

ON THE VINE

CAROLINA WINE COUNTRY NEWS

FALL 2026

**GRAPE FESTIVAL
IN YADKINVILLE**

**ROCK OUT WITH
MILLTOWN GET DOWN**

**AUTUMN WINE PAIRINGS
FROM THE SOMM CLOSET**

**BALLADEER HOTEL
OPENS IN MOUNT AIRY**

SEE MORE INSIDE...



KITSEY
BURNS
HARRISON

FALL SEASON

in Yadkin Valley wine country

Get ready for fun in the fall here in wine country. There's so much to do this season here in the Yadkin Valley with music, wine and more.

Yadkinville will celebrate autumn with not only its annual wine festival, the Yadkin Valley Grape Festival in October, but also its annual Harvest Fest with fun for the entire family.

In Elkin there will be more fall fun with the annual Pumpkin Festival and the Milltown Get Down music festival.

For those looking to stay in wine country this fall, be sure to check out the brand new boutique hotel The Balladeer in downtown Mount Airy. Situated in the historic Spencer's Mill building, The Balladeer stands as a monument to the town's past while heralding its vibrant future. Within its

doors, guests follow an immersive thread through the time periods, materials, songs, and stories that have defined those who call Mount Airy home.

And to round out this quarter's edition of On The Vine, you'll find a great list of wine recommendations from Manju Wagner, owner of The Somm Closet. Manju will share her thoughts on some great NC wines to pair with fall foods from your Halloween treats to your turkey day plans in November.

I hope you will enjoy your time spent here in the Yadkin Valley this fall and celebrate all the comforts of this autumn season.

Cheers!

Kitsey Burns Harrison, *Editor*

content

FEATURES

4

Grape Festival celebrates wines of the Yadkin Valley

6

From the Somm Closet: Textures of wine for autumn

11

Rock out in wine country with the Milltown Get Down

13

Fall fun with festivals in Yadkinville and Elkin

15

Boutique hotel now open in Mount Airy

EDITOR

KITSEY BURNS HARRISON

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER

HOLLY LAMM

ADVERTISING INQUIRIES

336-835-1513

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRICALENDAR@ELKINTRIBUNE.COM

ON THE VINE

214 E. MAIN ST., ELKIN, NC 28621

On the Vine publishes three times a year by Adams MultiMedia.

DESIGN DARLA ALLEN

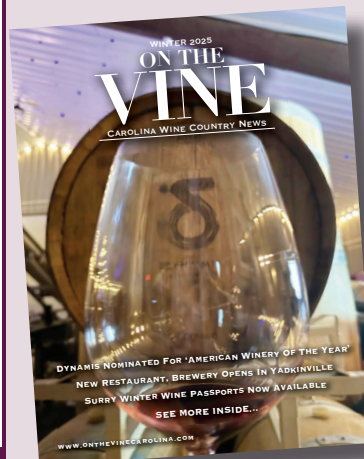
ON THE COVER:

A September scene at Dynamis Vineyards in Jonesville.

PHOTO BY KITSEY BURNS HARRISON

ON THE VINE

CAROLINA WINE COUNTRY NEWS



Get 3 issues delivered to your home

Only \$29.00

Subscribe Today!
Call 336.415.4690

TNNC305851-1



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE

Wine tasters get in line for samples of the vintages made by students of Surry Community College's Viticulture and Enology school at the 2024 Yadkin Valley Grape Festival held in downtown Yadkinville.

GRAPE FESTIVAL

celebrates Yadkin Valley wines

The annual Yadkin Valley Grape Festival is slated for this Saturday, Oct. 17 in downtown Yadkinville from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival grounds are located in the parking lot beside the Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce at 205 S. Jackson St. in Yadkinville.

This popular annual festival draws visitors from all over. Wineries from Yadkin, Surry Counties and beyond are featured at the festival as well as food and craft vendors.

Wineries at the 2026 festival will include Shelton Vineyards, Native Vines Winery, Weathervane Winery, Haze Gray Vineyards, RagApple Lassie, Hanover Park, Shadow

Springs, Windsor Run, Carolina Heritage, and Surry Cellars.

Live music at this year's festival is set to include Mellow Gold from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Salem Soul and the High Point Horns from 3 to 5 p.m.

Advance Tickets for the 2026 Festival are priced at \$25 each. Tickets purchased at the gate on the day of the festival are priced at \$30 each. See advance ticket order information below, order your tickets now, and save \$5 per ticket! We accept cash, checks, debit and credit cards. No refunds or exchanges on tickets. Photo ID Required.

MILITARY DISCOUNT:

Show your active or retired ID at the gate on the day of the festival and receive your ticket for \$25.00

WINE TASTING TICKET INFORMATION & ORDERING:

Access to the wine tasting (wristband and wineglass) requires a ticket. Tickets will be available to purchase in advance by visiting the Chamber office located at 205 South Jackson Street in Yadkinville, the website shopping cart, PayPal, or a print-out order form. Tickets will also be available at the gate on Festival Day, \$30 per ticket. Order your tickets early and save \$5.00 per ticket!

For more visit yvfg.com.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE

A wine taster sniffs her sample at the Elkin Creek Vineyard booth at the 2024 Yadkin Valley Grape Festival held in downtown Yadkinville.

Yadkin Cultural Arts Center

AN ARTS CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE YADKIN VALLEY WINE COUNTRY



Willingham Theater

LOCATED OFF OF THE WELBORN GALLERY, THIS 193 SEAT STATE-OF-THE-ART THEATER SPACE SHOWCASES PERFORMANCES AND PRESENTATIONS IN MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA, AND FILM.

The Center Bistro

THE BISTRO OFFERS AN ECLECTIC MIX OF FRESH, MADE-TO-ORDER, SELECTIONS DAILY OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY (7:30AM-2PM) AND DURING SPECIAL DINNER EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES. OFFERING OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE RENTAL SPACE AND CATERING, THE CENTER BISTRO CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR NEXT EVENT.

