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WELCOME TO
Madison County

Paul Moon | Contributor

Time can stand still when you cross the county line. Regardless of what car brought you here, you’ll feel like you’re cruising in a DeLorean that traveled through time when you look out the window. Whether staring at the eye-catching courthouse on Main Street in Marshall or ambling past the tobacco barns that dot its rural landscape, you’ll find that Madison County is more about staying true to tradition rather than finding the latest fad.

Move slowly to experience all the area has to offer. The county’s three towns – Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs – each offer an opportunity to experience an America that can be hard to find in an era of strip malls and chain stores. Specialty shops and lunch spots are almost exclusively independently-owned, a true throwback. Those looking to get away from text messages and constant connection can find peace in the natural beauty of the area’s mountains, fields and streams.

That’s not to say that Madison is short of action. Nightlife is characterized by live music with restaurants rooted in the contemporary local food movement. Those looking for adventure can easily find it, with skiing, rafting, hiking, hunting, fishing, cycling and more all on offer.

The hustle and bustle of modern life can seem far from the Jewel of the Blue Ridge. As you make your way across one of the countless mountain roads, it’s easy to imagine the pavement as hard-packed dirt and your car a horse-drawn carriage. Of course, this rural setting means cell phone service doesn’t necessarily touch every nook and cranny. That can sometimes pose challenges in today’s high-tech, ultra-connected world. Here are some tips to keep in mind when making your way around this neck of the woods:

PRINT OUT DIRECTIONS If you’re relying on a signal from the sky to map your every mile to a trailhead like the trek from Sams Gap to Big Bald, where you’ll get classic Blue Ridge views, 5,516-foot summit of Big Bald Mountain, or a fishing spot like Spillcorn Creek, the hatchery-supported trout stream that feeds Big Laurel Creek, printing directions, or jotting down notes is probably a good idea.

It’s even better if your directions come from a local as opposed to some satellite. You won’t think your smart phone is so smart when it can’t get a signal or it takes you on a gravel road “shortcut” that really just dead-ends after you’ve driven miles up a mountain. It happens, even to locals, so know before you go.

GET TO TALKIN’ It’s fairly easy to strike up a conversation with just about anyone in Madison County, whether they’re a lifelong local or a recent transplant. Most are happy to share their knowledge. In addition to the excellent resources offered at Marshall Welcome Center, Hot Springs Welcome Center and Mars Hill Visitors Center, roadside stops like Highland Station Coffee and Market, Sara Jo’s Station, and Trust General Store have a lot more to offer than freshly baked goodies and cold drinks. So, if you’re looking for an off-the-beaten path idea to pass the time, don’t be afraid to stop and ask the locals.

SLOW DOWN Things may move a bit more slowly in Madison County than you are used to, so get in the groove, and take it easy. Consider backing off the accelerator to take in the views. For an even better angle on rolling streams, consider trading in your four wheels for two, or get on the water and float down the French Broad. Mossy Mountain Bikeworks in Marshall, has bike rentals available for those eager to see more of the mountains without a windshield getting in the way, while Blue Heron Whitewater offers everything from calm water floating trips to full-day whitewater excursions. Or, to really fly through the mountain color, consider a zipline ride with French Broad Adventures for an experience you won’t soon forget.

The Jewel of the Blue Ridge
Fishing along the waterways of Madison County is welcome although there is no marked parking areas unless it's part of a Forest Service hiking trail. Pull off the road where convenient and where not marked with "NO TRESPASSING" signs.
HOT SPRINGS

Business owners celebrate 2/22/22 with tutu-themed party

Johnny Casey | Madison County Communities Reporter

Hot Springs has long been a unique town with a distinctive flair. As such, a tutu parade to commemorate Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 (2/22/22) falls right in line with the town’s identity.

Left, “French Broad River,” 2021; Above, “We thought it would be fun to stop and take pictures in front of all the local businesses,” Sara Jo’s Station owner Sara Jo Litwak said of the “Twosday Tutu” parade held Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Hot Springs. SARAH DECKER, SARA JO LITWAK/CONTRIBUTORS
Hot Springs' Sara Jo's Station owner Sara Jo Litwak said the town's "Twosday Tutu parade" event throughout the town was a collaborative effort with the Spring Creek Tavern owners, Amanda and Tim Arnett, and employee Mandy Myers.

“We thought it would be fun to stop and take pictures in front of all the local businesses,” Litwak said. “I own the gas station in town and had to work (Feb. 22), so I just got to don my tutu and come out and dance in the parking lot of my business with everybody else, but people were honking their horns and laughing and smiling and stopping in their cars.”

A number of other Hot Springs businesses also participated.

