

# THE RED FEATHER GUIDE

## WEEKLY EVENTS IN UPPER TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY



Popular legend has it that "Toxaway" is the anglicized version of the Cherokee phrase "ta ha wey" meaning land of the red bird

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### THIS WEEK: JANUARY 15-21, 2025

#### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15



Visit the Transylvania County Library from 10:30am-Noon for free **Career Advice** from an advisor with the NCWorks Career Center in the Reference Area (1st floor). Learn how to fill out job applications, create a resume, interviewing skills and more. Available on alternate Wednesdays through May 15. 828-884-3151 <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/event/career-assistance-at-the-ncworks-outpost/2025-01-15/>

**Living in the Mountains** is a five-part educational series exploring the unique challenges and opportunities of living in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Part one is: Understanding Wells & Septic Systems. 12-1pm. 828-884-3151 <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/event/living-in-the-mountains-understanding-wells-septic-systems/>



The Forks of the River Taproom at Headwaters Outfitters hosts **Wednesday Night Darts** from 6:30-8:30pm. Cricket Doubles, Draw teams; food truck onsite. 828-877-3106 [headwatersoutfitters.com](http://headwatersoutfitters.com)

#### THURSDAY JANUARY 16

The **World Affairs Book Club** meets 10-11:30am on the third Thursday of most months in the Connestee Conference Room at the Transylvania County Library. Open to all and a welcoming space to learn, connect, and become more informed global citizens. 828-884-3151 <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/event/world-affairs-book-club/2025-01-16/>



Socialize and exercise at the FREE **Chair Exercise Class** on Mondays and Thursdays at 1pm at the Quebec Community Center (sponsored by Oak Grove Baptist Church). All welcome! 828-862-4466

Meet up with genealogy enthusiasts every third Thursday of the month at the Transylvania County Library for a **Family History Mini-Workshop+ Social Hour**. The first fifteen minutes are dedicated to a specific family history research resource, then enjoy social time to share your finds, frustrations, and family history journey of discovery. 1pm. This month's topic: Immigration Records. 828-884-3151 <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/event/3rd-thursday-genealogy-meetup-january-immigration-records/>



PARI hosts **Private Guided Gallery Tours** today at 3pm. 828-862-5554 <https://www.pari.edu/calendar/>

The Transylvania Community Arts Council hosts its monthly **Third Thursday Open Mic**. All ages are welcome to read genres including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, slam and hybrid works. All writers are welcome to read and the public is welcome to listen and also enjoy the Arts Council's current exhibit. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. and the presentation opens at 6:30 p.m. Each writer has four minutes to present their work and the moderator will sound a chime to signal when time is up. The Arts Council is located at 349 S. Caldwell St. in Brevard. 828-444-2787 [www.tcarts.org](http://www.tcarts.org)



#### FRIDAY JANUARY 17

Stop in for a free **Yoga Class** at the Transylvania County Library, every Friday. Open to the public in the library's amphitheater from 9:30-10:30am, with instructor Clare Desmelik. Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel, plenty of water and sun protection like a hat and sunscreen. No alternate rain location but class will continue in a light sprinkle (call ahead if the weather looks worse than that). You can drop in for a single class or attend them all. Registration is not required, but you do need to sign a 2024 waiver before you participate in class. 828-884-3151 <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/event/yoga-3/2025-01-17/>



PARI offers **Public Guided Gallery Tours** today. 3pm. \$15pp. 828-862-5554 <https://www.pari.edu/calendar/>

Join the Lake Toxaway Community Center for a **Neighborhood Potluck** in the Little Building at 5:30pm. <http://www.toxawaycc.com/>



Eastatoe Community Center hosts a **Jam Session** on the third Friday night of each month. Dinner starts at 6 pm, followed by music at 7 p.m. 828-423-0575 <https://www.facebook.com/eastatoecc>

#### SATURDAY JANUARY 18

Join the Friends of Panthertown for a volunteer **Trail Work Day** from 9am-2pm. Bring a friend and get ready to get your hands dirty! Meet up at Salt Rock Gap Trailhead at 9am. 828-269-HIKE or RSVP to: [trails@panthertown.org](mailto:trails@panthertown.org)



The **God's Way Food Pantry** operates every other Saturday in Balsam Grove from 10-11:30am. Drive through only. If you are sick or unable to come, please call to have someone pick up for you. <https://godswayfoodpantry.org/>

The North Toxaway Baptist Church **Food Bank** operates a drive-through food distribution service every other Saturday from 10am-Noon at 51 Slick Fisher Road, Lake Toxaway, serving those in need. Please drive through for food distribution; volunteers will sign you in from your parked car, then bring boxed items to your vehicle.



Get your musical kicks at the Balsam Grove Community Center's monthly **Jam Session**, every third Saturday. Food starts at 5:30pm and music from 6:30-8:30pm. 828-883-8011 <https://www.facebook.com/BalsamGroveCC/>

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Saturn's rings like never before with PARI's **Saturn and Venus Friendship Viewing**. This year, Venus will be close enough to Saturn to look as if they could reach out and touch one another. <https://www.pari.edu/shop/tickets/event-tickets/evenings-at-pari/>



#### MONDAY JANUARY 20

Join the **Great Books Discussion Group**, meeting 10:30am-Noon on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of most months at the Transylvania County Library in the Connestee Conference Room. The group is open to adults and there is no cost to



#### MONDAY JANUARY 20 (continued)

participate other than the cost of the book which contains the themed selections covering many months of discussion. For info, email [lisa.sheffield@transylvaniacounty.org](mailto:lisa.sheffield@transylvaniacounty.org) or call 828-884-3151 x1805. <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/event/great-books-3-3-2/2025-01-20/>

