

Northwest Georgia's

HISTORIC HIGH COUNTRY

Land of Sights and Legends

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WHAT'S NEW

STORY IDEAS

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SPIRITS and MOONSHINE

Sunflower Spirits – only in the world!

The creative team at Dalton Distillery discovered that they have produced a one-of-a-kind spirit – 'shine made from sunflower seeds. As a non-grain (90-proof and gluten-free, too, by the way) product, they cannot call it moonshine, but have to refer to this new product as a spirit. **TazaRay** features a distinctive flavor that you can only find at the Dalton Distillery. Of course, their authentic Real Georgia Moonshine using a 100-year-old secret family recipe continues to be among the favorites. Meet Raymond, the master distiller...he has quite a story to tell! Daily tours and live events are featured throughout the year. www.daltondistillery.com

"WHISKEY. IT MAY NOT BE THE ANSWER, BUT IT WILL HELP YOU FORGET THE QUESTION." –Raymond Butler



NEW BREWERIES

Cherokee Brewing and Pizza

Authentic wood-fired pizza and craft beer firmly grounded in Southern roots and love of community.

www.facebook.com/cherokeebrewingandpizza/

Rome City Brewing Company

Rome's Brew House Music and Grill is now making and serving its own beer!

<http://romebrewhouse.com>

Printer's Ale

A brewery in Carrollton that will be producing year round brews, and unique/experimental one-offs and seasonals.

<https://www.facebook.com/printerbeer/>

The Foundry Growler Station

Bringing growlers, craft beer, home brew supplies, fine cigars, and a new craft beer experience to downtown Rome.

www.facebook.com/TheFoundryGrowlerStation/

ARTS and GARDENS

Keys to Rome

This unique art project launches Saturday, May 6 in timing with the Downtown Rome Saturday Street Festival, and continues through July 9. **Keys to Rome** features pianos transformed into works of art and placed around Downtown Rome. The public is invited to play the pianos at their leisure, as well as enjoy several planned performances during the festival. The public art program is made possible with the support of Turn Your Back on Hate and Rome CVB. www.romegeorgia.org

Picturing America Gallery at Booth Western Art Museum

One of the state's favorite art museum's opened a permanent gallery to display photography as a fine art medium. The first exhibit is now open, and features **Ansel Adams: The Masterworks** to be displayed until October 29, 2017. www.BoothMuseum.org

North Georgia Garden Trail

Visit **26 public gardens** in North Georgia, each with breathtaking landscapes and wondrous beauty. Walk along paths that curve gracefully through blooming bushes, towering trees and toward babbling brooks. Reflect on tributes to American heroes, historic figures and life itself. Visit gardens in the **Northeast Georgia Mountains** and the **Historic High Country** to experience uncommon beauty any time of year.

www.exploregeorgia.org/itineraries/north-georgia-garden-trail



Rome Flavor Tour

Embark on a new culinary experience in Downtown Rome. The Georgia's Rome Flavor Tours will feature many restaurants on Broad Street in a progressive-style meal format; and will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The menu and restaurants featured in the tours will change monthly so that no two tours will be exactly alike. Each tour has a maximum of 8 participants. Tour tickets are \$35 and include the price for all restaurants, transportation and gratuity. <http://romegeorgia.org/attraction/flavor-tours/>

MUSEUMS

Tellus Science Museum Showcases Once-in-a-Lifetime Solar Eclipse

Tellus will host a viewing event on August 21, 2017, the date of the American solar eclipse. The northwest GA area will see about 97% coverage according to astronomy program manager David Dundee.

www.tellusmuseum.com



Duke Museum of Military History

The Duke Museum of Military History is dedicated to preserving the military history of past generations for the education of future generations. See artifacts and weapons from conflicts past, from pre-WWI all the way to modern day. Walk through history and see how the tools of war have evolved.

www.facebook.com/Duke-Museum-of-Military-History-529066923957460/



BARNESLEY RESORT ADDS LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER



Offering a new way to experience this beautiful North Georgia resort, the **Inn at Barnesley Resort** is expected to open in late 2017. An additional 55 guest rooms and suites will bring the resort's total guest room count to 150 accommodations, offering a variety of options for leisure travelers, multi-generational families, corporate groups and wedding guests. The three-story Inn will complement the resort's relaxed English-inspired village and cottage-style accommodations. **Georgian Hall**, a new venue for meetings and special events, is anticipated to open in early 2018.

