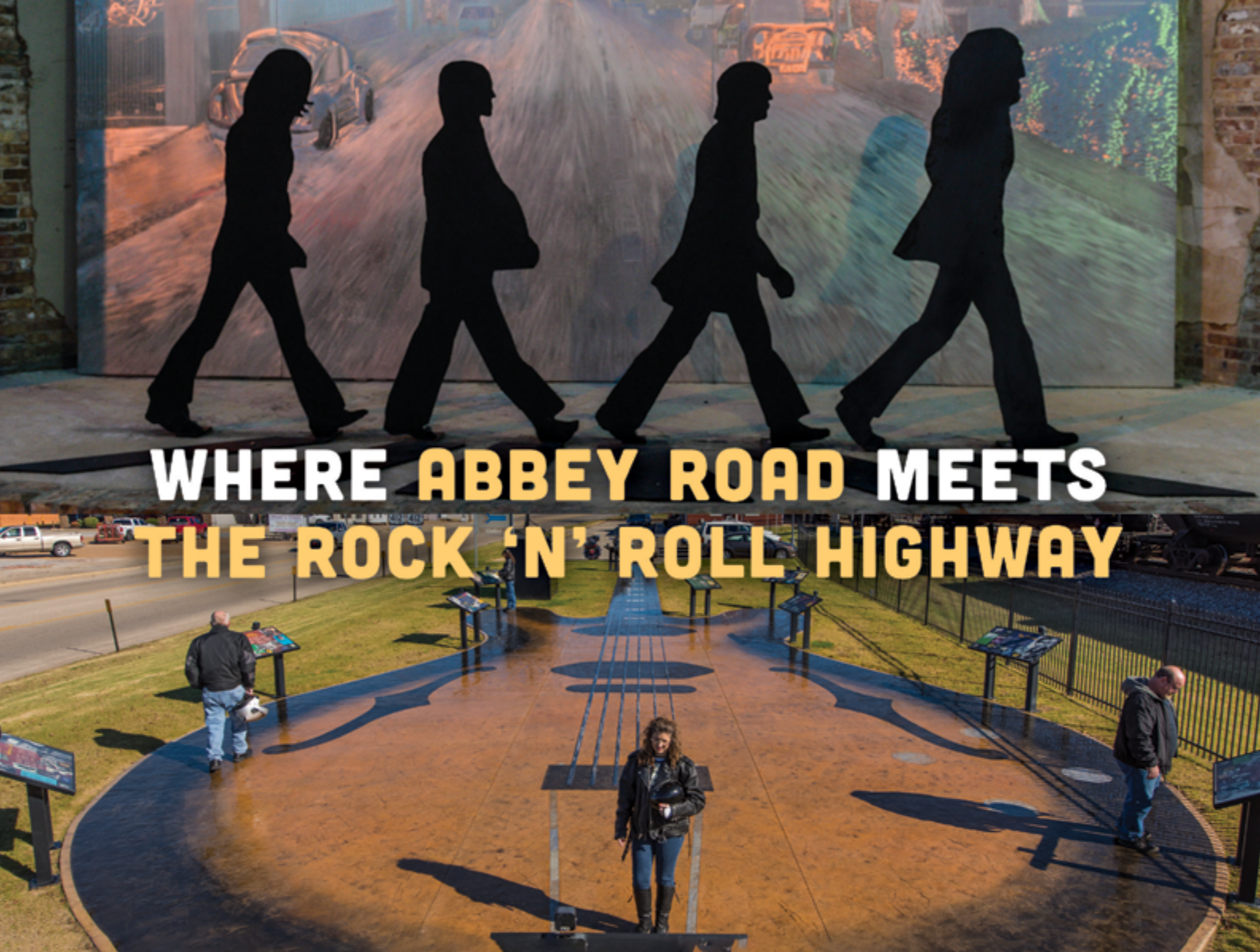
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APRIL 25-26

High School Rodeo

MARCH TBD

Ladies Luncheon

MAY 2

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Pioneer Day

JULY 4

Fireworks, Izard County
Fairgrounds

AUGUST 24-29

Izard County Fair

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Horseshow Show of Champions

OCTOBER 3

Fall city wide yard sale

DECEMBER 5

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Every May, Melbourne celebrates its heritage with the Pioneer Day Festival. The fun begins Friday night with an old-fashioned community Gospel Singing,

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RANDOLPH COUNTY

Pocahontas

THINGS TO DO

MARCH 6

Robert Bowlin & Wil Maring, 7 p.m. Rock 'N' Roll Hwy 67 Event Center, Call 870-931-5600 for advance tickets or 501-412-5555 for info. Robert Bowlin won the national guitar picking contest

MARCH 14

St. Patty's on the Square Festival, Pocahontas Downtown Square, free admission, sponsored by pocahontasdn.org.

