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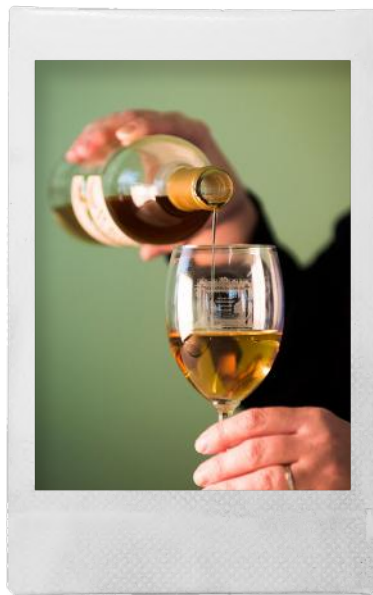


# The Fruits of Their Labor

BY MARLANE CARCOPO

If you drive through Duplin County on the old highways, you will witness vast stretches of cropland, vineyards, and animal farms. This includes chicken houses, turkey houses, hog houses, and fields with cattle and goats. The county houses major companies such as

**Smithfield Foods, House of Raeford, Butterball,** and **Villari meats**, which provide groceries all over the country, supporting hundreds of farmers and employing hundreds more in processing plants. These businesses play a crucial role in the local economy, serving as the backbone of the country's economy. Besides these large corporations, there are also many smaller businesses that provide amazing variety to the local markets.



**Ellison Foods** has an interesting story behind its chicken sausage. Bill Carone, who owns local Chevrolet, GMC, and Ford dealerships in Duplin County, is not only a business owner but also an excellent cook. He started experimenting with the seasoning mix used for pork breakfast sausage and added it to ground chicken. This led to the creation of Ellison's Chicken Sausage. Bill's daughter Ellie joined the team to help with the making, marketing and more to make the fresh, healthy and delicious sausage links a household name. They started with the classic chicken sausage, then added Italian seasoning with fennel and jalapeno with cheddar. You can find their 10-pound boxes at House of Raeford "truckload sales", and smaller packages of links and patties in perfect four ounce portions at **A Cook's Cupboard** gourmet shop in Downtown Wallace.

**Duplin Winery** is an inspiring story of two men, Dan Fussell and his son David Fussell Sr., who transformed their livelihood from tobacco farming to winemaking. They discovered that muscadine grape, a native variety, grew well in

their area, and they started crafting an exquisite range of wines. They even propagated cuttings from "The Mother Vine", a famous vine from Roanoke Island, to create a line of Mother Vine Wines from the Scuppernong varietal.

The Fussell family's vision has led to the expansion of their brand from Duplin County to Myrtle Beach and Panama City, Florida. They offer a variety of wines ranging from light and sweet to robust burgundy, so you're sure to find one that you'll love. But there's more! The winery also has a pantry filled with amazing products, and they've even created fantastic recipes that incorporate their wines into dishes served at The Bistro Restaurant. You can also learn these recipes from online videos. One of my favorite online recipes is the Black-Eyed Peas and Greens Salad recipe, perfect for New Year's Day.

[duplinwinery.com/lucky-black-eyed-pea-salad-recipe-new-years](http://duplinwinery.com/lucky-black-eyed-pea-salad-recipe-new-years)

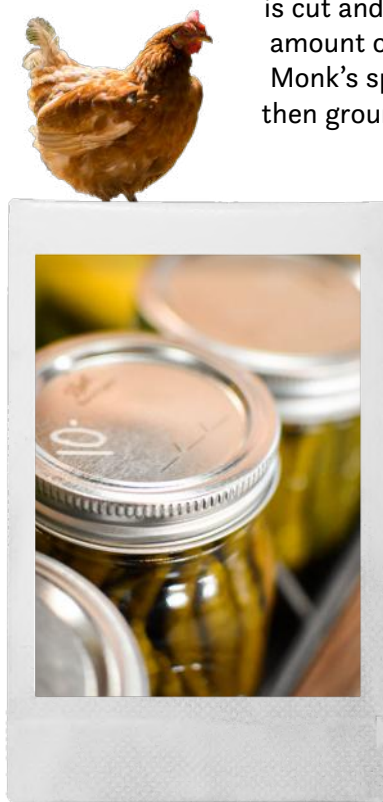
This recipe for Cowboy Caviar is made with Duplin gourmet muscadine pepper jelly and Duplin gourmet muscadine Carolina mustard Barbecue Sauce, which give the salad an incredible flavor. It's a great way to bring luck to the new year! In the restaurant, you'll find everything from Muscadine Pineapple Habanera Salsa to their Sweet Bourbon Glaze, seasonal cake, Chef Tabatha's Cheesecakes, and Famous Fudge. For lunch, you can enjoy Chef Bert Fussell's favorite takes on chicken, pork, and the half-pound Angus burger in The Bistro. On Saturdays during the summer, you can have lunch and enjoy an afternoon of relaxation on the patio with live music. If you drove down the back roads to get here, you passed many vineyards that grow the grapes that become amazing and delicious Duplin Winery Muscadine Wine!

