



HIGHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA'S HANDS & HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 10 - 12, 2025
FALL IS SWEET HERE!

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

Courthouse Lawn at 165 West Main Street, Monterey • Fri: 12 – 6 pm • Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm
26th Annual Sweater Sale from Little Big Dog Rescue 501c3 Sweaters - for people & dogs
Acrylicked Custom pet portraits and handmade jewelry, bookmarks, suncatchers
Afton Mountain Elderberry Elderberry juices, jelly, & glaze
Art4All Original artwork, notecards, ribbon flowers, jewelry, lasercut items, floral items, holiday gifts, candy
B & D Designs Woodworking, handcrafted tables, painted art, wood art plant-stands, trivets, home décor
Blackthorn Lavender Lavender value-added products
The Bodging Bigfoot Handmade baskets, handcarved spoons and other kitchen wares, wooden toys
Colorful Llama Face painting, DIY Paint Kits, balloon candy cups
Fiber & Jewels Baskets, knitting, painting, jewelry, sewing
Flora's Finest Jewelry, bookmarks, wine charms & other accessories, scarves, aromatherapy products
Heirloom Rockers Rocking chairs, wooden items
Highland Farmers' Market Local fresh produce, gifts, & more ***FRIDAY ONLY**
Hopkins Honey Honey, creamed honey, natural goods
Mill Gap Farms Fiber barn with yarns, rovings, & handmade products from animals raised on the farm; Virginia's only organic maple syrup producer
Powhatan Chocolates Chocolate, chocolate confections
Puff's BBQ Puff's Maple Pork BBQ, beef brisket, hamburgers, hot dogs, country ham, fries, & chili cheese fries. Dinners include baked beans & coleslaw. Fresh-squeezed lemonade, sweet tea, soda, water. ***FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY**
Rexrode Maple Sugar Orchard Wood-cooked maple syrup, maple products
Shadowlands Farm Locally-raised smoked maple BBQ ribs, bratwurst, & kielbasa; fresh & frozen chicken & pork
Sun & Spruce Soaps Handmade soaps, scrubs, body butters, candles, wax melts, room sprays, beard oils, bath bombs
Sunny Day Designs Utilitarian handmade pottery including mugs, vases, bowls - specializing in face pottery
Vive Vitam Laser engraved/cut & sublimation gifts, décor
Young Shiitake DIY pre-inoculated shiitake mushroom logs, fresh & dried shiitake mushrooms (in season), seasoning powders
Barn at Monterey Inn at 32 West Main Street, Monterey • Sat: 3 - 9 pm *** NEW ***
Emerald Mountain Sanctuary New book "Seasons of a Wild Life" sold by local author Annette Naber
Golden Glory Soaps Local handmade milk soap from Highland County

