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Bottle Hill Day had fun for folks of all ages on Oct. 21, 2023 as evidenced by this scene at the Dodge Field rides and games area. Marnie Briskin rides with her granddaughter, Elowen Labuskes, 3, of Mendham, on the "Dixie Swing" ride.

Bottle Hill Day has it all

Madison's fall festival takes place Saturday

MADISON – This year marks the 49th anniversary of Bottle Hill Day.

This event has continued to grow every year since it was first established in 1974 by Mayor Elizabeth Baumgartner to promote the business district. It is named for Madison's original establishment in 1715 as the village of "Bottle Hill."

In addition, as in years past, the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and Madison Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 92 will host its 29th annual Madison Car Show at 9 a.m. at the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps., 29 Prospect St.

Over the years, it has grown, evolving into a family, entertainment, and community celebration, which draws between 10,000 and 20,000 people to the heart of Madison every fall. This event is free and open to the public.

With the expansion a few years ago onto Kings Road, this rain or shine street festival now spans over six blocks. It includes sidewalk sales, four stages with live music, three Amusement Areas, food, and more than 225 vendors, including non-profits, crafters, retail businesses, etc.

There will be great food options, including the Food Court on the corner of Central



Photo by Judi Whiting

Brook Bilza, 2, and grandmother Aggie Yuliano, both of Madison, have fun at Bottle Hill Day in 2022.

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Photo by Alex Parker-Magyar

Madison Police Patrolman Andrew Marra emerges from a dip in the dunk tank on Oct. 15, 2022 at Bottle Hill Day.

ALL: Plenty to do at Bottle Hill Day

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Avenue and Cook Avenue, other food vendors throughout the festival, local restaurants, and a Food Truck Court on Kings Road.

The Chamber of Commerce Car Show runs concurrently in the Ambulance Corps Lot on Kings Road.

Park & Ride Shuttle: Just Park your car in the parking lot at the Madison Community Pool and ride downtown, where the shuttle will drop you off right in the center of town. The shuttle will run from 9:15 to 5 p.m. in a continuous loop between the parking lot and the town center.

Family Activities & Rides: Provided by Seashore Amusements at Central Avenue School and Kings Road.

Other Activities: The Presbyterian Church of Madison will once again host a Petting Zoo & Pony Rides at the church at 18 Green Ave.

The Chatham Club will be teaching an outdoor 'Class in the Grass' at 10:30am on the lawn of the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building. The class is open to all, please

register using the link & encourage your friends and family to join. Registration can be done at <https://lu.ma/qza5lvex>

Alpine Tree Service, previously based in Madison and still maintaining a significant client base in the area, will sponsor a "Touch a Truck" experience at Bottle Hill Day. This experience will give children the unique opportunity to see, touch, and learn about the specialized equipment used to care for our urban forests.

Street Closures and Parking: Waverly Place, Central Avenue (Main Street to Brittin Street), Kings Road (Prospect Street to Green Avenue), and Green Village Road (Main Street to Kings Road) will be closed, but the municipal lots (Waverly Green, Cook Avenue, and Elmer Street) will be open for parking. Additional event parking will be available at the Madison Junior School parking lots, which are accessible via Brittin Street (behind the school). The Kings Road Parking Lot behind the Public Safety Building will be open for public parking. Street parking, where allowed, will be available as well. Main Street remains open all day.

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MADISON – Stay the Salon, 20 Waverly Place, will host its first stand at Bottle Hill Day Saturday, Oct. 5 since opening in earlier this year.

Mayor Robert Conley cut the ribbon Wednesday, March 6 to celebrate the business opened five weeks prior.

Owner Tracy Walsh, a Whippany resident, said in March that it feels wonderful to be open.

"I really feel like this is where I belong," she said. "I've wanted this town for a long time, so I feel really grateful and blessed."

Walsh previously worked at Dieci Life-styles Spa in Livingston, and all of her current staff is from there, too.