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The Transylvania County Heritage Museum hosts a **Behind The Scenes Walking Tour** on the first Monday of each month featuring East Main Street & Silvermont in downtown Brevard. Beginning at the Visitors Center on East Main Street at 2pm, participants will learn about early to mid-century



boarding houses, the Franklin Hotel and Colonial Inn, then tour Silvermont, built by industrialist Joseph Silversteen and his family. The

Silversteen portion of the tour included the Second Floor House Museum and the third floor, which has not been refurbished. Participants will be required to climb two sets of stairs. Limited to 8pp. \$20pp. Reservations required. Email [program.transylvaniaheritage@gmail.com](mailto:program.transylvaniaheritage@gmail.com) or leave a message at 828-884-2347. <https://transylvaniaheritage.org/tours/>

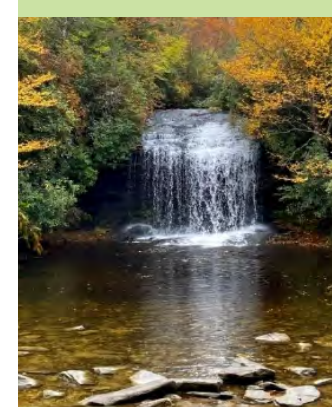
#### TUESDAY JANUARY 21

Headwaters Outfitters hosts **Fly Tying Nights** on Tuesdays in November through February. Join them at Brevard Brewing Company from 6-8pm. 828-877-3106 <https://headwatersoutfitters.com>



#### VISIT THESE PARKS ANY DAY OF THE WEEK!

Rain or shine, a visit to **Gorges State Park** is a guaranteed good time! Their state-of-the-art Visitor Center is open DAILY from 9am-5pm featuring local art, educational boards, historical tributes, and an interactive kid's table. Museum-quality exhibits promise entertainment and learning opportunities for the whole family! Hike well-marked trails to several waterfalls. 828-966-9099 <https://friendsof-gorges.org/>



**Panthertown Valley**, which is often considered "the Yosemite of the East," is a popular 6,311 acre backcountry recreation area. Out-standing geologic formations, forests, streams and native plant life contributed to its designation as a Blue Ridge National Heritage Area. 30 miles of U.S. Forest

Service trails on the Nantahala National Forest are open year round to the public. 828-269-HIKE <https://panthertown.org/>

(Local Events continue on next page)



**FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES**

Did you know that Earthshine Lodge offers a large selection of year-round activities for onsite guests and the general public?

Experience activities like archery, wilderness skills, the climbing wall, and more! \$15-\$45 based on activity. 828-862-4207. Register at <https://earthshinenc.com/product/activities>



Call 694-1658

<https://www.ncsbc.net/events.aspx?mode=4%C2%A2er=75050>

**Jan 15:** Developing Your Apparel/Textile Product in the US

**Jan 18:** Create Your Brand (Part 1 of 2)

**Jan 20:** Leadership Lab Mini-Series

**FREE RESOURCES**



Age 60+?  
**WNCSource LunchPlus** program at the Quebec Community Center Monday through Friday, from 9:30am to 12pm. It's a fun morning of free activities, fellow-ship with older adults, then



a hearty nutritious lunch! **Register:** 828-884-2255.

# JANUARY 2025

## kid & teen activities

**winter library challenge through february 1**

It's not too late to pick up a challenge card! Return your completed card by February 1 and be entered in a prize raffle. All ages!

**Teen Space Activity**

**Washi Tape Bookmark**

Teens in grades 6-12 can stop by the Teen Space area and get creative with our monthly activities!

**Winter Take & Make Series for Kids**

**January: Craft Stick Harmonica & Rocking Snowman**

Pick up a new take & make activity in December and January. Available at the Kids & Teens Desk all month long until they are gone! One per child per visit.

**Block Party**

**Thursday, January 2 • 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

Drop-in to build with the Library's collection of blocks including LEGO® & Duplo® bricks, Keva® planks and magnetic blocks! Unplug, meet up with friends, and enjoy the afternoon.

**Tuesday Storytimes & Activity**

**10:00 am Babies & Toddlers (birth - 2 years)**

**10:30 am Activity Time**

**11:00 am Preschoolers (3-5 years)**

Stories, songs, movement, and more to build your child's early literacy skills. Activity Time weekly schedule:

- o 1st week of the month: Building
- o 2nd week of month: Craft
- o 3rd week of month: Dance
- o 4th week of month: Art

**Book Nuts Book Club**

**Thursday, January 9 • 4:00 pm**

**Registration required**

Kids age 6-9 will be reading "The Year of the Dog" by Grace Lin. Pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

**Family Fort Night & Read-In**

**Friday, January 10 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Registration required**

Bring fort-building materials (like blankets and sheets) to create a family reading oasis in the Library - after hours! A snack will be provided.

**Second Saturday Storytime & Craft**

**Saturday, January 11**

**11:00 am Family Storytime (birth - 5 years)**

**11:30 am Craft Time**

Stories, songs, movement, and a craft to build your child's early literacy skills. Same theme and craft as Tuesday storytime.

**Chess Mates**

**Monday, January 13 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Come to our monthly open chess play on the 2nd Monday of each month from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The Library will have chess boards set out on the main floor. All ages and levels are welcome to play.

**Out & About Storytime at**

**The Family Place - Rosman**

**Wednesday, January 15 • 11:00 am**

Join us at The Family Place - Rosman on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for a family storytime (birth - 5 years).

**Paws & Pages**

**Wednesday, January 15 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, children can drop in to the kids area and read aloud to a furry pal!

**Sewing Machine Workshop for Teens**

**Thursday, January 23 • 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Registration required**

Teens in grades 6-12 can sign up to learn the basics of operating a sewing machine and make a customizable tote bag. Members of the WNC Quilters Guild will give step-by-step instructions.

**GetSet Transylvania's Family Dinner Series**

**presents Creative Play**

**Monday, January 27 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Registration required**

Join us for a free meal followed by an educational session for adults about creative play for young children. Childcare will be provided for kids who are 2 years & up and potty trained. Register through a link on the Library's webpage or GetSet's Facebook page.

