



# HIGHLAND COUNTY HANDS & HARVEST FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 6 - 8, 2023**

**WELCOME TO HIGHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA!**



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## DAILY SCHEDULE

Check out the full map with complete descriptions of activities on the back!

Most sites include free activities. Verizon, T-Mobile (Sprint), AT&T, and U.S. Cellular offer limited cell service. Payphones in McDowell and Headwaters dial 911 in case of emergency.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Sunrise to Sunset** Sounding Knob Fire Tower  
**7 am - 8 pm** Monterey Inn  
**8:30 am - 8:30 pm** Hull's Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern  
**9 am - 2 pm** Claire's Cakes & Café  
**9 am - 5 pm** Fair Lawn Farm (Duff's Sugar House)  
**9 am - 5 pm** Southernmost Maple  
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**10 am - 6 pm** Highland Roots Market  
**10 am - 6 pm** Jenny Wren Gatherings  
**10 am - 7 pm** The Curly Maple  
**11 am - 4 pm** Charles Pickney Jones House Museum  
**11 am - 6 pm** Bolar Ruritan Scholarship Foundation Food  
**11 am - 8 pm** High's Restaurant  
**12 - 5 pm** Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store  
**1 - 4 pm** Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary  
**1 - 5 pm** Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp  
**1 - 5 pm** The Church at the Old Oak  
**2 - 5 pm** Heart and Soul Massage School Gemstone Mining  
**2:30 - 7 pm** The 3rd Space  
**3 - 6 pm** Historic Highland Inn Renovation Information  
**3 - 6 pm** Mill Gap Farms  
**3 - 7 pm** Arts & Crafts Vendors at the Courthouse Lawn  
**3 - 7 pm** Highland Farmers' Market, Eyes on Him  
**4 - 7 pm** Big Fish Cider, Co.



Tune in to WLS 89.7 FM  
& read The Recorder for  
festival news & information.

## 1 FREE ENTERTAINMENT

165 West Main Street, Monterey



**Eyes on Him**  
Courthouse Lawn  
Fri: 3 - 7 pm  
Enjoy traditional bluegrass music while  
you shop! Catch more more bluegrass at  
Southernmost Maple at 7738 Big Valley  
Road in Bolar on Saturday at noon!

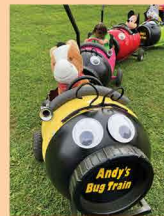


### Street Dance

Spruce Street

Sun: 1 - 3 pm

Join in the excitement with one of Virginia's oldest clogging  
groups, The Little Switzerland Cloggers, & local  
Square Dance Callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe for a  
rollicking performance & interactive family fun!



**Andy's Bug Train**  
Courthouse Lawn  
Sat: 12 pm - ?  
All aboard! Calling all  
kids to take a short ride  
on this fun train next  
to the arts & crafts!

## 1 ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

165 West Main Street, Monterey

**24th Annual Sweater Sale from Little Big Dog Rescue** Sweaters to support this 501c3  
**APixxie's Art** Original paintings, cards, candy, sewn items, 3D printed items, jewelry & home décor items  
**Cedar Creek Blacksmithing** Blacksmith and historic reproductions  
**Especially for You!** Unique one-of-a-kind earrings & hand-painted goblets by local crafter Donna Gardner  
**Highland Farmers' Market** Local fresh produce, gifts, & more **\*FRIDAY ONLY**  
**Martinez Kitchen** Tacos, quesadillas, steak and cheese, sodas, & water  
**Mill Gap Farms** Maple products, alpaca & merino wool items, hats, handwoven shawls, farm house décor  
**PaperPie** Award-winning Usborne & Kane Miller Books, Learning Wrap Ups, & Smart Lab toys for children  
**Puff's BBQ** Pork BBQ, beef brisket, hot dogs/chili dogs, fries, baked beans, coleslaw **\*FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY**  
**Silly Jaguar Cards** Homemade blank notecards for all occasions

