

CEDAR MOUNTAIN NEWS FOR THURSDAY 6-4-26

The Cedar Mountain Canteen Appalachian Cultural Center has been inducted into the Blue Ridge Music Trail!

Thanks to everyone who supports our music! You helped make this happen!

The Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina is an initiative led by the [Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Partnership](#) and the [North Carolina Arts Council](#), a division of the [North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources](#).

Their vision is to create an environment in Western North Carolina where the rich music traditions of the region are sustained and utilized in appropriate ways to improve the lives of residents; where traditional musicians thrive and feel supported in their creative lives; where visitors and residents alike can appreciate and enjoy the richness of the music; and where youth are provided with first-hand traditional music experiences that spark interest in the music of the region.

FOOD TO GIVE AWAY

The Cedar Mountain Canteen Appalachian Cultural Center has received a food donation for distribution. They have flour tortillas, quinoa, dried beans and oat bran. Bring a container and stop by and they will fill it up. The tortillas are packaged so no container is needed. They have some spare containers to share too.

A zero-waste, employee-owned pub, bottle shop and listening room rooted in Transylvania County, North Carolina with community funded arts. Everything on earth is supremely valuable. No one and nothing is disposable. You are not disposable. CedarMountainCanteen.com. Sign up for our newsletter.

DUPONT CANTEEN ICE CREAM & MORE

3945 Staton Road

DuPont Canteen Ice Cream & More is now open with summer hours! Open daily from **noon-8pm** (weather dependent). Our food line shuts down at 7:30 pm.

Stop on in and get your Local Loyalty Card punched and enjoy our Spanish hot dogs (house made chili), walking tacos (house made candied jalapenos) or warm Bavarian pretzel. We sell local favorites such as Pisgah Coffee Roasters, AVL Tea and Mother Noble Pimiento Cheese. With 16 flavors of Hershey Ice Cream and many local beers, we invite you to "just chill" with us!

MCGAHA CHAPEL SINGALONG



Sing the old songs your great grandparents sang at this cheerful gathering at historic McGaha Chapel on Saturday afternoon, June 6, at 2:30 pm. There will be forty-five minutes of songs about travel, work, love, and heartbreak followed by freshly sliced watermelon outside the Chapel. A brief history of the Chapel and some of its early members will also be shared. A shuttle service will be available at the Robin Hood Center parking lot at Sherwood Forest, beginning at 1:45. Follow the signs posted on Hwy 276 to locate the shuttle service. This event is sponsored by the Transylvania County Historical Society, the Sherwood Forest Friends, and the Cedar Mountain Community.

FAITH MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Faith Memorial Chapel welcomes folks of all denominations to our services, held on Sundays at 11:00 AM. We meet only in the summer and have no membership roll, so you won't feel like a guest. Each Sunday, we have clergy from different churches that visit us to lead the service and we are blessed to also have great music to accompany the great message!

On June 7th, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Pamela Patrick Cole. Pam is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (ECO) and her goal for ministry is to serve Christ and to be conformed to his image.

Music this Sunday will be provided by Maggie Lovin. Maggie graduated from Furman University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, where she studied under Professor Lisa Barksdale.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life. A blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 from 8:30 am 12:30 pm at the Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue station. Please mark your calendars. You are needed. Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 for appointment

CROCKPOT COOK-OFF

Get ready to put your culinary creativity on display! The highly anticipated Crockpot Cook-off is coming up on Saturday, June 20th, at 6:00 PM, and it's going to be held at the Cedar Mountain Community Center. Bring your absolute best Crockpot recipe – whether it's a hearty stew, a sweet casserole, or a unique appetizer, we want to taste it! The setup time is at 5:00 PM, so come early to get your masterpiece ready. There will be awards given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, so prepare to compete! Come enjoy tasting and voting for your favorite dish. It's only a \$5 donation to participate, and all the proceeds will directly benefit the Cedar Mountain Community Center, so come join the fun, support your community, and maybe even win a prize!

CEDAR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER POTLUCK

Our next potluck will be held June 8, 2026. Our presenter will be Through the Trees, a community-based nonprofit in Brevard whose mission is to bridge the digital divide—one signal, one device, one neighbor at a time—across rural Western North Carolina. The digital divide is the gap between those who have access to reliable internet service, appropriate devices, and the skills to use technology, and those who do not. In WNC, this gap is especially persistent due to mountainous topography and low population density, which make broadband infrastructure difficult and expensive to install and maintain. These geographic challenges are compounded by economic hardship, limited educational opportunity, an aging population, and a shortage of accessible digital skills training—leaving some residents unable to fully participate in school, employment, healthcare, and community life.