DAILY SCHEDULE

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Sunrise to Sunset Sounding Knob Fire Tower
9 am - 2 pm Claire's Cakes & Café
9 am - 5 pm Burke & Herbert Bank, **24/7** Monterey ATM
9 am - 5 pm Fair Lawn Farm with Crooked Spur Farm
9 am - 5 pm Southernmost Maple
9 am - 6 pm The Blue Grass Valley Bank, **24/7** Monterey ATM
9 am - 6 pm Highland County Public Library Used Book Sale
9 am - 7 pm Blue Grass Mercantile
10 am - 2 pm Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp
10 am - 4 pm Back Creek Farms
10 am - 5 pm Sugar Tree Country Store
10 am - 6 pm Highland Roots Market
11 am - 4 pm Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum
11 am - 4 pm The Curly Maple
11 am - 5 pm Art on Main at The 3rd Space
11 am - 5 pm Bolar Ruritan Scholarship Foundation Food
11 am - 5 pm Townsend Draft Goods
11 am - 8 pm High's Restaurant
11 am - 9 pm Highlander / Highland County Visitor Center
12 noon - 5 pm Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store
12 noon - 6 pm Arts & Crafts Vendors, Highland Farmers' Market at the Courthouse Lawn
1 - 4 pm Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary
1 - 5 pm The Church at the Old Oak
3 - 5 pm Highland Inn Renovation Info
3 - 7 pm Big Fish Cider, Co.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Sunrise to Sunset Hayfields State Park
Sunrise to Sunset Sounding Knob Fire Tower
8 am - 4 pm The Curly Maple
8 am - 4 pm Highland County Humane Society Benefit Yard Sale
9 am - 9:45 am 5K Fall Color Run Registration, **10 am** Start Time
9 am - **12 noon** The Blue Grass Valley Bank, **24/7** Monterey ATM
9 am - **12 noon** Burke & Herbert Bank, **24/7** Monterey ATM
9 am - 2 pm Claire's Cakes & Café
9 am - 5 pm Arts & Crafts Vendors at the Courthouse Lawn
9 am - 5 pm Back Creek Farms
9 am - 5 pm The Church at the Old Oak
9 am - 5 pm Fair Lawn Farm with Crooked Spur Farm
9 am - 5 pm Highland County Public Library Used Book Sale
9 am - 5 pm Mill Gap Farms
9 am - 5 pm Southernmost Maple, **12 noon** Bluegrass Music
9 am - 7 pm Blue Grass Mercantile
10 am - 4 pm Art on Main at The 3rd Space
10 am - 4 pm Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum
10 am - 4 pm Highland Barn Quilts Studio
10 am - 4 pm Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp
10 am - 5 pm Bolar Ruritan Scholarship Foundation Food
10 am - 5 pm Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store
10 am - 5 pm Sugar Tree Country Store
10 am - 6 pm Highland Roots Market
10 am - 7 pm Big Fish Cider, Co., **11 am - 3 pm** Cider Pressing
11 am - 3 pm Highland Inn Renovation Info, **12 noon** Walking Tour
11 am - 5 pm Highland County Girl Scouts Food at Monterey Presbyterian Church
11 am - 5 pm Townsend Draft Goods
11 am - 5 pm Valley AeroSpace Team Rocket Launch
11 am - 8 pm High's Restaurant
11 am - 9 pm Highlander / Highland County Visitor Center
1 - 5 pm Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary
3 pm Furnace Mountain Band at The Highland Center
3 pm - 9 pm Oktoberfest Celebration at the Monterey Inn with Vendors

ENTERTAINMENT



Furnace Mountain Band *** NEW ***
The Highland Center
61 Highland Center Drive, Monterey
Sat: 3 pm
\$10 adults, \$5 students, 12 & under FREE!
Called "the area's premier acoustic band"
by The Washingtonian, the band plays music from American Appalachian traditions.
Sponsored by the Highland County Arts Council.



Square Dance
Spruce Street next to
165 West Main Street, Monterey
Sun: 1 - 3 pm (12:30 Beginner Workshop)
FREE!
Join in with local square dance callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe with Hannah Johnson, mixed with the excitement of one of Virginia's oldest clogging groups, the Little Switzerland Cloggers.

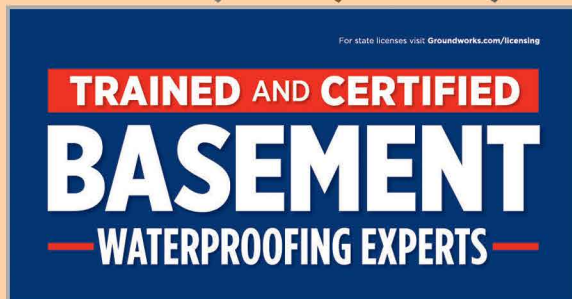
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

