



Plow Day at Catawba Meadows Park

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Farmers Markets open with new attraction

Downtown Morganton's two Farmers Markets are now open, and this year brings a new feature – Market Fresh Recipes.

The Market Fresh Recipes are available online at www.downtownmorganton.com/farmers. The recipes feature fresh produce and other items available at the weekly markets.

"We'll post weekly recipes to the website, and we've scheduled the recipes based on what is in season and harvested throughout the year," said Beth Willard, Community Events Coordinator, Morganton Main Street Depart.

The Saturday Market will be open from 8:00 am until 12 noon through Oct. 26. The market is located at 300 Beach Street, behind Gepetto's and More Lace

at Morganton Station.

The Wednesday Mini-Market will be open from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm through Oct. 24. The Mini-Market is located at the corner of Green Street and Avery Avenue at 111 N. Green St.

Two Holiday Markets will be held at the end of the year, just in time for your holiday events. Stop by 111 N. Green St., the Mini-Market location, on Saturday Nov. 23 and Saturday Dec. 14 from 12 noon to 5:00 pm to pick up fresh vegetables, baked goods & crafts!

The Morganton Farmers Markets offer the best locally grown products in the area. Shoppers can buy artisan breads, baked goods, eggs, fresh cut flowers, fruits, goat cheese, herbs, honey, jams and jellies, meat,

vegetables, and much more!

By visiting the Market and supporting your local growers, you reduce your carbon footprint and help the local economy.

Residents are also encouraged to participate in the markets.

If you have grown too much produce, then why not sell your extra fruits and veggies?

Visit www.downtownmorganton.com/farmers to find out how to participate.



Fresh tomatoes, watermelon and corn at last year's Mini- Market .

City Finance Director elected president of NCGFOA

City of Morganton Finance Department Director Karen Duncan has been elected president of the North Carolina Government Finance Officers Association (NCGFOA).

The NCGFOA promotes the improvement of the methods of governmental financing in North Carolina as developed and recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and other recognized authorities in the field of government administration.

"I'm excited and honored and humbled by this opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity

and I look forward to serving my fellow finance officers across the state," Duncan said.

Duncan served as the president-elect in 2012 and was instrumental in organizing the groups first fall conference, which Duncan brought to Morganton.

More than 100 people attended the fall conference in October 2012, held at the Foothills Higher Education Center and Catawba Meadows Park. Duncan said the locations were definitely a success.

"Everyone thought the atmosphere was relaxing and they enjoyed socializing at Catawba Meadows Park," Duncan said. "I received a lot of compliments and

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Congressman Meadows opens office hours in Morganton

US House Representative Mark Meadows, R-NC11, recently opened office hours in Morganton City Hall. Meadows is the US House Representative of the North Carolina's 11th Congressional District.

Field Representative Doug Crosby will be in Morganton City Hall from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm every second and fourth Thursday of the month to answer questions for constituents. Crosby's office is located on the second floor in Morganton City Hall.

"We're here to serve the people of this county and this district," Crosby said. "We'll help your residents with any services or issues they're



Doug Crosby
Field Representative
Congressman Mark Meadows

having at the federal level."

Constituents can speak with Crosby about Social Security and Veterans Affairs benefits, passport issues, taxes, immigration issues and more.

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TGIF Free Concerts!

Games, food trucks and teen DJ in 2013!

Downtown Morganton's TGIF free, Friday-night concerts run May 3 through July 26 in 2013! Bands perform from 7pm until 10pm with food and beverage vendors opening at 6pm.

New in 2013 are games for adults every Friday on the Courthouse Square, a different food truck each Friday night, and Teen DJ nights every third Friday of the month on E. Union Street.