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Sunrise to Sunset** Sounding Knob Fire Tower  
**7 am - 8 pm** Monterey Inn  
**8 am - 5 pm** Hazy Hollow Farm  
**8:30 am - 4:30 pm** The Curly Maple  
**8:30 am - 8:30 pm** Hull's Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern  
**9 am - 9:45 am** 5K Fall Color Run Registration, **10 am** Start Time  
**9 am - 12 pm** Blue Grass Valley Bank  
**9 am - 12 pm** Summit Community Bank, **8 am - 2 pm** ITM  
**9 am - 2 pm** Claire's Cakes & Café  
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**9 am - 5 pm** Fair Lawn Farm (Duff's Sugar House)  
**9 am - 5 pm** Highland County Public Library Used Book Sale  
**9 am - 5 pm** Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp  
**9 am - 5 pm** Mill Gap Farms  
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**9 am - 5 pm** The Church at the Old Oak  
**9 am - 7 pm** Blue Grass Mercantile  
**10 am - 3 pm** Heart and Soul Massage School Gemstone Mining  
**10 am - 4 pm** Highland Barn Quilts Studio  
**10 am - 5 pm** Sugar Tree Country Store  
**10 am - 5 pm** The 3rd Space  
**10 am - 6 pm** Bolar Ruritan Scholarship Foundation Food  
**10 am - 6 pm** Highland Roots Market  
**10 am - 6 pm** Jenny Wren Gatherings  
**11 am - 3 pm** Historic Highland Inn Renovation Information  
**11 am - 5 pm** Valley AeroSpace Team Rocket Launch  
**11 am - 8 pm** High's Restaurant  
**12 pm** Monterey Walking Tour Starting at Highland Inn  
**12 pm - ?** Andy's Bug Train next to Courthouse Lawn  
**12 - 5 pm** Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store  
**12 - 7 pm** Big Fish Cider, Co., **1 - 4 pm** Apple Pressing  
**1 - 5 pm** Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Sunrise to Sunset** Sounding Knob Fire Tower  
**7 am - 8 pm** Monterey Inn  
**8 am - 5 pm** Hazy Hollow Farm  
**8:30 am - 4:30 pm** The Curly Maple  
**9 am - 1 pm** Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp  
**9 am - 2 pm** Claire's Cakes & Café  
**9 am - 3 pm** Fair Lawn Farm (Duff's Sugar House)  
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& Square Dance Callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe  
**1 - 4 pm** Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary  
**1 - 7 pm** Big Fish Cider, Co.



While driving, discover over 50 unique wooden  
quilt blocks on Virginia's first barn quilt trail!  
[highlandcounty.org/barn-quilt-trail](http://highlandcounty.org/barn-quilt-trail)

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**DUFF'S SUGAR HOUSE  
AWAITS ON THIS  
VICTORIAN HOMESTEAD**



PICK A PUMPKIN IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH,  
SAMPLE IN-HOUSE SMOKED CHEESE, AND  
TASTE FRESH APPLE BUTTER AND CIDER!  
[visitfairlawnfarm.com](http://visitfairlawnfarm.com)



OUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT  
THE ARTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR COMMUNITIES.  
JOIN US FOR 2ND SATURDAYS @ 7 CONCERTS,  
HIGHLAND ARTS ACADEMY WORKSHOPS,  
THE ANNUAL ARTISTS' WEEKEND, AND MORE!

[highlandcountyartscouncil.org](http://highlandcountyartscouncil.org)



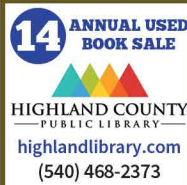
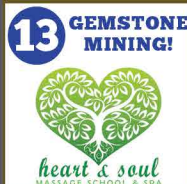
**AWARD-WINNING  
LOCAL CIDERS!  
APPLE PRESSING ON  
SATURDAY 1 - 4 PM**  
[bigfishcider.com](http://bigfishcider.com)



• Old-fashioned apple butter & cider making  
• Free kids' fishing pond  
• Old-time blacksmith demonstrations  
• Rustic country store & hot food  
• Live bluegrass music at noon on Saturday  
[southernmostmaple.com](http://southernmostmaple.com)



[www.MySummit.bank](http://www.MySummit.bank)





## ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

- 1** Courthouse Lawn at 165 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: 3 – 7 pm • Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 12 - 5 pm  
**Eyes on Him** Fri: 3 – 7 pm  
**Andy's Bug Train** Sat: 12 pm - ?  
**Street Dance** Sun: 1 – 3 pm

