

*Pearisburg Small Town*

*Big Personality*



**Pearisburg is a small town steeped in history.  
We invite you to visit our town attractions,  
shop at our local businesses  
and participate in the many activities  
on the calendar  
strengthening your knowledge  
and appreciation for  
local cultures and traditions.**

[www.pearisburg.org](http://www.pearisburg.org)

# History and Heritage

## AROUND TOWN

### Giles County Historical Society

In 1987, the Andrew Johnston family heirs deeded the family home built in 1829, a small building built in 1857, which served as a doctor's office, and a modern two-car garage to the Giles County Historical Society. The property was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and an endowment fund was established to restore and preserve the property as a museum. The Historical Museum opened in October 1997 to house the many items of historical interest that present and former county residents had donated. The two-car garage was transformed into a Research Room with documents of interest to Giles County historians and genealogists. The Giles County Historical Society Museum Complex is located just 2 blocks from the Giles County Courthouse on 208 N Main Street.

Call (540) 921-1050 or visit [www.gilescountyhistorical.org](http://www.gilescountyhistorical.org).

### Giles County Courthouse

The Giles County Courthouse, located at the corner of Wenonah Avenue and Main Street in Pearisburg was built in 1836. The Courthouse is on the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks. The two-story brick building is a Classical revival design and features a small portico with a simple pediment and two pairs of Corinthian columns. It received an award of merit for historic renovation by the Mid Atlantic Construction Magazine (McGraw-Hill Publication).

Movie buffs! The Giles County Courthouse was featured in the courtroom scenes in the movie, Wish You Well.

Call (540) 921-1722. No website.

### Pearis Cemetery

The historic Pearis Cemetery is located at Old Route 100, Bluff City. This cemetery is the resting place of Captain George Pearis who passed on Nov 4, 1810. No phone number.

Visit [www.dar.org/national-society/historic-sites-and-properties/george-pearis-cemetery](http://www.dar.org/national-society/historic-sites-and-properties/george-pearis-cemetery)

### Downtown Pearisburg

The Pearisburg Historic District encompasses a seventeen building historic district, which is centered on the Public Square and includes a mix of commercial, institutional, and governmental buildings. Notable buildings include the First National Bank of Pearisburg (1906), Western Hotel (Thomas Building, c. 1827), Pearis Theater (1940), Giles County County Sheriff's Office and Jail (1937-38), St. Elizabeth Hospital Building (1920), Giles County Motor Company Building (1923-1924), and Christ Episcopal Church (1910). The Giles County Courthouse is listed separately. The Andrew Johnston house, which may be the oldest extant brick home in Giles

County, was built in 1826, and served as temporary military headquarters for the Union Army in May of 1862, during the American Civil War. For more information on the districts and individual sites, see Virginia's online listing districts/sites on the National & State Historic Registers in Giles County. Movie buffs! The Downtown Pearisburg was featured in scenes in the movie, Wish You Well. Visit [www.pearisburg.org](http://www.pearisburg.org) or call (540) 921-0340.



# Outdoor Attractions and Activities

## AROUND TOWN

### Parks

The Town of Pearisburg has two parks. Both are open to the community for use. The Pearisburg Town Park is located behind the Community Center Building on 1410 Wenonah Avenue. It has playground equipment and a picnic shelter.

Whitt-Riverbend Park is located at 999 Ripplemead Road in Ripplemead. It offers a paved walking trail, primitive campsites, a picnic shelter available for rental and access to New River and Walkers Creek for fishing and boating. You can find information about camping and the picnic shelter under the town website link: Reservations.

Visit [www.pearisburg.org](http://www.pearisburg.org) or call (540) 921-0340.

### Recreation

The Pearisburg Town Pool, located at 1340 Wenonah Ave, is open from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. There is a small daily admission rate. You can also make a reservation for a pool party by calling (540) 921-2347.

During the warm weather months watch softball and baseball games at the Community Center and Little League fields at 1410 Wenonah Avenue.

### Golf

The Giles Country Club is a private club located at 500 Fort Branch Road. The Country Club includes a nine-hole golf course, Olympic size pool, clubhouse, and tennis court.

Visit [www.gilescountryclub.com](http://www.gilescountryclub.com) or call (540) 921-1099.

### Geocaching

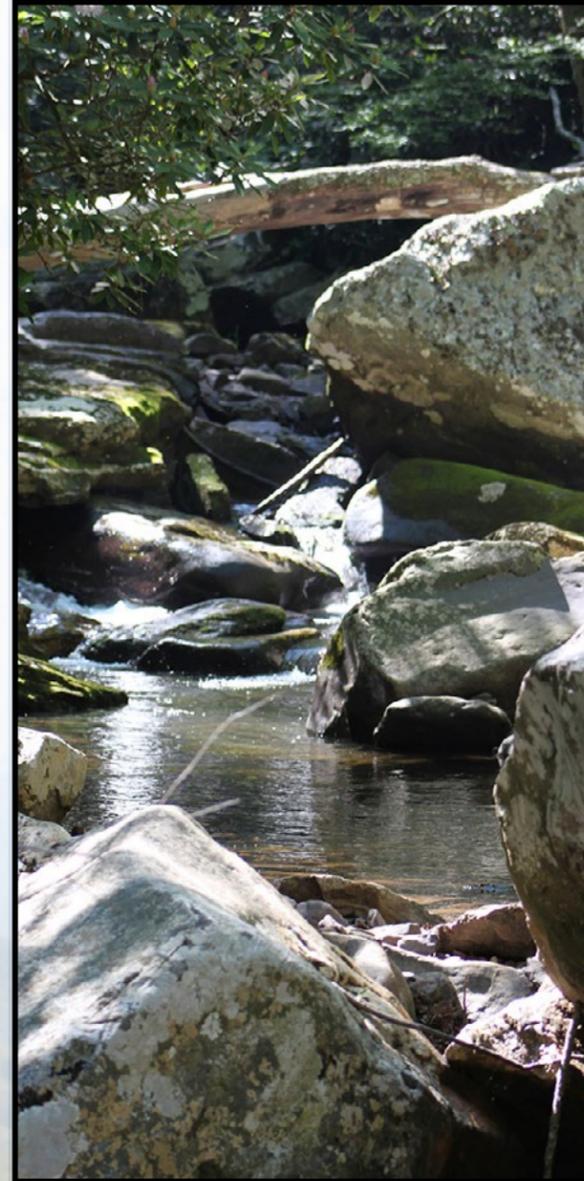
Pearisburg is the location of many geocaching caches. Extend your stay and search for all the caches throughout Giles County!

Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

### Appalachian Trail

The Town of Pearisburg is an Appalachian Trail Community. This means the town is located along the AT's corridor and is considered an asset by all that use the AT. As a designee the town is committed to: engaging community citizens, Trail visitors and stewards, recognizing and thanking community businesses for their service to the Trail and hikers, acting as a catalyst for enhancing sustainable economic development, aiding local municipalities and regional areas with conservation planning and helping local community members see the Trail as a resource and asset. If you are interested in supporting or joining the Pearisburg Community Supporter Program, call (540) 921-0340 or email the Pearisburg town office [info@pearisburg.org](mailto:info@pearisburg.org). Visit

[www.appalachiantrail.org/hiking/find-a-hike/hikes---va](http://www.appalachiantrail.org/hiking/find-a-hike/hikes---va)



### New River

Thirty-seven miles of the New River flow through the heart of Giles County, and offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities for everyone. The New River is considered to be a rival of the James and the Rappahannock as one of the best fishing rivers in Virginia. Local outfitters provide tube, canoe, raft, kayak and fishing trips. For outfitter information contact the Giles County Chamber of Commerce at (540) 921-5000, visit [www.gileschamber.net](http://www.gileschamber.net) or stop by 203 N Main St, Pearisburg.

### Hiking in Pearisburg:

*Maps for the following hiking trails can be downloaded from the [gilescounty.org/hiking.html](http://gilescounty.org/hiking.html) website*

**Angels Rest and Wilburn Valley Overlook** - The hike to Angels Rest Overlook is 1.7 miles and to the Wilburn Valley Overlook is an additional 0.6 miles. This hike has an elevation gain of 1,600 feet, from 2,000 to 3,600 feet. The first part of the trail is easy because it has a moderate slope. It is well marked with white blazes for the Appalachian Trail and blue blazes for both the Angels Rest Overlook and the spring-fed water source. The latter half of the hike has a steep slope but has very few rocky sections and no sections where bouldering is required. The Angels Rest Overlook is located on the ridge of Pearis Mountain. It is a large boulder with a great view to the northwest. If you have time from Angels Rest you can follow the AT white blazes 0.6 miles south to the Wilburn Valley Overlook. This 0.6-mile hike is fast and easy because the trail is flat and smooth. This Overlook is easy to find because it is only a hundred feet off the left side of the trail.

Visit <http://blog.twoknobbytires.com/2011/06/24/angels-rest/>.

# Art, Agriculture and Culture

## AROUND TOWN

### River Sculptures (coming soon)

Pearisburg in partnership with Giles Art Council and ReNew the New is developing multiple exhibits throughout the town. Every element of the sculptures designed will come from New River cleanup activities, and the boat ramps and roadways in Giles County. The exhibits will stimulate conversation about trash, recycling and conservation, provide an opportunity for environmental education and inspire artists and students to use recycled materials in art work.

Visit [www.pearisburg.org](http://www.pearisburg.org) or call (540) 921-0340.

### Town Murals/Wall of Art

Take your picture next to each of the Town of Pearisburg murals. The town has five painted murals: two on route 100, one on Tazewell Street, one on Wenonah Avenue and the last in the lobby of the Carillion Hospital. In addition, there is a tiled Wall of Art, located behind the Giles County Treasurers Office at 130 North Main Street.

Visit <http://pearisburg.org/160/Murals> or call (540) 921-5000.

### Southwestern Maple

100% pure Virginia maple syrup can be purchased at the Amish community in White Gate. Call (540) 921-2410 x 7



# Unique Shopping

## AROUND TOWN

### Pearis Mercantile Gift Shop

200 N Main St. The Mercantile offers unique gifts for all occasions, home décor, jewelry, hiker supplies and more!

Call (540) 921-2260 or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Pearis-Mercantile/314040722081583](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pearis-Mercantile/314040722081583).

### Essence by BJ

524 Wenonah Ave. Essence is a women's apparel shop.

Call (540) 921-0003.

### Zeppa Studios

Mountain Lake Ave, Zeppa's offers unique animal themed gift items made to order. The Fur Children® collection is an eclectic mix of note cards, coasters, hand painted ceramics and other gift items printed from their artwork or from your photos.

Call (540) 921-1835 or visit [www.zeppagrams.com](http://www.zeppagrams.com).

### Two J's Crafts and Gifts

523 Wenonah Avenue, Two J's offers craft supplies, outdoor decor and flags.

Call (540) 921-3141.

### Ms. Audre's Fabric-n-Fellowship

516 Wenonah Avenue, Ms. Audre's is a fabric and craft store.

Call (540) 921-2042 or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Audre-Fabric-n-Fellowship/239942342743416](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Audre-Fabric-n-Fellowship/239942342743416).

### Brushy Mountain Enterprises LLC

Fine custom cabinetry.

Call (540) 921-1382, ext. 1 (by appointment).

### Walker Mountain Barns and Lawn Furniture

Sheds, gazebos, lawn furniture and more.

Call (540) 921-4308, ext. 1 (by appointment)

### Mountain View Country Store

Houseware, sewing materials, sheepskins and more.

Call (540) 921-4308, ext. 7

### Nature Way Country Store

Bulk foods, herbs, dried fruit, nuts, candy and more.

Call (540) 921-1381, ext. 1.



# Restaurants, Food and Beverage

## AROUND TOWN

**The Bank Food and Drink:** Housed in a century-old bank building on Pearisburg's historic Main Street, The Bank Food and Drink serves seasonal American fare, combining classic ingredients with refined presentation and nostalgic influences. Whether dining in one of their unique private rooms or enjoying a more social evening in the restaurant, guests will savor craft beers, regional wines, and signature cocktails. 101 N Main St, Pearisburg. Call (540) 921-2981 or visit [www.thebankfoodanddrink.com](http://www.thebankfoodanddrink.com).

**Friends and Family Restaurant:** Located at 100 Woodland Drive, the Friends and Family Restaurant serves breakfast all day. It also has a full lunch and dinner menu. Located at 100 Woodland Dr, Pearisburg. Call (540) 921-4717 or visit [www.facebook.com/FriendsandFamilyRestaurant](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsandFamilyRestaurant).

**Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant:** Located in the Food Lion parking lot, Lucky Star offers a Chinese buffet -eat in or take out. Located at 316 N Main St, Pearisburg . Call (540) 921 2808. No website.

**La Barranca:** Located at 418 N Main St, La Barranca offers authentic Mexican style cuisine and a bar area. Eat in or take out. Call (540) 921-2323 or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/La-Barranca-Mexican-Grill/528612633820906](http://www.facebook.com/pages/La-Barranca-Mexican-Grill/528612633820906).