**LEGO® Night: Robots**

**Monday, January 27 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

On the 4th Monday of the month, children in grades K-5 can enjoy creative play by building from the monthly theme or free building. The Library will supply the LEGO® bricks. Caregivers are encouraged to attend with their children.

**Contact us for program registration, updates, or more information about programs for all ages.**

212 South Gaston Street | Brevard, NC 28712  
(828) 884-3151 ext. 3 | [library.transylvaniacounty.org](http://library.transylvaniacounty.org)



## LOCAL BUSINESS LISTINGS



View and/or download a detailed map of many of our local business locations, as well as other Historic Toxaway points of interest. <https://historictoxaway.org/baut-map>

### ARTS & MUSIC

**ART BY THE DANIELS** A working artists studio open to the public. Fiber art, landscapes, children's books & more. Open daily except Sunday; but call first. Home schooler visits welcome to see how artists create and how books are created. 828-421-8043 <https://www.artbythedaniels.com/>

**HAWK MOUNTAIN MUSIC** Performing rock, country, and folk. 919-623-9817 <https://www.facebook.com/HawkMountainMusic/>

**INKSPIRED TATTOO PARLOR** Local shop with custom tattoo designs. Also quality piercings with jewelry. 828-577-7186 <https://www.facebook.com/InkspiredTattooParlor>

**LINDEE ART STUDIO** Variety of art classes, all levels. 828-384-0875 <https://www.facebook.com/lindeeart>

**PANTHER TOWN STUDIOS** Art and pottery studio using unique clay and glaze recipes with an emphasis on surface design such as hand carving, stamping, or print transfer techniques to pair functionality with beauty. 317-379-1065 [www.panther townstudios.com/](http://www.panther townstudios.com/)

**SASSY SHOTS PHOTOGRAPHY** Newborn, family, boudoir engagement weddings. 828-450-1823 <https://www.facebook.com/sassysshots96>

**TRANSYLVANIA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL** Non-Profit supporting the arts and the creative community throughout Transylvania County. We host approximately 10 exhibits each year, offer adult and youth arts education programs, and advocate for arts funding with local and state governmental agencies, among other activities. 828-884-2787 <http://www.tcarts.org/>

**WILD RIVER MUSIC** Musical duo. 828-577-8103 <https://www.facebook.com/wildrivermusic>

### ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION

**EARTHSHINE LODGE** A retreat and event center offering bed & breakfast accommodations, outdoor education programs, group retreats, weddings, and more. See our calendar for specific activities or shop our online store. 828-862-4207 [earthshinenc.com/](http://earthshinenc.com/)

**GORGES STATE PARK** Main entrance just south of Hwy 64 on Hwy 281. Hiking trails, waterfalls, scenic views, and plants unique to our mountain climate. The Visitor Center has museum-quality exhibits incl. local art, educational boards, historical tributes, and an interactive kid's table. Open daily 9am-5pm except Christmas Day. Rangers on duty. 828-966-9099 [www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/gorges-state-park](http://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/gorges-state-park)

**HEADWATERS OUTFITTERS** Western North Carolina's number one source for family-friendly fishing, paddling and river tubing trips! Our outdoor retail shop is open daily from 8am-5:30pm featuring everything you need for paddling, fly fishing and other outdoor pursuits. Visit [www.headwatersoutfitters.com](http://www.headwatersoutfitters.com) to book a trip with us and shop our store. Or call us at 828-877-3106.

**HIKING TREASURES** Local hiking challenges for women. 828-450-1823 <https://www.facebook.com/plantlady73/>

**KILLER BEES HONEY** Sooner than last year, which was sooner than the year before.... Santa has distributed ALL of our honey and we are totally SOLD OUT. So sorry if you missed out on our incredible award-winning, toxin and glyphosate-free honey. Look out for our next year's harvest towards end of May. Bees are all tucked in for the winter and we expect to see the Hive Girls flying high come Spring. Thanks to all our new and existing customers for a great year. [www.killerbeeshoney.com](http://www.killerbeeshoney.com).

**LAND OF WATERFALLS TOURS** Offering unique guided waterfall tours, incl. private remote public land away from tourist areas. No long or hard 828-884-8982 <http://www.tourwaterfalls.com>

**OXBOW RIVER Snorkeling & Backcountry Adventure** Explore and discover on guided river snorkeling and hiking tours. 270-339-0519. [oxbowriversnorkeling.com](http://oxbowriversnorkeling.com)

**PANTHER TOWN VALLEY** The Yosemite of the East, 6700 acres of high-elevation Forest Service land features hiking, waterfalls, camping, and horseback riding. 828-269-HIKE (4453) <https://panthertown.org/>

### ATTRACTIONS & RECREATION (continued)

**PARI (PISGAH ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE)** A former NASA satellite tracking site, now an observatory and learning center for space and science lovers. Features special programs and has cabins, campsites and cafeteria onsite. 828.862.5554 <https://www.pari.edu>

**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS RESERVE** A private native plant arboretum and research center to sustain the natural ecosystem of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Visitor Days (sorry, sold out for 2024) are held the first Tuesday/mos APR-OCT, \$25 pp, max 4 guests per party. Instead, schedule a private tour or watch the calendar for next year! 828-885-2050 <https://southernhighlandsreserve.org>

**THE OUTPOST AT LAKE TOXAWAY** Coffee bar offering local souvenirs and gifts, plus outdoor adventures like gem mining, tubing rentals and more! 828-862-8992 <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559466520823&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

**TUBULAR TUBING AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES** Visit for a variety of affordable outdoor adventures including tubing, kayaking, fishing classes, hiking tours, and much more! 828-202-9440 <https://tubulartubingoutdo.wixsite.com/website>

