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Fall FESTIVALS

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MEREDITH DAVIS JOHNSON
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FEATURE ATTRACTION BAND

OCTOBER 3-4

Family & Kids Zone • Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Parade • Pumpkin Recipe Contest
Food Vendors • Crafts & Merchandise Vendors



SPAULDING RESOURCE CENTER
600 S. PINE ST., SPRING HOPE
(parade is in downtown)

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OCTOBER 24-25

Music • Kids' Activities • BBQ Cook Teams • Food Vendors & More



Rocky Mount Tain Station
101 Coastline Street, Rocky Mount

Spring Hope Pumpkin Festival is October 3-4

ALL MUSIC WILL BE AT THE SPAULDING RESOURCE CENTER



SOUL PSYCHEDELIQUE • FRIDAY • OCT. 3 • 6PM



**SAGAMORE BAND
OCT. 4 • 12:30PM**



**MEREDITH DAVIS JOHNSON
OCT. 4 • 10AM**

FAMILY & KIDS ZONE

Petting zoo, obstacle course, sticky wall, assortment of carnival games with prizes—ensuring fun for children of all ages.

The festival committee is thrilled to partner with the Tar River Boys & Girls Club, whose involvement is helping bring this family-focused element to life.

Festival Décor & Community Spirit

The Decorating Committee has exciting plans to once again transform the streets of Spring Hope into a fall wonderland. Traditional seasonal décor will line the streets all the way out to the Spaulding Family Resource Center, which will proudly serve as this year’s festival host.

FOOD TRUCK ALLEY

- Funnel cakes
- Smashburgers
- Kona Ice
- Fresh coffee
- Kettle corn
- Barbecue
- Smoked turkey legs
- Street corn
- Polish & Italian sausages



**FEATURE ATTRACTION BAND
OCT. 4 • 4PM**



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL AGES

Entries must be brought to the festival info booth on Friday, Oct. 3 between 5-7 pm. Judging to be held at 7:30 pm and announced on stage afterwards. Kids, teen and adult competitions. Must use a real pumpkin of any shape or size. No artificial or pre-decorated pumpkins allowed. Pumpkins may be painted, carved, or embellished. No hazardous materials allowed. Judged based on: Creativity (30%), Execution, (20%), Presentation (30%)

Prizes for best in category

PUMPKIN RECIPE CONTEST • Friday, Oct. 3, 2025
Spaulding Family Resource Center, Room 203, 600 S. Pine St., Spring Hope

Prizes: 1st - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25
Entry must be delivered between 9-10:30 a.m.
Judging begins at 10:45 a.m.
Contest Contact: Amy Parker - (252) 813-0479

CONTEST RULES:

1. 2. Recipe must include at least 1 cup of pumpkin. Judging will be based on: Taste (40%), 1 cup of Pumpkin (30%), Texture (10%), Appearance (10%), and Creativity (10%).

3. Directions for preparing the dish must be clear; measurements should be in customary units; using fractions if needed. Also include pan size, cooking temperature, cooking time, number of servings, and any additional information/directions.

4. Recipe must use ingredients readily available in local grocery stores.

5. Type or legibly write recipe on an 8 ½ X 11" sheet of paper.

6. IMPORTANT - List the following information on the backside of the recipe sheet: Name, address, daytime phone number, e-mail address if available

7. Professional bakers may not enter the contest.

8. Entry must be in a single dish, no decorative extras allowed.

9. Name of contestant should not be visible anywhere on the entry

10. Deliver entries to Spaulding (Room 203) between 9:00-10:30 am.

11. Insulated containers are encouraged for transportation to keep food hot/cold.

12. NOTE: Late entries will not be accepted.

13. Judging will begin at 10:45 am.

14. Prizes will be awarded at 11:50 am (or when judging is complete.)

NOTE: Arrangements should be made to have your dish picked up by 11:45 am.