**Nagel's Downtown Grille:** Located at 100 S Main Street, Nagel's offers lunch daily in one of the historic buildings in downtown Pearisburg. Call (540) 921-2221 or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Nagels-Downtown-Grille-100-South-Main-Street-Pearisburg-VA-24134/504674532949729](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nagels-Downtown-Grille-100-South-Main-Street-Pearisburg-VA-24134/504674532949729)

**Campo Verde:** Located at 165 Kinter Way, Camp Verde offers a unique combination of Tex-Mex, Southwest & Texan Mexican and American food. Call (540) 922-8031.

**Papa's Pizzeria:** Located at 111 Tazewell Street, this family owned pizzeria offers salads, pizza, calzones and more. Call (540) 921-1333 or visit [www.facebook.com/PapasPizzeriaSubsInc](http://www.facebook.com/PapasPizzeriaSubsInc).

### Other Eateries in Pearisburg:

**Pizza Hut** 806 Wenonah Ave. (540) 921-1000.  
**Pizza Plus** 507 N Main St. (540) 921-3100.  
**Queen's Pizza** 144 Kinter Way. (540) 921-4321.  
**Dairy Queen** 503 N Main St. (540) 921-1476.  
**Hardee's** 528 N Main St. (540) 921-2503.  
**McDonalds** 1801 Wenonah Ave. (540) 921-3193.  
**Wendy's** 145 Kinter Way. (540) 921-3787.  
**J & J's Deli and Grocery** 2909 Pulaski Giles Tpke. (Route 100). (540) 921-0073.



## In the SPOTLIGHT:

### COOKING FRESH-GOING LOCAL

The Town of Pearisburg has established **Farm to Fork** cooking classes for residents and visitors to our community . These classes promote the use of locally and regionally grown food.

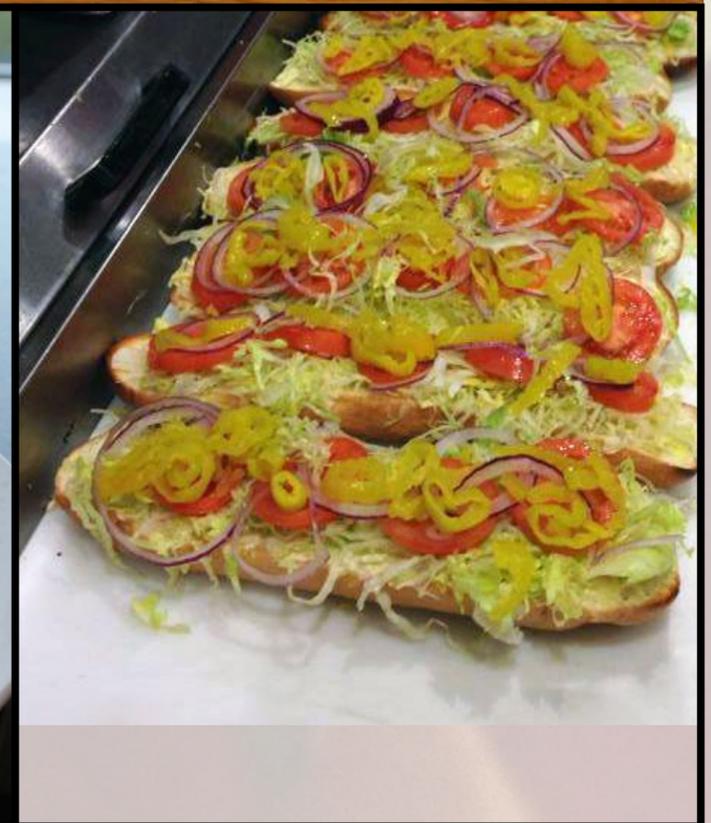
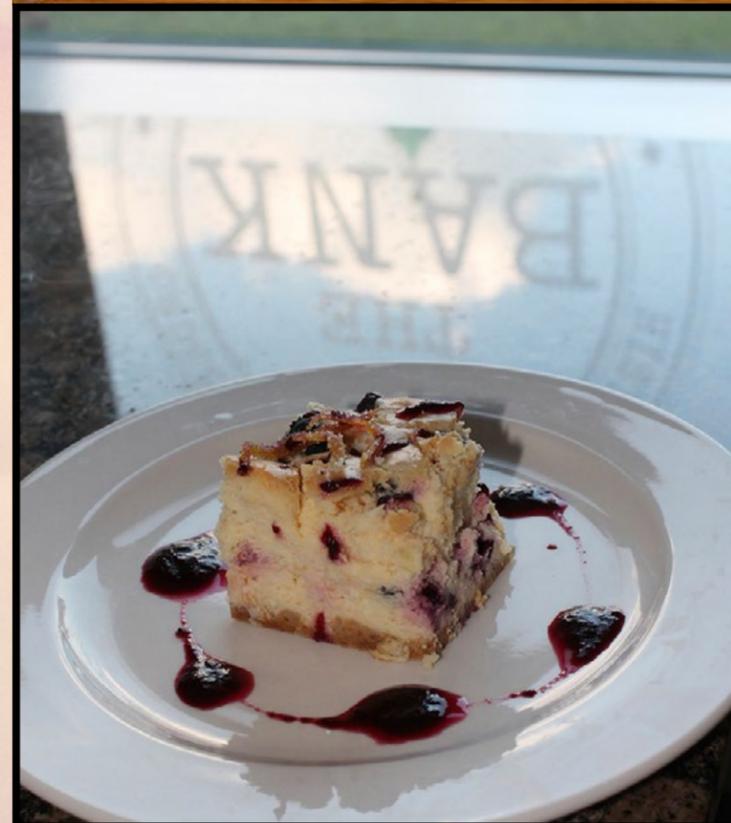
The audience that these classes serve are those who:

- Love to cook,
- Want to explore new cuisines,
- Want to improve their techniques and/or
- Want to learn more about healthy meal preparation.

For current class schedule, please visit <http://pearisburg.org/187/Farm-to-Fork> or call 921-0340.

**Cocktails and Conversations** is a monthly event offered at **The Bank Food and Drink** to promote direct conversation between

musicians, artists, writers, and specialty food purveyors and the public. The event occurs on the first Thursday at 6pm except for conflicts with holidays. For more information please visit the event page for The Bank Food and Drink at [www.thebankfoodanddrink.com/events](http://www.thebankfoodanddrink.com/events) or call 540-921-2981.