**WHITEWATER EQUESTRIAN CENTER** Open daily 10am-3pm (weather permitting) for guided horse trail rides. Reservations required. All-day gem mining also available on the property. 828-966-9646 or visit [www.funhorsebackriding.com](http://www.funhorsebackriding.com)

### COMMUNITY CENTERS

**BALSAM GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER** Bingo, bookmobile, events at 8732 Parkway Rd. A mini library is located near the picnic table. Readers of all ages are welcome to bring a book and take a book. 828-883-8011 <https://www.facebook.com/BalsamGroveCC/>

**EASTATOE COMMUNITY CENTER** Offering a variety of youth and senior activities. 76 Clay Pole Rd, Rosman. 828-513-0476. [www.facebook.com/eastatoecc](http://www.facebook.com/eastatoecc)

**LAKE TOXAWAY COMMUNITY CENTER BINGO** on the Fourth Saturday of the month food sales at 5pm games start at 6 pm. 81 Slick Fisher Rd. Follow events on FB page. Buildings. for rent. 828-553-0373 <http://www.toxawaycc.com>

**QUEBEC COMMUNITY CENTER** Seniors programs, computer class & more. 11846 Rosman Hwy. [www.facebook.com/pages/quebec-Community-Center/478601122171758](http://www.facebook.com/pages/quebec-Community-Center/478601122171758)

### CONCIERGE/DELIVERY SERVICES

**MOUNTAIN CHARM** No one likes to start vacation by going straight to the grocery store. Let us make the trip to town! Providing Grocery & Liquor Store Shopping and Delivery Concierge Services. 828-551-2058 [www.mountain-charm.com](http://www.mountain-charm.com)

### DINING

**ACAPULCO MEXICAN RESTAURANT** Monday-Saturday 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-8pm. 828-862-8226 <https://website-6263571318150895800193-mexicanrestaurant.business.site>

**NO RETAIL OFFERS UNTIL MARCH! CHARLIE'S HOT BUNS** Small bakery featuring Jumbo Cinnamon Buns, baked goods, coffee and cold drinks. Open Fri-Sun 8am-Noon. 828-545-1775. <http://www.charlieshotbuns.com>

**CINDI'S CAKES + COOKIES** Custom cakes and more from a USDA-inspected home processor bakery. Min. 1 month notice on all orders. M-Sat 9am-6pm, accepting Checks, Cash, Venmo or Zelle (sorry, no delivery). 828-331-9736 [cindiscakesandcookies@gmail.com](mailto:cindiscakesandcookies@gmail.com)

**FORKS OF THE RIVER TAPROOM** Featuring a variety of local draft beers, wine, cider, cbd and non-alcoholic beverages. Come enjoy our outdoor seating along the river and grab a bite to eat at one of the rotating food trucks on site! Sun-Tues 12-6pm, Wed 12-8pm, Thurs 12-6 and Fri-Sat 12-7pm. [www.facebook.com/ForksoftheRiverTaproom](http://www.facebook.com/ForksoftheRiverTaproom)

**GRAND OLDE STATION** Distinctive lakeside dining in a fun historic setting. OPEN DAILY 11am-9pm. Catering and private rooms for parties. 828-966-4242 [www.grandoldestation.com/](http://www.grandoldestation.com/)

**GREYSTONE INN** The restaurant is open Mon-Sat for Breakfast (8-11am), Lunch (12-3pm), and Dinner (5-9pm); and Sunday for Brunch (8am-2pm) and Dinner (5-9pm). The Mansion Bar is open Mon-Sat 3-10pm; Sun 2-10pm. 828-885-3143 [greystoneinn.com/dine](http://greystoneinn.com/dine)

**JIM'S PLACE AT SAPPHIRE COUNTRY STORE** Stop in and check out our menu, or call ahead for takeout! Breakfast and lunch. 828-966-4011 <https://www.facebook.com/jimsplacesatsapphirecountrystore/>

### DINING (continued)

**CLOSED FOR SEASON OSTERIA DEL MONTE** Open Wed-Mon 5-9:30pm (closed Tuesday). 828-883-2551. <http://www.osteriadelmonte-nc.com/>

**PANTHER TOWN CAFE** Open Tues-Sat serving Breakfast 7:30-10:30am and Lunch 11:30am-2:30pm. Sunday serving Breakfast with Daily Specials from 8am-1pm. 828-862-3663 (FOOD) [www.panther towncafe.com](http://www.panther towncafe.com)

**RIVERSIDE PIZZA** Open Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, closed Sundays. 828-862-4223 <https://www.facebook.com/Riverside-Pizza-286415874855727/>

**SAPPHIRE COUNTRY STORE** Open Mon-Fri 6am-9pm, weekends 7am-9pm. Breakfast items, fresh sandwiches, pizzas and dinners daily. 828-966-4010 <https://www.facebook.com/Sapphire-Country-Store-278198729050490>

**REOPENS APR 3 SWEETWATER PERK & CREAMERY** Open Thurs-Sat 8am-5pm. Serving Hershey's ice cream, milkshakes, malts, lattes, espresso, cappuccino, iced coffee, frappes, and iced & hot teas. Free wifi, conf. room, indoor/outdoor seating. 828-885-5008 <https://www.historictoxawaymarket.com/>

**VILLA AMATO** Open Mon-Sat 11am-8pm for takeout/delivery, featuring pizza and Italian specialties. 828-885-7700. <https://www.facebook.com/VillaAmato/>

### Food Trucks:

**THE BBQ SHED.** Look for us in the BIG parking lot across from High Country Auto Parts-Carquest, Sapphire. Usually 11:30am-1:30pm, follow FB page for dates. 828-384-5108 <https://www.facebook.com/TheBbqShedNC/>

**LEVI'S LUNCHBOX** Wraps and sandwiches. Call ahead for to go orders, daily specials, and loyalty rewards! 828-384-4382 <https://www.facebook.com/levislunch>

