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THERE’S PLENTY TO DO RIGHT HERE IN THE TRI-CITIES.
Reverend Shawn Amos

From West Coast clubs, to Deep South joints, to European festivals, to YouTube, to the podcast universe, the Reverend Shawn Amos’ message of joyful blues is reaching an ever-increasing flock. The Rev’s distinctive blend of black roots music, R&B, and stripped down rock n’ roll brings a bracing, soul-deep musical experience to audiences starved for authenticity, for connection. “I derive a lot of satisfaction bringing people joy,” he says.

His third studio album, The Reverend Shawn Amos Breaks It Down, expands that mission. This time out, he spices up the mix with 21st century Freedom Songs, socially conscious soul, a stripped-down cover of Bowie’s “The Jean Genie” that slyly reveals the glam nugget’s blues bones, and an austere version of Nick Lowe’s “(What’s So Funny ‘Bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding?” that turns the post-punk gem into modern gospel. At the center of James Saez’ (Social Distortion, The Road Kings) no-frills production, the Rev’s voice and harp tie everything together in a stirring, celebratory whole, both beholden to history and refreshingly timely. “It’s the oddest birth of any album I’ve made,” the Rev says. “It has a particular depth.”

This sonic evolution is partly the result of over 100 dates in 2016-17, supporting his chart-topping The Reverend Shawn Amos Loves You. On the road, the Rev took risks, listened to his heart, and honed his chops. In the midst of that came the seismic election of 2016, and the subsequent altering of the American landscape. All of the above significantly impacted the Rev as a father, citizen, musician, and African-American man, and all of it can be heard on The Reverend Shawn Amos Breaks It Down.

Gathering in the Gap Music Festival

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The Jonesborough Repertory Theatre is delighted to bring to life the fictional world of Mitford, the charming town featured in the book series by Jan Karon. Welcome to Mitford truly captures the warmth, passion, and depth of the novels. The show will run from May 24 through June 3 at the theatre located at 125.5 West Main Street, Jonesborough, TN.

“I’ve been a fan of the Mitford novels for over 20 years,” said Pam Johnson, the director, “so I was thrilled to be asked to direct it. My first concern, though, was if the script kept the integrity of the books. I was happy to find out it totally embraces Jan Karon’s vision. And we cannot wait to share it with our community.”

“The stage adaption does an amazing job of capturing the heart and soul of Mitford,” said Jennifer Ross, who portrays the spirited Cynthia Coppersmith, and is a huge fan of the books. “Patrons who love the Mitford books will not be disappointed. All of the small town humor, love and friction are woven carefully into this beautiful script.”

The story revolves around Father Tim, the middle-aged bachelor rector of the Lord’s Chapel, and how his life is utterly changed when first, he takes in an unruly boy, Dooley Barlow; and second, the vivacious Cynthia Coppersmith moves in next door.

“Cynthia is my favorite character,” said Ms. Ross. “I love her courage and her wit. But most of all, I love her dedication to the Lord and the way that it permeates her entire life.”

The town and people of Mitford are inspired by the years the author lived in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, in the ’80s and ’90s. The show can be considered a period piece set in the days before the convenience and popularity of computers and cell phones. Mitford is true “small-town America” with fabulous and colorful characters who drive the show.

“The characters in this show are very down to earth and funny!” said Ms. Ross. “Everyone has someone in their life like Uncle Billy, or Miss Sadie, or certainly Emma Garrett, Father Tim’s secretary.”

Mary Nell McIntyre, who plays Emma, agreed. “Since we live in a small southern town, I feel that the audience will really identify with the characters.”

One of the most popular characters of the show is the loveable, entertaining Uncle Billy. His jokes alone are worth the price of admission.

“Uncle Billy is my favorite,” said Ms. McIntyre. “He is a joke-telling cutup who also loves his eccentric wife. Steve Bashor does an excellent job portraying him.”

“Uncle Billy is at the top of the list of favorite characters,” said Joel VanEaton, who plays Father Tim. “He is a pivotal character and provides a deeper context within the scope of the story. Also, —continued on page 43
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We apparently skipped spring altogether and went straight from winter to summer – except for that one week in late February! But no matter how we got here, we got here. Summer is the greatest in NE Tennessee and SW Virginia. There is so much to do, so many things going on that it’s hard to keep up. There are festivals galore. We celebrate ramps and strawberries and covered bridges and everything in between. One or more are going on every weekend. You have Fun Fest, Blue Plum, Little Chicago and many other music fests too numerous to mention.

BMS has the Night Race, Muddy Creek has the big moto cross event, the drags, the local tracks, the car shows and bike nights – whew! And were just getting started. It’s like someone flipped a switch and our region is suddenly going full blast into activities of all kinds.

Our little piece of the big blue marble has wonderous outdoor activities, from golf to tennis to hiking to swimming to boating. The Putt Putt in Kingsport has its annual fundraiser for St. Jude’s with over a thousand players competing. This area is continually gaining renown for the quantity and quality of our golf courses. Graysburg Hills just added a long time PGA member to jumpstart their ladies golf program. Driving around I am seeing more and more people playing tennis on the courts that are all over the place. Great exercise for sure – just like swimming. The public pools will soon be filled with screaming kids having a great time. Happening on the local lakes as well; nothing better than marina hopping for food and refreshments on a hot summer day, stopping along the way to jump in a few times.
LOCAL CONCERT SCHEDULE

**JUNE 8 • 7:30PM**  
Jimmy “Duck” Holmes, Phil Wiggins & Blues House Party  
Heartwood, Abingdon

**JUNE 11 • 7PM**  
Ralph Stanley II & The Clinch Mountain Boys, Gary Reid as “Carter Stanley” in *A Life of Sorrow*  
Lee Theatre, Pennington Gap

**JUNE 11 • 7PM & 9PM**  
Terry Baucom’s Dukes of Drive  
Birthplace of Country Music Museum, Bristol

**JUNE 13 • 7PM**  
Wry Straw (John McCutcheon, Rich Kirby, and Tom Bledsoe)  
Emory & Henry College, Emory

**JUNE 14 • 7PM**  
Galax Old Fiddler’s Convention  
“Best All-Around Performers” Concert  
Country Cabin II, Norton

**JUNE 15 • 7PM**  
*Bluegrass Night at the Tunnel* - Lonesome River Band, NewTown  
Natural Tunnel State Park, Duffield

**JUNE 15 • 7PM**  
Bill and the Belles, The Earl White Stringband  
The Rock School, Damascus

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Nighttime brings the bands outdoors whenever possible. There are so many great clubs and breweries that have outdoor entertainment that you can virtually decide first what kind of music you’re looking to hear and then check The Spotlight in The Loafer to choose. Bike nights are becoming more and more popular too; there are quite a few throughout the week all around our region.

Let’s not forget some indoor activities that are sure to please, especially on a rainy day. You can obviously start with movies since we’re in the midst of an all-time blockbuster. Want the kids to blow off some steam – try one of the jump places. Everyone always seems to have a smile on their face at them. Museums are another great thing to do – a little summer education never hurt anybody. There are a number of family friendly pool halls around as well.

