

As days grow shorter there are plenty of fall events and new places to go in and around our downtown square. New shops have opened and restaurants offer dining to attend performances at the Peacock Performing Arts Center, Historic Clay County Courthouse/Beal Center and special presentations at local venues.

Clay County Communities Revitalization Association Summer Concerts series will finish on Friday, Sept. 9 but an additional event featuring Irish music is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the Historic Clay County Courthouse/Beal Center with funds from ticket sales going to Jack Rabbit Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail. CCCRA will also sponsor the annual Cherokee Heritage Festival at the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit area adjacent to the Old Jail Museum and below in Hayesville Heritage Park on Saturday, Sept. 17 featuring dance, music, storytelling, arts and crafts.

Visit: [www.cccra-nc.org](http://www.cccra-nc.org) or call (828) 415-1623 for details. Clay County Historical & Arts Council will have a Silent Auction of Quality Arts and Crafts to support their projects on the Old Jail Museum grounds also on Sept. 17. For details about CCHAC and the museum visit: [www.clayhistoryarts.org](http://www.clayhistoryarts.org).

Sept. 17 is also the day of the annual Pet Celebration event Parking will be available in designated areas. Historic Hayesville Inc. will offer free transportation on Red Ryder between the three event locations.

The annual Tractor Parade will be on Saturday, Sept. 24 featuring new and older models along with displays of farm related products. Food will be available for sale as well as raffle tickets to support the scholarship fund. Contact N.C. Cooperative Extension at (828) 389-6305 for parade registration details. The 9th annual Steins & Wine Around the Square event will be Saturday, Oct. 1 inside the Historic Clay County Courthouse/Beal Center Courtyard featuring area vendors. Ticket sales will benefit HHI downtown projects which are described at: [www.historichayesvilleinc.com](http://www.historichayesvilleinc.com) along with additional events including the annual Shop Small Shop Local promotion scheduled in November.

The Clay County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Chili Cook Off & Anything Pumpkin Competition on the square Friday, Oct. 14 followed on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16 with the 13th annual Punkin Chunkin in Brasstown. More details can be found at: [www.claychambernc.com](http://www.claychambernc.com) or call (828) 389-3704.

The fall season is in full swing at the Peacock Performing Arts Center including theatrical and music performances. Visit: [www.thepeacocknc.org](http://www.thepeacocknc.org) for big city entertainment in a quiet mountain town. Learn more about special events and shops around Historic Hayesville Courthouse Square. Follow new businesses in 2022 including home décor, craft supplies, art studio, specialized gifts, coffee shop, wine, brewery updates and the new bakery coming soon. Visit: [www.historichayesvilleinc.com](http://www.historichayesvilleinc.com) to link to more details into the holiday season.