Carolina Pickles is not the company, career, or lifestyle that Christian and Donnie Mills saw in their futures years ago...Christian is a nurse practitioner by education and first career path, and Donnie was a row crop farmer when they married. Christian had started a small cupcake business, which exploded into a full-time enterprise, The Tippy Bee, that made cakes, pies, wines, and more. So much more, that as their family grew, the business took more time than the lifestyle they craved.

Donnie was working to transition the farm from row crops like soybeans to produce, and Christian had a family recipe for Miss Hilda's chow chow relish that she loved. She made some, then some more, and then there were cucumbers, and she started doing cold pack pickles.

"When I walked into the shop on production day, the smell of dill and garlic took me back to my grandmother's garden and kitchen in Pennsylvania."-Marlane Carcopo

This expanded into a full line of specialty items incorporating produce grown on the farm. There are dozens of varieties of pickles, green beans, asparagus, mushrooms, okra, eggs and more. All the produce is fresh, all the product is cold packed in small batches with no artificial preservatives, and all is delicious. Among the standouts are hot spicy pickles, sweet pickles, pickled mushrooms, and a "Christmas Spice" blend of apples with ginger and cinnamon that makes amazing chicken salad!



Though a few local markets carry some of the line, the thing that the family loves most is selling at state fairs and events that the company is invited to.

This year, the Houston Rodeo and Florida Strawberry Festival are first up, with an event in the northeast on the horizon.

The family now has exactly the lifestyle they dreamed of, traveling and enjoying things they could experience if they stayed at home. Please find some of their best-selling varieties at **A Cook's Cupboard** in downtown Wallace when you visit Duplin County.

**Whaley's Supermarket** has been serving Beulaville for 93 years, and Monk Whaley has been making his famous fresh and air-dried pork sausage since most of you were twinkles in your father's eyes. Monk has been a working butcher since he was old enough to hold a knife, and he cares about the quality of his meats and sausage. Making this sausage is no small affair; it takes the entire butcher shop staff! The meat is cut and trimmed to have just the right amount of fat, then seasoned perfectly with Monk's spice recipe, mixed and chopped, and then ground and stuffed into a natural casing.

The sausage is the perfect blend for breakfast with eggs and pancakes, in a sausage wrap with mustard for lunch, or with home fries and green beans for supper. The air-dried sausage has more intense flavor than the fresh, and many people swear by one or the other, but most love both. Though there are days he is feeling his age, Monk will always tell you that he is blessed, and we are blessed to have him. Don't forget to visit him when you come through Beulaville and get enough sausage to keep you till your next visit!



► Master Blend Family Farms LLC  
Alyssa Morgan Malone

At a time when high-production livestock farming was becoming the norm, **Master Blend Family Farms** took a different road. Choosing to produce a quality end product, Ron Simmons grows his Berkshire, Duroc, and Chester White hogs outdoors in pastures, paying attention to breeding to maintain a strong product line. With room for the animals to run and play when young, and adequate space to grow, the result is a product that is sought after in high-end restaurants across the state.

In addition to wholesale and online sales, Ron has grown a catering business, has won multiple business awards for innovation and is among the kings of barbecue on the national circuit. He also teaches classes both in Duplin County and the North Carolina Business Center Network. Make it a point to visit the Master Blend Family Farms Store in Kenansville or

shop at its online store to discover the tender, juicy difference this quality product brings to the table!

Follow “The Pit Master Ron Simmons” as he cooks his way across the state on YouTube at **Master Blend Family Farms, LLC**.

The Ezzell family can cook, and with innovative ideas like shrimp and grits on a stick, they are always one of the North Carolina State Fair’s top award-winning food destinations. Their lady-fingers, cinnamon buns, mac & cheese, rib-eye sandwiches, shrimp and grits, and chicken salad have been “bringing the South to your mouth” at fairs, weddings and event via the **Somethin’ Good** food truck across eastern North Carolina for years.