As for what made her want to choose Madison, Walsh said, "The people. This community is fantastic."

Walsh said she likes everything about being a stylist.

"Touching people and making them feel beautiful changes their lives," she said. "They can have the worst thing going on in the world, but when you make somebody feel good and touch them, it's life-changing. And to be in that business, it's not a job; it's just wonderful."

Fairfield resident Heather DiNardo



Hair stylist Ashley Farley of Stanhope, back, washes the hair of her customer Lisa Tarleton of Verona at Stay the Salon Wednesday, March 6.

got her hair done by stylist Gina Cifelli of North Caldwell on Wednesday, March 6.

"It's beautiful, friendly, warm, welcoming," DiNardo said about the salon.



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Madison Mayor Robert Conley, fifth from left in the middle row, cuts a ribbon to celebrate the opening of Stay the Salon Wednesday, March 6.



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Madison Rotarians to serve hamburgers and hot dogs

MADISON – Members of the Madison Rotary Club will be back at the intersection of Central and Cook Avenues grilling hamburgers and hot dogs during Bottle Hill Day Saturday, Oct. 5.

Bottle Hill Tavern donates all the food, and the Rotarians get help from Interact Club members at Madison High School.

New this year for the Rotary is a second booth specifically to try to encourage the public to become members. This booth will be on Waverly Place, and the Rotarians will find out exactly where a few days before the event, according to Rotarian Joe Smith.

“I think it gets really loud and hectic over where we’re selling the hamburgers and hot dogs,” Smith said. “We get busy at times, and I think we just thought it might be, members could actually talk. And we’re just trying to develop, just trying to increase membership, and that’s what we’re pushing.”

Smith has been running the cooking for the Rotary at Bottle Hill Day since about 2007 and said the Rotarians have been doing this for as long as he can remember, and he moved to the borough in 1989.

“I think longtime residents, they’re always happy to see us there and see that we’re still doing it,” Smith said.

The food sale is a fundraiser for the Ro-



Photo by Liz Parker

Madison Rotary members, from left, Tom Haralampoudis, Barry Kroll, in the rear, and Frank Mangravite flip burgers at the Rotary tent on Bottle Hill Day in 2021. The burgers and hot dogs were donated by Bottle Hill Tavern. Some 320 of each were sold during the day-long event.

tary who uses the money for grants to local charities, Smith said.

“The long-term members get to see people they haven’t seen in years, just walking by,” Smith said. “So it’s almost like a little reunion.”

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Beer Garden is back on Kings Road

MADISON – The Bottle Hill Day Beer Garden returns for its 12th year on Kings Road between Prospect Street and Maple Avenue from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Beer Garden will feature a variety of beer on tap, wine, and will also include some specialty items.

More than 30 volunteers will be on hand to check IDs, serve customers, and monitor patrons. Wristbands for each patron are \$5, which will allow them fast and easy access to the taps. And for \$5 per cup, attendees can enjoy an icy cold brew on tap, specialty craft beer, or glass of wine, while supporting the DDC's efforts to improve downtown Madison.

Thanks to J&M Home and Garden, this fenced area will boast a tropical atmosphere, adorned with lush plants and flowers.

"Our goal was to have a little oasis, a place for friends to gather and take a little time to relax during all the excitement of Bottle Hill Day," said Russell Stern, Beer Garden coordinator and DDC commissioner.

"It's the perfect place to come to eat and drink, or when you need a few minutes to recharge. We are always looking for new



Photo by Alex Parker-Magyar

Fall foliage and the Hartley Dodge Memorial building clocktower rise above the Bottle Hill Day beer garden on Oct. 15, 2022.

ways to help the DDC raise funds. By supporting the Beer Garden, Bottle Hill Day and other DDC events, you are contributing directly to the success of our downtown."

Gary's Wine & Marketplace will serve as the Beer Garden Title Sponsor. Bottle Hill

Tavern and Hollenbach Family Chiropractic will again return as Beer Garden sponsors.