“The folks at Bluff Mountain Outfitters bought Tootsie Rolls, and the folks at (restaurant) Vaste Riviere turned up the song, ‘Don’t Mess With My Toot Toot,’ and everybody danced in front of that business. So, we had told some folks about it, but not everybody. I think it was a little bit of a surprise and kind of a fun thing to do at the end of a slow February for us.”

Litwak said the festivities’ closing took place at Big Pillow Brewery, as the popular brewery held a Tutu bingo event.

“(Spring Creek Tavern’s) Mandy Myers called the bingo in her blue beautiful tutu,” Litwak said. “That was awesome. It was pretty fun.”

According to Litwak, the collaboration’s success spurred the creation of more projects down the line.

“We were talking about how there’s not going to be a 2/22/22, but there will certainly be another 2/22 - so we decided this will be an annual event for us on Feb. 22,” she said. “So that’s what we’re going to try for.”

Additionally, Litwak said Iron Horse Station’s Karen Goss hosted an “80s weekend” theme party Feb. 25-27.

“That also involves all the businesses, so there was an 80s karaoke at Big Pillow, an 80s dance party at the Spring Creek Tavern,” she said. “So, we’ve decided that the tutu parade can always lead up to the 80s weekend, because that’s always the last weekend of February.

“This is the time of year we get kind of bored - we’re waiting on the hikers to come, so we had to create our own fun.”
Johnny Casey | Madison County Communities Reporter

Madison County staple Zuma Coffee founder Joel Friedman said he still can picture the downtown Marshall landscape when he first moved here with his ex-wife from Truckee, California, in 2001.

On April 2, the popular coffee shop/eatery/music destination celebrated 20 years in business, with music from jazz pianist Steve Davidowski.

“It’s really vivid in my memory,” Friedman said. “The bones here are the bones. It’s always been here. It’s always looked like this. Physically, it’s still the same mile-long, street-wide set of buildings.”

Friedman, an Atlanta native, said while the existing commercial and residential landscape has remained similar, the concept of community has grown exponentially in his 20 years here.

“What’s changed is the community and the atmosphere,” Friedman said. “The (Marshall High) School (on Blannahasset Island) changed a lot when it turned into artist studios. That made a big difference in the community. But yes, most of Marshall is really recognizable (from 20 years ago), as far as the physical part. Seeing it happening

Music and artwork has always been a part of the Zuma plan,” he said. "It didn't start out necessarily as a big thing, because I had no room over here. What would happen is, that Martin guitar that hangs in the back here, my friend David in Atlanta mailed it to me in 2002. My friend wrote a note with it saying, ‘In my dream, I had seen that you'd opened up a coffee shop for the community to enjoy, and throughout the dream I kept hearing music playing. So I bought this guitar for you.’"

With his friend's David gift, local celebrated musicians such as Josh Goforth and Joe Penland would come and perform for Zuma's customers. Friedman said, "They would just sit around and play outside, and it kind of became a thing there," Friedman said. "Then, I moved to this building, and Bobby Hicks said he wanted to come and play fiddle. You don't say no to that."

Friedman said the shop spotlights an artist on its walls. Currently, Madison County painter Calvin Edney Jr.’s work is on display. "The artwork component of Zuma is key," he said. "Having a revolving group of artists to show, who, in most cases don't have another outlet to show, has been very rewarding. They're not showing their work at galleries. But every once in a while, they get to have a show and sell some of their work."

"The community has built up around it, and anything that we thought possible has exceeded my goals and plans," Friedman said. "I can’t even tell you what was not happening 20 years ago - none of this was happening 20 years ago."

**MUSIC AND ART**

Zuma originally operated across the street from its current location, in the basement of the Marshall Container Company building, for five years. "We were called to it, I guess you could say," Friedman said. "Some friends of ours had bought the building across the street, and they would literally call us almost monthly and tell us about this building they had bought, and that there was space underneath it to put in this little coffee shop. We only had about 400-square-feet. It was tiny." March 11, 2002, was the day Zuma opened to the public. Despite the original building’s limited space, musicians gradually began to flock to Zuma to pick and sing for customers, Friedman said.

With 20 years in Marshall in his rearview, Friedman said he looks back fondly on his time in Madison County, and hopes to continue to build on Zuma's legacy as an integral aspect of the fabric of Marshall. "I say, ‘I'm not going to get rich doing this, but I am going to have a rich life,’" Friedman said. "What else is there? It doesn't get any better than that. That wasn't the plan. But that's how it's turned out. Twenty years, and I want to do it another 20 years."
MARS HILL

New art gallery attracts more than 300 at opening

Johnny Casey | Madison County Communities Reporter

Mars Landing Galleries opened in downtown Mars Hill, a tangible symbol of the town’s rich artistic identity.

Madison County now has a tangible symbol of its rich artistic identity, as a gallery opened in downtown Mars Hill in July.