I am sure I left out many activities, it’s so hard to get everything mentioned. But you know what they are, what your family favorites are. So, get out there and enjoy summertime. Keep our guide handy – we included as much as we could, but it is certainly not complete. The Tri Cities is close to an ideal place to beat back any summertime blues. I am sure we will cross paths more than once this summer!
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Twilight Alive Summer Concert Series
Begins late May and continues to late August every Friday night on Broad Street in Kingsport. For a listing of their upcoming live show performances, visit twilightalive.com

May 17 – July 19
Thursday Jams – Abingdon VA
10 weeks of concerts every Thursday brought to you by The Abingdon Music Experience. Outdoor concerts are held at The Abingdon Market Pavilion. Doors open at 6:30pm. Shows start at 7pm. FREE! No outside alcohol or coolers. Food Trucks on site. Beer Garden proceeds benefit Abingdon Main Street.

May 18 – August 3
19th Annual Border Bash
Border Bash is a free summer concert series is held annually on State Street in Historic Downtown Bristol, TN/VA-The Birthplace of Country Music! For a list of the upcoming lineup visit believeinbristol.org
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Painter Creek Marina Memorial Day weekend Party
starting May 24th with DJ Marquez’ Wylde Karaoke. From The Edge on May 25th. Under The Table Band May 26th. DJ Blaine May 27th. EC Frazier May 28 from 2-5pm

Memorial Day Bash at Marker “2” Grill
May 25th. Asylum Suite May 26th.

Memorial Day Summer Kick Off at Laurel Marina
Shooter Band.

Kick off Memorial Day at Sonny’s Marina & Café.
May 25th Crazy Like Lexi. Saturday, May 26th Southern Rebellion. Sunday May 27th DJ Marquez Wylde Karaoke. Monday, May 28th – Memorial Day with giveaways provided by Cherokee Distributing and Holston Distributing 12:00-8:00pm Music by J Paul Riddle from 3-8pm.

20th Anniversary of Music on the Square
Get excited! 2018 will be the 20th Anniversary of Music on the Square. Like this page to get updates on the schedule and more. No details just yet for you, but save the date for the Music on the Square Spring Tune-Up Fundraiser, as it will be a new style event to raise some money for the event. Music, food, beverage, a few auction items, and a good time will be had by all! Go to musiconthesquare.net

Tupelo Honey Summer Music Series
Every Thursday from 5:30pm-9:30pm

May 25th
Downtown Kingsport Twilight Concert series begin

ONGOING SUMMER EVENTS

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June 1 - 2
Blue Plum Festival - Johnson City
As always, the Blue Plum Festival is the first weekend of June. This year's free festival will take place on June 1st & 2nd at Founders Park in Downtown Johnson City, TN. Events include music, arts, a 5K race, kids' zone, silent disco, Ferris wheel, tasty beverages, and delicious food. There is so much to this year's Blue Plum Festival, you have to attend to see it all. The festival has taken extra steps to be even more handicap accessible this year! More details and vendor/volunteer applications can be found at blueplum.org

June 1
Rat Rod Home-Built Summit
Holston River Brewing Company
Sponsored by Rat Rod Magazine and Thunder Mountain Campground, the Rat Rod Home-Built Summit 2018 at Holston River Brewing Company in Bristol, TN opens at 9am Friday June 1st through Sunday June 3rd!!!!

June 2
Kingsport Shrine Club
Fish Fry 2pm

June 2 - August 18
Kingsport Model Train Project:
1st & 3rd Saturdays - Open House from 10am -12noon,
June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18
Lynn View Community Center, 3rd floor  257 Walker Street, Kingsport, TN  423-502-5359,  Facebook/KingsportModelTrainsProject.

June 2
2018 Muddy Creek ATV National
Welcome to the 2018 Muddy Creek ATV National in Blountville, TN. This race returns as the 6th round of the 2018 ATV Motocross National Championship series. Come out and watch the best riders in the world battle bar to bar on a National caliber track. Pro ATV racing is on Saturday at 2 & 4 PM, and Amateur racing starts in the morning at 8 AM both Saturday and Sunday, come out for the weekend and enjoy the sunshine and good times with friends and family. Tickets available at the gate. For more info, visit atvmotocross.com

June 7
Genealogy Jamboree and Pioneer Day
This Event is A FREE FAMILY EVENT where all can learn their Genealogical History and Heritage. See the lifestyles of our Pioneer Ancestors. Demonstrations are by Craftsmen/women, Native Americans and Military Re-enactors. Our exhibitors are genealogical and historical societies and speakers, surname tents, authors and crafters. What the Exhibitors will have to sell? Genealogical to historical books, handmade soaps, jewelry, coal crafters, chair caning, blacksmith and many other items. We are not limiting the Genealogy to the families that came to or through Cumberland Gap, Tennessee but too include all families of the United States. Have your Family Reunion here in Cumberland Gap at the Russell Berkau Memorial Park on Friday or Saturday.

June 8-16
Music of the Mountains Homecoming
The 4th Annual Mountains of Music Homecoming, is an extraordinary nine-day celebration of traditional music and culture taking place June 8 - 16, 2018, in over forty communities throughout the Crooked Road region of Southwest Virginia. The Crooked Road, Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail, connects nine major music venues and over 50 affiliated venues and festivals presenting traditional music 365 days a year. For this year’s schedule visit mtnsofmusic.com

June 8 – August 17
Music on Main Launches Free Summer Concerts
Music on Main, the increasingly popular concert series, is returning to Downtown Historic Hendersonville this summer. The concerts will be held every Friday from June 8 through August 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event is hosted by the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority at the Visitor Center at 201 South Main Street. Admission is free to the public. For additional information, a concert schedule or lodging and travel information, call the Visitor Center at 828-693-9708 or 800-828-4244, or go online to http://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/music-on-main-street.
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June 15

**Thunder Valley National NHRA at Bristol Drag way**

June 23

**Kingsport Shrine Director's Staff Dance feat. Beach Nite Band. 6pm**

June 22 – 23

**Jericho Shrine Rodeo**

June 30

**3rd Annual Loud Shirt Gala**

Elvis: Aloha from Kingsport at The Meadowview Convention Center

Live performance by Stephen Freeman. Tickets are $20 in advance or at the door. For more information, visit waitingtohear.org

July 7

**Carousel Birthday Party and FunFest Block Party**

10am - 1pm. Kingsport Farmers Market. Free Carousel Rides from 10am - 7pm. See www.EngageKingsport.com or FunFest.net for more details. 423-392-8414.

July 4th

**Downtown Kingsport**

Firework Celebration

**Freedom Hall**

Firework Celebration

**Painter Creek Marina**

Independence Day Celebration with WyldeHeart

**Marker “2” Grill**

Independence Day Party Weekend with Acoustifried on July 6th.

Borderline July 7th.

Ivy Road July 8th.

**Laurel Marina**

Independence Day party July 7th with Coal Creek

July 19 – July 27

**FunFest – Kingsport TN**

Come join the fun at Fun Fest, the best part of summer in the area. Join us for 9 days of sporting events, musical performance, children’s activities and much more. For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit funfest.net

July 14

**Busking Around the World**

July 19 – July 27

**Hands On! Regional Museum Summer Paleo Camps**

Dig for fossils, get a behind the scenes tour of the fossil site, and make a plaster cast of a fossil. Additional activities include science experiments, science-based art projects, t-shirt tie-dying, and so much more! Children ages 5-12 can explore and discover in this week-long summer camp. Reservations and deposit required. For more information visit visithandson.org.

