



*Welcome to
Mountain View*

*...and our
beautiful
Ozarks....*

*and guess what... The Arkansas State Fiddle Championship
is this weekend at the Folk Center...*

Annual Fiddle Weekend - Ozark Folk Center

Fiddling' starts Thursday with an all day 'Fiddle Master' class, then:
Thursday..7pm Concert...Apple & Setser (hometown favorites)
Friday..7pm Concert...Ozark Highballers (Fayetteville's hottest old-time stringband)
Saturday..7pm...Concert...Jeremy Myers (Missouri native)
Tickets for evening concerts are \$12 at the door or get a Daytime Craft Village and Evening Concert \$19.50



State Fiddle Championship-Saturday

FREE ADMISSION FOR AUDIENCE AT THE CONTESTS

Youth...11 yrs. & under...10:30am

Junior...12-16 yrs. old...12 Noon

Senior...60 yrs & older...1:30pm

Adult...17-59 yrs. old...3pm

GRAND CHAMPION (all 1st place division winners)...4:30pm

And here's some more local 'happenings' going on, waters to paddle, banjos playing, places to eat, where to go, things to do & dreams to happen!!

OUT & ABOUT



The Arkansas Craft School is located in a beautiful old restored building on the corner of Main & Peabody across the street from the Courthouse. Go on in & have a look around, amazing amount of space with specialized rooms for all kinds of fun classes scheduled in Aug & Sept & throughout the year: Turning Natural Edge Bowls, 6 Weeks of Weaving, Knife Making, Basket Weaving, Faux Finishes, Polymer Clay. Unique new classes & great instructors.

There's also a small gift shop.

101 N. Peabody Ave & Main Street (next to Mexican Restaurant) 870-269-8397 www.ArkansasCraftSchool.org

And right around the corner is **The Arkansas Craft Gallery**, a collection of juried artists & craftspeople from all over Arkansas....



Stop in the Craft Gallery & check out Ed Alexander's fascinating & beautiful photography, including "Leading the Herd", Photo on Canvas, pictured here...can you just imagine his experience of being there & photographing!

Open Tue-Sat...10am-5pm
104 E. Main St.

Ozark Folk Center is open from 10am-5pm, Tue-Sat. A super group of artisans practicing the crafts of the past, present & future. Great place to visit & learn!

Treasure Hunt in the Craft Village

During August the artisans in the Ozark Folk Center Craft Village are saying "thank you" to their visitors by giving away one handcrafted heirloom treasure each day throughout August.

Get your clue when you purchase your ticket to the Village.

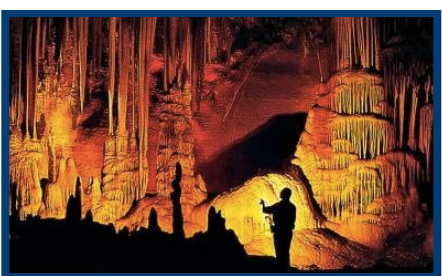
Hunt through each shop to find the day's give-away & put your entry in the basket next to the prize. Then join everyone on the Outdoor Music Pavilion at 3pm for the day's drawing. You must be present to win.

For more chances to win share your favorite thing in the Village on social media: #ozarkfolkcenter #connectingwithcraft #ofccraftvillage

Loco Ropes is open 10am-5pm, 7 days a week, Mar 1st-Nov 30th...they do close Easter & Thanksgiving. I don't think you can be too old to give it a try....I met a woman who celebrated her 95th birthday strapped into a harness high up in the trees & boy was she happy & so proud of herself!! Check out their website: <http://locoropes.com/> or call 870-269-6566. It's located by the edge of the lower parking lot at Ozark Folk Center.