Mars Landing Galleries opened July 10, and the grand opening attracted more than 300 people, according to owner Miryam Rojas.

The gallery features 20 artists, many of them local, with the featured work ranging from photography to ceramic goods and paintings. Rojas bought the building, which was built in 1945 and served as a roller rink and then sewing factory.

Rojas operates on a 50% commission for the featured artists.

“A lot of places charge for the space,” she said. “I thought about doing that, but I felt like it wouldn’t give me the motivation to really promote them. Also, I just think it’s a tough outlay for people. I wanted to also control who I brought in, and how the pieces were hung.” Rojas said Marshall High Studios owner Rob Pulley has told her that a similar migration is happening at his studio space on Blannahassett Island.

“They’re full now,” she said. “It took him a number of years, but they’re full now. They’ve got a lot of artists coming out of the RAD (River Arts District).”

In addition to the gallery, Rojas built a workshop space available for individual events. She said she plans to use the workshop space to offer programming such as painting classes to the public.

“I’m hoping to get three different artists who are interested to offer oil painting, or cold wax, or jewelry-making,” she said.

Left, Vered Pasternak’s “Belonging/Jerome” is one of the pieces from her Visible Voices Miami series, which details homeless subjects in Miami. The piece is available at Mars Landing Galleries in Mars Hill. Above, “Yellow trillium,” Mountain Magnolia Inn, Hot Springs, 2021. JOHNNY CASEY/STAFF; WENDY STANCIL/CONTRIBUTOR
Mars Landing is the first gallery Rojas has owned. She said her remodeling of the 6,000-square-foot building was done thoughtfully and meticulously.

“Leaving some open space for people to digest the work is what my objective has been here,” she said. “I think some galleries that charge artists for wall space – they’re very entertaining and very fun, and I love going in them, but I get personally a little overwhelmed with everything. I just don’t think it elevates the artwork. I feel like by the end of it, I’m just tired.”

One of the artists on display at the gallery is Skip Rohde, the director of the Weizenblatt Gallery at Mars Hill University.

Rohde was an officer in the U.S. Navy for 22 years and earned his BFA from UNC-Asheville. He spent one year in Afghanistan before returning home in 2012 and telling his wife he would no longer go to war zones. His “Faces of Afghanistan” series - a collection of more than 80 drawings, mostly of Afghans he met during his time there - is featured at the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

“What I love with him is he works with charcoal first with his models,” Rojas said. “But then he embellishes the colors with pastel to bring out the character and the personality of the person.”

Miami-based painter Vered Pasternak is another artist on display at the gallery. Pasternak’s series “Visible Voices Miami” spotlights homeless subjects as a way of humanizing them.

“She tries to bring them to the forefront, because she struggles - she’s of Iranian descent...and felt very displaced. I think a lot of times people don’t look at (homeless) people, or just try to imagine they’re not there or are intimidated by them. So by her bringing them out...they’re really intense, and you get to sit and look at the painting because you don’t have the ability to do that in real life.”

Though Rojas does not consider herself a working artist, she studied art history at George Washington University. She also worked for 18 years in art direction and set decoration on TV/film sets while living in South Florida.

Rojas has been coming to Western North Carolina for around three years.

“She said she feels artists are increasingly turning to Madison County after being priced out of Asheville.

“I’ve been a little underwhelmed with the art representation in the River Arts District,” Rojas said. “Obviously, there’s still some good artists in there, but there’s just so much noise - like so many other artists that they get drowned out. But (the art scene in Madison County) is something that happened so naturally because of the largely underrepresented talent surrounding Asheville, where rents have gone up so much that affordability becomes a huge factor.”

Rojas is seeking to rent out the building’s 2,800-square-foot basement as well.

Mars Landing Galleries is located at 37 Library St. A. For more information, visit its website at /marslandinggalleries.com.
Sometime I want to tell you about my idea,” Appalachian Barn Alliance President Sandy Stevenson remembers Ross Young telling her years ago.

The idea was to start a nonprofit organization aimed at restoring and renovating Madison County barns. The organization’s mission is to preserve the rural heritage of Madison County and surrounding areas through the documentation of the historical barn building traditions and the barns they represent for future generations, according to its website.
Young - who announced he will be retiring Jan. 31 after 31 years as the county extension director and moving into a new part-time role with the county - said he was emotional in the days leading up to the ceremony.

“I almost teared up because I was in awe at seeing the work that has transpired over that 10 years,” Young said. “But then I thought, ‘Where did 50 years go?’ That’s where my love affair with barns started. Fifty years ago, my grand-

Young, joined ABA lead researcher Taylor Barnhill in presenting comments to the crowd.

