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Parkway in Sparta, from 7-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$10, or free for children ages 12 and younger. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available (no alcohol). For more information, visit Alleghany Jubilee.com or follow "Alleghany Jubilee" on Facebook.

• **Aug. 29:** Amanda Cook Band, with His & Hers, will perform at the Blue Ridge Music Center's outdoor amphitheater, milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Galax, Va. 7 p.m. Tickets at BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org.

• **Aug. 29:** Play Music on the Porch Day will be held at Laconia Ale Works, 433 N. Main St. in Sparta. For more information, call 336-372-4005 or visit laconiaaleworks.com.

SEPTEMBER

• **Sept. 3:** Big Block Party on Main, downtown Galax, Va. Streets close at 4 p.m. Cars, music, food, family fun.

• **Sept. 4:** Doug Davis & Radio Silence will perform at 7 p.m. at Muddy Creek Music Hall, 60 S. Main St. in Sparta. Admission is free. For more information, visit

muddycreekcafeandmusichall.com.

• **Sept. 4:** Michael Hastings will perform at 6 p.m. at Laconia Ale Works, 433 N. Main St. in Sparta. For more information, call 336-372-4005 or visit laconiaaleworks.com.

• **Sept. 4:** James Brickey will perform at 7 p.m. at Creek Bottom Brewing Company Tasting Room & Pub, 307 Meadow St. in Galax, Va.

• **Sept. 5:** Chatham Rabbits and Holler Choir will perform at the Blue Ridge Music Center's outdoor amphitheater, milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Galax, Va., at 7 p.m. Tickets at BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org.

• **Sept. 5:** The Albert Hash Memorial Festival starts at 10 a.m. at Grayson Highlands State Park in Grayson County, Va., on the Henderson Stage. Featuring Martha Spencer & The Wonderland Band and more. Traditional music, local musicians, dance, arts and crafts. Info: alberthashmemorialfestival.com.

• **Sept. 5:** Michelle Marie will perform at 4 p.m. at Laconia Ale Works, 433 N. Main

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Museums showcase local history

Sparta has two museums that highlight different facets of history, as experienced by local residents. The local VFW Post and the Historical-Genealogical Society both offer visitors a snapshot of local history.

Historical Society Museum

A sampling of Alleghany County's culture and history is available to all every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Alleghany County Historical Museum. The museum is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 45 North Main Street in Sparta, across from the Alleghany County Courthouse. Admission is free, and it is typically open during the warm months.

Exhibits rotate regularly, and a variety of pieces featuring local history are always on display. The 2026 exhibit honors Terry Choate for his contributions to country music. He was a record producer, music publisher, musician, audio engineer and music supervisor for television.

For information, contact the Alleghany Historical-Genealogical Society

at 336-372-2115, or see the website ahgs.org.

VFW Museum

Alleghany's part in U.S. military history is showcased at the VFW History Museum, in the lower level of the Bruce Wayne Osborne VFW Post No. 7034, located at 1193 U.S. 21 South in Sparta.

Everybody is welcome at this display of military artifacts open Wednesdays and by appointment at 336-372-8540. Admission is free.

Artifacts date back as far as the Civil War. It includes equipment, clothing and war relics donated by local residents from multiple war periods. Flags, photos and old news clippings are among the items of interest.

Meanwhile, a free breakfast is offered for veterans and spouses, including visitors from elsewhere, each Wednesday from 8:30-10 a.m. A phone call is appreciated to let them know you're coming.

For information or to announce your arrival for a free breakfast, call the post at 336-372-8540.

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