# Camping and Accommodations:

## AROUND TOWN

- **Inn at Riverbend-A Bed and Breakfast** is located on 125 River Ridge Dr.  
Call (540) 921-5211 or visit [www.innatriverbend.com](http://www.innatriverbend.com).
- **Giles Country Club - Rentals** located on 500 Fort Branch Rd.  
Call (540) 921-1099 or visit [www.gilescountryclub.com](http://www.gilescountryclub.com).
- **Holiday Motor Lodge and Hiker Dormitory** is located at 401 N Main St.  
Call (540) 921-1551 or visit [www.holidaylodgeva.net](http://www.holidaylodgeva.net).
- **Plaza Motel** is located on 415 N Main St  
Call (540) 921-2591.
- **Woods Hole Hostel & Mountain Retreat** is located at 3696 Sugar Run Rd.  
Call (540) 921- 3444 or visit [www.woodsholehostel.com](http://www.woodsholehostel.com).
- **Holy Family Hostel** is located at 516 Mason Court Dr.  
Call (540) 921-3547 or visit [www.richmonddiocese.org/parish/holy-family](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/parish/holy-family)
- **Whitt Riverbend Park** (campground) is located at 999 Ripplemead Road  
Call (540)-921-0340 or visit [www.pearisburg.org/184/Whitt-Riverbend-Park](http://www.pearisburg.org/184/Whitt-Riverbend-Park).
- **Walnut Flats Campground**  
Visit: [www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gwj/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=74007&actid=29](http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gwj/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=74007&actid=29)
- **White Cedar Horse Camp**  
Call (540) 552-4641 or visit: [www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/easterndivide/recreation/horses/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/easterndivide/recreation/horses/index.shtml)



## Virginia Living

The following Pearisburg businesses and organizations were recognized in the Virginia Living Magazine as the Best of Virginia 2014.

<b>Best Art Event:</b>	Giles Arts Council Art on the Lawn - 3rd
<b>Best Bed and Breakfast:</b>	Inn at Riverbend – 2nd
<b>Best Dessert:</b>	The Bank Food and Drink -3rd
<b>Best Overall Bar:</b>	The Bank Food and Drink – 3rd
<b>Best Overall Restaurant:</b>	The Bank Food and Drink -3rd
<b>Best Seafood Restaurant:</b>	The Bank Food and Drink - 2nd
<b>Best Steakhouse:</b>	The Bank Food and Drink - 2nd
<b>Most Creative Cocktail Menu:</b>	The Bank Food and Drink – 2nd



Pearisburg  
sample  
itineraries  
for visitors  
on their  
vacation



# 30 free or nearly free things to do when you visit

PEARISBURG



Note: all destinations, events and activities listed in the itineraries below are described in detail in this guide.

- The moon's reflection off the waters of the New River illuminate the shoreline as you place a toasted marshmallow between graham crackers and chocolate by a crackling fire at Whitt Riverbend Park.
- A short hike up a hillside trail takes you back in time, when the sounds of civil war muskets echoed through the valley and ferryboats still ferried passengers across the river. Located off the Appalachian Trail entrance just outside of Pearisburg, a short hike will lead you to the Pearis Cemetery, which includes the grave of Captain George Pearis, for whom the town is named. Follow up your hike with a visit to the Andrew Johnston House Museum.
- The graceful arch of your fishing line dances through the air as you cast your line into the rush of the water. The New River is regarded as one of the top smallmouth rivers in the country and one of the best overall fishing rivers in Virginia. It supports outstanding populations of just about every major freshwater game fish in the state.
- An artist's dream.... Tip your paintbrush into your pallet and create your own interpretation of the valleys below! A hike up Angels Rest and Wilburn Valley Outlook provides you with a beautiful landscape to transfer to your canvas or capture from your camera.
- The sun is sparkling, the temperatures soaring, and the day is ripe for lazing around. It's time to slip back onto your inner tube and softly push off the riverbank. The gentle current of the water catches you up and sends you meandering down the New River. A hawk spreads its wings and glides overhead, briefly casting a shadow. What a great way to spend your day - tubing, canoeing or kayaking along the New River.
- For the phone savvy enthusiasts, here's a chance to keep your phone on and still learn about our County. Play a treasure hunting game, geocaching, where you use a GPS to seek containers hidden in downtown Pearisburg.
- Looking for an Appalachian Trail experience combined with mountain retreat experience? Then start your journey here! Meander along Sugar Run Road, following the windy country path past old farms and scenic mountain vistas. As the road changes from paved to dirt, you'll feel the presence of a time when Indians were the main characters roaming the forest. Before you enter the National Forest and run into the Appalachian Trail, you'll find a farm in the making as well as a Hostel and Mountain Retreat for Appalachian Trail hikers known as Woods Hole Hostel. Stop by for a visit before continuing a few hundred more feet to the head of Sugar Run Road. Park at the fork and you'll find the Appalachian Trail on the right where you can enjoy a hike through the remote wilderness of Giles County.
- What better way to celebrate National Blueberry Month in July than taking the family out on a day trip to pick some berries? Start with breakfast or lunch in Pearisburg! Travel to a nearby farm and pick your own berries and take them home to make your favorite blueberry dessert! Here are just some of the local pick-your-own farms: Sinking Creek Farm, Bob's Blueberry Farm and Windrush Farm.
- Bring your binoculars, lace up your hiking boots, or just relax along the creek beds, or in the Jefferson National Forest or the Appalachian Trail. Birders and wildflower enthusiasts are sure to be

pleased by the viewing opportunities.

- Admire the simplicity of life in the past. Glen Alton is characterized by a gently rolling terrain and possesses a variety of scenic, natural and cultural resources including mountain views, wetlands, ponds and streams and the historic lodge, barns and caretaker's house which date back to the early 20th Century.
- Spend a day visiting one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Virginia- the Cascades. The 69 ft. waterfall crashes into a large pool surrounded by two hundred foot cliff walls from which large ice formations hang in the winter. The scene is both breathtaking and peaceful as the falls combine both power and beauty. The falls are also fairly easy to view, with wooden stairs and platforms on one side of the pool allowing a visitor to get very close to the falls as well as allowing a photographer many different angles for photographs.
- For a fun-filled family festival day where you can wander through an artisans bazaar, enjoy a variety of live music, participate in children's arts and learning activities, and connect with traditional Appalachian Culture there are a number of festivals and events for you not to miss!
- If you are looking for family fun that you can sink your teeth into, picking apples at Doe Creek Farm in Pembroke is a great opportunity to enjoy the countryside while filling your basket. They will be offering a variety of pick-your-own apples throughout the season in 2014
- Enjoy two days of Family and Farmin' Fun. The Village of Newport is home to the oldest Agricultural Fair in the state. The Newport Agricultural Fair was first organized in 1936 as an educational enterprise and is held on the second Friday and Saturday in August. Competitions for livestock, grains and grasses, fruits and vegetables, canning, sewing and flowers are a local favorite. Jousting and horse pulling are exciting events as well.
- Are you a foodie at heart? Want to cook at home or bring some fresh produce and vegetables back to your accommodations? Are you looking for a chance to advance your cooking skills? Sign-up for one of our innovative Farm to Fork cooking classes offered by the Town of Pearisburg.
- Looking for a unique cycling opportunity? Giles County has everything from rolling vistas to mountainous terrain, and numerous competitions for the serious cyclists. With over 2,400 acres on mountain trails, mountain bikes are available for a small fee at Mountain Lake Lodge in Pembroke.
- Is art your passion? There are many well-known artisans you can visit on site as well as a number of unique galleries and country stores to wander through. You can take a short walk through the Town of Pearisburg and enjoy one of 6 murals. Experience the past and present depicting the artistry and wonder of the best of Giles County. Come and explore!
- Preserved on the outside in its original stature, this bank serves up a diner's delight that will make you want to make a withdrawal from their cache! The plot of land where The Bank Food and Drink now stands started as a private residence in the mid 1800s. After changing hands a few times, the land and house were bought by The Bank of Giles on May 12, 1905 for a mere \$750. Today, the exterior having been preserved in its original state makes the building a significant component of the original 18 buildings in downtown Pearisburg placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building adorns an engraved brass plate designating its place on the National Registrar. Inside, the

