

July 11-Aug. 21. *Fabric Artists of Upstate South Carolina.* Spartanburg County Museum of Art. 582-7616.
July 16. *Stone Howser House Tour.* Kings Mountain SP, Blacksburg. 936-7921.
July 23. *The Evolution of the Pennsylvania/Kentucky Rifle.* Kings Mountain NMP, Blacksburg. 936-7921.
Aug. 27. *Militia Encampment and Colonial Music.* Blacksburg. 936-7921.
Aug. 27. *Springwater Festival.* Mineral Spring Park, Williamston. 847-7473.

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Through July 8. *Dollywood's KidsFest.* Dollywood, Pigeon Forge. 800-DOLLYWOOD.
June 26-July 31. *Fine Arts Show with the Watauga Valley Art League.* Sycamore Shoals SHA, Elizabethton. 543-5808.
Through Aug. 13. *Arrowmont School Summer Faculty Exhibition.* Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg. 865-436-5860.
Tues.-Sat. evenings through Oct. 29. *Story Telling Live!* International Story Telling Center, Jonesborough. 753-2171.
July 2-3. *35th Annual Jonesborough Days.* 753-1010.
July 2-4. *July 4th Miners Homecoming.* Copper Hill. 496-5778.
July 4. *4th of July Celebration and Anvil Shoot.* Museum of Appalachia, Norris. 865-494-7680.



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Night lights. The West Virginia State Fair takes place in Lewisburg in August.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

The lilting music of bagpipes fills the area for miles, resounding off the surrounding mountains. Scots from around the globe gather to honor their heritage and traditions.
 An event held across the Atlantic? No, it will be here in the heart of the Blue Ridge region, on Grandfather Mountain in Linville, N.C.

On July 7, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will convene for its 50th consecutive year. Once again, young lasses will vie for first place in Highland dance competitions; kilted men will compete in contests of strength; marathoners will race and music will play continually.

"We're expecting visitors from close to 40 different states and over five to six different countries," says Frank Vance, general manager and vice president of the games. Those countries include Australia, New Zealand, England and Scotland. Performing groups will include Celtic crossover band Off Kilter.

"It should be a great time." Beyond the numerous competitions and concerts happening, children's activities like tug-of-war and sack races abound. Delectable treats, shopping opportunities and workshops that offer the chance to be a little bit Scottish are plentiful, too. Special events are also planned to celebrate the festival's 50th.

For tickets and information: 828/733-1333, www.gmhg.org. —Glenda Rogers



Caber chuckers. The traditional sport continues, 1958 (inset) and 2004 (above).

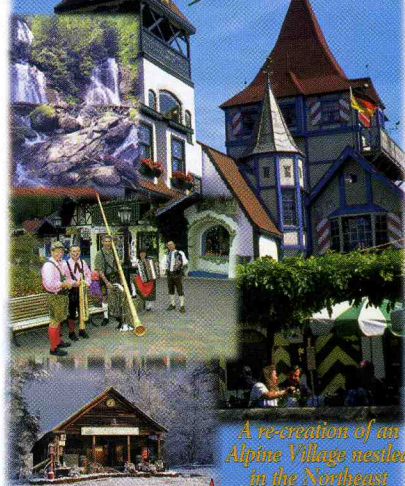


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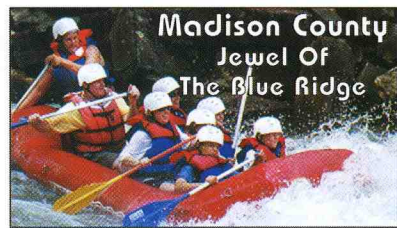
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