MARCH 28

Motel California, A Memphis Tribute to The Eagles, 7 p.m., Rock 'N' Roll Hwy 67 Event Center, \$25 admission.

APRIL 4

Leona Williams, Call 870-931-5600 for advance tickets or 501-412-5555 for info.

APRIL 25

Melody Hart & The All Star Band, 7 p.m., Rock 'N' Roll Hwy 67 Event Center, \$25 admission.

MAY 2

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MAY 9

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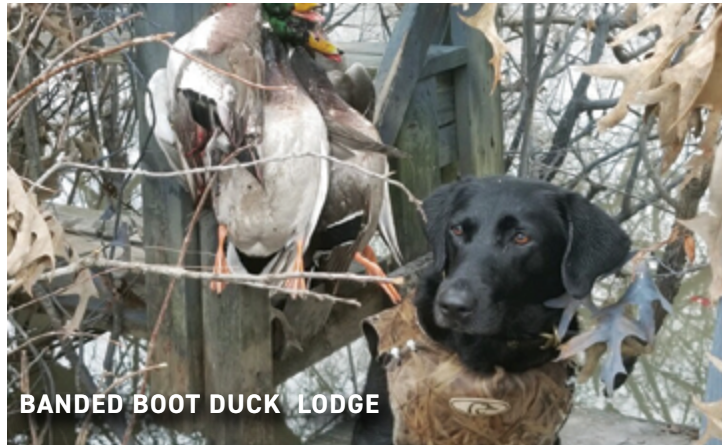
honors the legacy of education within the Black community and a spirit of resilience by the teacher, affectionately known as "Miss Eddie Mae." Pocahontas is also home to Arkansas' first quilt trail, Old Frisco Train Depot, and a statue of Princess Pocahontas in Black River Overlook Park. The Civil War River Walk pays homage to the

community's role in the Civil War, and Davidsonville Historic State Park preserves site of the town of Davidsonville, which includes the Territory's first post office and courthouse.

Other cultural sites in the area include Marr Street School of Performing Arts, the Rice House at

Dalton, which is the oldest log dwelling in the state, the fully-restored William Looney Tavern, which is the oldest log commercial building in Arkansas, and the Rock and Roll Highway 67. U.S. Highway 67 in Randolph County, as well as in Lawrence and Jackson counties, has been officially designated as Rock and Roll Highway 67 by the Arkansas Legislature due to the many pioneers and stars of early rock and roll who appeared at venues here. These include Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, Sonny Burgess and many more.

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THINGS TO DO

MARCH 18-21

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MAY 2-3

Pioneer Village Open House

MAY 2

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MAY 2-SEPTEMBER 19

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JULY 4

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SEPTEMBER 14-19

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NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 31

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Searcy's historic downtown district is a centerpiece of the city's charm, featuring distinctive shops, public art, and the beautifully restored Rialto Theater. Annual events draw visitors from across the state, including the Searcy Holiday of Lights, the Chocolate Gravy Cookoff, the Pioneer Village Open House, and Get Down Downtown—a lively music festival that attracts thousands each year.

Outdoor recreation opportunities abound, with amenities such as the Searcy Swim Center, playgrounds, tennis and pickleball courts, fishing access, and miles of biking and walking trails. The city's trail system continues to expand, offering even more ways to explore the area. Families also enjoy popular attractions like Pioneer Village, Yancey Park, Spring Park, and the historic Black House.

Searcy's dining scene is equally diverse and inviting, featuring everything from craft barbecue and sushi to hibachi, Mexican ice cream, gourmet donuts, handmade pastries, and cozy local cafés. With its rich mix of culture, recreation, and cuisine, Searcy is quickly becoming a must-visit destination in the Ozark region.