Serving as a new sponsor this year will be Mosaic Animal Health Center at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center.

The DDC's goal is to create a fun, suc-

cessful, social event, while ensuring everyone inside and outside of the Beer Garden is safe. Before the event, volunteers are required to undergo special training by law enforcement personnel on properly checking identification, as well as safety protocols.

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12:20 - 1:10 What's What
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2:40 - 3:30 Rosewood
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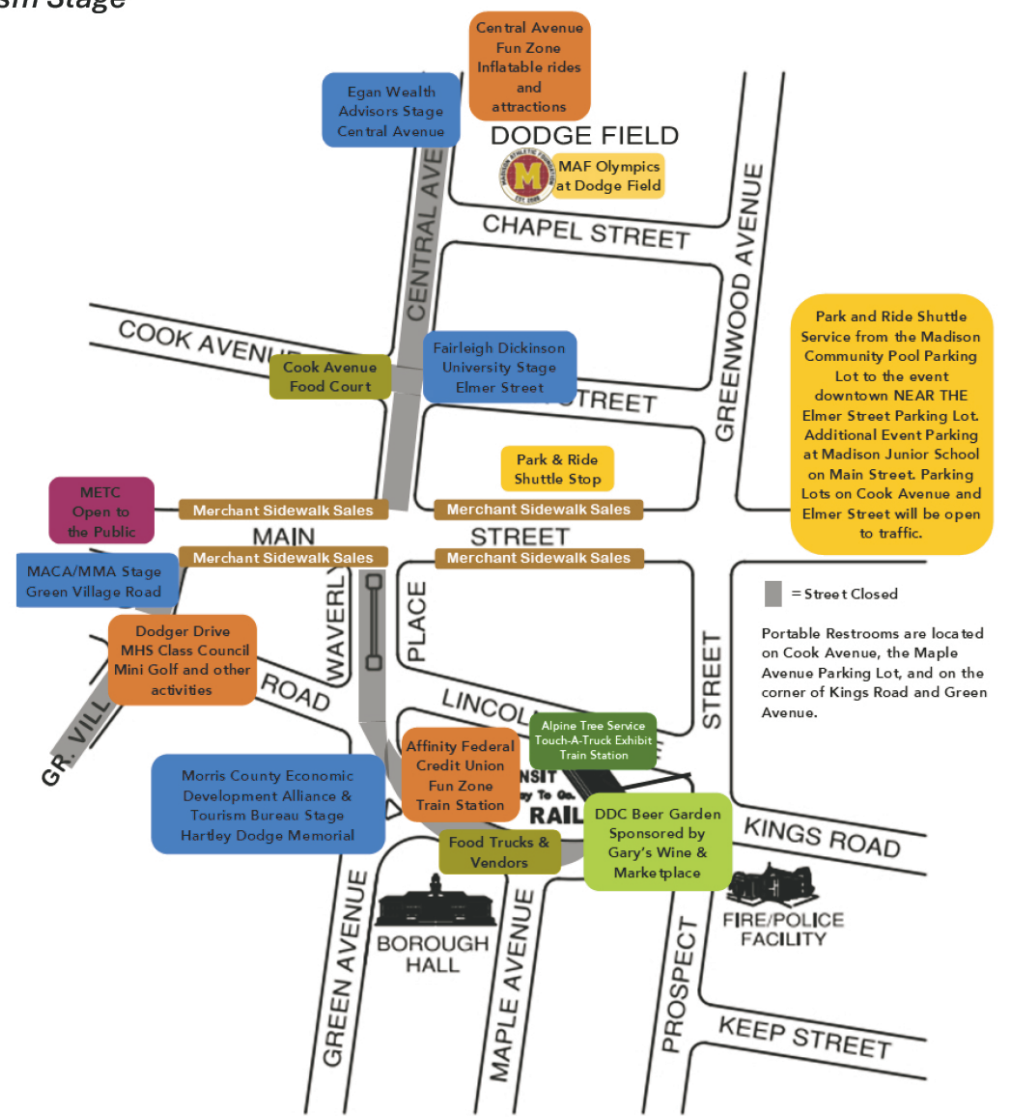
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12:20 - 1:10 Nick Amling & The Lifeline
1:30 - 2:20 Dead Aire
2:40 - 3:30 Jumping The Gun
3:50 - 5:00 5 Against 1