July 14

**Kingsport Theatre Film Camps**

July 5 – 13 KTG Film Camp is presented through a partnership with Big Small Town Studios located in Erwin, TN. This camp is opened to students in grades 7th-12th. Pre-Camp (July 5-6, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) - $150 (Early Bird before May 25 – $100) Pre-Production Training, Story Development, Script Writing, Directing, Producing Film Camp (July 9-13, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) - $250 (Early Bird before May 25 – $200) Production, Editing, Distributing, Release (if only attending this week, students cannot write, direct or produce)

An acting call will be put out on Friday, July 6. Actors will audition on Monday, July 9, and will need to be available July 9-13 during the day. (There is no charge for actors to participate. There is no pay for actors, but they will be fed, receive acting for the camera training and IMDb credit)

Both camps - $300 (Early Bird before May 25 – $225)

Registration requires a 50% non-refundable deposit which will count toward total cost of the camp.
August 10 – 11
Little Chicago Festival – downtown Johnson City
The Little Chicago Downtown is an annual Music & Arts Festival that debuted on August 12-13, 2016, fueled by the Downtown Merchants Association and an enthusiastic group of volunteers who have a heart for Downtown Johnson City.

Our region has a rich heritage in music, arts and food, and the Little Chicago Downtown Arts & Music Festival is a great opportunity to bring the community together, celebrating what makes our downtown awesome!
The goal with the Little Chicago Downtown Music & Arts Festival is to provide a FREE festival for our community to enjoy and to see the streets of Downtown Johnson City filled with families enjoying fantastic regional music, fine arts and crafts, and the best in local and regional foods. We encourage everyone to stop in and shop at any of the wonderful downtown businesses while strolling through and enjoying the festive atmosphere. littlechicagofestival.com

August 24 – 25
Meet the Mountains Festival – Founders Park, JC
This free festival will serve as an annual coming together of Northeast Tennessee’s outdoor recreation community. It serves as a one-stop shop to experience all of Northeast Tennessee’s outdoor recreation opportunities. By increasing awareness of our natural assets and encouraging residents to live healthy lifestyles, the Meet the Mountains Committee hopes this festival increases opportunities for growth of our outdoor recreation economy. The best outcome is enhancing the livability of the community. The Meet the Mountains Committee invites you to come be a part of making a positive impact in our region by participating in some or all of the activities bundled together for this event. Check out www.mtmfest.com for more information.

August 25
Kingsport Shrine Director’s Staff Dance feat. Beach Nite Band. 6pm

Labor Day Weekend
Marker “2” Grill Labor Day “rock the dock” party with Jigsaw Jane August 31. Borderline September 1. Ivy Road September 2.

Labor Day Bash at Laurel Marina with Shooter Band.
September 1
Buskerfest – Main Street Abingdon VA
Enjoy the weird & wonderful acts on Main Street in Abingdon from Wall Street to Court Street. We’ve lined up acts from all over the region & country to thrill your senses. From fire-eaters to magicians, contortionists, mimes, jugglers, one-man bands and everything in between, there won’t be a corner of the Main Street that will disappoint. The festival is FREE! Enjoy a weekend in our beautiful town, voted by USA Today as one of the Top 10 Towns in the South.

September 7
UMOJA Festival – downtown Johnson City
Umoja is Swahili for "Unity" which is to be in harmony and on one accord, to combine include all. The festival attracts over 30,000 people and showcases great food, merchandise vendors, information booths, wonderful music, medical screening, and fun games for everyone. A children's park and entertainment is provided for young children. No entry fee is required, but donations are always welcomed.

Sept. 9
Shriners Hospital for Children Car Show Fundraiser (located at O’Reilly Auto Parts in Colonial Heights)

Sept. 21-23
Bristol Rhythm & Roots – downtown Bristol
Every third weekend in September State Street in Historic Downtown Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia is amped to the beat of Appalachia's past, present & future. It digs down deep into the roots of the traditional Appalachian sound and lifts its branches to new heights. It all happens in the heart of The Birthplace of Country Music. The award-winning Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion isn't just a music festival. It's an infectious, three-day music experience bursting with creative passion, electricity, and soul. For more information on music lineup, tickets and more, visit bristolrhythm.com
The Unspoken Catastrophe

"I have OCD", the television vocalized as you're watching one of those True Lives type of T.V. shows. You know the kind: "Since this is only an hour long show and we want to include a variety of mental disorders (for inclusive purposes only): we're only going to illustrate one example of an entire mental health issue".

And when it comes to Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, it's not always about having all your ducks in a row.

What Is OCD?

According to the American Psychiatric Association, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) is defined as an anxiety disorder in which time people have recurring, unwanted thoughts, ideas or sensations (obsessions) that make them feel driven to do something repetitively (compulsions).

Orders Of OCD?

Checking  Cleaning  Repeating  Symmetry  Orderliness

Those are a few examples of the various types of OCD. However, many people aren't aware that those who experience OCD can also have symptoms that co-exist with one another. For example: An individual can experience what we call HYPOCHONDRIASIS; which according to Harvard Health Publishing is a persistent fear of having a serious medical illness. A person with this disorder tends to interpret normal sensations, bodily functions and mild symptoms as a sign of an illness with a grim outcome. For example, a person may fear that the normal sounds of digestion, sweating or a mark on the skin may be a sign of a serious disease.

Remember...OCD is much more than keeping all your ducks in a row.

Alcohol Ink Painting

On May 25th, students will create 3 pieces of art using 3 different alcohol painting techniques. Students will also leave with a blank sheet of yupo paper and 2 small squirt bottles of ink with their color choices to take home and continue their creativity! Class from 6pm-8pm. $50.00. For ticket information visit skillvillejc.com
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By Andy Ross
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Let me get right to the heart of the matter. The 1950 Film-Noir “Gun Crazy” is one hell of a movie. A thrilling movie with amazing camerawork including a legendary shot-in-one-take bank robbery done entirely from the backseat of a car. I first saw “Gun Crazy” two years ago, and it really left an impression on me. Last night I revisited the film in a wonderful new blu-ray edition from Warner Archive that is a must own.

Based upon a short story by MacKinlay Kantor, who adapted the story for the screen along with then blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, burrowing the name of writer Millard Kaufman for the on-screen credit, “Gun Crazy” is the story of two kids in love. From an early age, Bart Tare (John Dall) has been fascinated by and coveting guns. After breaking into a storefront window to obtain one, Bart is tried and sent off to reform school.

After a stint in the Army, Bart returns to his hometown. His gun cravings are still very much present, and we see as an adult that Bart has become something of a crack shot. Bart’s childhood friends, one of whom is now Sheriff, takes Bart to the carnival. There they go see Annie Laurie Starr (Peggy Cummins), who is the sideshow’s crack shot. Annie challenges anyone in the audience to outshoot her. Bart takes up the challenge, what follows is a sexually charged contest that has them both lusting for one another.

Bonded by their love for firearms, Bart and Annie become a couple. The pair run away from the carnival life, and Annie makes a declaration to Bart. She doesn’t want a simple life of house care and child raising. She wants to live, and she wants to rob banks to do so. Annie tells Bart to join her in a life of crime, or they’re through. Bart, who can’t overcome his desire for her, agrees.

Directed by Joseph H. Lewis, “Gun Crazy” is just as impressive today as it was in 1950. “Gun Crazy” truly does amaze on the new blu-ray release with features a brand-new 1080p scan of the film that looks fantastic. Last time I saw “Gun Crazy” was on TV, and I remember some shots being a little soft looking. This new blu-ray from Warner Archive is sharp, clear, and stunning. Bonus material on this blu-ray includes a commentary by Film Author Glenn Erickson and a full-length documentary “Film-Noir: Bringing Darkness to Light.” Both are a nice touch on an excellent blu-ray of a film truly worthy of celebrating, a landmark that paved the way for 1967’s “Bonnie and Clyde,” earning a place on the national film registry in 1998.