Blanchard Springs Caverns...One of the best kept secrets in the Ozarks & we highly recommend on a hot day....it's a constant 58 degrees in the caverns year round, so pack a sweater & cool off on one of these blistering days! Blanchard Springs Recreation Area also offers the spring fed, trout stocked Mirror Lake for your fishing fun, hiking trails, picnic sites, creek swimming, limestone bluffs & the massive spring that emerges from the caverns.

www.blanchardsprings.org or 888-757-2246....



AND WHEN YOU'RE ALL CAVED OUT..... A TRIP TO GRAVITY IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED

Gravity Brew! Our very own nanobrewery...And they love it when you bring your own peanuts, popcorn, deviled eggs or quiche (well, that would be my choice) to have with your brews!! OR you can visit the food truck, parked there when Gravity is open, for some Shrimp Étouffée, Brats, Loaded Nachos or Cheese Fries, Bam Balls, Quesadillas, Chicken Salad Wrap or their Special of the Day!! Hours: Thur-Sat noon-8pm
www.gravitybrewworks.com or 870-448-2077...11512 Highway 14 East, Big Flat, AR.

Just a hop, skip & jump past Blanchard Springs!

Frisbee (Disc) Golf...Playing is free....From downtown Mountain View: Take Hwy 87 North from Main St, turn right at sign for city park & fairgrounds. Proceed down & up hill approximately 1/4 mile, turn right between the baseball diamonds & it'll be on the right. There's a yellow & green Disc Golf sign.

Future Events for Disc'ers...

Disc Golf Tournament to Benefit Stone County Abuse Protection...Aug 28th
Call Rober Richeson (870-214-0695) to pre-register or goto@usethisdisc.com

Masters Open PDGA Tournament....Sept 21st

Dynamic Disc Tournament....Bean Fest Weekend

Our City Swimming Pool is open 10-4 Mon thru Fri & Noon-6pm Sat...for everyone... \$3 daily admission or purchase a family pass! Out past the ball park...870-269-8400

Stone Drive-In Theater...A throwback to your youth!! Usually we all take lawn chairs & sit outside the car to watch...This week's show is "The Meg" rated PG13. The release date of this show is August 10th and it's unbelievable that we get it in our drive-in on that very same night...here in Mt. View..UNBELIEVEABLE



It's about a massive creature that attacks a deep-sea submersible, leaving it disabled, trapping the crew at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. With time running out, rescue diver Jonas Taylor must save the crew & the ocean itself from an unimaginable threat -- a 75-foot-long prehistoric shark known as Megalodon. WOW!!

The show plays Fri thru Mon..8:45pm...
12 & older is \$5, 11 & younger is free.....
870-269-3227.....[Driving Directions](#)

WHERE'S THE MUSIC ??...
ON THE COURTSQUARE OR PICKIN' PARK
ANYTIME SOMEONE TAKES OUT THEIR
FIDDLE...PLUS THESE SCHEDULED EVENTS:



Evening Concerts at the Ozark Folk Center...Large Auditorium...Thur, Fri & Sat...7pm... doors opens at 6pm...see above...

Pam Setser Band...Fri, Aug 10th, 7-9pm...Mt. View Meeting Place, 106 E. Washington..

Folklore Society is open from 7pm to 9pm on Friday & Saturday. On Friday 'Just Us Band' will be performing for your dancing & listening pleasure & free refreshments!

The Saturday Night Dance: Roger Gardner (our town mayor) plays on Saturday night with the Gaylon Sandefur Band...224 Franklin Ave, off Jefferson St. - south side of the square...\$5.

Jimmy Driftwood Barn, Fri, Sat, Sun 7pm - 8:30pm...they pass the basket for donations.

FAVORITE FOOD PICKS



Bushel & A Peck Cafe: The new hoppin' place to eat in town...in the cute little house at 402 W. Main St... Love the decor...individual dining rooms with shabby chic furnishings & pallet tables. Delicious salads, soup & sandwiches...and their beautiful Greek Salad....even Archie, my squirrel, would love it. Great Turkey Reuben & Vegetarian Garden Sandwich....Have been hearing rave reviews on their hamburger, pictured here!! Open Mon-Sat 8am-2:30pm....& they also have the old favorites on the breakfast menu..