24/7 Monterey ATM at The Blue Grass Valley Bank
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Sunrise to Sunset Hayfields State Park
Sunrise to Sunset Sounding Knob Fire Tower
8 am - 3 pm The Curly Maple
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11 am - 4 pm Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum
11 am - 4 pm The Church at the Old Oak
11 am - 6 pm Highlander / Highland County Visitor Center
11 am - 7 pm High's Restaurant
12 noon - 4 pm Fair Lawn Farm with musical guest David Wayne
12 noon - 4 pm Back Creek Farms
12 noon - 5 pm Big Fish Cider, Co.
12 noon - 5 pm Blue Grass Mercantile
12 noon - 5 pm Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store
12 noon - 5 pm Highland Roots Market
12:30 pm Beginner Square Dance Workshop
1 - 3 pm Square Dance featuring the Little Switzerland Cloggers & Callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe with Hannah Johnson
1 - 4 pm Art on Main at The 3rd Space
1 - 4 pm Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary



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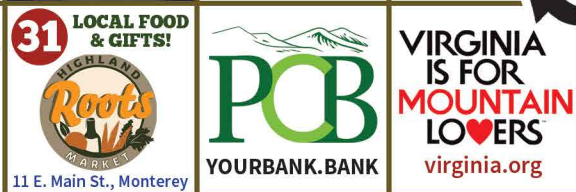
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Most sites include free activities. All events subject to change. Verizon, T-Mobile (Sprint), AT&T, and U.S. Cellular offer limited cell service. Payphones in McDowell & Headwaters dial 911 in case of emergency. Tune in to AMR WVL5 89.7 FM & read The Recorder for festival news & information.

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS - Details on Reverse

1 Courthouse Lawn at 165 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 12 – 6 pm • Sat: 9 am – 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm
Square Dance Sun: 1 – 3 pm

THE HARVEST TRAIL

2 **Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp**
10677 Mountain Turnpike, Hightown (Clay Hise Lane)
Fri: 10 am - 2 pm • Sat: 10 am - 4 pm
Friday apple peeling; Saturday apple butter cooking, sugar camp tours, hiking trails with scenic views, food available.

3 **Mill Gap Farms**
2760 Mill Gap Road, Monterey
Sat: 9 am – 5 pm
Tour Virginia's only USDA Certified Organic maple 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: 12 - 4 pm, David Wayne music
Victorian homestead, farm, & sugar camp with apple-wood smoked cheese, fresh apple butter & cider, & Crooked Spur Farm syrups.

5 **Back Creek Farms**
7781 Upper Back Creek Road, Monterey
Fri: 10 am - 4 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Pure, infused, & barrel-aged syrups. Press cider all weekend, or make apple butter on Saturday. Chili & cornbread by donation.

6 **Sugar Tree Country Store**
185 Mansion House Road, McDowell
Fri and Sat: 10 am – 5 pm
Watch the old-time way of making apple butter & pressing cider, tour their maple producing facility, & shop merchandise.

7 **Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary**
4661 Doe Hill Road, McDowell
Fri: 1 - 4 pm • Sat: 1 - 5 pm • Sun: 1 - 4 pm
Walk the farm & interact with mini equine in residence. Free, with donations appreciated. Sturdy shoes recommended. Pets not permitted.

8 **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, Puff's BBQ, indoor seating, live music, blacksmith demonstrations, & rustic country store.

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.

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

10 **The Highland Center Entertainment - Details on Reverse**
61 Highland Center Drive, Monterey
Furnace Mountain Band Sat: 3 pm * **NEW** *

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: \$15. Children: \$10.

12 **Charles Pinckney Jones House Museum**
144 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 11 am – 4 pm • Sat: 10 am - 4 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm
Historic house museum, period clothing, furnishings, & interpreters.

13 **Hayfields State Park**
524 Hayfields Lane, McDowell * **NEW** *
Sat and Sun: Sunrise to sunset
Hayfields State Park, Virginia's newest, welcomes you!
A Sweet Spot for hiking, biking, fishing, & enjoying Highland County.



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. Plus, view the 3rd Annual Community Tiny Art Show.

15 **Historic Highland Inn Renovation Information & Monterey Walking Tours** 68 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 3 - 5 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 **Oktoberfest Celebration at the Barn at Monterey Inn**
32 West Main Street, Monterey
Sat: 3 - 9 pm * **NEW** *
Brats, beer, & pretzels. Oktoberfest-themed clothing on staff & overall fun atmosphere with vendors. Live music by a local talent.