As something of a palate cleanser, I took a walk through Warner Archive’s back catalog and found a new-to-me MGM musical from 1948, “Luxury Liner.” As celebrated as the MGM musical is, and you think of the biggies like “Singing in The Rain” and “Meet Me In St. Louis,” you forget just how many signature musicals the studio made. “Luxury Liner” stars the adorable Jane Powell and was a hit upon its release, but it’s one that’s kind of fallen through the cracks. Which is a shame as it’s a delightful slice of escapist fun. Powell plays the daughter of a cruise liner captain (George Brent) who comes to visit his daughter at college. Our captain takes his daughter to see a local production of the opera “Aida” where she becomes fascinated by the talents of the two stars of the production. After her father refuses to bring her along on the next voyage, which she begs to come along on after she learns the two stars will be on board, Powell sneaks on board as a stowaway. The rest of just pure MGM musical magic as a light and fun time transpires on that kind of epic and lush sets that only Hollywood could create as a steam liner. “Luxury Liner” is one of a handful of MGM films that feature real-life opera star, Lauritz Melchior. I mentioned how odd I thought it was MGM tried to make a film star of the Wagnerian to friend and fellow film writer Jessica Pickens—whose work you can find at cometoverhollywood.com—Jessica told me that it was not odd at all. “MGM head Louis B. Mayer liked class so he would sig —continued on page 32
Amy Schumer is back on the big screen in the new comedy "I Feel Pretty", and her comedic talents are on full display. Schumer stars as Renee Bennett, an ordinary woman who suffers from low self esteem and feels inadequate on a daily basis despite her best efforts. She manages the web site of Lily LeClaire cosmetics out of a Chinatown basement in New York City, but aspires to work out of their Fifth Avenue headquarters. She nearly applies for the front desk receptionist at LeClaire until she reads about representing the "beautiful" face on the cosmetics giant. Renee is so down on herself she actually makes a wish at a fountain to be beautiful. No sooner can you say "wish granted", Renee falls off her bike at an exercise club, hitting her head and knocking herself unconscious. She awakens in the locker room, and even though she has not changed physically, begins to feel she is beautiful beyond her dreams. Renee begins to prance around with new confidence and feels she can conquer the world with her new "looks."

With her new confidence she a guy named Ethan (Rory Scovel), for his number while waiting at the dry cleaners. She also returns to the office of LeClaire to apply for the position of receptionist, and attracts the attention of Avery LeClaire (Michelle Williams), the company boss. Avery decides Renee must work at the firm, and one day while going about her receptionist duties, is pegged to help with the launch of the companies diffusion line after she convinces Avery the company must do better to appeal to Target shoppers. Renee has also attracted the attention of Avery’s brother Grant (Tom Hopper), who attempts to get romantic with the now confident blonde. Renee’s new confidence is backfiring with her best friends Jane (Busy Phillipps) and Vivian (Aidy Bryant), who become so repelled by her new "self", they want nothing more to do with her. Meanwhile, Avery whisks Renee off to Boston for the launch of the diffusion line, and while in a luxurious hotel suite, Renee hits her head on a shower —continued on page 32

Pop Life
By Ken Silvers
ksilvers@theloaferonline.com
(Rated PG-13)
It rises into the air at 6,643 feet. The base covered with thousands of spruce, turning into a forest of fir as you near the peak. Hundreds and hundreds of hikers cross it every year, but long before these intrepid park visitors, it was crossed by the hunters and tribes of Cherokee. This is the highest point in the state of Tennessee, the mountain known as Clingmans Dome. Many people have heard of Clingmans Dome, but most think of the concrete observation tower that sits on the top of the mountain, completely unaware that Clingmans Dome is the actual name of the mountain that they are about to hike on. Clingmans Dome is the highest point in all the Great Smoky Mountains. For this reason, it sees many more hikers and tourists throughout the year that are wanting to get a glimpse of the beauty that you can only see from this spot. As previously mentioned, it’s the highest place you can go in our great State of Tennessee. It is also the third highest point east of the Mississippi River, barely trailing behind the neighboring Mt. Mitchell at 6,684 feet and Mt. Craig at 6,647 feet. If you decide to walk to the top of the mountain from the parking area, you will see the concrete observation tower on top standing another forty-five feet in the air. Many people like to say that by climbing up the 45 feet to the tower’s highest point, it puts you at 6,688—four feet higher than Mt. Mitchell, so you are actually standing in the highest point you can walk to. Many of you that have made the trek up New Found Gap road to Clingmans Dome Road have probably asked yourself or someone in the car with you, “what is wrong with the evergreen trees up here on the mountain?” The dead-looking trees in the middle and higher elevations are the remains of what was once a healthy evergreen forest. In the lower elevations, the air is mixed with a lot of pollutants and toxins that blow down from all the plants —continued on page 34
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**TUESDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Crossroads & Josh Blevins at Dawg House Tavern
- Karaoke at Zachary's Steakhouse
- Family Night Karaoke at CJ’s Sports Bar
- Karaoke At Numan’s - Johnson City TN

**WEDNESDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Southern Sounds Karaoke at American Legion 8pm
- Michael’s Krazy Karaoke at Marx the Spot
- Karaoke at CJ’s Sports Bar
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Smokey Bones - Johnson City TN
- Turn the Page Karaoke At VFW Post 2108 - Johnson City TN

**THURSDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Macado’s - Kingsport
- Get Wylde Entertainment Karaoke at Painter Creek
- Karaoke at Zachary’s Steakhouse
- Michael’s Krazy Karaoke at Stateline Bar & Grill
- Karaoke at CJ’s Sports Bar
- Karaoke w/ DJ Marques Top Shelf Entertainment at Wild Wing Cafe JC
- Karaoke at Numan’s - Johnson City TN
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at New Beginning’s
- Karaoke at Jiggy Rays Pizzaria

**FRIDAY**
- Karaoke w/ Southern Sounds Karaoke at Sportsman’s Bar & Grill 9pm
- Karaoke w/ Shane Rouse at Bear’s Bar
- Karaoke at Kingsport Moose Lodge
- Karaoke w/ Reverb Karaoke at The Cottage 8:30 pm
- Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 - Johnson City TN
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Moe’s Original BBQ
- Karaoke w/ Toddzilla at Sportsmans Pub
- Karaoke At Elizabethton VFW - Elizabethton TN
- Karaoke w/ DJ Marquez & Top Shelf Entertainment At Holiday Inn (Exit 7) - Bristol VA
- Karaoke At Numan’s - Johnson City TN

**SATURDAY**
- Karaoke at The Horseshoe Lounge
- Karaoke w/ Toddzilla at Sportsmans Pub
- Karaoke at Kingsport Moose Lodge
- Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 - Johnson City TN
- Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment At Macado’s - Kingsport
- Karaoke At Numan’s - Johnson City TN
The Sun, Moon and stars above escape the thoughts of no one, particularly the poets who have made their own beckoning of the Universe. Some of the titans of the metered word have put down thoughts a century before electricity that still rings true in our very modern world.

Those very dark skies in every backyard of the 19th Century stirred all kinds of emotions. Two of the “Fireside Poets,” Holmes and Longfellow, shared a love for the night sky: here one speaks of celestial armor, the other the certainty of life in the Universe. Here also is a short poem of the many dozen that Robert Frost penned about stargazing—this one dodging meteors! And just for good measure, how about an 8th Century Chinese poet and his drinking with the Moon? And you can’t leave out a classic from the master Poe. There are hundreds of astronomy inspired poems, which are perfect for cloudy nights. They can transcend the mind to a place in the Universe, just like a telescope, both seeking the answers to questions raised through antiquity—where are we? What is the starry realm above us? And are we alone? Look up and just say twinkle, twinkle…

**Bravado**

Have I not walked without an upward look
Of caution under stars that very well
Might not have missed me when they shot and fell?
It was a risk I had to take -- and took.