226 E. MAIN STREET | YADKINVILLE | 336.679.2941 | YADKINARTS.ORG

FROM SPARKLING TO VELVET

enjoy the textures of wine this autumn

MANJU WAGNER | Wine Columnist | The Somm Closet, Mount Airy

Dear Friends,

We have had a long, wild summer with erratic weather patterns not just here in North Carolina, but around the globe. Across almost all major wine regions — including traditional areas like Bordeaux and Spain, which battled devastating forest fires and intense heatwaves — the harvest has come early this year. For us as consumers, this means some of the fresh, early-drinking styles from the current vintage will arrive on the market sooner than usual.

There is a beautiful reason we are told to live in the present; today truly is a gift. We learn from the past, and we look forward to the future, knowing it will soon become our present. With that in mind, I am eagerly looking forward to fall — my absolute favorite season — with its changing colors and falling leaves.

We have so much to look forward to, from Halloween treats to Thanksgiving feasts. In the wine world, fall also brings a shift in the colors of the wines we crave. While I spent the summer both at The Somm Closet and at home enjoying lighter whites, rosés, and crisp salads, autumn warms my home with the aromas of hearty soups, stews, and warming spices. Naturally, our wine choices change to accompany these heartwarming dishes.

To kickstart the season, here are some of my favorite local North Carolina bottles, paired for both Halloween night and your Thanksgiving table:

THE SPARKLING KICKOFF

The Wine: Christian Paul Vineyards Blanc de Blancs Sparkling Chardonnay

The Profile: Crisp green apple, citrus blossom, lemon zest, and a hint of toasted bread.

Halloween: Sip it with salted potato chips while waiting for trick-or-treaters, or pair it with a salted Reese's Peanut Butter Cup.

Thanksgiving: The perfect welcome appetizer alongside a charcuterie board or deviled eggs with capers.

THE TROPICAL WHITE

The Wine: Parker-Binns Vineyard Petit Manseng (Hendersonville, NC)

The Profile: Highly expressive with dried orange peel, ripe mango, peaches, passion fruit, and honeysuckle.

Halloween: Unwind with a Starburst or an Almond Joy.

Thanksgiving: An incredible companion to a rich, roasted sweet potato casserole.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE
Christian Ercolani, of Christian Paul Vineyards, pours sparkling wine for the annual Hugh Chatham Health Wine Gala.

THE VELVETY RED

The Wine: Haze Gray Vineyards Oak-Aged Chambourcin

The Profile: A beautiful surprise of ripe black cherry, dark forest berries, toasted oak, and smooth vanilla.

Halloween: Grab a classic Tootsie Roll and watch how it transforms the chocolate.

Thanksgiving: Bring it to the dinner table to match a brown-sugar-glazed baked ham.

THE SMOOTH BORDEAUX BLEND

The Wine: Haze Gray Vineyards "Check Six" Red Blend

The Profile: An estate blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot boasting bright berry fruit, lush dark cherry, vanilla, and clove with well-integrated tannins.

Halloween: Enjoy it with a Twix bar.

Thanksgiving: Open this on the big day to pair with pan-seared duck or a savory wild mushroom and sourdough stuffing.

THE EXCLUSIVE RESERVE

The Wine: Shelton Vineyards "Charlie's Cuvée" (Wine Club Exclusive)

The Profile: A robust blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, and Tannat featuring dark berry, plum, smoky leather, and baking spices.

Halloween: A decadent match for a fun-size Snickers bar.

Thanksgiving: Share this with friends and family alongside juicy smoked turkey.



A selection of Shelton Vineyards wines.

THE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE BLEND

The Wine: Marked Tree Vineyard “Watershed”

The Profile: A unique Petit Verdot and Lemberger blend showing aromas of mulberry, dark plum, tobacco, lilac, and charred wood.

Halloween: Perfect with Hershey’s Dark Chocolate.

Thanksgiving: Pour a glass to enjoy against the sunset alongside herb-roasted turkey thighs and root vegetables.

THE BIG & BOLD RED

The Wine: Parker-Binns Vineyard Petit Verdot

The Profile: For those who love rich, bold reds. Packed with stewed dark fruits, baking spices, dark plum, smokiness, and velvety, textured tannins.

Halloween: Cozy up late into the night with a Milky Way bar.

Thanksgiving: A magnificent pairing for rich mushroom gravy poured over smoked turkey and mashed potatoes.

A HOMAGE TO NORTH CAROLINA

I chose to feature only North Carolina wines for this lineup because I am happily, partially biased. I have travelled to many spectacular places around the world, but the beauty of North Carolina in the autumn is heaven on earth. The landscape of this state is truly beyond words, and this list is my homage to the beautiful place we call home.

We have more than 200 wineries in this state. I only wish I could list them all, because each one brings something unique and special to our community, much like the diverse cuisines and cultures of the world. Our local winemakers are passionate individuals who craft these bottles purely out of love. I sincerely wish all of our NC winemakers a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to showcasing your wines at the shop very soon.

Of course, if you are still thirsty to explore beyond our state borders, please come visit us at The Somm Closet. I have the perfect holiday wine pairings and Halloween candy matches sourced from legendary vineyards all around the world.

Have a wonderful start to the autumn season!

Manju Wagner, *The Somm Closet*

Invested In Your Business

When it comes to marketing your business, look no further than your own backyard where you have local knowledgeable consultants striving to grow your business.