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11:00 - 11:45 The Morris Music Men
12:00 - 12:45 Jeff Ertz & Friends
1:00 - 1:45 The Dave Murphy Trio
2:00 - 2:45 Half Step Down
3:00 - 3:45 Kings Road
4:00 - 5:00 Nick & Jeff

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Four Stages of Music [schedules subject to change]



MADISON CAR SHOW TO FEATURE HOT RODS, CUSTOMS AND CLASSICS

Police Bevenolent Association hosts 29th annual event at Ambulance Corps.

MADISON – The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and Madison Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 92 will host its 29th annual Madison Car Show at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps., 29 Prospect St.

This event coincides with Madison's Bottle Hill Day street festival, with Madison Tire & Auto Repair serving as the main sponsor.

The car show is just a short walk from the Bottle Hill Day festivities, which are held in Madison's Business District.

The show features a wide array of vehicles across various categories including hot rods, trucks, customs, antiques, classics and street machines. While there is no set admission fee; donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated at the gate.

Participants in the show have the chance to win awards and door prizes. The

Best in Show award is sponsored by Pine Manor Associates, Painting & Wallcovering Specialists.

The grand door prize is a \$500 Stop & Shop gift card donated by Stop & Shop of Madison. All car show entrants are eligible for the drawing.

The awards ceremony will start at 3 p.m. To be eligible for judging and prizes, all cars must arrive at the show by 11 a.m.

The Car Show Committee encourages all enthusiasts to register their vehicles by Saturday, Sept. 24, for a discounted fee of \$15 and to secure participation. The day-of registration fee is \$20.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Peter Daniele at (973) 377-4037. For any questions or concerns on the day of the show, attendees are asked to call

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The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and Madison Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 92 are preparing for the Madison Car Show at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps. 29 Prospect St. From left are PBA President Michael Clancy, Chamber Vice President Peter Daniele, Arleen Kirwan, Abigail Kirwan holding Cora, and Madison police officer Joe DiRocco.



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CARS: Show to feature hot rods, customs, classics

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The Madison Car Show will present eight top awards, twelve special awards including categories for engine, paint and vehicle type and "Top 50" awards for the best 50 entries. All awards are sponsored by local businesses.

DJ Jerry Wolfman Burst will be playing music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. On-street parking is free in Madison.

Rose City Collision owner Peter Daniele, the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce vice president, is the chair of the Madison Car Show Committee.

"We expect several hundred car enthusiasts to admire the sparkle, shine, and spectacle of dozens of unique automobiles and trucks right here in our hometown, the Rose City, for one day only," Daniele said.

"This event attracts exceptional cars and creates a lively atmosphere," said Cleaners Advantage owner Robbin Salmeri, the president of the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce. "The Madison Car Show highlights our local automotive businesses and boosts the community's prestige."



The annual Madison Car Show sponsored by the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and the Madison Police PBA 92 was a huge draw in 2019, showcasing some 140 classics, hot rods, customs and more. This 1976 Citroen 2 CV6 is owned by Joel and Christine Thompson of Florham Park.



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An aerial photo taken from a Madison Fire Department ladder truck shows the 28th annual Madison Car Show in 2021. The event was canceled in 2022 after inclement weather forced the postponement of Bottle Hill Day.