► Dark Branch Farms  
Alyssa Morgan Malone

They have a thriving catering business serving buffets, full dinners at the North Carolina governor's mansion, weddings, fairs, and other special occasions. They offer an entire Thanksgiving dinner for pick-up and reheating, along with an impressive list of add-on sides and desserts.

Their family venture is operating Sarty's Cafe, the cafeteria space a **James Sprunt Community College**. Serving breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday gives them a chance to offer some of their favorite meals on a weekly menu, such as burgers, their secret recipe, Italian pasta salad, and their famous BBQ chicken tots. Daily specials can include meatloaf or Amanda's chili.

**The Country Barn** is just off Highway 24 in Beulaville. This family run business has been a hidden gem in Duplin County for years. There fresh baked bread made with a sourdough starter from the family's Mennonite heritage not to mention cakes and pies. Their farm raises swine, and the store sells the bacon.

The store has milk in glass bottles milk in glass bottles and ice cream. The store is full of mixes, spices and grains bagged for purchase, and carry a variety of old-fashioned pastas, homemade jams and honey.

Plan a visit for lunchtime to enjoy a deli fresh sandwich on The Country Barn's wonderful bread! You will not be disappointed, from roast beef with wonderful cheeses to a Reuben. Stay and eat on the front porch surrounded by wind chimes that make the most wonderful music on a breezy day. You'll be sitting at a table that was made by **Sonrise Outdoor Furniture**. The furniture selection is extensive, including gliders, rockers, bird feeders and more. They are crafted in both wood and resin with a traditional look and feel to the shape of the backs and seats, resulting in the most comfortable chairs to spend time in on the porch or patio. In addition to the items at The Country Barn, a second location on Highway 24 in Beulaville offers sheds and playsets, handcrafted furniture, and Dura-Built Barns.

You can't come to the country without getting some **West Water Country Ham**. The recipe and process that Henry West developed back in the day are carried on by his daughter and son-in-law. Bart Smith, who started working with Henry in the ham house in 1980. Now he runs the operation and maintains the processing standard that has made this ham the ham to put on a biscuit for breakfast.

Some folks balk at the first taste of this salt-cured ham, but the flavor is amazing and when you have a piece on a warm, melt-in-your-mouth Southern biscuit it is a mouthwatering combination! These hams take time and patience. After it has been salted, ham will weight while hanging in the winter room-; then it is moved to the aging room for about three months. The result is a tender piece of ham best-sliced paper thin on a warm biscuit.

### **Produce stands up!**

The strawberry crop ripens in Duplin County from early to mid-April. You can find them at stands all over the county.

Locals will all have their favorite and will swear it is the very best. One of the earliest to set up stands in busy places around the county is **Cottle Nursery & Farms** operates in various countries, including Chile, Peru, Argentina, and Canada. Cottles Duplin County strawberries are by far the biggest, sweetest, and juiciest of them all! Come visit the Cottle stand at the Carolina Strawberry Festival, as well as other Cottle stands across Duplin County and beyond. Please note that Cottle Nursery & Farms is located in Faison and is a separate business from Cottle Organics in Rose Hill owned by Herbie Cottle. Although Herbie Cottle may not grow as much produce in volume, his organic practices have gained him the loyalty of many customers. At the **Carolina Strawberry Festival** in Wallace, don't miss out on his homemade strawberry ice cream and incredible strawberry butter, along with his stand offering berries and vegetables.

**Cottle Organics** will also be producing some of the most delicious sweet corn you'll ever taste, so be sure to stop by during the corn season.

**Dark Branch Farms** in Kenansville has been cultivated by the same since the late 1700s. Adam and Brandy Grady and their children will pick quarts of strawberries, followed quickly by potatoes, squash, zucchini, and cucumbers. This farm has taken the journey from a family produce- and meat-producing farm through the tobacco farming era, converting to high-production turkey and pig farming and coming full circle to the roots of agriculture the farm began with. Adam specializes in producing sought-after meats by refining the genetics of his pastured pigs and cattle.

Using a 100% no-till method of farming and non-genetically modified (GM) seeds, Dark Branch Farms is more resilient after natural disasters like flooding and continues to become more profitable year after year.