Full-Service Marketing Solutions

Magazines - Targeted Banner Advertising
Social Media Management - SEM
SEO Social Media Advertising - Direct Mail
Banners & Signs - Direct Email - Brochures
Flowcodes - Geofencing - Branded Content
Programmatic Audio - CTV/OTT
Netflix - Amazon Prime
Ad Messenger - OOH Digital Billboards
Reputation Management - Websites

**Contact us today for
a free consultation.**

MOUNT AIRY
REGIONAL MEDIA GROUP PRINT • ONLINE • & MORE

The Mount Airy News - The Tribune - The Carroll News
The Stokes News - The Yadkin Ripple

336.786.4141 ext. 3
advertising@mtairynews.com

TNNC268623-1



WIN



1 Adagio Vineyards

2 Brandon Hills Vineyard

336-463-WINE

1927 Brandon Hills Road,

Yadkinville, NC 27055

Website: www.brandonthillvineyard.com

Owners: Larry & Elizabeth Muller

Hours: Friday 1pm - 5pm,

Saturday 12pm - 6pm, Sunday 1pm - 5pm

(Closed January, Open Sat & Sun 1pm - 5pm in February)

3 Carolina Heritage Vineyard & Winery

4 Cellar 4201

5 Childress Vineyards

6 Curran Alexander Vineyards

7 Divine Llama Vineyards, LLC



336-699-2525

4126 Divine Llama Lane, East Bend, NC 27018

Owners: Michael and Patricia West,

Paul Baumbach and Leslie Messick

Winemaker: Dana Aker

Tasting Room Hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday

12-6 year round

Website: www.divinellamavineyards.com

Location: From NC Hwy 67, turn onto Macedonia Road in East Bend. Vineyard is .6 mi on left.

8 Elkin Creek Vineyard



336-526-5119

318 Elkin Creek Mill Road, Elkin, NC

28621

Tasting Room Hrs: Thursday - Sunday 11am - 5pm. Wine

Tasting & Light Foods Daily, Brick-Oven Pizzas Every

Sunday. Available for Weddings & Special Events - Private

Luxury Rental Cabins

Website: www.elkin Creekvineyard.com

9 Flint Hill Vineyards & Century Kitchen

40 Golden Road Vineyards



336-466-7264

542 Golden Road, State Road, NC 28676

Website: www.grvwines.com

Owners: Crista and Chad Guebert

Hours: Friday 2pm-7pm; Saturday & Sunday

12pm-6pm

10 Grassy Creek Vineyard



336-835-2458

235 Cottage Circle,

State Road, NC 28676

Owners: Derrill and Lori Rice, Jim and

Cynthia Douthit

Winemaker: Jim Douthit

Website: www.grassycreekvineyard.com

Location: Surry/Wilkes Counties — West off I-77 at Exit 85 to US 21-Bypass North. Left after first traffic light onto Klondike Road. Left into vineyard after about 1/2 miles.

11 Hanover Park Vineyard & Winery



927 Courtney Huntville Rd

Yadkinville, NC 27055

336-463-2875

Family operated vineyard,

offering vineyard tours, tastings, views, and an all around relaxing escape at our 1800s farmhouse. We look forward to your visit.

37 Haze Gray Vineyards

12 Herrera Vineyards

41 Hidden Vineyard

13 JOLO Winery & Vineyards



336-614-0030, 1-855-JOLOWINE

219 JOLO Winery Lane

Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

Website: www.jolovineyards.com

Owners: JW & Kristen Ray

Location: Take exit 134 (NC 268) toward Pilot Mountain/Elkin. After exiting 134, head west on Highway 268 and go around the roundabouts, Continuing heading west on Hwy 268. Travel approximately two miles and veer to the left onto Pilot Power Dam Road, a slight fork in the road. JOLO Winery & Vineyards will be your first left.