## THE HARVEST TRAIL

- 2** **Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp**  
10677 Mountain Turnpike, Hightown (Clay Hise Lane)  
Fri: 1 - 5 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm • Sun: 9 am - 1 pm  
Friday apple peeling, Saturday apple butter cooking & sugar camp tours with lunch for sale, Sunday Blueberry Pancake Breakfast.
- 3** **Mill Gap Farms**  
2760 Mill Gap Road, Monterey  
Fri: 3 - 6 pm • Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 12:30 - 3 pm  
Tour Virginia's Only USDA Certified Organic Maple Syrup Farm. Products for sale on farm & Highland County Courthouse.
- 4** **Fair Lawn Farm (Duff's Sugar House)**  
3118 Mill Gap Road, Monterey  
Fri and Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 9 am - 3 pm  
Victorian homestead, farm, & sugar camp with pumpkin patch, fresh apple butter & cider, and in-house smoked cheese.
- 5** **Back Creek Farms**  
7781 Upper Back Creek Road, Monterey  
Fri: 10 am - 5 pm • Sun: 12 - 4 pm  
Apple butter making on Friday, shopping, food & drinks available at this sugar camp with pure, infused, & barrel-aged syrups.
- 6** **Sugar Tree Country Store**  
185 Mansion House Road, McDowell  
Fri and Sat: 10 am – 5 pm  
Step back in time at our country store & browse locally-sourced products. Help boil apple butter & press apple cider.
- 7** **Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary**  
4661 Doe Hill Road, McDowell  
Fri: 1 - 4 pm • Sat: 1 - 5 pm • Sun: 1 - 4 pm  
Meet resident miniature horses, ponies, donkeys, & mules. Enjoy a paper scavenger hunt to learn about the minis. Wheelchair accessible.
- 8** **Hazy Hollow Farm**  
1784 Cowpasture Road N., Headwaters  
Sat and Sun: 8 am – 5 pm  
Visit this working cattle farm & purchase 100% grass fed Angus Meat directly from the farmers!
- 9** **Highland Barn Quilts Studio**  
2608 Meadowdale Road, Monterey  
Sat: 10 am – 4 pm  
At this open studio, view the process of painting barn quilts (painted quilt designs on wood) with artist Margie Boesch.
- 10** **Southernmost Maple**  
7738 Big Valley Road, Bolar  
Fri and Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sat: Bluegrass Music at 12 pm  
Apple butter, apple cider, fresh Maple Donuts, hot food, kids' trout pond, live music, blacksmith demonstrations, & rustic country store.
-  This symbol indicates the sugar camp is part of the Virginia Maple Syrup Trail! This passport program is ending on March 31, 2024, so get your stamps before it's over. Full details at virginiamaplesyrup.com

## ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

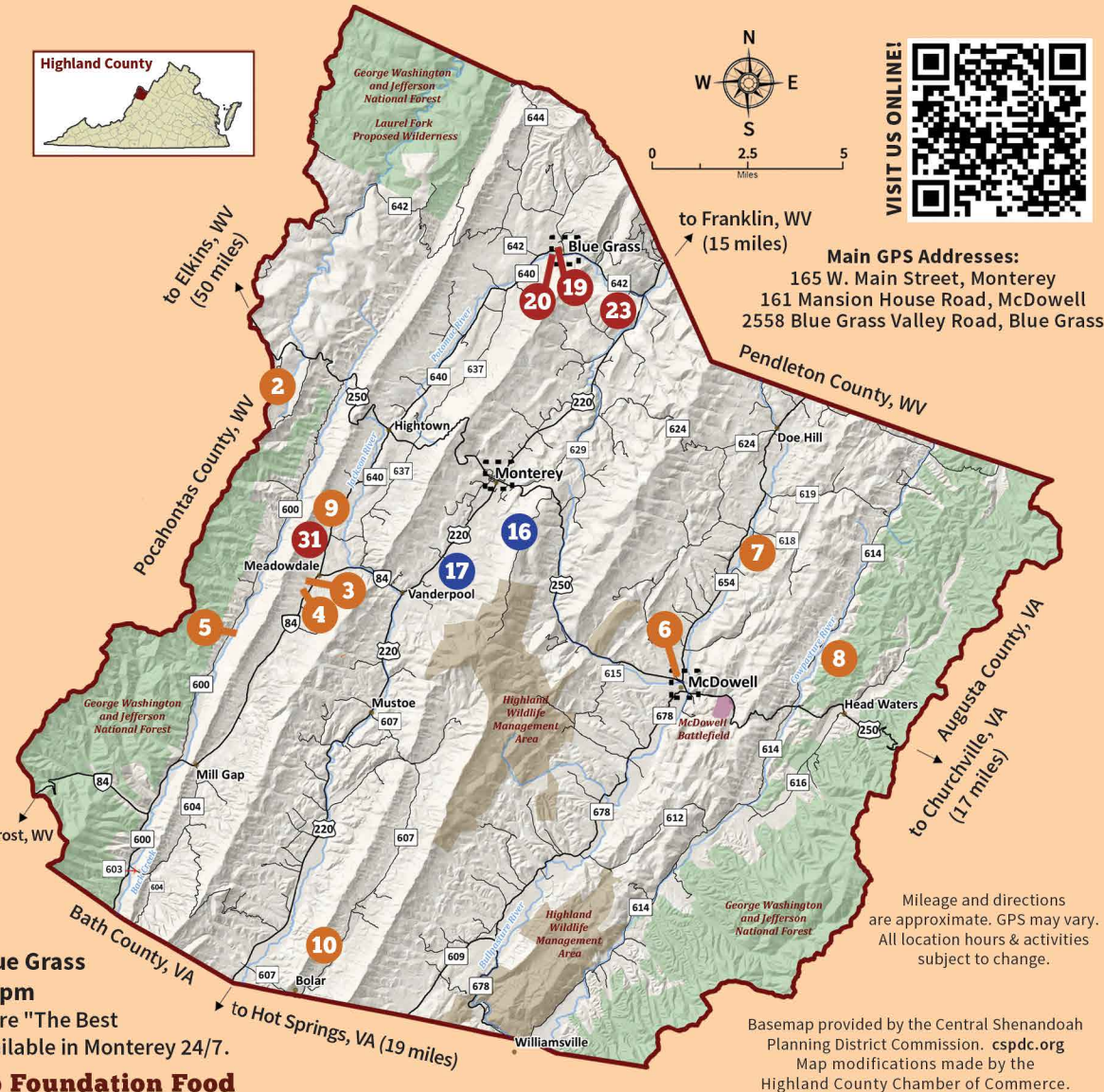
- 11** **5K Fall Color Run - Highland County Recreation Commission**  
78 Highland Park Drive, Monterey  
Sat: 9 am - 9:45 am Registration, 10 am Start Time  
Join in the fun! Participants are covered in fall-colored powder in this untimed, non-competitive event. Adults: \$35. Children: \$25.



- 12** **Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum**  
145 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: 11 am – 4 pm • Sat: 9 am - 4 pm • Sun: 10 am - 4 pm  
The community's new museum! Tour the beautiful renovations of this historic Highland County home & gardens.
- 13** **Heart and Soul Massage School Gemstone Mining**  
125 West Mill Alley, Monterey  
Fri: 2 – 5 pm • Sat: 10 am - 3 pm • Sun: 11 am - 2 pm  
Sand buckets are filled with crackable geodes, raw crystals, tumbles, & more to explore. Gift shop goodies available for home.
- 14** **Highland County Public Library Used Book Sale**  
31 North Water Street, Monterey  
Fri: 9 am - 6 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 3 pm  
The popular Annual Used Book Sale to benefit the library returns.
- 15** **Historic Highland Inn Renovation Information & Monterey Walking Tours**  
68 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: 3 - 6 pm • Sat and Sun: 11 am - 3 pm, with Tours at 12 pm  
Learn about the Highland Inn renovation from the Blue Grass Resource Center, with noon Monterey walking tours Saturday & Sunday.
- 16** **Sounding Knob Fire Tower**  
1.3 miles on Sounding Knob Road from Rt. 250 (near Monterey)  
Fri, Sat, and Sun: Sunrise to sunset  
Climb over 100 steps for a lasting memory & breathtaking views.
- 17** **Valley AeroSpace Team Rocket Launch**  
3003 Jackson River Rd, Monterey  
Sat: 11 am – 5 pm • Sun: 11 am – 3 pm \*Weather permitting  
Attendees can launch their own rockets under VAST's experienced supervision, launch one of the club's extra rockets, or simply watch.