Robert Frost circa 1950

**The Secret of the Stars**

Is man’s the only throbbing heart that hides
The silent spring that feeds its whispering tides?
Speak from the caverns, mystery-breeding Earth,
Tell the half-hinted story of thy birth,
And calm the noisy champions who have thrown
The book of types against the book of stone!

Have ye not secrets, ye refugent spheres,
No sleepless listener of the starlight hears?
In vain the sweeping equatorial pries
Through every world-sown corner of the skies,
To the far orb that so remotely strays
Our midnight darkness is its noontide blaze;
In vain the climbing soul of creeping man
Meteors out the heavenly concave with a span,
Tracks into space the long-lost meteor’s trail,
And weighs an unseen planet in the scale;
Still o’er their doubts the waneyed watchers sigh,
And Science lifts her still unanswered cry:
“Are all these worlds, that speed their circling flight,
Dumb, vacant, soulless - baubles of the night?
Or rolls a sphere in each expanding zone,
Crowned with a life as varied as our own?”

Oliver Wendell Holmes 1836

**The Galaxy**

Torrent of light and river of the air,
Along whose bed the glistening stars are seen
Like gold and silver sands in some ravine
Where mountain streams have left their channels bare!
The Spaniard sees in thee the pathway, where
His patron saint descended in the sheen
Of his celestial armor on serene
And quiet nights, when all the heavens were fair.
Not this I see, nor yet the ancient fable
Of Phaeton’s wild course, that scorched the skies
Where’er the hoofs of his hot coursers trod;
But the white drift of worlds o’er chasms of sable,
The star dust, that is whirled aloft and flies
From the invisible chariot-wheels of God.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1850s

**Evening Star**

’Twas noontide of summer,
And mid-time of night;
And stars, in their orbits,
Shone pale, thro’ the light
Of the brighter, cold moon,
Mid planets her slaves,
Herself in the Heavens,
Her beam on the waves.
I gazed awhile
On her cold smile;
Too cold - too cold for me-
There pass’d, as a shroud,
A fleecy cloud,
And I turned away to thee,
Proud Evening Star,
In thy glory afar,
And dearer thy beam shall be;
For joy to my heart
Is the proud part
Thou bearest in Heaven at night,
And more I admire
Thy distant fire,
Than that colder, lowly light.

Edgar Allan Poe, 1827

**The Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

Then the trav’ler in the dark,
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
He could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so.

In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often thro’ my curtains peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.

’Tis your bright and tiny spark,
Lights the trav’ler in the dark:
Tho’ I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

Jane Taylor, 1806
Celestial events in the skies for the week of May 22-28, 2018, as compiled for The Loafer by Mark D. Marquette.

Memorial Day weekend when everyone is outside and enjoying the good weather—and certainly looking up at the Moon and stars this week. And the brightest “star” in the entire night sky is planet Jupiter rising in the southeast after sunset. The Moon dominates the early evening, starting the week at First Quarter and filling the holiday weekend with moonshine.

**Tuesday, May 22**
On this 1969 date in space history, astronauts Gene Cernan, 80, and John Young, 83, flew their Apollo 10 moon ship to within 10 miles of Mare Tranquility in a full-dress rehearsal of a Moon landing. A confused computer created wild bucking of their moon ship named “Snoopy” for a half-a-minute of anxious moments, causing astronaut Gene Cernan to cuss over a live transmission. But the glitch was figured out by him and Tom Stafford, 86, and they return to Earth aboard the command ship “Charlie Brown” with John Young. Two months later, Apollo 11 landed at the spot scouted out by the NASA mission 45 years ago this week. Young walked on the Moon with Apollo 16, and Cernan was the last man on the Moon with Apollo 17. They are both deceased.

**Wednesday, May 23**
Jupiter rises throughout the night in the constellation Libra the Scales. There are no bright stars in small Libra, which is just to the west of Scorpio’s body and the bright, red star Antares.

**Thursday, May 24**
On this 1962 date in space history, Scott Carpenter, deceased, became the second American to orbit the Earth, duplicating the three orbits of John Glenn the previous February. Carpenter landed 250 miles off course in the Atlantic Ocean, taking 45 minutes to find in his life raft next to his Mercury capsule. He never flew in space again, but in 1965, for Sealab II, he spent 28 days living on the ocean floor off the coast of California.

**Friday, May 25**
On this date in 2008 when NASA’s spacecraft Phoenix landed on the North Pole, right on top of ice just inches beneath the red soil. Phoenix wasn’t mobile and completed its successful 90-day mission with discoveries of ice melting in front of its cameras and snow falling high up in the atmosphere. The precipitation “sublimated,” going from solid to gas, skipping the liquid state.

**Saturday, May 26**
Photographers will be delighted at the weekend opportunity to photograph the rising Moon over the eastern landscape. With full phase on Tuesday, the gibbous Moon will look big and bright next to terrestrial landscape.

**Sunday, May 27**
Jupiter rises just four degrees south of the gibbous Moon, a clinched fist held at arm’s length is about 5 degrees across. Any telescope will show Jupiter’s globe and its four moons looking like tiny stars.

**Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day. If you stayed up late last night, or got up before dawn this morning, you can see the planets, from west to east (right to left) Jupiter, Saturn and Mars strung across the south skies. Saturn and Mars are in Sagittarius, the heart of the Milky Way. All three planets will dominate our late Summer and Autumn evening skies.
THINGS TO DO

Washington County (TN) Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale
May 18-19
Book lovers of all ages are invited to come to the Washington County Friends of the Library (FOL) Book Sale scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19. The sale will be held at the Gray Community Chest Building, 113 Gray Rutlana Drive (next to the Gray Volunteer Fire Dept., below the Appalachian Fairgrounds).

Hours will be Friday from 9 to 6, and Saturday, from 9 to 2.

Items for sale will include adult and children’s books, audio-books, DVDs, music CDs, textbooks, magazines, etc.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide funding for programs, services, and items outside the regular budget of the libraries at Gray and Jonesborough.

For more information, call the Gray Library at (423) 477-1550.

Birding Kingsport
Birding Kingsport, a club formed to connect area birders with all things birds, will meet Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Toy F. Reid Eastman Education Center, 400 S. Wilcox Drive, Kingsport, at 7:00 p.m. Belinda Bridwell, well-known area birder and photographer, will present the program ‘Florida is for the Birds;’ a delightful and informative program of interest to both birders and photographers. For more information see birdingkingsport.org

Chuckey Day to be Celebrated in Jonesborough
The Town of Jonesborough welcomes the residents of the Chuckey Community to Jonesborough for Chuckey Day on Saturday, May 19th at 11am at the Chuckey Depot at Jonesborough, located at 109 Second Avenue.

The Chuckey Depot’s original home was in Chuckey, TN, approximately 15 miles from its current location in Jonesborough. The depot was built in 1906 to replace the original depot that burned in 1905. It consisted of two public waiting rooms, a ticket office and warehouse.

For more information about this event, please contact Rachel Conger at 423.791.3869 or rachelc@jonesboroughtn.org.