Tommy's Famous Pizza: Best Pizza & Ribs in Maybe All of Arkansas...Open everyday 3pm-8pm... 269-3278.....W. Main & Famous Place....It's a real hometown pizza joint!!

Mountain Thyme Mercantile & Cafe...One of my favorite places for lunch...507 Sylamore Ave, Mt. View...870-269-9774 Sandwiches on homemade bread, soup, salads, desserts & more...I last feasted on delicious Taco Salad followed by Mississippi Mud Pie! YUMMY!!! Tue-Fri, 11am-2pm 870-269-9774

Rainbow Cafe...If you want to go where the locals eat, this is it. On Main St. (1/2 block west of the courthouse). Nuttin' fancy....a real Ma & Pa's Cafe...If you like liver & onions, everyone tells me theirs is great! All around menu with specials everyday. Pack your wallet, they don't take credit cards...

Kinfolks on the Square....makes a really good hamburger plus a great daily special during the week...get there early for it! Also ribs & fried pies...truly southern.....870-269-9188

Wingshack.....2 doors from Walmart has some good sandwiches & GREAT pies...I had a mile high chocolate meringue the other day.....yummmie!!

Valero Station..Hwy 66 West of town...I know, sounds really funny, but locals love the catfish buffet on Fridays, served at lunch till they run out...

JoJo's Catfish Wharf is open Sun - Thur...11am - 8pm, Fri & Sat...11am - 9pm....

Angler's hours are Mon-Thur 11am-8pm, Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 7am-9pm, Sun 7am-8pm. Both restaurants have beautiful river views & serve fish, steaks, hamburgers plus lots more.

.....For great hushpuppies it's JoJo's...for a glass of wine, Anglers!.....

And if you don't feel like cooking breakfast, the Skillet Restaurant at the Folk Center has a Breakfast Buffet every Saturday & Sunday 8am-10:45am.....



For some little further-out great eats - here's our favorite picks...& watch for the Naked Ladies along the way!!...

Grill at Whispering Woods... Friends took me there last winter for my birthday & I'm still fantasizing about the 'Wild Mushroom Raviolis with White Truffle Oil Pesto' that I devoured...wow...fantastic! Bit of a drive (probably 45 min.

from Mt. View) - but OH!! Soooo worth it!!!! The food is glorious & there's something for every taste!!... Reservations recommended: 870-499-5531.....Open Tue-Sun 11am-9pm... www.WhisperingWoodsAR.com ..Hwy 177 So, Jordan, AR (North of Calico Rock & Pineville)

Skylark Cafe is a hidden gem in Leslie. Always delicious food & desserts in the little blue house. I usually get one of their many nacho dishes followed by a truly decadent dessert! If you're driving Highway 66 to Mt. View it's a great place to stop for lunch. Follow them on Facebook: @SkylarkCafeLeslie for menu, specials, etc. Promise you won't be disappointed!

Ryan's Main Street Grill in Leslie is a great place for dinner & live music. Steaks, hamburgers, chicken, fish....great selection of desserts too....My favorite....salmon with their fantastic vegetable medley....508 Main St, Leslie, AR...870-447-2264 (30 mi. west of Mt. View on Hwy 66) Open Tue & Wed 11am-6pm, Thur 11am-9pm & Fri & Sat 11am-10pm.. they also serve beer & wine. Open mic on Thur & band on Fri & Sat....

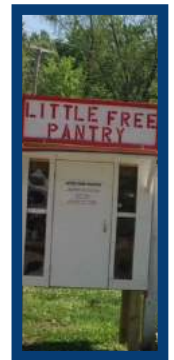
Little Free Pantry...