2013 TGIF Schedule

- May 3 **Throwdown Jones (Classic Rock)**
- May 10 **MOJO & The Bayou Gypsies (Cajun & Zydeco)**
- May 17 **Atlantic Groove (Beach)& Teen DJ Night**
- May 24 **Special Family Night with proceeds benefitting D.A.R.E. featuring Inner City Mountain Men (Folk Rock) & Teen DJ Night**
- May 31 **Too Much Sylvia (Variety)**
- June 7 **Buick MacKane (Southern Rock)**
- June 14 **Sweet Revenge (Classic Rock)**
- June 21 **Uncle Hamish & The Hooligans (Celtic Rock) & Teen DJ Night**
- June 28 **The Matt Stratford Band (Rock)**
- July 12 **The Roadrunnerz (Rock)**
- July 19 **Dave Dribbon & the Stomping Rain (Roots Rock) & Teen DJ Night**
- July 26 **Too Far Gone (Country)**



Quicksilver, Mountain Heart and Steep Canyon Rangers!

Early Bird ticket price available through May 31. Visit www.redwhiteandbluegrassfestival.com for more details and prices.

Don't miss Morganton's 10th Annual Red, White and Bluegrass Festival June 30 - July 4, 2013!

This year's headliners are Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out, Doyle Lawson &

Fan Appreciation Day is Thursday July 4 and is **FREE** to all! Music starts at 12:30 noon followed by the City fireworks show around 9:30 pm. **Come early and get a good spot!**

Duncan

From the front

the weather was perfect." Duncan said the group plans to have the 2013 fall conference in Morganton again this year.

As president, Duncan is responsible for managing three annual conferences, setting up board and business meetings, preparing agendas, and more.

Find out more about the NCGFOA at <http://www.iog.unc.edu/organizations/ncgfoa/>

Morganton Jazz Festival

Saturday May 11 • 3 - 8 pm

Be sure to head downtown Saturday May 11 to enjoy the first Morganton Jazz Festival on the Courthouse Square featuring hot jazz and great food! The Festival starts at 3pm, while members of the Patton Band Boosters and local restaurateur extraordinaire, Phil Scarboro, serve up a feast of tasty New Orleans cuisine.

Come hungry and ready to enjoy mouthwatering gumbo (a stew served over rice), Étouffée with shrimp (similar to gumbo but thicker), red beans and rice and of course a New Orleans must... beignets (powder sugared treat, similar to doughnuts)! Hotdogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, wine and beer will also be available.

Featured on the "Smokin Hot Jazz Stage"

- 3pm **Hickory Jazz Orchestra (HJO)**
Playing 40's Swing Era and present day Big Band
- 4pm **Original King Street Jazz Band**
Playing everything from traditional Dixieland jazz to today's contemporary jazz.
- 5pm **Joseph Hasty & Centerpiece Jazz**
Playing classic jazz, swing tunes, show tunes, original scores and all your favorites
- 6pm **High School All Stars (tba):**
First Place High School Jazz Band from North Carolina
- 6:30pm **Geoff Clapp Quartet**
straight from New Orleans, sure to set the stage on fire!

The Morganton Jazz Festival also offers an educational component. High school jazz bands from across the state will participate in multiple clinics in downtown from 1pm to 4pm. Students will perform for clinicians, members from the Geoff Clapp Quartet, and the highest scoring jazz band will open for the evening headliner!

And don't miss MOJO and the Bayou Gypsies performing Friday night May 10 during TGIF. MOJO & The Bayou Gypsies immerse the audience in their original Cajun-Zydeco music and dancing in the Southwest Louisiana tradition. You won't be able to sit still!

Office Hours

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"And of course, we are happy to hear your opinion on legislative issues," Crosby said.

Crosby said the number one topic he deals with is Veterans Affairs followed by legal immigration issues.

Rep. Meadows has district offices in all 17 counties in the 11th District. The Lenoir District Office is located in the Caldwell County Health and Human

Services Building, located at 2345 Morganton Blvd., Lenoir, NC 28645.

The Lenoir District Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00 pm.

Residents can call the Morganton office at (828) 432-2699 during office hours. If Crosby isn't available at the Morganton office, residents can call the Lenoir District Office at (828) 426-8701 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or visit <http://meadows.house.gov/>.