### EVENT RENTAL SPACE

**BALSAM GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER** For information on renting the Balsam Grove Community Center please call (828) 884-6058. <https://www.facebook.com/BalsamGroveCC/>

**EARTHSHINE LODGE** Did you know that you can rent the entire property for a special event - especially great for weddings, family reunions, group retreats or company parties—whatever you can dream up! Plan an Exclusive Takeover with our team at 828-862-4207 <https://earthshinenc.com/>

**CRICKETS GROVE** Experience the beauty and charm of this intimate venue in Balsam Grove, NC for your special day. <https://cricketsgrove.com/>

**GOLDEN FARM** Call the Grand Olde Station at 828-966-4242 for information. Property is located at 755 Golden Road.

**GORGES STATE PARK** Park staff are happy to arrange a tour of our facilities and/or the park, and we can help you plan and apply for permitting as needed (some large gatherings such as weddings, athletic contests, company parties, etc. may require a Special Activity Permit, which must be submitted at least 14 days in advance of an event). 828-966-9099 <https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/gorges-state-park/facilities#event>

**GREYSTONE INN** Our refined charm and spectacular setting distinguishes it as a premier destination for life's most cherished celebrations and companies most important events. From board meetings and corporate retreats to private dinners and large celebrations, our well appointed rooms and personal service will make your event a success. 828-966-4700 <http://www.greystoneinn.com/>

**LAKE TOXAWAY COMMUNITY CENTER** Two buildings that offer a great place for your family gatherings, weddings, fundraisers, etc. Our big building is best for a large gathering needing a stage, kitchen, a lot of tables and chairs, and an abundance of parking. Our small building is a perfect location for groups of 50 or less. We also offer an outdoor space on our field for outdoor ceremonies, after which you can move to one of our buildings for a reception. Pam Owen 828-553-0373 <http://www.toxawaycc.com>

**PISGAH ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (PARI)** Plan your next birthday, wedding, reunion, corporate event or weekend getaway surrounded by the wonder of space! 828-862-5554 [www.pari.edu](http://www.pari.edu)

### FUNERAL SERVICES

**DIRT ROAD CASKET COMPANY** offers affordable, well-built wooden caskets and urns, skillfully handcrafted by local craftsmen. Each one is unique and original. We create each piece with love and compassion to be a direct reflection of your loved one. In turn, you can take pride in knowing that the

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## LOCAL BUSINESS LISTINGS

### FUNERAL SERVICES (continued)

piece you select is one of a kind. Our wooden caskets and urns are created with skill and pride, one unique piece at a time, right here in the mountains of North Carolina. 828-554-1775 [www.dirtroadcasketco.com/](http://www.dirtroadcasketco.com/)

### HEALTH & WELLNESS SERVICES

**DR. JESSICA ALLEN, DC** Chiropractic care, physical rehab, body contouring and nutritional counseling. 828-582-1403 <https://dr-jessica-allen-dc.business.site/>

**GREYSTONE INN SPA** Offering a variety of massages and other body and skin treatments. 10% off services for military personnel, teachers, students. 9am-6pm daily by appt. 828-966-4700 [greystoneinn.com/](http://greystoneinn.com/)

**HEALING THROUGH HARMONY** Massage and health coaching. 828-966-4477 [healingbeautyharmony.com](http://healingbeautyharmony.com)

**LAKE TOXAWAY PILATES** Treat your body, nourish your spirit, and calm your mind with exercises promoting healthy and functional movement. 828-556-4282 <https://laketoxawaypilates.com/>

**NEXT LEVEL FITNESS** Dedicated 24/7 fitness facility! 828-966-4419 <https://www.facebook.com/nextlevelfitnessnc>

**RELAXED LIVING** In-home custom yoga sessions, therapeutic relaxing massage, guided mindfulness hikes, nutrition education, and in-home spa parties. 561-715-4573 <http://www.relaxedliving.org/>

**TOXAWAY HEALTH CENTER** Family practice. M-F 8am-5pm. 16825 Rosman Hwy, 828-862-6900

### HOME & YARD SERVICES

**ALAIR HOMES BLUE RIDGE** Extraordinary construction management designed to protect you, your dreams and your future. Learn more about our Client Control™! 828-966-4400 <http://alairhomes.com>

**ADVANCE GROUND MAINTENANCE** Local lawncare services. 828-966-4588

**CONTINENTAL DIVIDE CREATIONS—WNC** Custom metal, wood and acrylic creations such as bespoke artwork, commercial signage, residential gates. Also custom merchandise (tumblers, mugs, keychains ornaments). Imaginations welcome! 828-582-1403 <https://cdcwnc.myshopify.com/>

**JERRY THE SCREEN MAN** Reliable service for all your screen needs. 828-508-5413 [rolltide1942@gmail.com](mailto:rolltide1942@gmail.com)

**LOCUST POST LAND MANAGEMENT** Our work balances customer needs with property care. 828-577-5044 <https://www.locustposttreeworks.com/>

**MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING** Real estate home inspections plus vast array of residential engineering services including, structural repair solutions and residential construction management. 828-226-1218 <https://www.mountain-ce.com/>

**MOUNTAIN SPRINGS LANDSCAPING & EXCAVATING** Affordable landscaping and land clearing, brush cutting, grading, and excavation. 828-553-3594 or email [mtnsprings828@gmail.com](mailto:mtnsprings828@gmail.com)

**NCDEVGROU, LLC** Check out *Whisper Hills*, a 75-acre gated community made up of 88 lots ranging in various levels of luxury. Upscale amenities include a private trout stream and private campground. 828-556-5040 Email Dan Williams at [dw.ncdevgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dw.ncdevgroup@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.whisperhills.com>

**OUT IN THE YARD PLANT NURSERY & MORE** Plants and flowers for sale, flower garden design, landscape services. 828-450-1823 <https://www.facebook.com/FlowersRMyPassion/>