Jonestown to Welcome Storyteller Elizabeth Ellis
The 2018 season of the International Storytelling Festival, the popular performance series, is underway. The next person to take the stage will be Elizabeth Ellis, award-winning teller and daughter of Appalachian (though she now resides in Texas).

All ticketholders can present their ticket stubs for a 10 percent discount on same-day dining at JJ’s Eatery and Ice Cream; Main Street Café (lunch only); Medley Vegan Vegetarian; Olde Towne Pancake House; and The Corner. Boone Street Market is offering 10 percent off prepared meals and 5 percent off any other purchase.

For more information, call the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center at (423) 477-1550 or online to www.jonesboroughtheatre.com.

Cryptogram: My dear and old country, here we are once again together faced with heavy trial
DropQuote: "Try not to have a good time... this is supposed to be educational."
The last American hero (?)

Although I never met Tom Wolfe, I got to know Junior Johnson when he was building cars for Cale Yarborough and while a high school acquaintance of mine was a member of his pit crew. As Junior was engraving his name in a piston that occupies a nearly sacred spot on my bookshelf, I asked him what he thought of Tom Wolfe, who wrote a red and white candy-striped sport shirt, white ducks and loafers. … His face seldom shows an emotion. He has three basic looks: amiable, amiable and a little shy, and dead serious."

This essay about Johnson appeared in Wolfe's first published collection of essays, and I find it only fitting that his last publication, THE KINGDOM OF SPEECH (2016), takes on Charles Darwin, a figure perhaps nearly as imposing as Junior Johnson, but someone who probably never wore a red and white candy-striped sport shirt or sported a crew cut. Wolfe’s focus is on the question of what makes us human. Taking some issue with Darwin, Wolfe declares that our humanity is based on our speech, and by implication our ability to express ourselves in writing. As he states in the book’s introduction, “Speech is not one of man’s several unique attributes—speech is the attribute of all attributes! Speech is 95 percent plus of what lifts man above animal!” Speech and literary expression defines us and makes us unique in the world of nature—and all, most animals will beat us in a competition involving eyesight, hearing, taste, or speed. All we have, in the end, is speech. I can’t think of a better way for Wolfe to share with us his last reflections on human nature.

Wolfe never intended for us to agree with him, but only to think deeply about what he said. Take one of my favorite books of his as an example. In THE PAINTED WORD (1975), Wolfe took on a subject that is near and dear to my heart—modern art—and skewered it pretty savagely. While I don’t agree with most of what he said, I treasure the book for the way it makes me think and for how it challenges my complacency. And his prose is magnificent the way F. Scott Fitzgerald’s is magnificent.

Although I will miss Tom Wolfe’s unique voice, I am grateful we still have Chuck Klosterman and Greil Marcus around to inspire and provoke us with their writings on American popular culture. They are Wolfe’s rightful heirs.

Here’s hoping you will take time to savor some of Tom Wolfe’s prose this week.
Pretty

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...door, and upon awakening, loses her confidence. Renee immediately converts back to her inadequate self, and all but gives up her new job, and her boyfriend Ethan. However, due to a surprising turn of events, Renee realizes though she thought her outward appearance changed, she always looked exactly the same. Insert lesson here: love yourself as you are, because you are beautiful in your own unique way. The film borrows aspects of "The Devil Wears Prada" and the television series "Ugly Betty", both of which were popular hits. Too bad none of the actors from those efforts had cameos. The supporting cast was wonderful, with highlights being Williams with her high pitched voice, and Scovel, as the often befuddled, but eventually loving boyfriend. The film was directed and written by Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein ("Never Been Kissed"), and the two allow Schumer to shine and avoid becoming a caricature. By the time the film ends, you will no doubt wish Renee was your friend. "I Feel Pretty" is a breezily, and lighthearted comedy, that provides much needed chuckles during the summer movie season.

Noir

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...stars like Melchior to give the appearance of high art," she said. Warner Archive’s DVD of "Luxury Liner" looks great, using a very clean and color-rich print of the Technicolor musical that is more than acceptable to watch. A really nice job of a deep catalog title...
End Child Poverty One Red Nose at a time

Red Nose Day is an organization devoted to ending childhood poverty. On May 24th, the whole country will unite with their sparkly red noses to raise money and awareness for childhood poverty. One of the biggest issues for children living in poverty is access to nutritious food when they are not at school to receive breakfast and lunch. Second Harvest Food Bank is helping bridge that gap with our Summer Food Service Program. We provide meals to students during the summer months to help supplement the meals they will not get while they are out of school for the summer. They are tying Red Nose Day into an event at the food bank to get things ready to begin serving the children for the Summer Food Service Program. This is a wonderful way to volunteer at the food bank and help support their programs as well as the Red Nose Day project. They will have noses, bracelets, and pens available on site for purchase and will have some fun photo opportunities as well so that you can show your friends/family/co-workers that you are supporting two causes with focuses on helping children!

If you’re not able to help volunteer on this day, you can purchase your nose at any Walgreens Drug Store. As the big day approaches, people all across America will buy Red Noses at Walgreens and go Nose to Nose to raise awareness and funds to help children in need. Wear your red nose on May 24th, and tune into NBC for a special night of prime-time programming celebrating Red Nose Day.
Dome

—in the Ohio Valley and when moisture is in the air, it causes acid rainfall. The acid rain is then coming down on the spruce trees and eventually kills the crown in the top of the tree. Once the crown dies, the tree has no way to continue growing and the slow death takes its toll all the way down to the ground, thus leaving behind the white skeleton looking remains you see today. All the increased production in the factories and burning of fossil-fuels with no filters in place to catch or stop the pollutants put in the air, the acid rain is becoming more and more frequent in the Smokies. Effects are not limited to just the spruce forests, but also hurt other plants and even the fish populations further down the mountains.

As you drive further up in elevation, you leave the spruce forest behind and start to enter into the fir forest. These forest in the Smokies were once very dense and covered many of our mountain tops. This type of Fraser fir only occurs naturally in the southern Appalachians. Unfortunately, you will see the same type of skeletal remains on the slopes from dying trees as well. Here not so much from acid rain, but from a very small little pest called the balsam woolly adelgid. This small insect, only about the size of a gnat, is not native to the Smokies or even North America. In the early 50’s when people started importing ornamental trees more abundantly from Europe, they hitched rides over on the trees and made their new home here in our Smokies. Our firs have little to no natural defense from the adelgid. They block the path of nutrients and other things the tree needs to grow by injecting a toxin into the tree as they live and eat on it. This toxin basically “starves” the tree to death. The National Park Service has been working for many years to find ways to rid the trees of the adelgid.

Along the roadway, you will see many pull-offs with trailheads you can enjoy. At the end of the seven-mile road, you will come to the parking area for the hike to the top of the mountain. While this half-mile trail is paved, it is very steep. It reaches the summit at the base of the spiraling Clingmans Dome Observation Tower. Clingmans Dome has several other trails leading to the summit. One of the most famous trails which crosses directly over the top is none other than the Appalachian Trail. Yes, you guessed it, where the AT crosses on the mountain is the highest point on the entire trail from Maine all the way to Georgia. Make sure you check the weather for the area because it is normal for clouds, precipitation and colder weather to be on top of the mountain. Sometimes the air temperature can be 10-20 degrees cooler than down below. A fun fact to know about this mountain is that the wet and cool conditions on Clingmans Dome summit make the spruce-fir forest that grows there a coniferous rainforest!