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October 3-4

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OCTOBER 3-4

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MUSIC, FOOD, FAMILY FUN

Family & Kids Zone • Pumpkin Decorating Contest
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FRIDAY - OCTOBER 3RD

5pm Food vendors open
6pm Soul Psychedelique

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4TH

9am Crafters and Food Trucks open
9am - 10:30am Pumpkin Recipe Contest
Spaulding Resource Center
10am Meredith Davis Johnson
NOON PARADE (downtown)
12:30 pm Sagamore Band
4pm Feature Attraction Band

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OCTOBER 24-25

BBQ THROWDOWN
Rocky Mount, NC
BEEF • CHICKEN • PORK • RIBS

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT:
Rocky Mount Train Station
101 Coastline Street, Rocky Mount

Entertainment, Kids' Activities & More!

Friday, October 24th (5pm - 9pm)

5-9 pm BBQ Kick Off Party
Beer Garden and Food Vendors, Amusements
7:00pm - 9:30pm Band: Trae Pierce & The T-Stones

Saturday, October 25th (11am - 6pm)

11am - 6pm Rocky Mount Public Utilities Exhibit Area
Live Music, Beer Garden, Car Show,
Kids Amusements (Inflatables & Bouncers, Carnival
Games, Face-Painting & Balloon Twisting)
1:30 - 3:30pm People's Choice Competition

12pm Chicken turn in
12:30pm Pork Ribs turn in
1pm- Pork turn in
1:30pm Beef Brisket turn in

On Stage (Bands):
11:00am - 12:30pm TripleWide
1:00pm - 2:30 pm Cooper Greer
3:00pm - 4:30pm Rhythm Express

5pm - 6pm Awards Ceremony

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TRAE PIERCE & THE STONES OCT. 24 • 7PM

Grammy Award-winning artist and bass player, Trae Pierce is leading a wild new musical experience known as Trae Pierce & the T-Stones (TPTS).

From his Florida home, this bass “monster” has hand-picked a vibrant young group of musicians with limitless energy and extreme talent, and together they have been tearing up dance floors throughout the United States with a genre-blending twist of rock rhythms that bring out the best in every beat.

Defined by hard-edged rock mixed with hip-hop and pop, Trae Pierce & the T-Stones have developed a high-energy live show with a modern feel that recalls the unstoppable grooves of HipHopRockabillyFunk.



Trae Pierce is a world-class bassist and four-time Grammy Award-winner (with the legendary Blind Boys of Alabama) that cut his bass chops as a member of The Ohio Players. He discovered and produced world renowned rap artist, Flo Rida, and has participated in recordings with The Blind Boys of Alabama, Randy Travis, Phill Collins, Hank Williams Jr, Susan Tedeschi, and many more.

Since founding TPTS, Trae Pierce & the T-Stones have shared the stage with artists like funk powerhouse George Clinton, Parliament Funkadelic, Sister Hazel, Eve 6, WAR, The Revivalists, Robert Randolph and The Family Band, Arrested Development, The Lee Boys, Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, The Main Squeeze, and Montell Jordan, to name a few.

COOPER GREER OCT. 25 - 1PM

County music singer songwriter Cooper Greer is one to keep your eye on. The fan meter continues to rise every time he takes the stage.

His country roots and upbringing have given Cooper the substance and the connection to the country format along with a rock edge that make his live performances so unforgettable.

Cooper's gritty, sometimes sultry baritone vocals deliver a sound all of his own.

His songs range from high energy, rocking sing-alongs such as his latest single “We All Drink Beer” to heartfelt ballads like “Thinkin Bout It”. His 2023 tour includes performances with Jake Owen, Justin



Moore, Maddie & Tae, and Scotty McCreery. Cooper's single releases have garnered nation-wide attention, with nearly 1 million streams and climbing fast.

• Current new single “We All Drink Beer”

• His latest music video for “Drugs” was premiered on CMT

• He made his Spedie Fest debut in Binghamton, New York in August 2023 to a record setting crowd of over 5,000

• He will be kicking off a national college tour in September

• Nominated for the 2023 ISSA awards for Male Vocalist, Entertainer of The Year, Songwriter Of The Year, and Male Rising Artist.

• 2022 CCMA Songwriter of the Year Winner



RHYTHM EXPRESS • OCT. 25 • 3PM



TRIPLEWIDE • OCT. 25 • 11AM

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