15 Jones von Drehle Vineyards & Winery

16 Junius Lindsay Vineyard

17 Lazy Elm Vineyard and Winery



336-909-4914

523 Danner Road, Mocksville, NC 27028

www.lazyelm.com

See Website For Hours

18 McRitchie Winery & Ciderworks

19 Medaloni Cellars

20 MenaRick Vineyard & Winery

21 Misty Creek Vineyards

22 Native Vines Winery

23 Old North State Winery & Brewery

38 Pilot Mountain Vineyards & Winery

24 RagApple Lassie Vineyards

35 Roaring River Vineyards



336-957-2332

493 Brewer Mill Road, Traphill, NC 28685

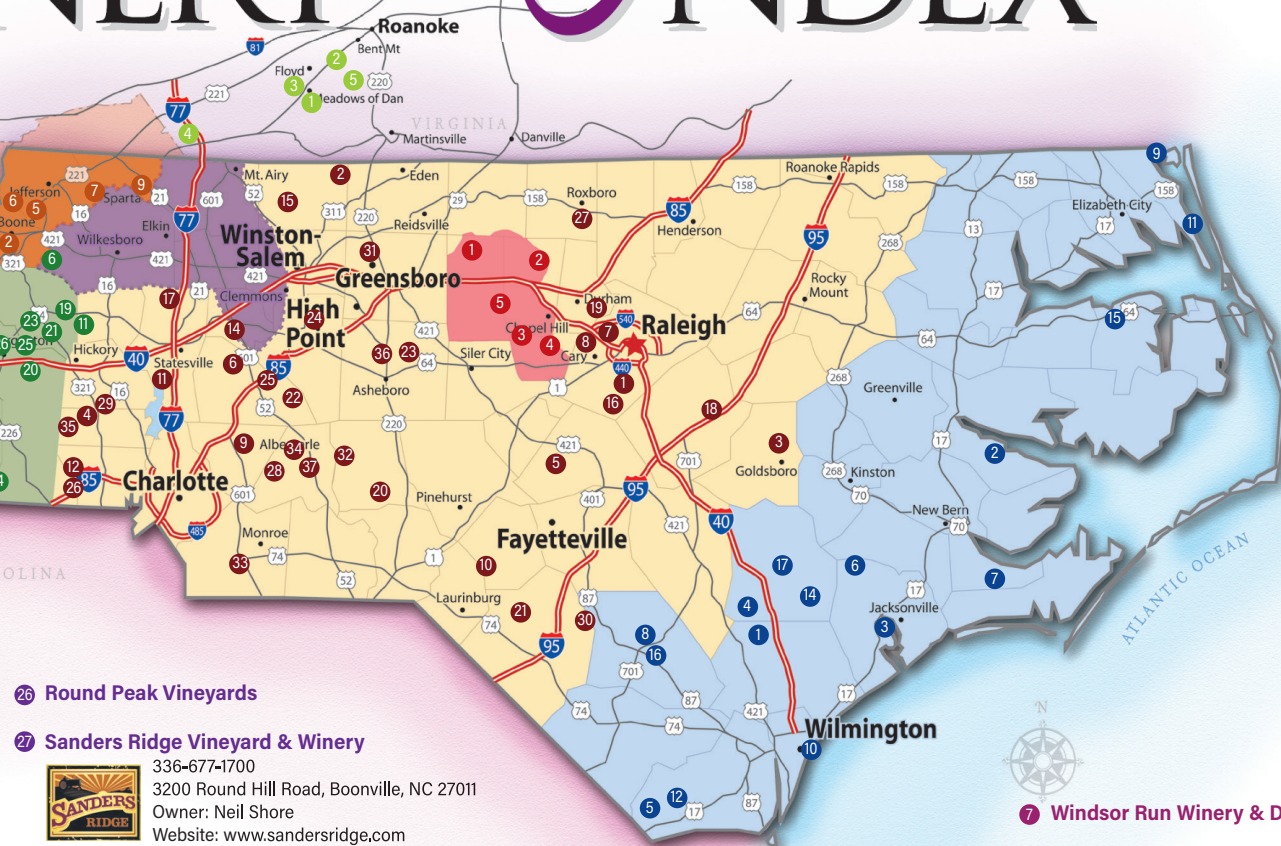
Owners: Josephine & Tom Silvey

Wine Tasting Room & Restaurant Luxury

Lodgings, Business Meetings, Weddings, Rehearsal Dinners, and Private Events.

Website: www.roaringrivervineyards.com

VINERY INDEX



26 Round Peak Vineyards

27 Sanders Ridge Vineyard & Winery



336-677-1700
3200 Round Hill Road, Boonville, NC 27011
Owner: Neil Shore
Website: www.sandersridge.com
Hours: Thur-Sun 12pm-5pm

39 Serre Vineyards

28 Shelton Vineyards



336-366-4724
286 Cabernet Lane, Dobson, NC 27017
Owner: R. Edwin Shelton
Winemaker: Gill Giese
Website: www.sheltonvineyards.com
Location: Surry County — I-77 to Exit 93 Dobson. Turn right, then take first right onto Twin Oaks Rd. Go 2.5 miles to the Shelton Vineyards entrance on the right.

36 Skull Camp Wines

29 Slightly Askew Winery



336-835-2700
913 N. Bridge Street, Elkin, NC 28621
Owners: Tim Gentry and Karen Defreitas
Website: www.slightlyaskewwines.com
Location: Surry County — Take Exit 85 from I-77. West on 268 bypass (CC Camp Rd) .9 miles turn left on S-21 (N Bridge St.) go .8 miles, winery on right (yellow house).
Wine List: Large selection of wines. 20+ wines from semi-dry to Dry Whites and Reds, and large selection of Fruit/Sweet wines

30 Stony Knoll Vineyards

31 Surry Community College Winery

32 Sweet Home Carolina Vineyard & Winery

33 Weathervane Winery

34 Westbend Winery & Brewery

SWAN CREEK AVA

1 Dobbins Creek Vineyards

2 Laurel Gray Vineyards

3 Midnight Magdalena Vineyards

4 Piccione Vineyards



336-571-1024
2364 Cedar Forest Rd, Ronda, NC 28670
Email: info@piccionewine.com
Tasting Room Hours: Every day 12:00 to 6:00pm. Last call at 5:30pm
Live Music Almost Every Weekend. Check our events at piccionevineyards.com or visit us at



5 Raffaldini Vineyards & Winery, LLC



336-835-9463
450 Groce Road, Ronda, NC 28670
Website: www.raffaldini.com
Email: info@raffaldini.com
Hours: Sunday 12pm-5pm
Monday 11pm-5pm
Wednesday - Saturday 11am-5pm

6 Shadow Springs Vineyard

7 Windsor Run Winery & Distillery

8 Stardust Cellars



336-466-4454
1202 Curtis Bridge Road, Wilkesboro, NC 28697
Website: www.stardustcellars.com

Owner: Nick von Cosmos
Hours: Thursday 4pm-9pm, Friday 4pm-10pm, Saturday 2pm-10pm, Sunday 2pm-8pm

9 Dynamis Estate Wines



336-468-6702
1004 Highland Road, Jonesville, NC 28642
Winemakers: Matheson Worrell & Katy Kidd
Website: www.dynamisestatewines.com
Hours: Wed - Sat 11am - 5pm, Sun Noon - 5pm

10 Castello Barone Vineyards & Winery



Owners: Scott & Elizabeth Barone
Respect The Land. Honor The Fruit.
Winemaker: Scott Barone
475 Groce Rd, Ronda NC 28670
336-571-1013
Hours: Mon 11-5, Thurs-Sat 11-5, Sun 1-5
www.castellobarone.com

11 Sotrio Vineyards and Winery

Help Tourists Find You!
Contact Holly Lamm to add your logo, tasting room hours, phone number, website, etc.
hlamm@elkintribune.com
336-835-1513

PIEDMONT REGION

- 1 Adams Vineyards and Winery
- 2 Autumn Creek Vineyard
- 3 A Secret Garden Winery
- 4 Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard & Winery
- 5 Black Rock Vineyards
- 6 Cauble Creek Vineyard
- 7 Chatham Hill Winery
- 8 Cloer Family Vineyards
- 9 Cougar Run Winery
- 10 Cypress Bend Vineyards

11  **Daveste Vineyards**
704-528-3882 info@daveste.com
155 Lytton Farm Rd., Troutman, NC 28166
Website: www.davestevineyards.com
Tasting Room & Art Gallery
Vineyard, Winery, Brewery and Event Venue. Offering dry to semi-sweet wines in both red and white varieties of grape.