### LOCAL RESOURCES

**BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - SMALL BUSINESS CENTER** One of 58 NC Small Business Centers that support the development of new businesses and the growth of existing businesses by being a community-based provider of training, counseling, and resource information. 828-694-1634 <https://www.blueridge.edu/programs-courses/business/small-business-center/>

**BREVARD/TRANSYLVANIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Supporting business members through advocacy, promotion, engagement, and education. 828-883-3700 <http://www.brevardncchamber.org/>

**CASHIERS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Promoting business members and leading economic initiatives to ensure commercial prosperity and quality of life in our mountain communities. 828-743-5191 <https://www.cashiersareachamber.com/>

### LOCAL RESOURCES (continued)

**CONSERVING CAROLINA** Non-profit promoting protection of land and water, restoration of our natural world, and inspiring people to care for nature. 828-697-5777 <http://www.conservingcarolina.org/>

**HISTORIC TOXAWAY FOUNDATION** Local nonprofit focused on preserving the past and preparing for the future of Upper Transylvania County communities. <https://historictoxaway.org/>

**KING BACKGROUND SCREENING** Fast and affordable tenant or employee background screening. Call/text 941-284-4612. [www.kingbackgroundscreening.com/](http://www.kingbackgroundscreening.com/)

**MATHart** Math tutoring, all levels, unique intuitive methods help students understand math and overcome apprehension. Specializing in SAT/ACT preparation. On-line/remote sessions as a default. 40+ years of experience, former Int'l Math Olympics member. 732-895-5772 [trueicetea@gmail.com](mailto:trueicetea@gmail.com)

**PHILIA MARKETING** Offering website design, SEO, social media, and other marketing services to small businesses. 828-556-9534 <https://philiamarketing.net/>

**SAFE TRANSYLVANIA** Local nonprofit dedicated to serving and supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Transylvania. 828-885-7233 <https://www.safetransylvania.org/>

**SELF-HELP CREDIT UNION** Local nonprofit dedicated to creating and protecting ownership and economic opportunity for all, esp. people of color, women, rural residents and low-wealth families and communities. 828-877-2153 <http://www.self-help.org/>

**STRATEGIC MARKETING ADVISORS** Business and marketing consultancy specializing in Business / Marketing Coaching and Consulting., Google Ads Management, and Business Growth Strategies using AI Software Automation. 877-345-8745 <https://strategicmarketingadvisors.com/>

**THE FAMILY PLACE** A nonprofit dedicated to families and building resiliency through support, education, and community building. 828-884-6273 <https://www.thefamilyplacenc.com>

**THE LAUREL MAGAZINE** Monthly magazine: the arts, dining, shopping, history and more of the Highlands/ Cashiers plateau and Historic Toxaway communities. 828-526-0173 <https://www.thelaurelmagazine.com/>

**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LIBRARY** Welcoming facility, friendly and helpful staff, and culturally and educationally relevant resources. 828-884-3151 <https://library.transylvaniacounty.org/>

**TRANSYLVANIA ECONOMIC ALLIANCE** Local nonprofit for the economic development of Transylvania County, including the City of Brevard and the Town of Rosman. 828-383-4130 <https://transylvanians.org/>

**WESTERN NC SCORE** Business mentoring, free or low-cost workshops and business resources. 828-693-8702 <https://www.score.org/westernnc>

**WNCSOURCE Community Services (formerly WCCA)** Nonprofit offering children, housing, transportation and elderly services across four WNC counties. 828-693-1711 <http://wncsource.org/>

### LODGING & CAMPGROUNDS

**ADVENTURE VILLAGE AND LODGING** Camping, cabin, and RV spots, 90-acres for hiking, a large stocked fishing pond, playground, and swimming pool. 828-974-2255 <http://www.theadventurevillage.com>

**BLACK BEAR LODGE** Eight luxury suites (4 pet-friendly). Full kitchen, DirectTV and WiFi. Handicap-accessible bdrm w/convenient parking and ramp avail. 828-553-6535 [blackbearlodgeofsapphire.com](http://blackbearlodgeofsapphire.com)

**BLUE RIDGE FALLS RV RESORT** Open year round, offering full RV hookups, glamping tents and cabin. Amenities such as bathhouse, laundry facility and outdoor kitchen. Nightly gatherings by the pavilion with many themed dinners throughout the season! 774-526-4328 <https://blueridgefallsrvresort.com/>

**BROOK TROUT INN** A cozy, family-owned inn with newly renovated rooms and suites. Features a sunroom stocked with breakfast and snack items and a large outdoor firepit. 828-273-3700 <https://www.brooktroutinnsapphire.com/>

**CABINS AT SEVEN FOXES** Charming, pet-friendly retreat serving the area for 20+ years. Open year round. 828-877-6333 [www.sevenfoxes.com](http://www.sevenfoxes.com)

### LODGING & CAMPGROUNDS (continued)

**EARTHSHINE LODGE** A mountaintop retreat offering bed and breakfast accommodations as well as outdoor education and adventure programs. 828-862-4207 [earthshinenc.com/](http://earthshinenc.com/)

**GATLIN RIDGE RV PARK** Full service RV park at the French Broad River. Across from Headwater Outfitters, and less than a mile from the Champion Park Public River Access, we offer immaculately landscaped lots each outfitted with water, sewer, 50/30/20 electric, trash collection, and private fire pits. 828-553-0674 <https://www.facebook.com/gatlinridgerv>

**GREYSTONE INN** Luxury hotel and waterfront golf course on Lake Toxway, with rooms and suites split across a lovingly restored 1915 mansion and 2 lakeside buildings. 828-966-4700 <https://greystoneinn.com/>

**LAZY J CAMPGROUND** 150 acres of private land, 30+ wooded sites. RV sites with full electric and water hook-ups for larger rig requirements. Private riverside and wooded campsites with amenities. 828-966-3438 <https://lazyjcampground.com>