Through the Trees serves all segments of the community, including youth and seniors, but our primary focus is supporting low-income households—those most likely to face layered barriers such as unaffordable service, outdated or broken

devices, and limited confidence navigating online systems. Without support, families can be cut off from essential needs: completing schoolwork, applying for jobs, accessing telehealth, managing benefits, banking, and communicating with employers, teachers, and healthcare providers.

The potluck starts at 6 p.m. Please bring your dish or dessert to share by 6:15 p.m. so we can start on time at 6:30 pm. Tableware will be available, but feel free to bring your own if you can. Come, enjoy the company of your neighbors and friends, and bring guests if you wish. Everyone is welcome.

HUNGER COALITION FOOD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

- Former Go Grocery Location 1232 Asheville Highway, Brevard 1st Thursday of the month 3:30–5:30 PM
- Champion Park Main Street, Rosman 2nd Thursday of the month 2:30–4:00 PM
- Public Servants Mobile Market Next to New Adventure Day Care on Gaston Street 3rd Thursday of the month 3:30–5:30 PM
- The Cedar Mountain Community Center food distribution location has been moved permanently to the Cedar Mountain Baptist Church on the 3rd Thursday of the month 2:30–4:00 PM
- The Hunger Coalition in Upper Transylvania County has moved from the Quebec Community Center to the Lake Toxaway Community Center due to the availability of parking. It is held the 4th Thursday of the month 2:30–4:00 PM

SHERWOOD FOREST FRIENDS PRESENTS THE 2026 SUMMER SERIES

- **July 11:** From the Mountains to the Hollers – The Rich Culture of the Southern Appalachians 7 p.m. in the Robin Hood Barn. This interactive program will feature a short film and talk by filmmaker and Center for Cultural Preservation director, David Weintraub. Hear three oral histories of mountain elders: a Cherokee elder, a fifth generation moonshiner, and an African-American minister. 7 p.m. in the Robin Hood Barn Admission is free! Wine and water will be available for donation beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **July 18:** Richard Smith in Concert 7 p.m. in the Robin Hood Barn Internationally acclaimed guitarist Richard Smith returns with a solo repertoire that spans from up tempo barn burners to swing standards, the classics to pop, and traditional fiddle tunes to Sousa marches. If you were lucky enough to catch him here in 2024, you know he'll offer a showcase of finger-picking virtuosity and versatility. Admission is free! Wine and water will be available for donation beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **July 25:** Former CIA analyst and author Craig Gralley 7 p.m. in the Robin Hood Barn. Gralley will reveal what he learned while writing PARI: An Untold History of Spacemen and Spies. Discover why some call PARI, the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute, and the greatest secret of Western North Carolina. Admission is free! Wine and water will be available for donation beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **August 1:** Appalachian Broom Making 7:00 p.m. in the Robin Hood Barn. Discover the ancient art of tying natural fiber brooms with artisan Bruce Tuxhorn. Learn about the unique weaving patterns of attaching fibers stalks onto unique handles to create functional and beautiful sweepers, cobbers, and hearth brooms. Admission is free! Wine and water will be available for donation beginning at 6:30 p.m.

At each program you can purchase raffle tickets to win a big basket of goodies from local merchants and artisans. You can also bid on some unique experiences and items at our silent auction at each program.

Want to be the anchor person for the Cedar Mountain news program?

Pick blueberries at Gaia Farms?

Be an athletic supporter?

Come and Bid!

CEDAR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

To make a reservation, contact Caroline Chambers at 828-290-9662 or explore the details and booking options available at cedarmountaincommunitycenter.com/rental.

AROUND THE HOUSE by Linda Packer Young

Long ago there was a TV show called Bewitched with Samantha the Witch played by actress Elizabeth Montgomery. She could twitch her nose, wriggle her lips, and clean her house in a flash when need be. I'd like to have that talent for just a day and make my yard work go away.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE NEWS

- Deadline: News submissions must be received no later than 6 pm on Mondays.
- Email only to cedarmountainnews@gmail.com
- Photos: Minimum 900kb
- File Types: Please avoid PDFs and posters. Word docs & JPGs are preferred.