- 12 Fiddler's Vineyard
- 14 Garden Gate Vineyards
- 15 Germanton Vineyard & Winery
- 16 Gregory Vineyards
- 17 Grietje's Garden Vineyard & Small Event Venue
- 18 Hinnant Family Vineyard
- 19 Honeygirl Meadery
- 20 Little River Wines
- 21 Locklear Vineyards & Winery
- 22 Morgan Ridge Vineyards & Brewhouse
- 23 Native Son Vineyard and Farm
- 24 Old Homeplace Vineyard
- 25 Old Stone Winery
- 26 Owl's Eye Vineyard & Winery LLC
- 27 Rock of Ages Winery
- 28 Rocky River Vineyards
- 29 Southern Charm Winery
- 30 Stephens Vineyard & Winery
- 31 Stonefield Cellars

32  **Stony Mountain Vineyards**
704-982-0922
26370 Mountain Ridge Road,
Albemarle, NC 28001
Website: www.stonymountainvineyards.com
Owners: Ken, Marie and Devron Furr
Location: Stanly County — Take Hwy 24-27 East from Albemarle.
Turn left at Stone Mountain sign. Turn right on Mountain Ridge Rd.

PIEDMONT REGION

- 33 Treehouse Vineyards
- 34 Uwaharrie Vineyards
- 35 Woodmill Winery
- 36 Zimmerman Vineyards
- 37 Dennis Vineyards

COASTAL REGION

- 1 Bannerman Vineyard And Winery
- 2 Bennett Vineyards
- 3 Botticelli Vineyards
- 4 Duplin Winery
- 5 Grapefull Sisters Vineyard
- 6 Huffman Vineyards Winery & Mirey Creek Gifts
- 7 Lake Road Winery

8  **Lu Mil Vineyard**
910-866-5819
438 Suggs-Taylor Road,
Elizabethtown, NC 28337
Website: www.lumilvineyard.com
Owner: Ron Taylor
Tasting Room Hours: Monday - Saturday (10am - 6pm) &
Sunday (1pm - 6pm)
Wine List: Old Cumberland, Taylor Divine, Bladen Blush, Harmony Hall, Cape Owen Red, Merry Christmas, Sir Walter Raleigh, Red Sangria and White Sangria

- 9 Martin Vineyards
- 10 Noni Bacca Winery
- 11 Sanctuary Vineyards
- 12

 **Silver Coast Winery**
910-287-2800
6680 Barbeque Rd.,
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Southport Tasting Room
910-777-5151
105 S. Howe St., Southport NC 28461
Owners: John and Maryann Azzato
Website: www.silvercoastwinery.com
Location: Brunswick County — From Hwy. 17 (7 mi. north of S.C. border) take Hwy. 904 west. After 1.5 miles, take right on Russtown Rd. After 1.5 miles, take 4th right on Barbeque Rd.

14 The Topsy Bee
15 Vineyards on the Scuppernong, LLC
16  **Cape Fear Vineyard & Winery**
Winery Address: 195 Vineyard Drive
Elizabethtown, NC 28337
Phone (844) VINE-FUN
Monday - Sunday Lunch 11:30 am - 4 pm
Wednesday - Saturday Dinner 5:00 pm - 9 pm
Website: www.CapeFearWinery.com

- 17 The Country Squire Restaurant,
Inn & Winery

HAW RIVER AVA

- 1 Grove Winery
- 2 Iron Gate Vineyards & Winery
- 3 Silk Hope Winery
- 4 Starrlight Mead
- 5 Wolfe Wines

MOUNTAIN REGION

- 1 Addison Farms Vineyard
- 3 Biltmore Estate Winery
- 4 Burntshirt Vineyards
- 5 Calaboose Cellars
- 6 Cerminaro Vineyard
- 7 Cherokee Cellars Winery
- 8 Eagle Fork Vineyards
- 9 Elk Mountain Winery
- 10 FernCrest Winery
- 11 Ginger Creek Vineyards
- 12 Green Creek Winery
- 14 Mountain Brook Vineyards
- 15 Nottely River Valley Vineyards
- 16 Overmountain Vineyards
- 17 Parker-Binns Vineyard
- 18 Saint Paul Mountain Vineyards
- 19 Shadow Line Vineyard
- 20 Silver Fork Vineyard & Winery
- 21 Six Waterpots Vineyard & Winery
- 22 South Creek Vineyards
- 23 Twisted Vine Winery
- 24 Valley River Vineyards
- 25 Waldensian Heritage Wines
- 26 Lake James Cellars

APPALACHIAN HIGH COUNTRY AVA

- 1 Banner Elk Winery and Villa
- 2 Grandfather Vineyard & Winery
- 3 Linville Falls Winery
- 4 Plumtree Valley Vineyards
- 5 Raven Rock Vineyards
- 6 Spencer Mountain Vineyards
- 7 Thistle Meadow Winery
- 8 Watauga Lake Winery and Vineyards
423-768-0345 or 423-768-3633
6952 Big Dry Run Road, Butler, TN 37640
Website: www.WataugaLakeWinery.com
- 9  **Williamson Mead and Brewing**
661-827-7290
3047 Shawtown Rd, Glade Valley, NC 28627
Wed - Fri 12pm-6pm Sat 11am - 7pm; Sun 11am - 6pm
Website: www.williamsonbrewing.com

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGION

- 2 Chateau Morrisette
- 3 Foggy Ridge Cider
- 4 Mt. Vale Vineyards
- 5 Villa Appalachia

If you wish to have an extended listing helping your customers to locate and contact you, please call Holly Lamm with *On The Vine Magazine*. We will be happy to invoice you annually for your listing in our quarterly publication.

hlamm@elkintribune.com
336-835-1513

TNNC261918-1

ELKIN SET TO ROCK

this fall with Milltown music fest

KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | kburns@yadkinripple.com

Elkin's Milltown Get Down will once again bring music-lovers out to enjoy two days of live performances at multiple venues downtown on Oct. 9-10. This event, first unveiled last fall, is a reincarnation of the popular Reevestock Music Festival which began in 2011 at a private venue, Elkin's hidden amphitheater on Ivy Circle.