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MADISON'S ROSEWOOD BAND To BE 'FEATURED ATTRACTION'

MADISON – Borough-based band Rosewood will perform again at Bottle Hill Day this year, and they will take the stage from 2:40 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hartley Dodge Memorial Stage at 50 Kings Road Saturday, Oct. 5.

On lead vocals for Rosewood is Madison resident Mary McManus, and on guitar is her husband John McManus.

Rosewood, who has been playing at Bottle Hill Day for about 15 years, plays pop and rock from around the 1960s to today, Mary McManus said. The band also performs a lot of Fleetwood Mac and the Pretenders, she said.

Phil Duffy, the chair of the Bottle Hill Day Music Committee, said Rosewood is an excellent band.

"Rosewood is always the featured attraction," Duffy said.

"What we try to do is some of the bands that play often, especially guys on the committee, have tried to take a year off and give other bands a chance and that sort of thing, but a band that typically, we never like to see sit is Rosewood. Rosewood's a very popular band in town. They're in some sense, the parent of the Madison rock band community in town."



Photos by Brett Friedensohn

Members of the band "Rosewood" perform during the block party on Fairwood Road Sunday, Sept. 22. From left are Chatham Borough resident David Furst on the keyboard, Madison resident Julian McManus on guitar, Paramus resident Andrew Kerwin on drums, Madison resident Mary McManus on lead vocals, Madison resident John McManus on guitar and East Rutherford resident Rich Haddad on bass.



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ROSEWOOD BAND TO PERFORM AT BOTTLE HILL DAY



Madison resident Julian McManus, left, plays guitar while his mother, Madison resident Mary McManus, sings as part of the band "Rosewood" during the block party on Fairwood Road Sunday, Sept. 22.



Chatham Borough resident David Furst plays the key-board as part of the band "Rosewood" during the block party on Fairwood Road in Madison Sunday, Sept. 22.



Madison resident John McManus plays guitar as part of the band "Rosewood" during the block party on Fairwood Road Sunday, Sept. 22.

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The a capella barbershop group Morris Music Men, the Morris County chapter of the International Barbershop Harmony Society, consists of more than 40 area singers.

LIVE MUSIC WITH A LOCAL FLAIR WILL BE AT BOTTLE HILL DAY

MADISON – Several local musicians will perform at Bottle Hill Day's five stages Saturday, Oct. 5.

Starting at 9:50 a.m., at the Morris County Economic Development Alliance and Morris County Tourism Bureau Stage in front of the Hartley Dodge Memorial Building, there will be the National Anthem and opening remarks.

Then, Madison-based band the Thorns will kick off the music at 10 a.m., followed by Oobatz at 11:10 a.m. Then the classic rock band What's What will take the stage. This band includes Madison residents Mike Shugrue on bass, Bill Geyer on drums, and Phil Duffy on guitar and lead vocals.

Duffy also serves as the chair for the Bottle Hill Day Music Committee.

"Each year, we try to make things a little bit different," Duffy said. "We don't want all the exact same bands every single time in the same order on the same stages. But by the same token, the real focus for us is the Madison connection."

After What's What is the Widow Brown Band at 1:30 p.m., followed by Madison-based band Rosewood at 2:40 p.m.

On lead vocals for Rosewood is Madison resident Mary McManus, and on guitar is her husband John McManus.

Duffy said Rosewood is an excellent band.

"Rosewood is always the featured attraction," Duffy said.

"What we try to do is some of the bands

PLEASE SEE MUSIC, PAGE 19



Members of the Kings Road Band perform at the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts in Madison Friday, July 19. From left are Chatham Township resident Diane Kirsh on lead vocals, Madison resident Mike O'Keeffe on acoustic guitar, Ringoes resident Fred Kornfeind on bass and Long Valley resident Vin Marmora on drums.

Photo by Brett Friedensohn



Members of Madison-based band The Thorns play during Family Fun Day at Elks Lodge 1465 Saturday, June 1.