How to get to Clingmans Dome: If you are traveling from Gatlinburg, stay on Hwy 441 (Newfound Gap Road) into the National Park for 23 miles. Once you reach the top (Newfound Gap) you will make a right turn onto Clingmans Dome road and travel 7 miles to the parking area.
Vicki McClurg Joins Graysburg Hills
New Life into the Ladies Program

The popular 27-hole track in Chuckey wanted to expand their reach to female golfers in particular, according to Fred Stewart, the proprietor. So, he went out and recruited Vicki McClurg, who most recently was at Elizabethton. Vicki relishes teaching the most of all the varied duties PGA members have at their course. She is not particular either; she does men, women, juniors, groups, clinics and playing lessons. Fred wants her to liven up the ladies’ side of his course, and to that end Vicki will be getting the Ladies Association going with at least two leagues, one a 9-hole event. And to get couples playing together, she also plans to start a couple’s event with play either weekly or bi-weekly.

Vicki has been teaching since 1980 and has also held all the other assignments from assistant pro to head pro. She definitely knows her way around a golf course. Her approach to teaching is quite simple. She concentrates on fundamentals. Her philosophy is don’t change just for change sake. If it is not needed, don’t do it. And NO band aids. Fix whatever the problem is and get it worked in. That is how her students get better. She prefers them to self-describe their problem then let her do her thing and accomplish something. Vicki says there is a good – or at least better – golfer in all of us. She takes great pleasure in bring that person out!

Graysburg Hills is a nice place to do that. The three nines are different, and they present different challenges. Designed by Rees Jones, all are fun to play yet can be quite challenging at times. It is a public golf course with reasonable rates. $40 on weekends, $35 during the week with discounts for ladies and seniors. My first time there I got paired up with three fellows about my age and we ended up having a wonderful time. I am sure you will too, so give Fred a call and schedule your tee time. Their number is 423-234-8061.

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— Charles de Gaulle
The Bridge Home has an ongoing aluminum can collection in front of the shelter at 2061 Hwy 75 in Blountville, TN 37617 and a second aluminum can collection site at Airworks Heating and Cooling, 5633 Memorial Blvd Kingsport. The cans are collected by a volunteer and the money from the aluminum goes towards badly needed food and supplies for the animals. The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue has started a pet food pantry for people that have had financial hardships because of job loss or medical problems and are struggling to feed their pet. They can come by the shelter and get cat or dog food to get through the tough time.

Donations can be sent to The Bridge Home Shelter PO Box 654 Blountville, TN 37617. Every animal in their care is spayed or neutered and fully vaccinated before being adopted. Being a non profit the shelter is funded entirely by membership dues and private donations. They always need volunteers or monetary donations. Other always needed items: pet food, cat litter & cat toys dog treats & dog toys, paper towels, cleaners, office supplies, Purina weight circles. Phone: 423-239-5237 Hours are Mon-Fri 12pm-6pm Sat 12pm-3pm and Sun 2pm-4pm. Website is www.bridgehomerescue@gmail.com or like them on Facebook: www.Facebook.com/bridgehome

Next we have some of Delilah’s puppies left to be adopted. These cuties are spayed or neutered and up to date on all vaccines. Come and see all the sweet pets ready to be adopted!

This is Patches a 2 year old male. He is neutered and up to date on all vaccines. Such a sweet lap cat! Please consider him for your family!

PETS OF THE WEEK

BRISTOL TN/VA
PARAMOUNT
June 9 - Rodney Crowell & Jedd Hughes
June 16 - Todd Snider
Aug. 4 - Jeanne Robertson
Sept. 7 - John Anderson w/ Eivie Shayne
Oct. 4 - Terry Clark, Pam Tillis & Suzy Bogguss
Oct. 5 - Black Jacket Symphony

JOHNSON CITY
FREEDOM HALL
June 2 - “1964” The Tribute
May 19 - Tim Hawkins

KINGSPORT
FUNFEST
July 19 - Casting Crowns & Passion
July 20 - Pat Benetar & Neil Giraldo
July 21 - The Avett Brothers

NORTH CAROLINA
THOMPSON BOLING ARENA
June 6 - Journey & Def Leppard
Oct. 5 - Needtobreathe
Oct. 26 - Chris Stapleton

KNOXVILLE, TN
U.S. CELLULAR STAGE at the BJU JOY THEATRE
June 1 - Henry Cho
June 23 - An Evening with Dennis Miller
July 15 - Indigo Girls
Oct. 6 - Edwin McCain

NASHVILLE, TN
TENNESSE THEATRE
May 23 - Chicago
July 26 - Yanni
Aug. 3 - ABBA The Concert
Aug. 19 - Umphrey's McGee
Sept. 11 - Michael McDonalds
Sept. 24 - Kaleo
Oct. 3 - John Prine
Dec. 5 - Celtic Thunder
Dec. 12 - Mannheim Steamroller

KNOXVILLE CIVIC AUDITORIUM
Sept. 7 - Three Dog Night

SOUTH CAROLINA
TENNESEE AMPHITHEATER at World’s Fair Park
July 21 - Ben Haggard
Aug. 9 - Billy Bob Thornton and the Boxmasters
Aug. 11 - Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

GREENVILLE, TN
HOUSE OF BLUES - Myrtle Beach
May 19 - Theory of a Deadman

BON SECOURS WELLNESS ARENA
Greenville
May 19 - James Taylor & Bonnie Raitt
Aug. 4 - Sugarland

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BIKE NIGHTS
- Wednesdays Bear’s Bar
- Wednesdays Holston River Brewing Co.
- Thursdays Quaker Steak & Lube
- Fridays Tulips American Grub and Pub

RUNS & RIDES
- July 14: Apple Tyree 3rd Annual Poker Chip Memorial Ride; benefits Special Olympics; Smith Bros. Harley Davidson; 423-946-5423 or 423-283-0422

CAR SHOWS
- Tuesdays Holston River Brewing Company - Bristol, TN
- Fridays Krystal’s Johnson City
- Saturdays Carter County Car Club Downtown Elizabethton
- June 1-3: 2nd Annual Home Built Summit, RatRod; Holston River Brewing Co. and Thunder Mountain Campground; all manner of vehicles can enter; camping available; 423-946-2380
- June 16: FLBC Car and Bike Show; all cars and motorcycles welcome; 423-794-8142 or 423-282-0655
- July 28: 6th Annual Open Car Show by American Patriots Pastime; Anything with Wheels; Tri Cities Cinemas at exit 66 off I-81; 423-323-3981

Music Appreciation Day at Backdoor Records
Everything we are, we sing about, we intend to be; can all be traced back to our roots in a local record store. This acoustic event is for all local artists to come showcase their music, share their energy, share their stories, their new releases and to meet with other musicians, creators, artists, poets, thinkers, wishers, dreamers of all walks. There will be a small PA set up for performances and a grill for grubbin’ We want to show our appreciation for the local record store and allow ALL artists to have a voice and to share it. Bring your merch. Set it up. Kelly and his amazing staff will be on hand to help get it put in the store, on the shelves! We are at our bests when we support eachother and combine our collective voices to better our scene, not destroy it. Get to know the bands in your area, book shows together, book tours, swap CDs, create relationships; all because we love what we do and we love music and we’re doing it at one of the coolest spots to get all of your music needs! Spread the word. Saturday, May 26th at Backdoor Records, 737 W. Walnut Street, Johnson City TN.
We had so much fun @ the launch party, we're doing it again! This time we're bringing the dogs with us! Come out Sleepy Owl Brewery on May 25th at 6pm & have a Shelter Blues Brew, get your Pittie Tee and meet some of the best dog babies looking for their furever home. Foodie Fiction Food Truck will be serving nummy stuff!