17 **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.

18 **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 & DINING

19 **Art on Main at the 3rd Space**
132 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 11 am–5 pm • Sat: 10 am – 4 pm • Sun: 11 am – 3 pm
Gallery showcasing beautiful local art, with artist demos on Saturday.

20 **Big Fish Cider, Co.**
59 Spruce Street, Monterey
Fri: 3 – 7 pm • Sat: 10 – 7 pm • Sun: 12 – 5 pm
Taste the award-winning ciders made with unsprayed Highland County apples at this micro cidery. Apple pressing Saturday 11 am - 3 pm.

21 **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.

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22 **The 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.

23 **Bolar Ruritan Scholarship Foundation Food**
11 East Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 11 am - 5 pm • Sat: 10 am - 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - ?
Eat for a good cause. Serving Brunswick Stew at Highland Roots Market.

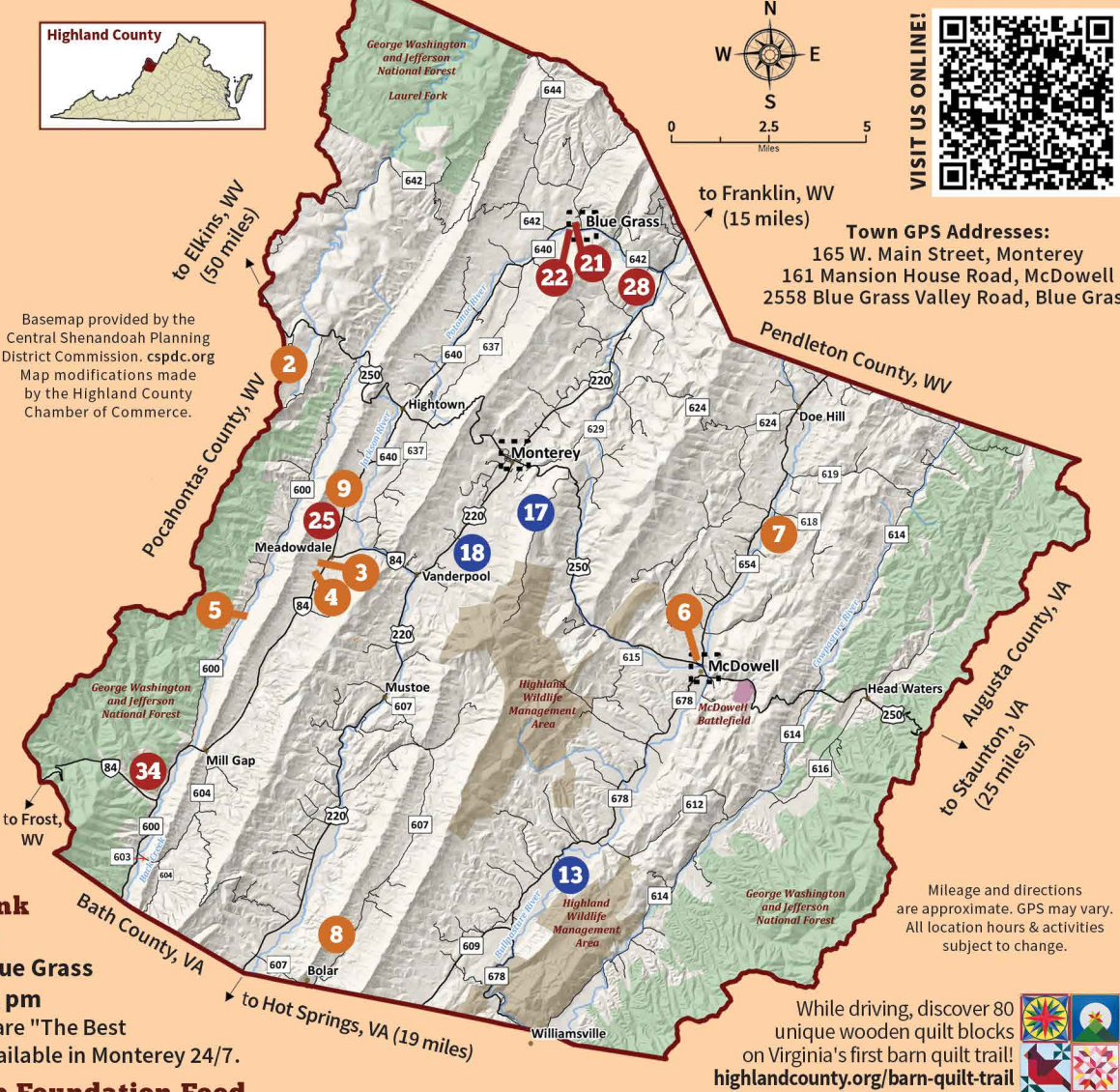
24 **Burke & Herbert Bank**
195 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 9 am - 5 pm • Sat: 9 am - 12 pm
Part of Virginia's story since 1852. Strong communities start with strong relationships. 24/7 ATM available across from the Courthouse.