**MERAKI ESCAPE** Romantic Mountain Cabins w/ Hot Tubs + Pet Friendly. Boutique resort featuring exceptional amenities such as walk-n stone side-by-side showers, covered porches, fireplaces, waterfalls, yoga, hiking trail, dog/bike washing station, more. 828-463-7440 Brevard NC <https://www.merakiescape.com>

**MT. TOXAWAY MOTEL AND CABINS** Family owned and operated mid-priced accommodation - rustic yet modern, surrounded by beauty, a perfect retreat! 828-966-4582 <http://www.mttoxawaymotel.com>

**MOUNTAIN FALLS RV RESORT** Luxury motorcoach resort w/private clubhouse lodge, 9-hole golf course, onsite concierge, fitness facility, laundry, dog park, catering kitchen & more! 828-966-9350 <https://mtn-falls.com/>

**PANTHER RIDGE RV PARK & CAMPGROUND** Nightly, weekly, monthly sites include 30 or 50 amp electric, water, septic hook-ups. Cozy Log Park Model for rent. 828-553-0373 <http://pantherridgecampground.com>

**TWIN CREEKS LODGE** Spacious 4BR vacation rental on wooded 33-acres, for <12 guests. Easy drive to waterfalls, trout fishing, rock climbing, hiking, the Biltmore House, breweries, and more! 833-442-8268 <https://www.instagram.com/twincreekslodge/>

**VALLEY BEAR RESORTS & RENTALS** Escape to the tranquil beauty of Valley Bear Farms, the premier resort in Brevard and Balsam Grove, NC. Our luxurious mountain cabins, cozy tiny cabins, glamping, tent sites, and RV spots offer the perfect backdrop for your ultimate getaway. Designed with your comfort in mind and featuring top-of-the-line amenities, our retreats provide stunning views and an opportunity to disconnect from daily stresses. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation, or both, Valley Bear Farms has everything you need for an unforgettable mountain escape. 828-384-8892 [www.valleybearfarms.com](http://www.valleybearfarms.com)

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

**INDIAN LAKE ESTATES POA** Call 904-699-7015 or email [indianlakeestatessecretary@gmail.com](mailto:indianlakeestatessecretary@gmail.com)

**LAKE TOXAWAY ESTATES POA** Call 828-966-9453 or email [LTadmin@ipmhoa.com](mailto:LTadmin@ipmhoa.com)

### MOVING, STORAGE & SHIPPING

**OUR COUNTRY STORE** U-Haul dealer. M-F 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm. 828-862-4656 <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054503618779>

**QUEBEC STOWAWAY** Mini Storage, Covered RV Parking with electrical hook up, outside parking, 24 hour gated access and moving supplies. Open M-F 9am-5pm (closed weekends). 828-884-8712 or email [cindy.petitproperties@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.petitproperties@gmail.com)

**SHOWTIME OF LAKE TOXAWAY** Self storage, RV storage, moving supplies. UPS & FedEx Shipping. Also authorized U-Haul dealer. 828-966-9223 or email [stimestorage@comporium.net](mailto:stimestorage@comporium.net)

**TOXAWAY STOWAWAY** Enclosed units, RV, Boat and Trailer Storage. 828-966-4270 or email [swhitmire@mcneelycompanies.com](mailto:swhitmire@mcneelycompanies.com)

### PET SERVICES

**LAUREN'S PET SITTING** In-home care of any animal, big or small. References available. 248-882-7265

**REVOLUTIONARY CANINE** Dog training for all breeds. Pet Obedience, Protection Dogs, Single/Dual Purpose working K9s and Patrol Dogs. 828-352-2253 <http://www.revolutionarycanine.com>

## LOCAL BUSINESS LISTINGS

### PET SERVICES (continued)

**TOXAWAY PET CARE AND MORE** Pet care services, home visits, holistic health solutions. 828-966-7297 or email [pawprints@comporium.net](mailto:pawprints@comporium.net)

### REAL ESTATE & RENTALS

**BALISTRERI REALTY** Looking to buy or sell real estate in Lake Toxaway, Sapphire, Cashiers or surrounding areas? We have the knowledge, expertise and experience to guide you every step of the way. 828-883-4848 <https://www.laketoxawayliving.com/>

**FISHER REALTY** Serving the real estate needs of WNC for 40 years, let us help you find a perfect place in the mountains! 828-966-9290 <https://fisherrealtync.com>

**GREG COX LAND BROKERAGE** Land Broker/Site Selection. 704-577-1200 [dgregcox@gmail.com](mailto:dgregcox@gmail.com)

**HAZEL R. FISHER & ASSOCIATES** Representing Buyers, Sellers, Renters and Owners 828-966-9012 <https://www.lake-toxaway-estates.com/>

**LAKE TOXAWAY COMPANY** Leading full-service brokerage firm in the region for five decades+. 828-966-4260 <http://laketoxaway.com>

**LANDMARK REALTY** Boutique, full-service real estate firm including a white-glove service vacation rental program. 828-482-0986 <https://www.landmarkrg.com>

**THE VILLAGE AT LONGCLIFF** Planned development in the heart of Historic Toxaway. Info at [longcliff.com](http://longcliff.com)

**LOOKING GLASS REALTY** Full service real estate brokerage whether resort, vacation, year-round homes or retirees. Let us guide your life in the mountains! 828-883-HOME <https://lookingglassrealty.com/>

**PETIT PROPERTIES** We're local real estate experts with a reputation for excellence. 828-553-1023 <https://petitpropertieswnc.com/>

**WNCPROPERTY.COM** Unparalleled industry knowledge, experience, and local expertise! 828-966-4960 <https://www.wncproperty.com>

### RETAIL SHOPPING

#### Art, Clothing, Gifts and Garden:

**ART BY THE DANIELS** A working artists studio open to the public. Fiber art, landscapes, children's books & more. Open daily except Sunday; but call first. Home schooler visits welcome to see how artists create and how books are created. 828-421-8043 <https://www.artbythedaniels.com/>

**CLOSED FOR THE SEASON THE BARGAIN BARN at Lake Toxaway Community Center** Open Saturday mornings 9am-Noon. Many wonderful items for sale, and your purchases support the center. To arrange a drop-off or pickup, call Jan Harden at 251-366-1716.