walls support the artistry of local and regional artisans. Visit the Bank Food and Drink Cocktails and Conversations Program the first Thursday of each month at 6pm (except on holidays).

- A county filled with Civil War history, and all that's required is a vehicle for you to take a self-guided driving tour of the Civil War sites in Giles. Driving the back roads of Giles County, more evidence of our history is visible from the remnants of mills and iron furnaces, limestone quarries, ferry and bridge crossings, small communities, old farmsteads, and the railroad tracks running on both sides of the New River. Come explore our past and learn about typical small town Virginia! Driving maps are available through the Giles County Historical Society.

- Reminisce about transportation of the past as you explore the County's covered bridges. Giles County has three historic covered bridges – the most bridges still in existence of any county in the state. Newport, with its old homestead, beautiful scenery, seven pre-Civil War homes, and two of the three covered bridges in the county, has historic designation and is a delightful place to visit.

- Here's your chance to revisit 'having the time of your life' while getting a chance to create your own! Mountain Lake Lodge, home the 1986 movie "Dirty Dancing" featuring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey, sits on the top of the world and invites visitors to experience all of its history. Meander around the property, visit some of the film sites or browse through the Dirty Dancing Museum

- Take a walk back in time and visit the Giles Courthouse. Built in 1810, the Courthouse served as a hospital during the Civil War, where the cupola still shows scars created by musket balls during the skirmish held in the Town of Pearisburg. The government of Giles County was organized and set into motion in May of 1806. In the same month the court met to designate a place for a permanent seat of government. George Pearis offered the court 53 acres of land where they could build the public building and establish a town. He also offered the lumber and stone for their buildings. The court accepted his proposal, and the first courthouse was completed in 1810. By 1834, the county needed a new courthouse because the old one had severely deteriorated. The new courthouse was completed two years later and remains in regular use. The Giles County Courthouse was placed on the Department of Historic Resources register on the Virginia Landmark Registry on July 20, 1982 and on the National Registry of Historic Places on September 9, 1982.

- Seeking the high life? Want to feel the mountain fresh air rush against your face as you soar like an eagle? Try out Mountain Lake Lodge's new zip line and take a ride through the treetops. Get outdoors, challenge yourself, and experience the exhilaration of climbing, balancing, and zipping through the forest on an aerial adventure course! Sky bridges, standing swings, rope bridges, and zip lines offer a variety of challenges that are fun for everyone

- Golfers – don't get left out! Giles County has two golf courses for you to 'swing' to your heart's content! Enjoy the beauty and solitude of the tree lined fairways on a nine-hole golf course or visit an 18-hole golf course. Giles Country Club and Castle Rock Golf and Recreation. After golf, shower and change and enjoy a cocktail and dinner at The Bank Food and Drink, La Barranca, Campo Verde.

- A century ago, Eggleston was the hub of Giles County and drew visitors from all over the United States. They arrived by train (which still runs through the village) to enjoy its beauty and hot springs. Occupying what was formerly Pyne's General Store, The Palisades Restaurant recaptures the former charm and spirit of Eggleston. In addition to displaying memorabilia from the villages lively

past, The Palisades Restaurant retains the unique features of its Historic Landmark building, including exposed brick walls, pressed tin ceilings and hardwood floors. Enjoy music on The Palisades Late Night Stage-the last Thursday of every month at 8pm.

- When it's time to stock up on cooking spices or savor the taste of homemade ice cream, then it's time to take an excursion to Nature Way Country Store.

- Looking for a taste of Appalachian fine arts and culture? Then Giles County is the place to come! The Giles Arts Council hosts Art on the Lawn, an annual juried art festival and sale held in the fall. Twenty-four artists showcase their work on the lawn of the historic Giles County Courthouse lawn.

- The clang of a blacksmith hammer echoes through the mountains while the heat of a kiln melts glass that is molded into glimmering shapes. The artisans in Giles County work their magic by putting their heart and soul into each piece. The single melody of a handmade banjo shares a tapestry of mountain tales in traditional songs. The artisans on the Giles Trail have carved, molded, melded, painted and quilted unique and creative art that is found in the quaint hamlets scattered in the mountains and valleys.

**For more ideas watch the Off the Beaten Path video below.**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMt6OuhIC\\_s&list=UU62T0Ohu-ZgroF0QHI8HMTg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMt6OuhIC_s&list=UU62T0Ohu-ZgroF0QHI8HMTg)

**For additional visitor information contact:**

**Giles County Chamber of Commerce**

**203 N. Main Street**

**Pearisburg, VA 24134**

**(540) 921-5000**

[www.gileschamber.net](http://www.gileschamber.net)

# Fairs and Festivals

## Join us for the celebrations that take place throughout the year in Pearisburg and surrounding towns in Giles County

### JULY

**Narrows Homecoming Festival and Fireworks** from 10 AM – 10 PM at the Narrows Town Park.

The 64th Annual Homecoming Festival provides music throughout the day with a featured band in the evening. Basketball and volleyball tournaments beginning at 10 AM. Karaoke, inflatables, face painting, kid's games, and a variety of foods will be available throughout the day. Water sports and contests. On the 4th, the evening program begins at 7 and fireworks start at 10 PM. Contact Wayne Gautier at (540)-726-2961 or visit [www.townofnarrows.org](http://www.townofnarrows.org).

