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## Think of it as ESPN Meets Braveheart

Ever think about trying to flip a telephone pole in the air? It's called the caber, and Highland Scots have been tossing it around for over 500 years. If you've never experienced a Highland Games, you owe it to yourself to join us Saturday, October 7th at the North Carolina Rural Heritage Center in Laurinburg (Take 401 to Laurinburg and turn at the Wal-Mart - The grounds are 1 mile up on the left).

Watch our athletes compete in traditional events, such as tossing the Scottish hammer and stone throws. Ever heard of the sheaf toss? That's throwing a 20-pound bail of straw straight up over a high bar using a pitchfork. For the little pros out there, we have events that kids love to try – and there is no need to preregister for the kids game this year – just show up!

A full spectrum of events will be offered at the Games: Clan and Society tents, food and merchandise vendors, athletic competitions, Scottish musical and dance entertainment, sheep dog demonstrations, and EUSPBA sanctioned solo piping and drumming competitions. Again this year will be pipe and drum band competition which will bring bands in from all over the southeast and provide spectators a first-hand look at the pageantry and precision of pipe bands.

Advanced ticket sales are \$12 for adults, \$3 for children (\$15 and \$5 at the gate). Advanced tickets may be purchased online at [www.games-tickets.com](http://www.games-tickets.com) or by visiting the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce, Bob's Jewel Shop, or the Gospel Music and Christian Bookstore - all in Laurinburg.

For more information, visit:  
[www.carolina-highlandgames.com](http://www.carolina-highlandgames.com)



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## The John Blue Festival – A Glimpse of the Past

It's one thing to read books about rural life in the South 100 or more years ago. It's another to experience it for yourself and celebrate with descendants of the people who tilled the land here a century ago. And that's what the John Blue Festival is all about—bringing together the old and the new as we pay homage to our agricultural tradition.

Join us October 14th and 15th for the Annual John Blue Cotton Festival held at the John Blue House and North Carolina Rural Heritage Center in Laurinburg.

See a team of mules hitched to an authentic cotton gin used before the Civil War. Check out the goods in the old-time General Store. Thrill to the Cotton Blossom Railroad, powered by a miniature steam locomotive. See how a 19th century mill cut shingles for a house, or how a country grist mill turned out sacks of corn meal. You can also visit an original tobacco barn – one of only five in the state.

The kids can play old-time farm games or go on a hayride. Enjoy live music, storytellers, and dancers on our outdoor stage.

A successful farmer, John Blue was a self-made man and noteworthy inventor - including the first cotton stalk cutter and the cotton planter. The home, nestled in a grove of pecan trees, is a magnificent example of Steamboat Gothic architecture, built entirely of heart of pine lumber from trees on the grounds. In addition to the tobacco barn and store, the grounds feature a collection of homesteads from the post Civil War period.



Tour the John Blue House. Visit the accompanying museums at the Heritage Center. Enjoy the Festival. It's a great weekend destination for the family--a one-of-a-kind place.

visit [www.johnblue-cottonfestival.com](http://www.johnblue-cottonfestival.com)

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## Kuumba celebrates our African American Heritage



Scotland County has a rich African American cultural heritage which goes all the way back to the earliest years of the republic. In fact, many of our local families have ties and traditions that extend back to the time before the Civil War.

The annual celebration of this rich fabric of art and culture is known as Kuumba. Kuumba means "creativity" and the festival lives up to that promise. Kuumba features dancing, drumming, storytelling and socializing, as well as a musical menu that runs from gospel to jazz.

Presented by the African American Heritage Committee, the festivities begin Friday, Sept. 22nd with a pageant and the crowning of Miss Kuumba. The celebration then shifts Saturday, Sept. 23rd to Market Park in Laurinburg, where music, food and the arts of Africa come alive. Kuumba is truly an event for the community and the whole family.

Visit [kuumbafestnc.org](http://kuumbafestnc.org) for more information.

## Storytelling Festival of Carolina

If you have never experienced the on-stage performance of storytelling, you owe it to yourself and your family to join us for the annual Storytelling Festival of Carolina, to be held October 21st & 22nd in Laurinburg.

Held at the Storytelling and Arts Center, the festival features a small, accessible stage to assure you'll hear the best storytelling this side of Garrison Keillor. Get ready to be utterly spell-bound as internationally renowned and honored performers spin their magic and touch every emotion from laughter to horror to tears. (Yes, they're that good.) The festival runs from 9:30 to 5:00 each day.

Day and multi-day tickets are available. Military and family packages are also available. For more information visit [www.storyartscenter.org](http://www.storyartscenter.org) or call (910) 277-3599.

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## Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the Scotland County Tourism Web site at [www.visitnc-soul.com](http://www.visitnc-soul.com)

### Hotels

<b>Comfort Inn</b>	910-277-7788	<b>Pine Acres Lodge</b>	910-276-1531
<b>Hampton Inn</b>	910-277-1516	<b>Scotland Inn</b>	910-276-0632
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	910-291-3300	<b>Oasis RV Park</b>	910-266-8372
<b>Quality Inn</b>	910-277-0080		

### Casual Dining

<b>215 on Main</b>	910-361-4474
<b>Captain Larry's Seafood House</b>	910-276-1880
<b>Champs Steak House</b>	910-276-4386
<b>Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano</b>	910-276-0032
<b>The Main Table</b>	910-361-4273
<b>Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille</b>	910-276-6632

### Quick Serve Dining

<b>Dawg Haus Express</b>	910-277-9303	<b>Great Wall Chinese Food</b>	910-276-9199
<b>General McArthur's</b>	910-276-1498	<b>Jin Jin Chinese Food</b>	910-277-1616
<b>Golden Corral</b>	910-277-1620	<b>Little Fuji Grill</b>	910-277-9922
<b>Greek Village</b>	910-277-7700	<b>Miyako</b>	910-506-4081
<b>Jerry's Deli and Grill</b>	910-266-9020	<b>Taki Japanese Restaurant</b>	910-291-9908
<b>Huddle House</b>	910-610-4100	<b>Jesse's Pizza &amp; Hot Sub</b>	910-277-8538
<b>Smithfield's Bar-B-Q</b>	910-266-8700	<b>Pizza Hut</b>	910-276-1770
<b>Waffle House</b>	910-277-9259	<b>Pizza Inn</b>	910-276-6565
<b>China Garden</b>	910-266-8885	<b>Moe's Chicken</b>	910-506-2325
<b>Golden Run</b>	910-277-7734		