

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Pepsi Stage - Morganton Festival

September 8 & 9      Friday 12:00pm-11:00pm      Saturday 9:00am-10:00pm

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The **Pepsi Stage** at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Morganton Festival presented by UNC Health Blue Ridge on September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> is packed with local favorite entertainers as well as new acts! Starting the weekend of fun at the intersection of North Sterling and Avery Avenue at 5:30pm is **Burke County Senior Center Dancers!** Following the senior dancers is **Debbie Huffman Dance Academy** at 6:30pm. At 7:30pm is **The Dance Factory** will keep you entertained with high energy dance moves. After an evening of dancing entertainers, be sure to walk over to the Courthouse Square Stage where Festival attendees can enjoy FREE music performances from Lucas Jagneaux & the Roadshow and the Red Clay Strays. Entertainment at the Festival goes until 11:00pm.

Saturday morning at 9:30am **Tumblemania** flips their way onto the stage showcasing their acrobatic feats. Then **Sandy Beach Shag Club** returns to the Festival performing a North Carolina staple, The Shag. At 11:30am **Hickory Academy of Martial Arts** demonstrates their defensive moves. Following a lunch break, perfect time to visit the Festival Food Court on South Green Street!, **Sherri's School of Dance** has performances that you won't want to miss at 2:30pm. At 3:30pm, **Morganton Ukulele Society** makes inaugural appearance at the Morganton Festival performing a variety of Uke tunes. Next up, we will have performances from **Southern Swag Dance Academy** at 5:30pm and then an encore performance from **The Dance Factory of Morganton** at 6:30pm.

There will be over 250 of food and handmade craft vendors throughout the streets as well as FREE performances on THREE stages!, so mark your calendars for this entertaining weekend of fun, Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm until 11:00pm and Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am until 10:00pm. There is no admission fee to the event. The festival is an animal-free event. "Come Play in Our Streets" during the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Morganton Festival. For more information, call 828/438-5252 or visit [www.morgantonfest.org](http://www.morgantonfest.org)

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