**July 4th Weekend Fun!** At Mountain Lake Lodge 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Free Live Music, refreshments available, and a professional fireworks show over the lake! Call (540) 626-7121 or visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com).

**Theater Arts Camp for Kids (T.A.C.K.)** - LoCo Arts and the Giles Arts Council offer T.A.C.K., Jr. at the Eastern Elementary School. Participants will learn basic acting and speaking skills, experientially practicing through theater-based games and exercises. The camp will also focus on the parts of a play - working together under the guidance of experienced instructors to put on a live performance at the end of the week. Contact [tacie@loco-arts.org](mailto:tacie@loco-arts.org) or call (703)-431-8586 or visit [www.loco-arts.org/current-workshops](http://www.loco-arts.org/current-workshops).

**Sundown Showdown Competition at Mountain Lake Lodge.** Racers can choose to race as individuals or as a team (one partner biking and the second running). This is a challenging course on rocky, mountaintop terrain including fern-lined single track trail and gravel forest roads. The course is an 8-mile mountain bike route followed by a 5K-foot race. Call (540)-626-7121 or email [events@mtnlakelodge.com](mailto:events@mtnlakelodge.com).

### AUGUST

**Early Bird Golf Tournament**- Join in the fun at this fundraiser event for the Giles County Chamber of Commerce. Contact Cathy Clark at 540-239-9215.

**Newport Agricultural Fair**, at the Recreation Center on Zells Mill Road in Newport, is an oldie but a goodie festival. Established in 1936, it is the oldest continuous agricultural fair in Virginia. It offers agricultural activities, kid stuff, a pet show, horse show, great food and fireworks on Saturday night. Other activities include baking, sewing, arts and crafts, children's games and a beauty pageant. Two days of family and farmin' fun. Don't be afraid to get dirty! Call Betsy Sarver: (540) 544-7832 or visit [www.newportagriculturalfair.com](http://www.newportagriculturalfair.com)

**Burkes Garden Century Imperial Century Ride** - Ride leaves from the Narrows Community Center (Old Narrows High School) and travels along Wolf Creek up to Rocky Gap. Participants continue to Tazwell and climb over Rich Mountain into Burkes Garden where local cuisine is served at the Burkes Garden General Store. Enjoy a gentle downhill cruise back to Narrows. A 1% grade for 40 miles! This is a New River Valley Bicycle Association ride. It is 100 miles. This is a New River Valley Bicycle Association ride. Contact Mark Lattanzi at [marklattanzi@gmail.com](mailto:marklattanzi@gmail.com) or visit [www.nrvbike.com](http://www.nrvbike.com).

**Burkes Garden Century Metric Century Ride**- Ride leaves from the Rocky Gap Elementary School at 9:15 AM where they join Imperial Century bike riders (see above). It is 100km. This is a New River Valley Bicycle Association ride. Contact Mark Lattanzi at [marklattanzi@gmail.com](mailto:marklattanzi@gmail.com) or visit [www.nrvbike.com](http://www.nrvbike.com).

**The Palisades Restaurant Cooking and Hospitality Camp** -Contact [tacie@loco-arts.org](mailto:tacie@loco-arts.org) or call (703)-431-8586. You can also visit [www.loco-arts.org/current-workshops](http://www.loco-arts.org/current-workshops) or call the Palisades Restaurant at (540) 626-2828.

# SEPTEMBER

**Rich Creek Merchants Autumnfest** - Features all day entertainment: on stage, arts and crafts, demonstrations, dog show, bingo, children's games and rides. It is held at the Rich Creek Town Park. Call Sue Bradley (540)-726-2785.

**Tour De Wolf Creek** is a moderate level bike race approximately 53 miles round trip. Participants can ride as much of the trip as they wish. Call Wolf Creek Ruritan Club (540) 726-2638 or visit <http://tourdewolfcreek.org>.

**"End of Summer Blues" Music Festival** is from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Gazebo and Front Lawn at Mountain Lake Lodge. Visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com) or call (540)-626-7121.

**Appalachia Harvest Festival** is from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Mountain Lake Lodge. Fun for the whole family! Featured activities will include an Artisan's Bazaar with live demonstrations and learning opportunities, children's arts and activities, a variety of live music, and outdoor excitement at Mountain Lake Treetop Adventures. Visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com) or call (540)-626-7121.

**ReNew The New's "Fall Into The New"** river clean up activities are held every September. ReNew The New is a volunteer organization made up of Giles Conservation, Law and County officials; outfitters, and citizens committed to stewardship of the 37 miles of the New River flowing through Giles County. ReNew welcomes anyone interested in protecting and renewing the beautiful New River. Call (540)-921-2525 or visit [www.renewthenew.org](http://www.renewthenew.org)

**Family Hiking Day:** In conjunction with National Public Lands Day (usually the last Saturday in September), the Appalachian Trail Conservancy coordinates guided family hikes and family-friendly events along the Appalachian Trail (AT) as part of Family Hiking Day! Volunteers from A.T. Clubs and A.T. Communities all the way from Georgia to Maine offer opportunities for people of all ages and hiking abilities to get outside and experience the adventure of being active on the Trail. For a list of guided hikes, family-friendly hikes to try, and games, activities and suggestions for hiking with children, visit [www.appalachiantrail.org/who-we-are/events/2013/02/05/family-hiking-day](http://www.appalachiantrail.org/who-we-are/events/2013/02/05/family-hiking-day).

**Autumn Harvest Dinner** – Join the chefs at The Palisades Restaurant as they prepare a 6-course, wine paired extravaganza with local farm produce. Visit [www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com](http://www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com) or call (540) 626-2828.

# OCTOBER

**Giles Little Theater Productions** – Contact Chairperson/Director/Call Susan Marie Gordon at (540)-358-0458 or visit [www.gileslittletheater.com](http://www.gileslittletheater.com).

**Lord's Acre Sale** in Pearisburg is always on the 1st Saturday in October at the Pearisburg Community Center. This sale features homemade jams, breads, pies, and arts and crafts.