Photo by Meg Mullin



Photo by Kerry Cozzolino

Madison's own Half Step Down band provided musical accompaniment for the third annual Madison PBA Food Truck Festival on Oct. 29, 2022 outside the Public Safety Complex. From left are Nelson Aguilar on bass guitar, Mike Shugrue on harmonica, rhythm guitar and backup vocals, lead singer Chris Bias, Marc Cozzolino on drums and Mike Preston on lead guitar.



Photo by Judi Whiting

Singer and guitarist Max Orsini of Madison sings folk songs from the Elmer Street stage at Bottle Hill Day in 2023.

MUSIC: Local music featured at Bottle Hill Day

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that play often, especially guys on the committee, have tried to take a year off and give other bands a chance and that sort of thing, but a band that typically, we never like to see sit is Rosewood. Rosewood's a very popular band in town. They're in some sense, the parent of the Madison rock band community in town."

Closing the show at the Hartley Dodge stage is the Brian Rigby Band at 3:50 p.m.

On the Green Village Road Stage, sponsored by the Madison Arts & Culture Alliance (MACA) and Madison Music & Arts (MMA), students from Madison Public Schools will perform at 10 a.m.

A Dancer's Den will perform at 12 p.m., followed by Spotlight Kids at 12:30 p.m.

Tom Sellwood Studios, owned by Madison resident Tom Sellwood, will take the stage at 1:15 p.m., followed by Mariana Voice Studio: Fairleigh Dickinson Student Singers at 3:15 p.m.

Drew University A Cappella Groups will perform at 4 p.m., and A Work of Heart Productions will close the stage at 4:30 p.m.

On the Central Avenue Stage, sponsored by Egan Wealth Advisors, Mama D & the Vexations will open the show at 10 a.m., followed by the Candice Lee Band featuring Madison resident Candice Lee at 11:10 a.m.

Nick Amling & the Lifeline will play at



Tom Sellwood will bring his musical talents – and those of his many Madison students – back to Bottle Hill Day at this year's festival.

12:20 p.m. Dead Aire, featuring Madison resident Jim Monaghan who works as a DJ at 105.5 WDHA, will play at 1:30 p.m.

Jumping the Gun will play at 2:40 p.m. This band includes Madison residents Bob Rocco and George Mandala.

5 Against 1, a Pearl Jam cover band, will close the show at 3:50 p.m. The band includes Madison residents Nelson Aguilar on bass and Shawn Murphy on guitar.

On the Elmer Street Stage, sponsored by Fairleigh Dickinson University, Neil Mas-



Photo by Brett Friedensohn

Madison residents Phil Duffy, left, and Mike Shugrue play rhythm guitar and bass respectively as members of the rock band "What's What" at the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts Friday, Aug. 30.

trobuono will open the show at 10 a.m., followed by the Morris Music Men at 11 a.m., Jeff Ertz & Friends at 12 p.m., and the Dave Murphy Trio at 1 p.m.

Half Step Down, which includes Duffy

on percussion, will play at 2 p.m. The band also includes Madison residents Chris Bias on lead vocals and Mike Preston on guitar.

Then, Madison-based Kings Road Band will play at 3 p.m. This band includes Madison resident Michael O'Keefe on acoustic guitar and backing vocals. Nick & Jeff will close the show at 4 p.m.

On the DDC Beer Garden Stage, Anthology will open at 12 p.m., followed by Gabby Toledo at 1 p.m., Madison resident Max Orsini at 2 p.m., Jeff Ertz at 3 p.m., Maura Glynn at 4 p.m., and John Mazzarella & Mike Spoer of Burnt Leftovers at 5 p.m.

Duffy said Bottle Hill Day is a day to show off the talent that exists in town, and the committee prioritizes the Madison connection.

"I think the two best days in town are Bottle Hill Day and the day after Thanksgiving when they do the parade," Duffy said.

