UNIQUE JURIED ARTS & CRAFTS
A $3 admission charge includes a collectible keychain & covers access to the Arts & Crafts Shows in the gyms, as well as noon entertainment. Ages 12 & under are free!
Saturdays: 9 am - 5 pm • Sundays: 9 am - 4 pm
MONTEREY: Highland High & Elementary School Gyms, Courthouse Lawn, & “Ernie’s Lot” on Main Street
MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building

ENTERTAINMENT
MONTEREY: The Highland Center off Spruce Street
Sponsored by The Highland County Arts Council
Saturday, March 12
Southern Rail Express (Bluegrass) • Noon • $3 or keychain access
Scuffletown (Acoustic High Energy Duo) • 7 pm • $10
Sunday, March 13
Tol’able David Movie Showing • Noon • $3 or keychain access
Saturday, March 19
Square Dance Workshops • Noon • 2 pm • $3 or keychain access
Square Dance with callers Ellen & Eugene Ratcliffe, with music by Juanita Fireball & The Continental Drifters • 7 pm • $5
Sunday, March 20
Little Switzerland Cloggers • Noon • $3 or keychain access

PANCAKE & BUCKWHEAT MEALS
Blue Grass: Blue Grass Ruritan Building • 7:30 am - 3 pm, Blue Grass Valley Road, seven miles north of Monterey
Bolar: Bolar Ruritan Club • 7 am • 2 pm, 15 miles south of Monterey at the intersection of Rt. 220 & Rt. 607
MCDOWELL: Stonewall Ruritan Building • 7 am • 4 pm, Intersection of Rt. 250 & Bullpasture River Road (Rt. 678)
MONTEREY: Highland County Public Schools • 8 am • 4 pm, Myers-Moon Road off Rt. 250

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST
BLUE GRASS
Blue Grass Mercantile • Brunswick stew, hot food, maple products
MCDOWELL
Grant’s Grocery • Homemade chicken salad, country ham, goodies
Highland County Museum • All new Battle of McDowell
Orientation Center, Highland County history exhibits
Mountain Oasis • Maple-cinnamon buns, deli, fuel • Closed Sundays

MEADOWDALE
The Church at the Old Oak • Arts & crafts, food
MONTEREY
Big Fish Cider, Co. • Award-winning local cider & tasting room
Claire’s Cake Co • Hot food, baked goods, coffee
Fantastic Finds • Thrift store filled with local wonders
Fast Break • 24-hour fuel, fresh fried chicken, pizza
Guthshall’s Exxon • 24-hour fuel, propane
Jenny Wren Gatherings • Eclectic treasures
Rockingham Cooperative • Farm store • Closed Sundays
The Blanchard Gallery • Treasures & local art
The Gallery of Highland • Selling local art & books all year
The Highland Center • Entertainment, local art, Visitor Center
Twice is Nice • Gently-used clothing for the whole family

RESTAURANTS
The Curly Maple: Restored general store, gourmet coffee, lunch specials, local goods • Across from Monterey Courthouse
High’s Restaurant: Buffet, all-you-can-eat pancakes & buckwheat cakes, trout, & more • Monterey Main Street
Hull’s Hideaway Restaurant & Tavern: Maple pork BBQ & tenderloin, pancakes & buckwheat cakes, trout • Monterey, Corner of Rt. 250 & Rt. 220

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March 12-13 & 19-20, 2022
Real Maple Sugar Camps
Unique Arts & Crafts Vendors
Delicious Food
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2023 DATES: MARCH 11-12 & 18-19
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Since 1959, visitors have been drawn to Highland County to tour real maple sugar camps for a cultural and culinary adventure! In 1999, The Library of Congress designated the Highland County Maple Festival a Local Legacy. In 2014, the Governor of Virginia signed a bill into law designating the festival as the official maple festival of Virginia.

Experience the tradition by traveling throughout our rural mountain community for free sugar camp tours, pancake and buckwheat cake meals, famous Maple Doughnuts, unique vendors, live entertainment, and many memories. Layered clothing and boots are recommended, as weather can vary in March. Have fun at our COUNTY-WIDE festival! During the event, pick up an official map at various locations around the county, and watch for signs to guide you. Tune in to WVLS 89.7 for up-to-date festival info.

**TONOLOWAY FARM**
9943 Highland Turnpike, McDowell
Located on the steep slopes of Bullpasture Mountain, Tonoloway Farm is famous for tapping black walnut trees in addition to producing hickory syrup and classic maple syrup for a diverse taste of our Appalachian forests. Tonoloway’s unique new sugaring workshop is constructed of heavy timbers from the surrounding forests, and visitors are welcome to hike on the farm and enjoy panoramic mountain views over McDowell. Limited parking is available on-site, with plenty of additional parking along Rt. 250 for those ready to enjoy a short hike to the sugarcamp.