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THINGS TO DO

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MAY 1-2

Iris Festival

JULY 3-4

4th of July 250th Celebration

JULY 25

C-10s in the Mountains, Mountain View Chevrolet

SEPTEMBER 18-19

Mountains, Music, and Motorcycles

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Off the Beaten Path Studio Tour

OCTOBER 23-24

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OCTOBER 31

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NOVEMBER 13-15

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The Dripstone Tour: An accessible half-mile walk through some of the cavern's most decorated chambers, filled with stalactites, "soda straws," a natural bridge, and the sweeping Cathedral Room. It's easy to see why this breathtaking route remains the favorite for the 70,000 guests who visit the caverns

annually.

The Discovery Trail: A deeper, more intensive trek 366 feet down, following the underground stream that carved the caverns to the Ghost Room and natural Rimstone Dams.

Wild Cave Tours: A rugged, seasonal option for those looking to scramble through the middle and more untamed sections of the caverns.

Although the caverns are currently closed for safety renovations – with a 2026 reopening date still uncertain – they represent only one chapter of the story here. There are multiple woody trails, one of which takes visitors alongside the aptly named Mirror Lake, a popular, spring-fed fishing hole. A short, accessible boardwalk leads to a viewing area, where the tranquility of the 58-degree water rushing over the stone and concrete dam built nearly 100 years ago will refresh anyone looking for a quiet

moment in nature.

Blanchard Springs also offers crystal-clear swimming holes with rocky beaches along North Sylamore Creek, picnic area with tables, grills and nearby restrooms, as well as a central RV dump station. There is also a campground with both single and group campsites, but if those sites fill up, there are other options nearby, namely Gunner Pool Recreation Area and Barkshed Recreation Area. While these sites are considered primitive camping, both areas are shady and private. Know before you go: Be prepared for no cell service throughout the recreation area.

Whether you're a casual sightseer or a hardcore spelunker, Blanchard Springs proves exactly why Arkansas earned its nickname.

To learn more about schedules, fees, and more, visit www.fs.usda.gov/r08/ozark-stfrancis/recreation.



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Music is the heartbeat of this town. Whether you're a seasoned "picker" or a curious listener, the Stone County Courthouse Square is the place to be. On warm weekend nights, the air fills with the sounds of fiddles, banjos, and dulcimers. Local musicians gather under shade trees and in gazebos for spontaneous sessions that define the town's spirit, but for a deeper dive into the region's acoustic roots, visit the nearby Ozark Folk Center State Park, dedicated to preserving the authentic bluegrass and folk traditions passed down through generations.

Mountain View is a maker's

paradise. From traditional mountain crafts to contemporary masterpieces, the local art scene is thriving.

Located right on the square, the Arkansas Craft School offers year-round workshops. Whether you're a pro or a hobbyist, you can learn everything from woodworking to glassblowing. A large variety of classes are offered year-round in both traditional and contemporary art. No matter your skill level, there is a seat at the workbench waiting for you. Come hone your craft, find your medium, and leave with something made by hand.

The Arkansas Craft Guild was incorporated as a cooperative in 1962 to promote and preserve the finest traditional and contemporary handmade arts and crafts of Arkansas. Today, some 150 Arkansas artists make up the Guild's membership. The Gallery is the

retail home for a large, curated collection of items such as pottery, wood carvings, turned wooden bowls, flutes, cutting boards, jewelry, paintings, photography, glass, photographic pillows and table runners, soaps and lotions, candles, knives, gourd art, jams, honey products, purses, toys, quilts, and more.

If you visit in September, don't miss the Off the Beaten Path Studio Tour. This free, self-guided driving tour offers a rare chance to step inside private studios, meet the artists, and buy one-of-a-kind works directly from the source.

If you need a break from the music, Downtown Mountain View offers a charming blend of the eclectic and the delicious. Explore boutiques filled with "funky" fashion, rare crystals, vintage books, handmade home décor and a selection of one-of-a-kind items that reflect the

spirit of the Ozarks.

Start your day like a local with Southern-style biscuits, savory omelets, or the legendary chocolate gravy. Then, for dinner, dig into crispy fish plates, smoky barbecue, buffalo wings and burgers, or some of the best pizza in the state.

Mountain View's appeal is rooted in its stunning Ozark scenery. Must-see spots include the cascading falls and reflective waters of Blanchard Springs, panoramic vistas from the White River Bluff Trail, and the lush, winding Sylamore Scenic Byway.

With all Mountain View has to offer, it's easy to see why visitors love coming to the Folk Music Capital of the World.





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Mountain View is fortunate to be located in a beautiful part of the Arkansas Ozarks with many natural resources, including crystal clear lakes and streams, the Ozark National Forest, and Blanchard Springs Caverns.

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