<http://barnsleyresort.com/inn-at-barnsley-resort.aspx>

MUSIC



A music and dining experience...

...Sonic Nirvana, Amazing Lights, Beautiful Stage

THE FOOD - Chef follows the notion that "what goes together, grows together." Depending on the guest artist and their style of music, Chef David creates nightly specials to complement the vibe of the music being performed in MadLife's live venue.

THE MUSIC - The venue is crafted to deliver perfect evenings for our performing artists and our customers. Visually and personally intimate, sonically correct and high energy as well – all designed to assure magical moments are always revealed at MadLife.

THE UNEXPECTED – Madlife provides a professional tracking and capture environment in a dynamic, creative, and adept space. Artists' recording of their next masterpiece begins here. With an array of equipment and back line gear, the project will be taken to the next level.

<http://madlifestageandstudios.com>

NEW EVENTS

Dixie Highway Celebration

3rd weekend in April in Dalton



First Annual Dixie Highway Festival and Celebration takes place April, 2017! The two-day event kicks off with a Dixie Highway Symposium including an opening night reception and exhibition commemorating the "Dixie." Saturday starts with a blast of fun with a Dogs on the Dixie Walk scavenger hunt, Family Fun Zone, the Downtown Dalton Sampler, a Poker Run with cars from the Dixie Highway era, a Dixie Highway Cruise Inn, live music, a cookout, tours of the Crescent City Train Car, and an opportunity to tour the Dalton Moonshine Distillery and purchase a Dixie Highway Commemorative Moonshine Bottle.

Honeybee Festival

June 3 in downtown Lafayette, GA



This annual festival is themed around the amazing honeybee and the contributions the bee makes to our local and national community. The festival will feature arts/crafts and food vendors along with musical entertainment and activities for all ages.

UNIQUE LODGING

TINY...IN A BIG WAY!

Tiny houses have found their way to the High Country region atop Georgia's Lookout Mountain where the views are spectacular and the sky so close you can almost touch the stars!

Live A Little Chatt – A Tiny House Experience

This tiny house complex on top of Georgia's Lookout Mountain provides the perfect getaway for that special occasion or just-because weekend trip. Four houses, each unique in style and size, sit on the west brow overlooking the valley below.

Visitors can experience nearby **Cloudland Canyon State Park** where you can walk down to two waterfalls, explore the underground world of caves with **G3 Adventures**, soar the heavens on a tandem hang gliding flight with **Lookout Mountain Flight Park**, and see seven states from Georgia's **Rock City**. Or, they can just relax in a hot tub, read a good book, and do nothing but unwind.



Live A Little Chatt is the brainchild of owners Brian Morris and Joe Curro. Give them a shout to see what's coming up next for this cool vacation dig.

"We recognize that Live A Little Chatt will be so many things to so many people, but at the end of the day, we really just want to give people a place to just LIVE. Right now...in the moment...present...aware of the world and all the awesome stuff that is happening around you."

<http://livealittlechatt.com>



WINERIES AND VINEYARDS

*In addition to the Historic High Country's 11 wineries and vineyards currently open to the public, **more are on the way in 2017:***



Bear Claw Vineyards – Blue Ridge
www.BearClawVineyards.com

Big Door Vineyards – White
www.bigdoorvineyards.com

NOT YOUR TYPICAL WEDDING VENUE

Town of YNot

The Town of YNOT is an Old West Town built from the childhood dreams of Jackson and Al Walker in Dallas, GA. What began as a place for a Cowboy Day gathering of family and friends is now a unique and fun wedding venue. Cowboy Day still happens, too!

Oct. 7, 2017 – **Cowboy Day**
\$10 / carload

Coming soon for bride and groom – **The Cactus Inn**, an 1800's hotel front that will have a bridal and groom suite

www.thetownofynot.com