"Milltown Get Down was great!," said Explore Elkin's Natalie Eidson of the 2025 festival. "It was amazing to see the stages at the Heritage Center used to their full potential and we're looking forward to watching the festival grow in its new downtown Elkin footprint."

Performances took place at both stages near the Heritage Center on Standard St. as well as The Reeves Theater, the Farmers Market shelter and the Railyard with last year's festival featuring headliners Shadowgrass on Friday night and The Nude Party on Saturday. Other performers heard throughout the weekend included Paul McDonald & The



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE

DaShawn and Wendy Hickman's Sacred Steel performs on the Creek Stage at the inaugural Milltown Get Down music festival in downtown Elkin on Saturday.

Eat, Drink, Shop, Play & Stay in the Yadkin Valley

1 Yadkin Cultural Arts Center

Yadkin Cultural Arts Center
226 East Main Street
Yadkinville, NC 27055

Website: YadkinArts.org

Phone: 336-679-2941

Located in Downtown Yadkinville

3 Jonesville Tourism Development

4 Underdown Ball Real Estate

5 Lewis Furniture

8 Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce

18 Cypress Trails Event Center

157 Interstate Way, Elkin, NC 28621



Phone: 910-574-5396

Website: cypressstrailsevents.com

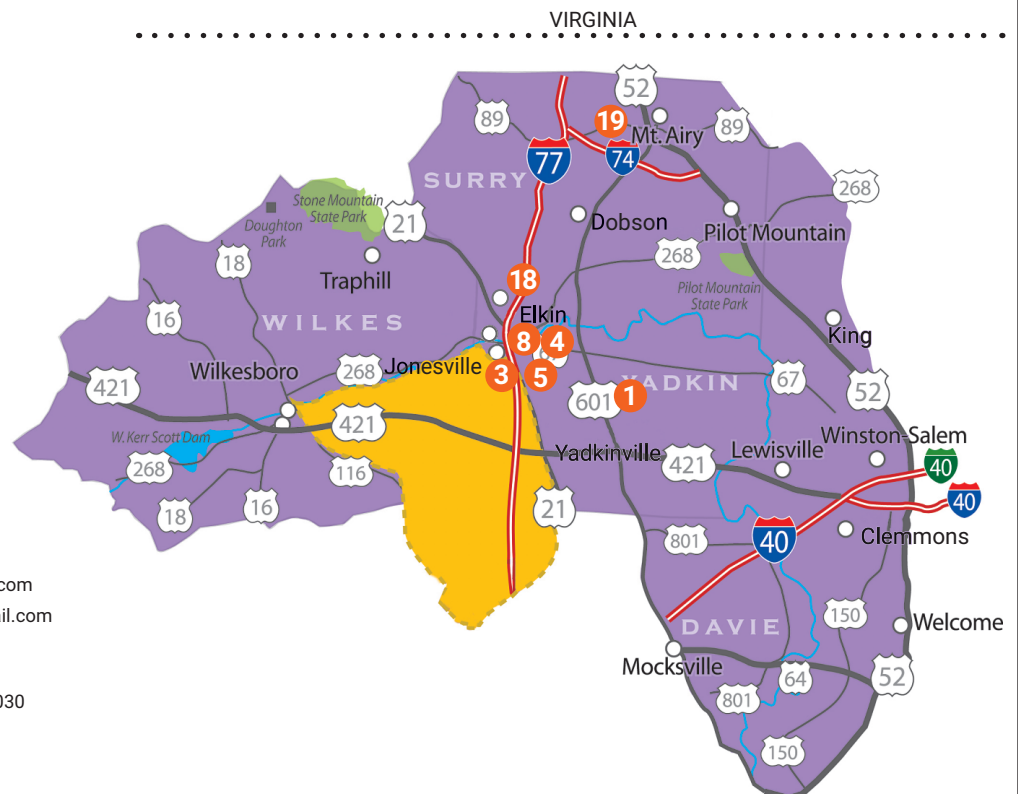
Email: cypressstrailstara@gmail.com

19 Mt. Airy Equipment Company

1431 West Pine Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030

Phone: 336-786-6240

Website: mtairyequipmentco.com



TNNC319188-1



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE
Paul McDonald and The Mourning Doves perform on the River Stage in downtown Elkin at the first-ever Milltown Get Down music festival.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE
Festival-goers in Elkin for the first-ever Milltown Get Down music festival.

Mourning Doves, Charlie Hunter Trio, Gabe Lee, Michael Daves and Jacob Jolliff, Holler Choir, Maia Kamil, Mason Via, and ZG Smith.

Sam Tayloe, founder of both Reevestock and the Milltown

Get Down, also performed with his band Time Sawyer.

The lineup for 2026 will again feature Shadowgrass as well as Susto, Vincent Neil Emerson, Ariel Posen, Slap Dragon, victoria victoria & Maia Kamil, Seth Walker, Cordovas, Time Sawyer, Ettore Buzzini, Dashawn and Wendy Hickman present: Sacred Steel, Matt Tedder, justin clyde williams, Menastree, Ramona & The Holy Smokes, and The big elkin creek dippers.

DaShawn and Wendy Hickman present: Sacred Steel, was also part of the weekend last fall. A Surry County native, pedal steel player DaShawn Hickman had recently returned in 2025 from a run on television's popular America's Got Talent where he performed with a four-member band headed by Steve Ray Ladson.

The festival is family-friendly and will feature food and beverage vendors on site.

Visit milltowngetdown.com for tickets and more information.