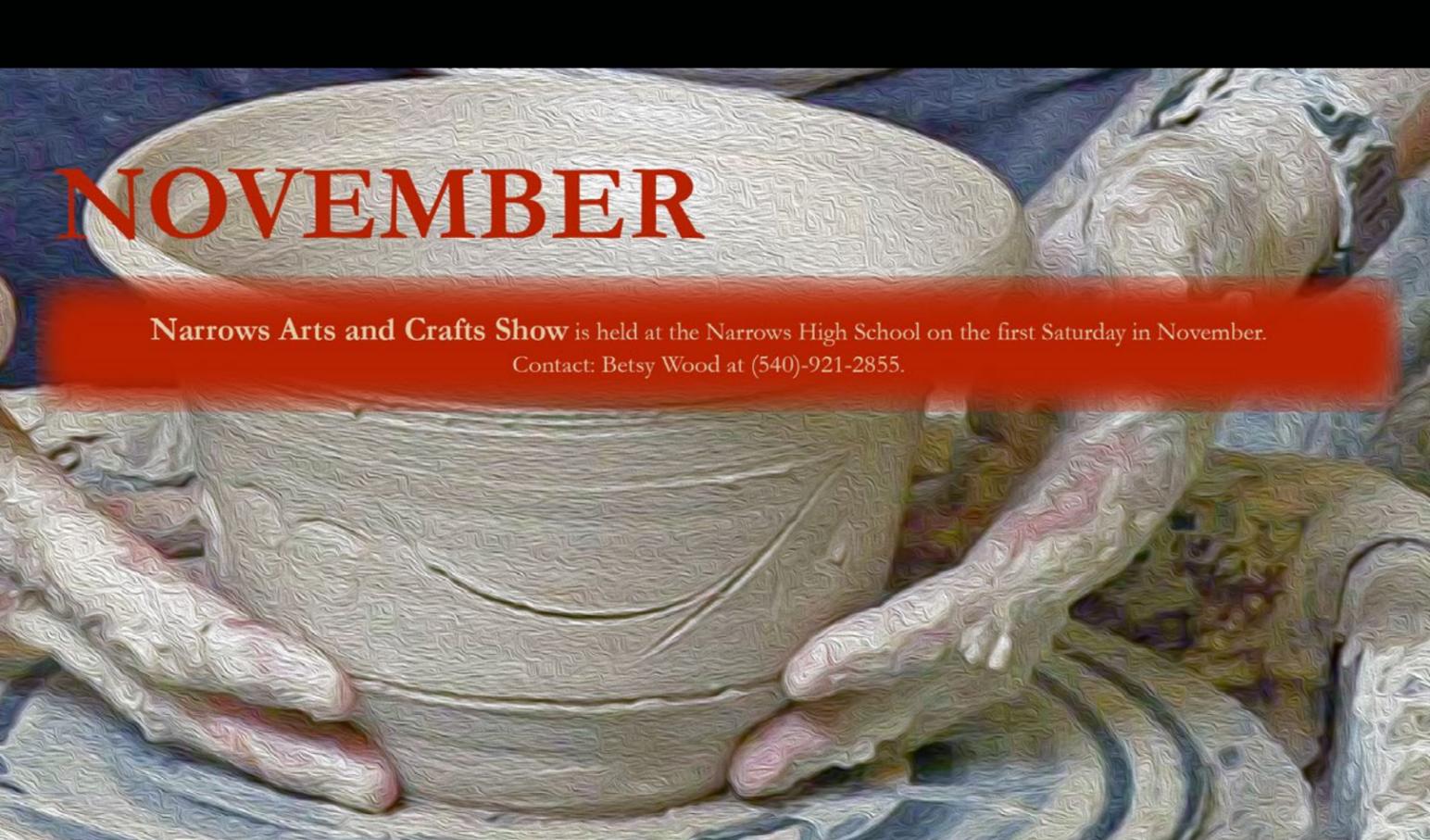
**Giles High School Homecoming Parade** – Contact Mitch Reed at Giles High School for more information. Call (540)-921-1711.

**Art on the Lawn** - Giles Arts Council's annual juried art festival and sale. Twenty-four artists will converge on the lawn of the historic Giles County Courthouse around 7 a.m. on Saturday morning to prepare for the day. Artists will be displaying paintings, sculpture, pottery, fine art jewelry, textiles and more. Call Betty Herbert (540)-921-1221 or visit the event on Facebook.

**Pembroke Heritage Festival** - Historic costumes, cook-offs, food, arts and crafts, demonstrations, Appalachian skill games, live music, and a pet show hosted by the Giles Animal Rescue. Call Brenda Williams: (540) 626-7772 or visit [www.pembrokeheritagefestival.com](http://www.pembrokeheritagefestival.com).

**Adult Halloween Costume Event at Mountain Lake Lodge.** A special evening event for adults! Come dressed in your Halloween Best to enjoy dancing with a DJ, special refreshments, and décor! Call (540)-626-7121 or visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com).

**Annual Fireman's Parade** – This parade is usually the first Saturday in October. Call Chief Rusty Stump at (540)-921-1377.



# NOVEMBER

**Narrows Arts and Crafts Show** is held at the Narrows High School on the first Saturday in November.  
Contact: Betsy Wood at (540)-921-2855.



# FEBRUARY

**Annual Riverview Baptist Church Sportsman's Banquet**- Call [rivbapch@pemtel.net](mailto:rivbapch@pemtel.net).



# DECEMBER

**Mistletoe and Music** is Giles Art Council's annual fundraiser – Call Denise Hale Blakeney at (540)-921-4430 or visit [www.gilesartscouncil.org](http://www.gilesartscouncil.org).

**Pearisburg Festival of Christmas Trees** -Visit trees decorated at the Pearisburg Municipal Building by various clubs and businesses. Call Hope Harrell at (540)-921-1222.

**Pearisburg Christmas Parade** – This parade is usually held on the first Sunday in December. Call (540)-921-2955.

**Breakfast with Santa and Christmas in Olde Towne** is scheduled in December in Pearisburg. Call (540) 921-0340.



# MARCH

**Giles Little Theater Productions** – For a schedule of what is playing, call Susan Marie Gordon- (540)-358-0458 or visit [www.gileslittletheater.com](http://www.gileslittletheater.com).

**Celebrity Chef Tour** – Join the Palisades Restaurant for their annual culinary event with The James Beard Foundation. Call (540) 626-2828 or visit [www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com](http://www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com).

**ReNew The New's "Ramps N Roads"** boat ramps and road clean up activities are held in the end of in March. ReNew The New is a volunteer organization made up of Giles Conservation, Law and County officials; outfitters, and citizens committed to stewardship of the 37 miles of the New River flowing through Giles County. ReNew welcomes anyone interested in protecting and renewing the beautiful New River. Call (540)-921-2525 or visit [www.renewthenew.org](http://www.renewthenew.org)

# APRIL

**Garlic Mustard Pull** – Located at the Cascades Park in the Jefferson National Forest in Pembroke, the garlic mustard pull is one way you can contribute time to help improve the Cascades ecosystem. Call the Eastern Divide Ranger Station at (540) 552-4641 or visit [www.gilescounty.org](http://www.gilescounty.org).

**Apple Grafting and Orchard Mason Bee House Workshop** – Located at the Glen Alton Park this annual workshop is offered from 10-12 on one Saturday in April. Call the Eastern Divide Ranger Station (540) 552-4641 or visit [www.gilescounty.org](http://www.gilescounty.org).