Join us Saturday, May 26th from 11-3 at the Kingsport Farmers Market to begin building cardboard boats to race this summer during Fun Fest! You can bring your own team or join The Inventor Center Team for the build. Cardboard, duct tape, and packing tape will be provided. You may bring additional materials if desired.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2018
Dandridge, Tennessee (25 miles east of Knoxville, Exit 417)
www.ScotsIrishFestival.com
The southern Appalachian region is known for its abundance of talented musicians, playing everything from old-time to bluegrass to rock’n’roll. The folks at the Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park are proud to play a role in promoting this thriving music scene, and their annual Gathering in the Gap Music Festival has served as the venue for many well-known bands over the years. This year's lineup continues the tradition with headliners The Seldom Scene, Ellis Dyson & the Shambles, and If Birds Could Fly.

For the festival's twelfth year, the emphasis is once again on featuring quality bands offering a variety of Americana music. "Gathering in the Gap is part of our park's on-going efforts to bring the history and culture of the region to life. The cultural traditions that are steeped in music have made the festival one of the largest annual events, ensuring these traditions remain strong for future generations," said park manager Aaron Davis. This year there is no admission charge for the day-time festival events, so visitors can enjoy a wide variety of crafters, food vendors and entertainment for free, while tickets to the evening's concert are only $15 when purchased in advance (under 12 are free).

The music starts at 10 a.m. throughout the museum grounds. The Acoustic Arbor Stage on the grounds of the museum will feature local favorites in a laid-back setting; it's a good time to enjoy lunch or snacks available from one of the many food vendors on site. The Competition Stage will showcase a series...
of musicians competing on bluegrass mandolin, bluegrass guitar, banjo, fiddle, bluegrass band and old-time band, and is always a favorite for attendees and participants alike; you can register on site or in advance if you’d like to enter. The finalists in our Songwriting Competition will perform on the Main Stage beginning at 1 p.m.; these 10 musicians represent the best of the best of the pool of 38 applicants.

Craft booths are a big part of any festival, and the Gathering offers a wide variety of talented artisans showcasing their wares. All the booths feature hand-crafted, high-quality products made in the tri-state area, offering everything from pottery to dolls, including scarves, ornaments and jewelry in a variety of materials. Local artist Lisa Davis said, “I’ve been a festival crafter for several years. It’s a great opportunity to show my art to the community, and the festival is always well organized.” Take your pick of wood products for your home, quilts and paintings, as well as lovingly crafted items for babies and pets. Regional authors and musicians will have their books and music for sale as well.

Interested in theater? For the second year in a row the Shoestring Theatre Company will present an original play set in the beautiful mountains of Southwest Virginia. The Best Doctor in Town was inspired by the vitally important work done by the Remote Area Medical team for the people in Southwest Virginia who cannot afford medical care otherwise. It tells the true story of a beloved local doctor who just might be a serial killer, and has a cast that includes local actors as well as some unfamiliar faces. The play begins at 3 p.m. on the Competition stage. Festival goers will want to stick around for the evening concert – with a lineup of three bands, there’s something to please every musical taste. First up at 5:45 p.m. is If Birds Could Fly from Southwest Virginia. With their haunting blend of retro country, soul and rock’n’roll, they’re a perennial favorite with the locals.

Following them at 7 p.m. is Ellis Dyson & the Shambles with their “whiskey-soaked, foot-stompin’ songs” that will bring a hint of New Orleans jazz to the Appalachian Mountains. Headliners The Seldom Scene have been around since 1971, but their sound is timeless. Called one of the most influential bluegrass bands of their time, The Seldom Scene will guarantee a rousing ending to the evening; their set begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the evening music are just $15 if purchased in advance through the event website at www.gatheringinthegap.org or by phone at (276) 523-1322, or $20 at the gate.

The Gathering in the Gap takes place on Poplar Hill in the heart of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, a Victorian neighborhood with gracious historic homes and gardens. This includes the museum itself, housed in the 1895 Ayers mansion since 1948. Festival goers are encourage to take a break from the summer weather and tour the museum, currently exhibiting the “Stitch in Time” Quilt Show.

“‘Gathering in the Gap’ is a perfect blend of the region’s musical and historical heritage,” said Davis. “We’re looking forward to this year’s event being the best one yet!”
Eugene Wolf’s
“The Book of Mamaw”

Barter Theatre presents “The Book of Mamaw,” written and performed by Eugene Wolf. The highly coveted production will only have 11 performances during a three-week span, May 23 to June 14.

Eugene Wolf first joined the Barter Theatre’s Resident Acting Company in 1997. He has since been in countless Barter productions throughout his career, making him one of Barter Theatre patrons’ most beloved performers. He has been a member of the country-singing duo, The Brother Boys for 30 years and appeared on albums with Jerry Douglas, Dolly Parton and Alison Krauss.

Wolf was raised by his grandmother, Bernice Radar, the inspiration behind his life story, “The Book of Mamaw.” A seed was planted in me at birth and cultivated through my youth by my grandmother. This show is the flower of spirit that blossomed from it,” said Wolf. Bernice recognized his love of performing at the early age of two and encouraged him to follow his dreams. This one-man show is dynamic in its use of stories, songs, and sketches. Wolf is heartfelt yet hilarious as he illustrates life growing up with Mamaw.

“The Book of Mamaw” is made possible by Sam and Jan Hurt.

To purchase tickets, please visit bartertheatre.com or call 276-628-3991. Tickets for all performances of “Book of Mamaw” begin at just $18.
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his jokes are stellar. I’m glad I get to laugh along with most of them. It would be hard not to.”
There are many humorous moments in how, but also many poignant moments that most
everyone will be able to identify with in one way or another.
Tristan Matthews, who plays young Dooley Barlow said, “People will relate to the family side
of the show and the struggles that come with it.”
VanEaton said, “Father Tim says in one scene, ‘Give thanks in everything—in loss of all kinds.
In illness, in depression, in grief and in failure. And, of course, in health and peace, success
and happiness. Give thanks in everything.’ That kind of sums up the breadth of how people
will be able to relate to this show.”
This drama/comedy will tug at your heartstrings on many different levels. Everyone will see
why its motto, as Mayor Esther Cunningham proclaims, is “Mitford takes care of its own.”
VanEaton stated it best. “This is an inspiring, hope-filled play that I believe will leave those
who see it with a renewed sense of the joy of community.”
Welcome to Mitford is written by Robert Inman and is adapted from the Mitford novels
by Jan Karon. The show is directed by Pam Johnson and assisted by Joe Smith. The JRT is
thankful for the show sponsors—Ignaci Fonberg and Sonia King/Mary B. Martin.
Rounding out the cast are Steve Bashor, Sarah Grace Cook, Suzanne Cook, Stephen Cradic,
Will Dollar, Doug Fox, Phyllis Fox, Janette Gaines, Joe Gumina, Hannah Higginbotham, Adam
Honeycutt, Karl Kapoor, Dana Kehs, Mike Lilly, Dick Lura, Avery Morgan, Mike Musick, Melissa
Nipper, Sarah Nipper, Katy Rosolowski, Eli Simpson, Alexis Turner, Ella Turner, Kari Tuthill,
and Anna VanEaton.
Shows are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm; Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00pm;
and Sunday, June 3, at 7:30pm. Tickets are $16 general admission, $14 for students and
seniors. To purchase tickets, call the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center at 423.753.1010 or
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