**29th Annual Yadkin Valley
Pumpkin Festival**
Saturday, Sept. 26th!
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Historic Downtown Elkin, N.C.
• Crafts • Food • Farmer's Market
• Children's Events & Activities
Kids Zone located on Standard St.
SOUTHEAST GREAT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF
Includes Pumpkins, Gourds & Watermelons
Weigh Off Starts at 9 a.m.
For more information:
Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce
(336) 526-1111 | yadkinvalley.org

Pumpkin Run: 5k/1K Run Walk
Race starts at Elkin Municipal Park,
\$30 Registration 6:30-7:30 am • \$15 1 mile Fun Run
Race 8am-11am same location!
Benefit for VFW Post 7794 in support of Mental Health and Suicide

**BEAUTIFUL VIEWS. RELAXED
ATMOSPHERE. GREAT GOLF.**

**THE TRIBUNE
READERS'
CHOICE
AWARDS
WINNER
• 2025 •**

***POOL * CLUBHOUSE * PRO SHOP * RESTAURANT & BAR**
225 Country Club Dr.
State Road, NC
(336) 835-2320
www.cedarbrookcountryclub.com

**Cedarbrook
Country Club**
1946

FALL FESTIVAL FUN

in the Yadkin Valley

STAFF REPORT

The Autumn Equinox is still several weeks away, but there is plenty of fall fun already planned for this year in the Yadkin Valley.

Yadkinville will celebrate autumn on Saturday, Sept. 19 with its Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival. The Yadkin Arts Council will host this 49th annual festival from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in downtown Yadkinville. Vendors and food trucks will be set up featuring more than 90 different booths with an array of fares.

This festival, which has been a highlight around Yadkinville since 1976, offers a mix of arts, crafts, food, community, and fun. The Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival is a perfect event for the whole family. Live music will be presented all day long on the Yadkin Cultural Arts Center's Plaza.

Festivities also includes kid-friendly activities with inflatables by Fun Time Inflatables, and face painting by the Yadkin County Interact Club. This is not a ticketed event, but cash is recommended in order to participate in all the fun and support all of Yadkin County's local vendors and artisans. This event will be held rain or shine.

The festival will be set up on Elm Street, Jackson Street, and the campus of the Yadkin Cultural Arts Center, including the Willingham Theater and Center Bistro. Free parking is available in the Elm Street lot (access off of Birch St.), Main Street, and in the surrounding areas.

For more details visit yadkinarts.org/yadkin-valley-harvest-festival/

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the annual Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival will be held in historic downtown Elkin from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE

Giant pumpkins await their turn on the scales for the Great Pumpkin Weigh-off during the 2025 Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival in Elkin.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE

Early morning rain cleared making way for blue skies and sunshine for the 2025 Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival in downtown Elkin.

Festivities begin in the morning with the annual Great Pumpkin Weigh-Off. Portly pumpkins from growers all over the East Coast hit the scales to see which one takes home the \$1,000 first prize. Previous winners have weighed in at more than 1,500 pounds. It is considered one of the most famous pumpkin contests east of the Mississippi.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive shortly after the festival opens at 9 a.m. to view the massive pumpkins, watermelons and other gourds on display. The weigh-in process begins at that time and continues through lunchtime. Large fork lifts are required to move the giant pumpkins and watermelons to the scales.

The weigh-off takes place in the parking lot of the Yadkin Valley Heritage and Trails Center, 257 Standard Street, Elkin.

Meanwhile, the day-long festival fills nearby Main Street with arts-and-crafts vendors, festival food, live music, a dunking booth and a kids zone.

Free shuttles will run throughout the festival to help visitors get around and enjoy everything the event has to offer. Shuttle pick-up and drop-off locations will also be available at the Elkin Elementary School and Elkin Middle School parking lots, making it easy to park and ride to the festival.

The Kids Zone will be located in front of the large stage near the Yadkin Valley Heritage Center. Families can enjoy inflatables and activities for children, while the large stage will feature live performances and entertainment throughout the day.

Main Street in Downtown Elkin will be filled with live music, food, shopping, activities, and vendors of every description. Festival-goers can explore everything from

antiques and handcrafted gifts to functional pottery, wood furnishings, baked goods, pumpkin-themed treats, funnel cakes, BBQ, Polish sausages, sand art, pumpkin painting, and so much more.

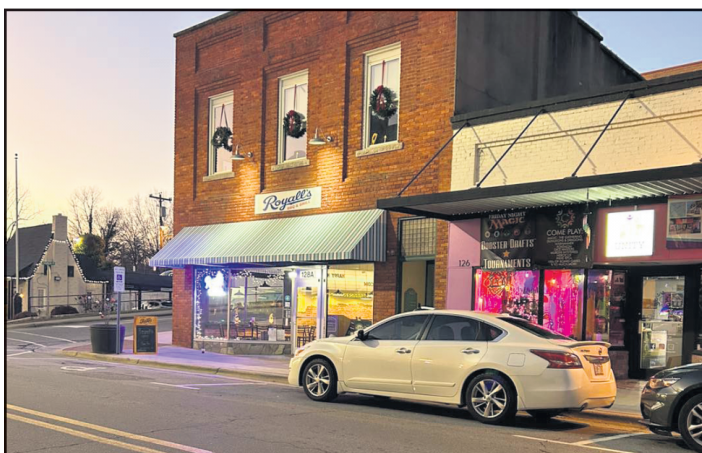
For more information visit yadkinvalleypumpkinfestival.com.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE
Jugglers perform on the streets of downtown Elkin during the 2025 Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival.



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE
Handmade crafts for sale at the 2025 Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival hosted by the Yadkin Arts Council in downtown Yadkinville.



Royall's
BBQ & GRILL



Show this ad to your server to get a free basket of hush puppies!