**Wolf Creek Heritage Music Festival** includes bluegrass, old time and gospel music in affiliation with The Crooked Road. Call the Wolf Creek Ruritans at (540) 726-2638 or visit [www.gilescounty.org](http://www.gilescounty.org).

**Hell Climb 10K** is from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Mountain Lake Lodge in Pembroke. The Hell Climb 10K is a 6.2-mile hill climb from the base of Mountain Lake to the cool clear air at the summit. Runners will ascend more than 2,200 feet as they follow Mountain Lake Road, which has an average grade of 10%. There is no course record...yet. Visit [www.triaventure.com/the-hell-climb/](http://www.triaventure.com/the-hell-climb/)

**Eastern Elementary School Arts and Crafts Show** in Pembroke provides shoppers with a wide selection of gifts to choose from. Call Sandy Fisher – 540-626-7281. You can also visit the Facebook page.

**EGG-Stravaganza** at Mountain Lake Lodge. Bring your child to this free event. Activities include a GIANT Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny himself! Call (540)-626-7121.

**Pearisburg Easter Egg Hunt** at the Pearisburg Community Center. Bring your child to this free event. Activities include an Easter Egg Hunt, coloring eggs and crafts. The Easter Bunny hops in for a visit and photos. Call (540)-921-2955.

# MAY

**Kids Fishing Day** – Fish in Pandapas Pond from 8-12. Contact Eastern Divide Ranger Station (540) 552-4641 or visit [www.gilescounty.org](http://www.gilescounty.org).

**Glen Alton Jamboree and Children's Tea Party** at Glen Alton from 2-5. Call Eastern Divide Ranger Station (540) 552-4641 or visit [www.gilescounty.org](http://www.gilescounty.org).

**Kid's Fishing Day** – Fish in Wolf Creek during this community and family friendly fishing day in Narrows. Call (540) 726-2423.

**7th Annual BrewRidge Music & Craft Beer Festival** is from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Mountain Lake Lodge. Authentic Appalachian "LIVE" Music and local brews, food, music, and fun all day. Featuring local breweries and Virginia wineries. Call Mountain Lake Lodge at (540)-626-7121 or visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com).

**17th Annual Mountains of Misery** is from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM at the Salt Pond Stables, at Mountain Lake Lodge. It is a challenging bike ride for dedicated road cyclists through the heart of southwest Virginia. The annual timed event features century (100+ mi) and double-metric century (200 km/124+ mi) options—both ending in a tough, four-mile 12%–16% graded climb to the finish. Visit <http://www.mtnlakelodge.com>.

**Spring Up Wolf Creek Bike Ride** – This moderate bike trek is held in Narrows at 12 noon. Take your pick of approximately a 20 mile, 32 mile or a 42 mile round trip ride, or you can ride as much of the course that you want. Enjoy the spring foliage and the serene ride along Wolf Creek nestled in the Alleghany Mountains. Sponsored by the Narrows Lions Club. Proceeds from the ride will go to support sight conservation, provide glasses for the needy, and help our community. Call Robert Elliott at [bobcathy3@verizon.net](mailto:bobcathy3@verizon.net).

**Arts Ardor-Celebrating Student Art** – This May Art Show is at Carilion Giles Community Hospital. It displays winners from school art shows (Giles County Public Schools and Jefferson Christian Academy). Call Giles Arts Council - Denise Hale Blakeney at (540)-921-4430.

# JUNE

**Come Outside and Play Children's Event** at Glen Alton. Call Eastern Divide Ranger Station (540) 552-4641 or visit [www.gilescounty.org](http://www.gilescounty.org).

**Relay for Life** is held on Friday, at the end of June, at the Giles High School track. Call either Kim Woodyard (540) 921-4512, Hope Harrell (540) 599-1034 or visit [www.relayforlife.org/gilesva](http://www.relayforlife.org/gilesva).

**Pearisburg Festival in the Park** is held the third weekend in June at the Pearisburg Community Center. All day entertainment, children's rides, food concessions, games, displays, demonstrations, exhibits and arts and crafts. Call Hope Harrell (540) 921-1222 or visit [www.pearisburg.org](http://www.pearisburg.org).

**Pearisburg 5K Run** check in time is 7 am at the Pearisburg Fire Department on the third Saturday of the month. Race starts at 8:00 am. Cash awards will be presented to the top male and female overall finishers. Prizes are also available for the following age groups: 15 & under, 16 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 40, 41 to 50, 51 to 60, 61 to 70 and 71, and older. Pick up entry form at Town of Pearisburg administration office on Tazewell Street or register online at [www.pearisburg.org](http://www.pearisburg.org). Call (540)-921-1222.

**Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention** is held at the Newport Recreation Center in Newport. This festival honors the life and music of local old-time fiddler Henry Reed and is proud to announce that 2014 is it's twelfth year! The Henry Reed Memorial Fiddlers Convention is an official Crooked Road Affiliated Festival. Call 540-921-0166 or visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Henry-Reed-Memorial-Fiddlers-Convention/441397180132](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Henry-Reed-Memorial-Fiddlers-Convention/441397180132).

**National Trails Day** at Mountain Lake Lodge provides outdoor, nature and family activities designed around the trails. Contact (540)-626-7121 or visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com).

**Full Moon Adventure** at Mountain Lake Treetops Adventure Course. Hike through the woods, and join in the fun at an exclusive nighttime aerial adventure course tour. A bonfire and refreshments follow this event. Call (540)-626-7121 or visit [www.mtnlakelodge.com](http://www.mtnlakelodge.com).

**Eastern Divide Ultra 50K** is a point-to-point; beginning at the falls of the Cascades and ending at Mountain Lake. Cash prizes and handmade trophies are presented to the top runners. Visit [www.easterndivideultra.com/](http://www.easterndivideultra.com/).

**Naturalist Series: Birds & Blooms** from 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM at the Mountain Lake Conservancy. Program activities include morning birding, a special session featuring the ruby-throated hummingbird, and nocturnal sights and sounds of Appalachian summer. Contact [MLC@MtnLakeLodge.com](mailto:MLC@MtnLakeLodge.com).

**The Palisades Restaurant Father's Day Bash** – Music, food, games and fun. Every Father's Day from 11:00am – 8:00pm. Call (540) 626-2828 or go to [www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com](http://www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com).

**The Palisades Cooking and Hospitality Camp** - Last Full Week in June - Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Children learn all the essentials of food, cooking, and service. Ages: 7-15. Call (540) 626-2828 or go to [www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com](http://www.thepalisadesrestaurant.com).