"I think that the sense of community on both of those days is really what Madison is all about, and I think that it's the day when you're going to see so many of your friends and neighbors. And some you may spend lots of time with, but others, maybe, you haven't seen in a while. But those two days really bring everyone out. And it really reminds everyone what a great town Madison is, and I think the spirit of the town is on full display both of those days."

SEE YOU ON SATURDAY!



Photo by Meg Mullin
Martin Tuttle of Madison joins the Madison Dodger for a Bottle Hill Day stroll in 2023.



Photo by Judi Whiting
Callen Michaels, 9, and Dee Pedicini of Madison are all smiles on a tilt-a-whirl ride at the Bottle Hill Day street festival on Oct. 21, 2023 in downtown Madison.



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Madison sisters Brinley Cleer, 4, left, and Harper Cleer, 1, were all dressed up in their raincoats for Bottle Hill Day fun on Oct. 21, 2023 in Madison.



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Simi Odedra, right, of Madison, has fun with her cousin, Ruhi Bapodra, who was visiting from the U.K., during Bottle Hill Day in 2023.



Photo by Judi Whiting

Laura Baker of Madison holds one-month-old Virginia Baker at her daughter's first Bottle Hill Day. The two are joined by Kimi Misita of Convent Station.



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The Dangler family of Bedminster enjoys sunny fall weather and family time at the Bottle Hill Day street festival on Oct. 15, 2022 in Madison. From left are Sean Dangler, son Patrick, wife Jenell and daughter Victoria.

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First Baptist Church to serve up the hits

MADISON – Members of the First Baptist Church of Madison will support their food pantry by serving some of Bottle Hill Day's favorite foods at the church at 36 Cook Ave. Saturday, Oct. 5.

Food for sale includes fried whiting fish fillet, barbecued ribs, pulled pork sandwiches topped with coleslaw, mac and cheese, and collard greens.

Church members will also hold a bake sale with dessert items which could include pies, cookies and brownies.

The menu has stayed the same for at least the past 10 years, according to church Trustee Eddy Sallie who handles the logistics of the food sale at Bottle Hill Day.

"Because people walk off of the main drag of Bottle Hill Day to come up to the church," Sallie said.

"And if someone comes there, and we're not selling the ribs, it's not a good look. So we've been pretty stable that way. So we get people that come every year looking specifically for a specific item off of our menu."

Sallie, who is originally from Madison and now lives in Union, said Bottle Hill Day is a good time for people from Madison and the surrounding towns to see the Rose City.

"The Word says that we are to go out and make disciples, and we're about interacting with the community," Sallie said.

"And that's where the food pantry comes in, and where we think there's need, we like to interact with the people to kind of supply that need wherever we can. But we like it because it's community. It involves community."



Mac and Cheese is among the items which will be for sale at the First Baptist Church of Madison during Bottle Hill Day on Saturday, Oct. 5.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Photo by Meg Mullin

Located along Bottle Hill Day's main drag on Central Avenue, Bethel AME Church serves up a signature soul food buffet each year at the festival. Volunteers in 2023 included Orinthia Conway, Lea Alexander, Tremaine Cooper, Jayda Washington and Kashima Tyler.



No one goes hungry at "Bottle Hill Day." Abbey Holmes, left, sister Sydney Holmes and mom Jeanne Holmes of Madison enjoy treats from Palm Thai at the 2019 festival.

FUN AT BOTTLE HILL DAY



Photo by Judi Whiting

Chatham Township friends Morgan Kocis, left, and Noelle West, both 11, enjoy cotton candy on Oct. 15, 2022 at the Bottle Hill Day street festival in Madison.



Photo by Judi Whiting

Ann Demartinis, 5, of East Hanover, gets her face painted by Monica Shrim Ali of East Brunswick at Bottle Hill Day in Madison on Oct. 21, 2023.



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An aerial drone photo shows Waverly Place and Central Avenue lined with vendor booths on Oct. 15, 2022 for Bottle Hill Day.

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