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Spring Festivals Kick-off

As the calendar turns to April, our community begins to turn to Spring Festivals. Coming in a few weeks, as we head out of April, our community will celebrate spring, the arts, and our charitable community as we come together for SpringFest. All of the events will take place in Downtown Laurinburg.

On Friday, April 26th, the festivities begin with a downtown evening of music and a movie. The night kicks-off with The Laurinburg Chamber presenting its first Laurinburg After Five concert of the year. The concert features Envision, and will start at 6:00. Following the concert, Scotland County Parks and Recreation will be showing the movie, Sandlot, on the wall at the Art Garden.

On Saturday, April 27th, the Scotland Memorial Foundation will hold their annual FunD-Run-4-Life and the Arts Council and the City of Laurinburg will host the Spring Art Festival – both sharing the downtown area.

The running events will commence downtown with a 1-mile sprint / walk at 8:30 am. The 5K run will start a few minutes later at 8:45 am. As always, the popular “Kids Zone” Play area will also be set-up.

After a morning of exercising the Spring Art Festival also kicks-off downtown on Main Street. The festival will include art exhibits, street artists, live music, food, a beverage garden, and a chance to try your hand at different artistry. The festival will also serve as the formal unveiling of the new art pieces being displayed at the Laurinburg Art Park located at the corner of Church and Main.

For more information on the FunD-Run visit www.scotlandhealth.org/fundrun.
For information on the art festival contact the Arts Council at www.storyartscenter.org.



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Spring Festival Season Continues

LaurelFest

Few festivals capture the heart and soul of a community the way LaurelFest does. Now in its 18th year, what started out as almost a neighborhood gathering has now turned into a community ritual, while maintaining the neighborhood feel.

This year's festivities will be held on the grounds of the Laurel Hill Community Center on Friday, May 10th and Saturday May 11th with the grounds open from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The festival will include a wide array of musical acts, pony and camel rides, a train, a petting zoo, inflatable slides, and other activities all open during the event — all at no cost. Food vendors will offer everything from collards, fish, and barbecue to funnel cakes and ice cream. Keeping its tradition of honoring a different group each year, the event will nod to the wonderful teachers in our community. The Laurel Hill Community Center is located in the former Laurel Hill school building on Church Street and Parsonage Avenue. For more information visit www.laurelfest.com or call **910-462-2424**.

Bike To Build

The weekend continues to roll forward on May 11th when Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County hosts its 15th annual Bike to Build. The event will feature a 64, 32, 21 and 10.5 mile bicycle route as well as a 10k run, and a 5k run/walk and a 4.5K kids run

As always, all the proceeds from the event will be put toward the organization building homes in the county. For more information visit www.biketobuild.org



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Chalk Banks Equals Great Fun

The series of spring festivals conclude with the Chalk Banks Challenge and Water Festival. The fun will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Chalk Banks Access Area - Lumber River State Park in Wagram, NC. Contestants may compete in the ever-popular home-made raft race, a 5K trail run, youth run, a men's high heel sprint sponsored by Jerry's Deli, and much more.

A Scotland County tradition, raft races will be divided into two divisions: group (two or more people) youth, and group adult. All rafts must be homemade and may not be motorized in any way. The day provides an opportunity to visit this beautiful state park and enjoy the fun. In addition to the events the festival will also include kid's games, inflatables, train rides, canoe rides, vendors and more.



According to Whit Gibson, chairman of the Lumber River State Park Citizens Advisory Committee, the homemade raft race is the highlight of the day. "We always have over a dozen rafts compete," says Gibson. "Now just because they start, doesn't mean they finish. Therefore, before they start, we give out a number of honors including 'most creative' and 'most embarrassing to your 8th grade science teacher.'"

For 5K information contact Edward Locklear at elocklear@scotlandcounty.org. For raft or overall event information, contact the Scotland County Tourism Development Authority at 704-900-9504. Or www.chalkbanks.com



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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

Hotels

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

Casual Dining

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

Quick Serve Dining

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