The Ivy Vacations Team started the Little Free Pantry last winter & with the help of many kind hearts have kept it supplied with non-perishable foods & necessities for those in need.

Located down the hill from Yelcot, by Souls Harbor Church.

Our Motto: "Take what you need... Leave what you can"

Here's a 'good place' for your unused food & supplies..



And we gratefully thank you for helping us in this endeavor.

Ozark Highlands Radio-hosted by Dave Smith for early risers! Tune into 106.1 FM Sun at 6am. "Radio from the Ozarks by People Who Live There" featuring live music, jam sessions & interviews recorded at the Ozark Folk Center's beautiful 1,000-seat auditorium.

Always a song in the air!



One of my favorite holidays is this Friday....**National Lazy Day**. Now I could really get into this - Archie, the squirrel that picked me as his mom last fall, & I are just gonna hang out together & be totally lazy....at least for an hour!!



HERE'S SOME HAPPENINGS COMING UP SOON...

Mountain, Music & Motorcycles...Aug 17-19...Poker Run, bike show, biker games, car show, street concerts...Fun for everyone!! Sunday Biker Church Service in City Park Outdoor Amphitheater.... This festival has grown exponentially every year since it started....A fantastic weekend for the biker community far & wide!

Arkansas State Champion Banjo Contest...Sept 1st...Ozark Folk Center...

Off The Beaten Path 17th Annual Studio Tour... Sept 14th-16th...The most fun thing to do in September (in my humble opinion)....You're invited into the private working studios of over 30 artists & craftsmen all around Mt. View. It's a self guided tour & I'd suggest you plan all 3 days for it - bring a bunch of friends & start a new tradition. Who knows, you may be like one group that goes up to 'Sew T ZN' or 'The Little Yellow House' on the Square each year & gets T-shirts made celebrating their annual gathering for the tour... ..been doing it for years & it's always fun to see them coming in their colorful garb!!

www.offthebeatenpathstudiotour.com

And while you're out & about, come visit me in my studio....have participated in the Tour from the very first year....lots of creativity & fun!! And I meet some great people..

Very talented artisans all over the County inviting you in to see their creative life...

Pottery - Painting - Jewelry - FiberArts - Woodworking - Primitive Folk Art
Photography - KnifeMaking - BookSmithing - Glass Beads - Furniture - Baskets

Copper Flame Painting - Ironworks & More...

The timing is perfect - we have this tour just as the Ozarks has begun it's blaze of fall color...Can't beat that!!!

The Annual Bean Fest and Great Outhouse Race.....All kinds of activities, arts & crafts show, free beans & cornbread served as the clock chimes 12 noon followed by the wackiest race of the year plus music, music, music!!!.....Oct. 26th & 27th.

The 16th Annual Mountain View Fall Bluegrass Festival.....November 8 - 10, 2018. As always, the event will be hosted at the Ozark Folk Center Auditorium & Grounds in Mountain View, Arkansas. Tickets go on sale right after Labor Day....want to get up close?

www.MountainView-Bluegrass.com for advanced tickets & seating....



~A Mountain View Tradition~

I can hardly remember back to when a few of us gathered one Christmas 20 some odd years ago to sing carols in the caverns...
the sound was magnificent...and a tradition was born.

Highly recommend!!

The tickets just went on sale & they go fast.....
Caroling is every weekend from Nov. 23rd to Dec. 16th,
so make your plans now.....

Click for ticket information:
[Caroling in the Caverns 2018](#)

**For events throughout the year, keep an eye on our Facebook Page...
and remember... you can always contact Ivy Vacations by email at:
info@ivyvacations.net or phone 870-269-6936**

Artist
Fisherman
Fiddler
Biker
Hiker
Reader
Writer
Naturalist
Athlete
or just..
Laid
Back...



There's Something for Everyone!

We hope you have a wonderful time & return
to our emerald fresh waters real soon...

Cheers from Joy and the Ivy Vacation Team