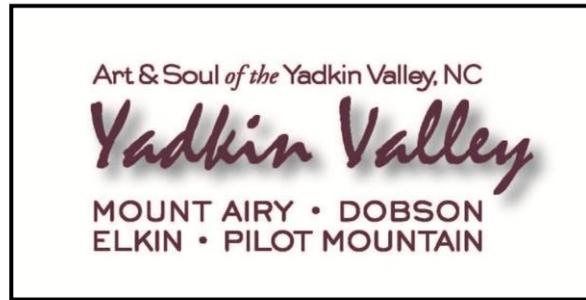


Yadkin Valley story ideas from Surry County

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Surry County Wine Trail Showcases 15 Wineries

A new trail makes it easier for visitors to navigate their way through the heart of North Carolina's Yadkin Valley wine country. The Surry County Wine Trail debuted this year with a full-color brochure map highlighting 15 wineries in and around Surry County, along with five breweries and distilleries. The trail brochure details the types of grapes grown in the Yadkin Valley, along with info about lodging in wine country and a listing of annual events.

www.YadkinValleyNC.com

Stars Come Out for Mayberry Days

Celebrate all things Mayberry during the 29th annual Mayberry Days, Sept. 24-30 in Mount Airy. This year's special guests include Betty Lynn (Thelma Lou), Maggie Mancuso (Charlene Darling) and Keith Thibodeaux, who appeared on a dozen episodes as Johnny Paul Jason, and also played Little Ricky on I Love Lucy. Other activities include a salute to Jim Nabors, trivia contest, pie eating contest, Mayberry Days parade, Colonel Tim's Talent Time, and a Don Knotts tribute by his daughter, Karen.



www.MayberryDays.com



Art Deco Theater Given New Life

A four-year restoration has given Elkin's Reeves Theater new life as a music venue and café. The stately art deco theater has seating for 252 and focuses on Americana, roots and bluegrass music. Concerts take place Fridays and Saturdays, with future plans to include Thursdays. The Reeves originally opened as a 700-seat movie theater in 1941. It evolved into the Elk Twin and operated until 1994, at which point it was shuttered for nearly a quarter century.

www.ReevesTheater.com

Enjoy a Dozen Tastings with the Surry Winter Wine (& Beer) Passport

The wineries of Surry County, plus a couple breweries, join forces again this winter for a passport tasting program. The Winter Wine & Beer Passport allows folks to sample their way through the Yadkin Valley. These passports provide tastings at 10 wineries and two craft breweries from Nov. 23 thru March 16, 2019. In addition to 12 tastings, participants receive a keepsake gift and special discounts at more than 20 restaurants, hotels and merchants. Passport prices are \$54 for individuals and \$89 for couples through Nov. 22.



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Town Becomes Vintage Market Nov. 10

The Pilot View Vintage Market transforms downtown Pilot Mountain into an antiques marketplace featuring more than 60 vendors interspersed with Main Street businesses. Vendors offer a variety of merchandise, such as antique furniture, jewelry, home and yard decor, artisan soaps, turned wood pieces and other handcrafted items. Food trucks, too.

www.VisitPilotMountain.com

Winemaking Comes Full Circle at Shelton

Ethan Brown's recent hire as winemaker at Shelton Vineyards fulfills a vision of winery owners Charlie & Ed Shelton. When the brothers started the winery in 1999, the Yadkin Valley was in its infancy and they to turn elsewhere for talent. So, they donated funds for a winemaking school at Surry Community College and Brown is a graduate of that program. "Our vision has come full circle with Ethan," said Charlie Shelton. The winery hosts a meet the winemaker event on Sept. 29.



www.SheltonVineyards.com



Groups Mingle with Nature at Non-Profit Farm

Field trip opportunities for the young – and young at heart – are available year-round at Minglewood Farm & Nature Preserve in Surry County. Minglewood is a 65-acre experiential learning facility focused on sustainable food production and the environment. Its mission is to lure people away from the digital world via field trips, classroom programs, workshops and events.

www.MinglewoodPreserve.org