### RETAIL SHOPPING (continued)

**BLUE HYDRANGEA BOUTIQUE** Retail and consignment women's clothing, hanging baskets, indoor plants, bird houses, home decor, jewelry and more! Open Tues-Sat 9:30am-2:30pm. 828-384-4349 <https://www.bhlboutique.com>

**HENDERSON'S GREENHOUSE** Family owned grower of annuals and vegetables (not shipped in). Potted and hanging baskets. Many seasonal items. Open Mon-Sat 9-5, closed Sundays. 828-883-3003 <https://www.facebook.com/hendersons.greenhouse.5>

**MAPLE ROSE MOUNTAIN GIFTS** Celebrating 16 Years! Offering "Mostly Local, Mostly Hand-Crafted" Pottery, Honey & Jams, Antiques, Rustic Furniture, Books, Home & Garden Decor, Jewelry, Gems and Rocks. Also Flowers (fresh-cut & silk) and Garden Wedding Items. Typically Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. 828-966-4847 <http://maplerosemountaingifts.com>

**TIGER TOWN THRIFT STORE** Bargains on clothes, housewares, furniture and more. Open M-F 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm. 828-884-9221 <http://www.tigertownthrift.com>

**WALLFLOWER FLORALS** 16612 Rosman Hwy, Lake Toxaway (inside Blue Hydrangea Boutique). Offering all occasion arrangements and small-scale elopement and wedding flowers. Wed-Sat 10am-3 pm. 828-553-6197. <https://www.wallflowerflorals.us/>

**CLOSED FOR THE SEASON WHISTLIN' DIXIE GARDEN AND GIFTS** Eclectic garden center & nursery with specialty gifts. Monday through Friday 8:30AM-4pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. 828-966-9619

**Food and/or Fuel:**  
**NEW MANAGEMENT. REOPENS JAN 15. HISTORIC TOXAWAY MARKET** Gourmet market offering premium wines, cheese, meats, produce, gifts, and more. Open Thurs-Sat 11am-6pm. 828-553-8148 <https://www.historictoxawaymarket.com/>

**JARRETT'S IGA GROCERY** Open Monday-Friday 7am-10pm. 828-862-3344

**McCALLS GAS & GROCERY** Open Monday-Friday 6:15am-7:15pm. 828-884-6226

**OH SWEET HEAVEN'S CAKES AND BAKED GOODS** Custom cakes and desserts for delivery in the Transylvania & Jackson County areas. 704-437-2638 <https://www.facebook.com/OSHcakesandbakedgoods>

**PURE PISGAH HONEY** Sourwood and Wildflower honey, cut honeycomb, candles and delicious honey straws! 828-200-6476 [www.purepisgahhoney.com/](http://www.purepisgahhoney.com/)

**ROOT 64 FRESH MARKET** Produce selections, eggs, dairy and organic meats. Local pre-made meals, gifts & desserts! M-F 10am-6pm, Saturday 12-3pm 828-966-

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**SAPPHIRE COUNTRY STORE** M-F 6am-9pm, weekends 7am-9pm. Gas, breakfast items, fresh sandwiches, pizzas, and dinners daily. 828-966-4010. <https://www.facebook.com/Sapphire-Country-Store-278198729050490>

**SAPPHIRE TIENDA MEXICANA** Fresh and authentic food products, plus money transfers, cell phone recharges, etc. 828-966-5808 <https://www.facebook.com/Sapphire-Tienda-Mexicana-105870664815989>

#### Hardware & Tools:

**MCNEELY'S STORE & RENTAL / ACE HARDWARE** Open weekdays 7am-5pm; Sat 8am-4pm. 828-966-4484. <https://services.mcneelycompanies.com/>

**OUR COUNTRY STORE** Hardware, feed+seed, snacks. U-Haul dealer. Fax copy and notary services available. M-F 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm. 828-862-4656 <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054503618779>

#### Meat and Livestock Sales:

**ELLA'S CHAMPION PORK** Local-grown meat and processing. Details at 828-553-1080 <https://www.facebook.com/ellaschampionpork/>

**GRAZER'S GLADE MOUNTAIN RANCH** Artisan meats. 828-577-0600 or email [eric@grazersglade.com](mailto:eric@grazersglade.com)

**TRESTLE GAP FARM** Raising & distribution of small livestock. 828-553-5754 <http://www.trestlegap.com>

**TRIPLE R FARM LLC** Family-run farm specializing in Black Angus cattle for breeding and beef processing. Grass-fed grain-finished beef, USDA-processed. Meat Handlers License for NC. 828-606-3012 <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093265347129>

#### Signage:

**AGM SIGNS** All material (foam, wood, metal, plastic, vinyl, rock cut, carved, blasted) - original designs for a custom look! 828-966-4588 [www.agmsignshop.com](http://www.agmsignshop.com)

### VEHICLE SERVICES

**APPALACHIAN GOLF CARS** Sales, Service, Rentals, Storage. Seasonal hours Tues-Fri 8am-4pm. Closed weekends. 828-884-4653 <https://www.appalachiangolfcars.com/>

**HIGH COUNTRY AUTO PARTS/CARQUEST** Locally owned and operated auto parts store. Get the right answer, the right part, right now! 828-966-2182 <https://www.carquest.com/stores/nc/sapphire/15961>

**WNC MOTORCYCLE AN SMALL ENGINE** Repairs for motorcycles, lawn equipment, ATV's, UTV's, and small engines. Located at the Our Country Store building. 828-553-7170