## SHOPPING AND DINING

- 18** **Big Fish Cider, Co.**  
59 Spruce Street, Monterey  
Fri: 4 – 7 pm • Sat: 12 – 7 pm • Sun: 1 – 7 pm  
Taste the award-winning ciders made with unsprayed Highland County apples at this micro cidery. Apple pressing Saturday 1 - 4 pm.
- 19** **Blue Grass Mercantile**  
2558 Blue Grass Valley Road, Blue Grass  
Fri and Sat: 9 am - 7 pm • Sun: 12 - 5 pm  
BBQ & other hot food, grocery items, maple products, local honey, beer, wine, Big Fish Cider, & more.
- 20** **Blue Grass Valley Bank**  
132 East Main Street, Monterey  
2583 Blue Grass Valley Road, Blue Grass  
Fri: 9 am - 6 pm • Sat: 9 am - 12 pm  
Visit two locations to see why they are "The Best Little Bank in the Virginias." ATM available in Monterey 24/7.
- 21** **Bolar Ruritan Scholarship Foundation Food**  
11 East Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: 11 am - 6 pm • Sat: 10 am - 6 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm  
Eat for a good cause! Serving Brunswick Stew & country ham sandwiches in the parking lot of Highland Roots Market.
- 22** **Claire's Cakes & Café**  
107 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 9 am – 2 pm  
Join Tuesdays through Sundays for breakfast, lunch, assorted pastries, & barista style coffees. Special seasonal items available.
- 23** **Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store**  
6359 Potomac River Road, Blue Grass  
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 12 – 5 pm  
"New time" country store! Grass-fed beef & lamb, sheepskins, local crafts, braided rugs, honey, maple syrup, country books, & more.
- 24** **Highland Roots Market**  
11 East Main Street, Monterey  
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 10 am - 6 pm  
Back to basics grocery store with locally sourced food, beer, wine, cider, & great snacks! Plus, decorate locally-grown pumpkins!
- 25** **High's Restaurant**  
73 West Main Steet, Monterey  
Fri and Sat: 11 am - 8 pm • Sun: 11 am - 7 pm  
Voted One of the World's Best Affordable Restaurants by Tripadvisor. Inch-thick ribeye steaks, local trout, gourmet burgers, desserts, & more.
- 26** **Hull's Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern**  
37 Potomac River Road, Monterey  
Fri and Sat: 8:30 am - 8:30 pm (Breakfast until 10:45 am) • Sun: 11 am - 3 pm  
Maple BBQ ribs, Maple BBQ sandwich, fried catfish dinner, pumpkin pie, pumpkin roll, pumpkin spice pound cake, & more.



- 27** **Jenny Wren Gatherings**  
81 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 10 am - 6 pm  
Local arts & crafts store with antiques & vintage gifts.
- 28** **Monterey Inn**  
32 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 7 am - 8 pm (Breakfast until 10 am, Lunch 11 am - 3 pm)  
New lodging & restaurant in a beautifully-restored 1905 Victorian! Restaurant open Thursday through Sunday.
- 29** **Summit Community Bank**  
195 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: 9 am - 6 pm, ITM 7:30 am - 6:30 pm • Sat: 9 am - 12 pm, ITM 8 am - 2 pm  
Since 1883, Summit Community Bank has been providing exceptional community banking experiences across the region. ATM available 24/7.
- 30** **The 3rd Space**  
132 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: GRAND OPENING 2:30 - 7 pm • Sat and Sun: 10 am - 5 pm  
This new local artist gallery & workspace features beautiful handmade items from Highland artists. View demonstrations all weekend!
- 31** **The Church at the Old Oak**  
3898 Meadowdale Road, Monterey  
Fri: 1 - 5 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm  
Food & local crafters in a charmingly restored old church building & event venue.
- 32** **The Curly Maple**  
174 West Main Street, Monterey  
Fri: 10 am - 7 pm • Sat and Sun: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Gourmet coffee, homemade hot chocolate, fall-inspired breakfast & lunch menu, local provisions (maple syrup, honey, cider).