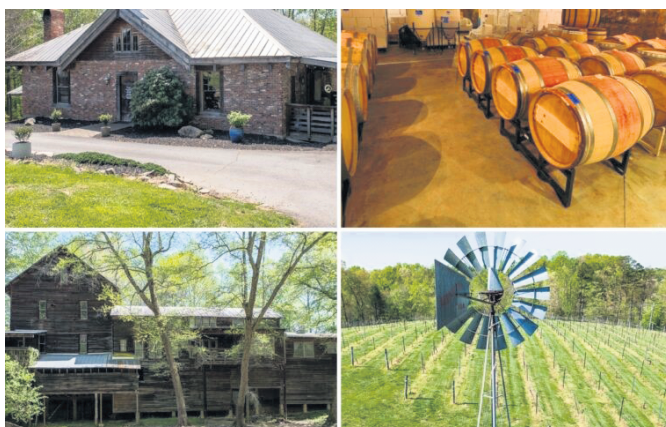
Limit 1 order per table can be used 1 time per week. Valid thru 12/31/2026

Open

Mon - 11-8 | Tue - 11-8 | Wed - 11-8 | Thu - 11-8 | Fri - 11-8 | Sat - 11-8 | Sun - 11-3

128 W Main St, Elkin, NC 28621
Call us at: (336) 530-4014
Order online at royallsbbq.com

Your Residential and Commercial Real Estate Experts for the Yadkin Valley



FOR SALE – 38+ acre property with a vineyard, winery, cabins, restaurant and historic mill on Big Elkin Creek

ub

UNDERDOWNBALL
UNDERDOWNBALL.COM

920 North Bridge Street, Elkin, NC 28621

underdownball.com

336-835-2256/800-835-2476

www.facebook.com/underdownball

@erisball

Real Estate Services · Since 1960

Appraisals, Brokerage, Property Management



RIBBON OFFICIALLY CUT

for Balladeer Hotel in Mount Airy

TOM JOYCE | tjoyce@mtairynews.com

MOUNT AIRY — A new boutique hotel in historic Mayberry will give wine lovers a new spot to stay in the Yadkin Valley.

The Balladeer Hotel by Marriott opened this spring. An official ribbon cutting for the lodging establishment symbolizing a major achievement for the local community, was held over the summer.

“This is a great day for Mount Airy,” Mayor Jon Cawley declared as a crowd of nearly 200 people gathered on Aug. 21 to celebrate the occasion.

What is now a 70-room, \$25 million boutique hotel that is part of the highly regarded Marriott Tribute brand was something altogether different not too long ago.

The former Sparger Building on Willow Street, an imposing structure now housing the Balladeer, was once part of the Spencer’s textile mill complex where the production of children’s apparel had ceased in 2007.

“It brings back a lot of memories for me because I worked at Spencer’s when I was 16 years old,” Deborah Cochran, a city commissioner, said while standing in the building at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Things began looking up for the decaying property about seven years after Spencer’s closed, recalls Steve Yokeley, a former member of the Mount Airy Board of Commissioners.

Yokeley was among those assembled, who included city and county governmental leaders, local business and civic officials and proud citizens taking part in the milestone



KITSEY BURNS HARRISON | ON THE VINE
Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley, left, and Sunhouse Hospitality co-owner Srikanth Kamma cut the ribbon to officially welcome the Balladeer Hotel by Marriott while surrounded by other officials.

event spearheaded by the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce.

The former city commissioner reminded the gathering of an important date: May 15, 2014, when the municipality bought the Spencer’s property to redevelop for new uses.

“I was in this building when it was about to fall down,” Yokeley said. “Somebody fell through the floor, actually.”

ROCKY ROAD

The Spencer’s Mill Redevelopment has taken many other crooks and turns over the years, not without much controversy at times which split the community along with the city council.

One such issue surrounded efforts to bring a different hotel to town in conjunction with a project to also develop a Barter Theatre expansion on the former Spencer’s property.

That plan was abandoned after a state agency that oversees fiscal operations of communities including Mount Airy, the Local Government Commission, ruled that the city could not support this financially and gave it a thumbs-down.

“I was just reviewing some social media from 2018,” Bryan Grote said in the hotel lobby area while awaiting the ribbon cutting, a period when citizen dissatisfaction over the redevelopment process was prolific.

“We got back up,” Grote said of what happened after the Barter setback.

The redevelopment became even more energized largely through the efforts of Grote, a recognized local financial expert and volunteer who has devoted countless hours to community service including the Spencer’s project.



TOM JOYCE | THE NEWS

A crowd estimated at 150 to 200 people is on hand for the important ceremonial occasion.

Grote played a key role in getting an out-of-town entity known as Sunhouse Hospitality to explore a possible hotel in the Sparger Building.

He said his thoughts were multi-faceted — “One is relief.”

Sunhouse is run by two brothers, Srikanth Kamma and Shri Kamma, with that company already owning Hampton Inn in Mount Airy.

The Balladeer concept took shape during the COVID era, with the August ribbon cutting culminating the long struggle involved.

“We took this historic building and turned it into something beautiful,” Sunhouse Development Group’s vice president of operations, Lenise Lynch, remarked during the ceremony.

The picture will be complete “if all of you will just come in and make a reservation,” Lynch joked.

Mayor Cawley said the Kamma brothers and Sunhouse deserve much thanks “for their perseverance and their commitment to excellence.”

SUCCESS BREEDING SUCCESS

Grote indicated that the Balladeer is a major economic-development accomplishment in itself which also should lead to more investment in Mount Airy.

“It’s huge to have lodging like this downtown,” local



tourism official Jenny Smith said while admiring the elegance and grandeur of the Balladeer.

“You can walk to everything,” Smith added. “To have a hotel of this caliber is really incredible — and I think it’s going to give us an edge over other small towns.”

Complementing the Balladeer Hotel by Marriott is Granstone Conference Center, a facility nearing construction elsewhere on the former Spencer’s property which will host conventions and other large-scale gatherings when completed late this year.

For now, though, it’s all about basking in the glory of the Balladeer.

“Congratulations, Mount Airy,” the mayor said just before the ribbon was cut.

discover

Jonesville



visitjonesvillenc.com

SCAN TO VISIT





336-835-6000



336-526-6777



336-835-9400



336-835-1994



336-835-3609

● **Golfing**

● **Local Parks**

● **Trails**

● **Festivals**

● **State Parks**

● **Rivers & Lakes**

● **Antiques**

● **Local Vineyards**