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SOLAR WEEKEND FESTIVITIES ON THE SQUARE

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The Total Solar Eclipse is almost here and Hayesville is prepared to celebrate all weekend long, with CCCRA-sponsored events at the center of the action on Friday and Saturday!

Kicking off the extended weekend, the Historic Courthouse Square in downtown Hayesville comes alive on August 18 with the CCCRA Friday Night Summer Concert Series and the rockin' sounds of the ever-popular Caribbean Cowboys.

The Clay County Communities Revitalization Association (CCCRA) Friday Night Summer Concert Series is a highlight of every summer and this year is no exception. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy great music and the family party atmosphere. In addition to great musical entertainment starting at 7pm, this year the concert features a menu of tasty dishes by Chef Dennis of the Copper Door, American Legion's popcorn and snacks, and wine and craft beer offerings by CCCRA, all available starting at 6pm. In addition, CCCRA has cool solar memorabilia for sale, including glow necklaces and bracelets to light up the square and a large assortment of "Solartastic!" t-shirts, hats, and commemorative posters. Solar viewing glasses will also be available for purchase.

Saturday brings a huge Solar Feast to the square! CCCRA is hosting the event from 11am until 4pm, and is joined by many Clay County non-profits to provide food, fun and entertainment to visitors and locals alike. Admission is \$3 per person, capped at \$8 maximum for families. Food for purchase includes BBQ pork, BBQ chicken, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken wings and super-size hot dogs! In addition, there will be corn on the cob, Frito pies, desserts, cotton candy and snow cones! Domestic and craft beers will be available on tap.

A steady choice of old-fashioned fun games will be offered for the kids, and there may be a couple of surprise competitions for the older folks as well! Music will be provided by "DJ Mr. B" (also known in our community as the Mayor). Entertainment includes performances by the John Campbell Folk School Cloggers and the Brasstown Morris Dancers.

Clay County Transportation will provide shuttle service to the square from parking lots at the school, the ball fields and the Community Services building. Look for the shuttle boarding signs at the square and at these locations. Other parking is available within walking distance of the downtown square.

Great solar memorabilia for this once-in-a-lifetime event will be for sale, including a great assortment of locally designed “solartastic” t-shirts, hats, commemorative posters and the very necessary solar viewing glasses (made in USA, ISO certified).

Join us for these two activities on Solar Fest weekend, as Hayesville builds to its grand finale on Monday, August 21 with the total solar eclipse. The main viewing area and event venue on Monday, August 21 is sponsored by the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and held at the Punkin’ Chunkin’ location (Vic Payne property) in the Brasstown community.

CCCRA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was formed in 1998 to help stimulate economic growth, promote the assets, and preserve the heritage of Clay County. We have three main focus areas, including the restoration/renovation of the Historic Clay County Courthouse. It is exciting times as we restore this National Historic Register building to its former glory as the functional heart of our community. In addition, our focus on the Cherokee Heritage in Clay County and Trails and Greenways projects (Jackrabbit Trail, Quanassee Path) have given us an impact footprint throughout the entire county. Your support of CCCRA’s local projects is greatly appreciated – we could not accomplish our goals without your continued encouragement and support. Please visit our website at cccra-nc.org for additional information.

Discover the beauty of Clay County during our entire solar eclipse weekend of events that bring fun and life to this once-in-a-lifetime scientific and entertaining event! Celebrate with us our fabulous mountain community and way of life that is the common thread between visitors and residents alike!