25 **The Church at the Old Oak**
3898 Meadowdale Road, Monterey
Fri: 1 - 5 pm • Sat: 9 am - 5 pm • Sun: 11 am - 4 pm
Renovated country church with local vendors selling baked goods, jewelry, wood, handsewn, knitted, crocheted, handcrafted décor, accessories, & more.

26 **Claire's Cakes & Café**
107 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri, Sat, and Sun: 9 am – 2 pm
Open 7 days a week for breakfast, lunch, assorted pastries, & barista style coffees. Special seasonal items available!

27 **The Curly Maple**
174 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri: 11 am - 4 pm • Sat: 8 am - 4 pm • Sun: 8 am - 3 pm
Fall market highlighting local provisions, merchandise, breakfast, & brunch menu, gluten-free items, fall-inspired lunch specials, coffee , & teas.

28 **Ginseng Mountain Farm & Store**
6359 Potomac River Road, Blue Grass
Fri: 12 - 5 pm • Sat: 10 am - 5 pm • Sun: 12 - 5 pm
"New time" country store. Grass-fed beef & lamb, sheepskins, rugs, maple syrup, pop-up thrift shop, & more. Saturday food samples.



29 **Highland County Girl Scouts Food**
50 Spruce Street, Monterey at Monterey Presbyterian Church
Sat: 11 am - 5 pm
Baked potatoes with toppings, chili, drinks, & baked goods

30 **Highland County Humane Society Benefit Yard Sale**
58 Potomac River Road, Monterey * **NEW** *
Sat: 8 am - 4 pm
Name your price furniture, household items, vintage pet supplies, & more located at the Highland County Volunteer Fire Department.

31 **Highland Roots Market**
11 East Main Street, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 10 am - 6 pm • Sun: 12 - 5 pm
Maple syrup, cinnamon rolls, baked goods, craft beer, BBQ, fresh pressed cider, coffee, snacks, locally-harvested goods, local pastured meats, pumpkins.

32 **Highlander / Highland County Visitor Center**
27 West Main Street, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 11 am - 9 pm • Sun: 11 am - 6 pm * **NEW** *
Pizza, fried chicken, desserts, & souvenirs. Local brochures & information.

33 **High's Restaurant**
73 West Main Steet, Monterey
Fri and Sat: 11 am - 8 pm • Sun: 11 am - 7 pm
Seen on America's Best Restaurants show and CBS Discover, offering burgers, trout, Italian delights, tenders, steaks, desserts, & gluten-free options.

34 **Townsend Draft Goods**
10677 Mill Gap Road, Monterey * **NEW** *
Fri and Sat: 11 am - 5 pm
Natural products that support a healthy lifestyle in an eclectic barn. Goods are rooted in nature, Ayurveda, yoga, & herbalism.