“It was his idea to preserve this heritage, and we did it by focusing on that iconic symbol of the agricultural heri-
tage: the barn,” the ABA president said. “Ross will tell you there are more than 10,000 barns in Madison County. So, we decided to preserve that heritage for future generations. We want our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to really understand how important that culture was to the Southern Appalachians.”

In introducing Barnhill, Stevenson called him “the face, the heart, the soul and the connection with this community,” along with Young.

“(The barn owners) have scraped up the money to main-
tain their barns, they’ve grown tobacco and other crops for so many years,” Barnhill said. “They have such pride in these barns, and when the tobacco program ended, it broke a lot of hearts because they knew that they couldn’t afford to keep the barns up. But some people have really gone the extra mile to maintain these barns. Our mission is to document and those traditions before all these barns disappear. Madison County barn owners are really the reason we’re here.”

Father would come and get me and say, ‘Let’s go milk the cow.’ At four years old, I remember going. From that point on, barns became a very critical point of life. The environ-
iment I grew up in, your houses were small, and your barns were big.

“You went to the house to eat and to sleep. You did every-
thing else in and around the farm and the barn. That’s just where life was. You played there. You fixed the tractor tire there. You hung tobacco there. You built forts out of hay there. You kissed your girlfriend there. All those things hap-
pened in barns. There’s just so much history. I’m humbled by the work that’s transpired. It humbles me to see their work portrayed in a room where I can see it all come together.”

The Smith Farm at Bailey Mountain Preserve was deeded to the town of Mars Hill in 2018. The 8-acre Smith Farm Heritage Farmstead at 689 Forest Street serves as a welcom-
ing entrance and public park to the other 78 acres where there is a hiking path leading up Bailey Mountain.

On Oct. 29, ABA commemorated the organization’s receipt of grant funding during a ceremony in which new signs were unveiled at three barns on the Smith property.

“My thoughts and my little bit of help and created something that, I hope, is timeless, and gives honor to those of us that own some of these barns, and helps esteem the value that the history that’s portrayed by these barns has,” Young said.

The Feb. 9 edition of The News-Record and Sentinel included a story on Ross Young retiring after 31 years as the county extension director, as well as his new part-time role with the county.
M A R S H A L L ’ S  T H E D E P O T R E O P E N
Hosts Norfolk Southern Lawmen

Johnny Casey | Madison County Communities Reporter

Famed Marshall music venue The Depot reopened in Nov. 2021 for the first time in nearly two years.

Last month, the film crew for Amazon Prime Video’s upcoming show “The Peripheral” wrapped up their work at the venue, which was repurposed as a bar for the TV show.

“Everybody said, ‘Oh, leave the outside like it was,’” The Depot’s board Chair Pat Franklin said. “When I said that to Mr. (the late board member and cofounder of The Depot Forrest) Jarrett, he said, ‘Well, it wouldn’t be The Depot then.’”

On Nov. 26, the venue helped people dance off their Thanksgiving meals with The Depot’s first Friday night jam session since March 2020.

Franklin said while the reopening has been a cause for excitement for the town, she can’t help but think about those who were lost in the time since the venue was last open.

“It’s good to be back,” Franklin said. “Every band that we’ve had that we organized to play, they’ve lost somebody to COVID. There have been a lot of people who came here every single Friday night that died here from COVID. We’re going to have a service in the spring, whenever COVID lightens up a little bit, and have a board with their pictures on it.”

On Dec. 3, the venue celebrated the 93rd birthday of the late Forrest Jarrett, a current board member.

“I had a birthday cake a show dog couldn’t jump over,” Jarrett said. “Miss Pat took me up there, and I blew out the ‘93’ and got a big hug. Everybody had some birthday cake, and I really appreciated the whole thing.”

NORFOLK SOUTHERN LAWMEN SHOW

While The Depot’s Friday night jams are back in full swing, the music and dance venue will welcome the Norfolk Southern Lawmen on Dec. 18 for the venue’s first official concert performance since 2020.

“Music is just like a merger between two railroads,” Jarrett said.

They play every kind of music there is - gospel, bluegrass, hymn music, modern, whatever,” said Jarrett, who lists Roy Acuff, George Jones, Willie Nelson and Roy Clark as some of his favorite musicians. “We have a little bit of all of it.”

For Franklin and Jarrett though, to have music back at The Depot is a treat.

“(Music) is just like a merger between two railroads,” Jarrett said.

Tickets are $5 and available by contacting 828-649-2332 or patfranklin@yahoo.com.

“If you have not had the COVID shot, wear a mask,” Franklin said. “Free masks are available at The Depot.”

The Depot board members Pat Franklin and the late Forrest Jarrett pose with an album from the Norfolk Southern Lawmen, who played The Depot on Dec. 18, 2021. JOHNNY CASEY/STAFF
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35. Walk the Laurel River Trail or one of the other hiking trails in the county
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