

## **Award Winning Chainsaw Artists to Appear at Festival**

Four award-winning chainsaw artists will slice their way through the mountain festival this year as they showcase their talent in creating intricate art pieces from ordinary logs.

The four nationally renowned chainsaw artists include Jason Emmons, Mark Colp, Zoe Boni, and Brad Sharp. Emmons and Colp are currently on the Echo Carving Team and are known for their attention to detail and texture, especially in wildlife sculptures. Boni was the winner of last year's Bluefield qualifying event for the Echo Cup Championship and is known for her use of color and imagination. Sharp has two decades of carving experience and has taken on such subjects as Captain Jack Sparrow from *The Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Three of these carvers participated in last year's Bluefield qualifying event at the Mountain Festival, which Brad Sharp facilitated.

You can watch these master carvers at work in Bluefield City Park, just in front of the James H. Drew Carnival on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday May 24 from 8:30 am -12:00pm, and from 1:00pm -5:30pm on both days. Like what you see? The finished pieces will be put up for auction beginning at 6:00pm on Sunday, May 24.

## **Mountain Biking at Mountain Festival**

The Crying Wolf Challenge bike race will take place on Saturday, May 23 at the Bluefield City Park bike trails. A kid's race will begin at 12:00 noon and adults will begin at 1:00 pm.

This is a WV Mountain Bike Association sanctioned event. It involves steep climbs and fun double and single track. Distances: Experts – 3 laps/approximately 17 miles, Sport riders – 2 laps/approximately 12 miles, Beginners – 6 miles. For more information, call 1-304-543-1120.

## **5K Run & 5K Walk to Benefit Wade Center**

The Wade Center of Bluefield will hold a 5K Run and 5K Walk on Saturday, May 23, at 9:00 am. The entrance fee is \$15 and includes a race t-shirt, a Wade Center water bottle and refreshments. Awards will be given to the top three male and female overall winners as well as the top three male and female winners in eight age categories.

All money raised will benefit the Wade Center. The entry form and maps of the route are available on [www.wadecenter.com](http://www.wadecenter.com). Call 1-304-323-3777 for more information.

## **The Collegians Bring the Beach to Bluefield**

Sponsored by Survivors and Friends Relay for Life Team  
Benefits go to the American Cancer Society

Dance the night away to the oldies with the area's favorite beach band, The Collegians, on Saturday, May 23 at Bluefield City Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and Bluefield Parks and Recreation. For information or tickets, call 304-325-7247.

## **Taylor Made to Perform at Mountain Festival**

Sponsored by the City of Bluefield

Come enjoy the sound of pure country with Taylor Made's powerful music and trademark harmonies on Friday, May 22 at Bluefield City Auditorium. Siblings Brian, Wendy, and Greg have taken their unique style and crafted it into a rich country sound, that is truly Taylor Made. Tickets are \$12 in advance and at the door. Ticket outlets include The Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, Bluefield City Hall and Bluefield Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call the City of Bluefield at 304-327-2401.

## **The Kingsmen to Headline Gospel Night**

The legendary Kingsmen will be the headliners at the Cole Chevy Mountain Festival Gospel Night on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00pm at the Bluefield City Auditorium. Admission is \$5 at the door (no advance tickets) and the doors open at 6:00pm.

Emerging in the 1950s, The Kingsmen's music solidified them as pioneers in the southern gospel music field. Joining The Kingsmen will be two West Virginia based gospel groups: The Neals and Christ Incorporated.

## **JAMES H. DREW CARNIVAL RIDE SPECIALS**

<b>Tuesday</b>	4:00 pm	Unlimited Rides \$18.00
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<b>Thursday</b>	4:00 pm	Unlimited Rides \$18.00
<b>Friday</b>	4:00 pm	No Ride Specials
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 pm	10:00 am – 11:00 am Free Rides
		11:00 am – 2:00 pm 2 for 1
		2:00 pm – close No Ride Specials
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 am	11:00 am – 12:00 pm Free Rides
		12:00 pm – 10:00 pm Unlimited Rides \$18.00