**SUGAR TREE COUNTRY STORE**
185 Mansion House Road, McDowell
Located near the center of McDowell, this operation employs a modern reverse osmosis concentrator and oil-fired evaporator. Informational tours are given all day, with antique maple-producing tools on display. This country store features gifts, maple products, apple butter, birch syrup, pottery, jams, cookbooks, old-fashioned homemade bar soap, handmade rugs, and much more. Closed Sundays.

**EAGLE’S SUGAR CAMP**
5503 Jack Mountain Road, Doe Hill
Follow signs to Eagle's Sugar Camp, located north of McDowell (off Rt. 654 on Jack Mountain Road) in Doe Hill. Syrup producers for more than 200 years, the Eagles still use open-pan, wood-fired evaporators, as well as the latest advanced computerized oil-fired evaporators. Observe sugar water collected in buckets. Browse local arts & crafts, local honey, maple products, buckwheat, cornmeal, and baked goods. Enjoy home-cooked food, as well as Maple-glazed and Maple Bavarian Doughnuts.

**SOUTHERNMOST MAPLE**
7738 Big Valley Road, Bolar
Located 15 miles south of Monterey on Rt. 607 (off Rt. 220 on Big Valley Road,) sugar water is gathered with hundreds of buckets and miles of plastic tubing that funnel the sugar water into a playback evaporator. A rustic country store carries maple products, flour, honey, jellies, and baked goods. Food includes maple pit-cooked BBQ, Maple Doughnuts, and pork skins. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner with inside seating, vendors and crafts, free fishing pond for kids, and bluegrass music at noon on Saturdays. Food options are available Fridays. There are indoor restrooms. Closed Sundays.

**REXRODE’S SUGAR ORCHARD**
1564 Maple Sugar Road, Monterey
Located north of Highland on Rt. 637 (Maple Sugar Road), Rexrode’s Sugar Orchard features large maple trees over 200-years-old. The Rexrodes use the wood-fired “open pan” system of evaporation with miles of plastic tubing to gather the sugar water for their maple products.

**PUFFENBARGER'S SUGAR ORCHAND**
17 Maple Syrup Lane, Blue Grass
On Rt. 637 (Maple Sugar Road) southwest of Blue Grass is Puffenbarger's Sugar Orchard. A vacuum pump is used to increase the flow of sugar water, and miles of plastic tubing make it easier to gather. The process of maple syrup-making is started by reverse osmosis and finished by oil-fired evaporators. Maple Doughnuts, syrup, and other food available.

**DUFF’S SUGAR HOUSE**
3118 Mill Gap Road, Monterey
Located at Fair Lawn Farm southwest of Monterey (4 miles south on Rt. 220, then 3 miles west on Rt. 84), Duff’s Sugar House is a small, family-run old-time sugarhouse where the trees are still "opened" by hand and the sugar water collected in buckets. Cooking is done in a wood-fired open pan and finished in an iron kettle. Hands-on participation is encouraged. Tours are held all day.

**MILL GAP FARMS**
2760 Mill Gap Road, Monterey
Located within sight of Duff’s Sugar House, Mill Gap Farms is the first and only producer in Virginia certified organic by the USDA. Anything but old fashioned, they utilize the latest technology from Vermont and Quebec to produce excellent syrup. At the farm, you can visit Merino, Finn, and Suffolk sheep along with chickens and alpacas. Enjoy maple cotton candy and a view of the southern Blue Grass Valley. Also, catch their booth at the Highland Elementary School. Tours are held all day.

**BACK CREEK FARMS**
7781 Upper Back Creek Road, Monterey
New for 2022! Back Creek Farms is a 5th generation maple syrup business which has maintained traditions but added a modern twist! Using both traditional and newer methods, they not only produce pure maple syrup, but they also create infusions and barrel-aged varieties. Tastings are always available. Enjoy watching sugar water flow through tubing and into buckets around the sugar house, browse their gift shop, and walk along beautiful Back Creek. Food and craft vendors are available onsite. Meals are available.

**LAUREL FORK SAPSUCKERS**
10677 Mountain Turnpike, Hightown
Located 10 miles west of Monterey on Rt. 250 off Clay Hise Lane, Laurel Fork Sapsuckers is a family-run sugar camp and Virginia’s 2019 Tree Farm of the Year recipient. Enjoy a 3/4 mile loop trail with interpretative signs explaining maple syrup research projects and forest management practices used to increase syrup yields. View various wood-fired methods of evaporating sugar water into maple syrup, including traditional and modern. Food is available with vegetarian options, as well as maple syrup, infused syrups, maple vinegar, honey, ramp salt, and apple butter. Free samples are available. Informational tours are held all day.

**ADDITIONAL SUGAR STOPS**
Bruce’s Syrup & Candies - Main Street, Monterey
Frostmore Farm - Courthouse Lawn, Monterey

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Can’t make it to the Maple Festival? Need your syrup fix year-round? Discover the Virginia Maple Syrup Trail at virginiamaplesyrup.com! (Not valid March 7 - 20, 2022)