**Chestnutt Farms**  
*Alyssa Morgan Malone*

**E's Nuts** is a family tradition that started with Michael Patram's grandfather, Emory English, planting a few rows of peanuts at his house to sell to the local community along with his seasonal vegetables. Michael grew up spending much of his time farming with his grandparents and continued to farm as a hobby during high school. With a deep interest in row crops, he began researching the science behind growing peanuts. As he became more familiar with growing the crop, he talked his grandparents into expanding their peanut acreage to meet the local community demand. Harvesting runs from August to October and can stretch into November, depending on the crop yield. When he left for college each year, his grandparents, parents, wife, in-laws, family, and friends remained in Wallace, working to support the operation.

With strong family support and growing demand for quality local green peanuts in the community, the family expanded its operation, leaving the mom-and-pop store behind and securing more and more acres each year. The peanut tradition grew as our local community fell in love with the fresh green peanuts they could boil and eat. **E's Nuts** peanuts are sold green and are available at local markets by the pound and at some stands by the bag. They are used for boiling and are one of the South's most favorite snacks.

David and Sharlette Chestnutt spend the harvest seasons from June to December, collecting produce from local farms to sell at the Chestnutt Farms produce stand just off Highway 903 in Kenansville. The low sunny yellow building sports a bright mural of a farm truck laden with fruits and vegetables. It welcomes folks to stop off the highway and get fresh seasonal produce, from summer corn and squash and watermelon till the last of the collards have been frosted in the fall.

**Chestnutt Farms** is particularly known for corn but also offers a variety of other fresh vegetables. The cabbages are large, and the collards are larger. They also have root vegetables, local strawberries, blueberries, and sweet, juicy local watermelon in season. You'll also find jams and jellies, and you can order one of their homemade special cakes for Christmas.

**Matthews Produce** on Matthews Lane in Teachey, NC, opens its U-pick tomato fields to the public on the Fourth of July weekend every year. They also have a produce stand with cucumbers, squash, zucchini, and other summer vegetables grown on the farm. The fields are open on Wednesday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and only until the middle of July. Mark your calendar now for a reminder to enjoy tomatoes picked right off the vine. There is nothing like it in the world.

**Mill Branch Vineyard**, located in Beulaville, opens in September for "U-pick" or "We-pick" muscadine grapes. These grapes are great for making jellies and jams, juice, and grape hull pie. After picking, you can stomp or press the grapes to make juice or wine or take them home to make your own grape hull pie. In addition to grapes, Mill Branch also sells muscadine grape juice, local honey, and one-of-a-kind crafts and jewelry. The vineyard is conveniently located on Highway 41, just off Highway 24 in Beulaville.



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As one walks under the old beech tree leading to Liberty Hall, they can almost hear the laughter of the four Kenan children playing in the yard and hear voices echoing from the many meetings Owen Kenan held there. The ancestral home of the Kenan family is located in the heart of Kenansville and was built by Thomas Kenan in the early 1800s. Many of the period pieces of furniture are original to the house. One can easily get lost in time as the guide takes you through the 11 rooms while talking about days gone by and the activities that went on there.

Mary Lilly Kenan's wedding dress shows what a tiny lady she was with the 18-inch waistline in 1901 when she and Henry Flagger were married in the parlor. The lattice porch reminds guests of how late in the afternoon the family would sit outside trying to feel a cool breeze and waving to their neighbors as they passed in their horse-drawn buggies. The four bedrooms upstairs still have the canopy beds the family slept in almost 200 years ago. In the quietness of the house, one's imagination can almost hear them snoring. The kitchen has the original fireplace where most of the cooking was done. How hot the kitchen got in the summertime can only be imagined! The wash shed can still be seen with the washboard and wooden tubs, helping one understand why washing was an all-day job. The site also has several out-buildings that helped carry on everyday activities. The necessary house with its corncocks brings back memories to the older guests who remember when every house did not have bathrooms. But often, no matter how dark or cold it got, it was a necessary place to go! The only source of water was drawn from the well, which still sets close to the kitchen.

This Greek revival home has not been occupied for over 100 years, but when one enters it, they can feel the warmth and love the family had for each other and for their fellow man. While living there, Sarah Kenan had a needlepoint piece over the door that read, "Guests never come too early and never stay too late." The site still welcomes guests from all over the United States and none leave disappointed. Stroll through the yard and listen to the birds as this 90-minute guided tour causes you to forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life and helps you catch a glimpse of what life was like for our ancestors.

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# Let's Eat & Drink!

BY MARLANE CARCOPO



One thing Duplin can do better than anyone is food and drink. Check out these amazing options! From the team of chefs at the Mad Boar Restaurant and Pub to the iconic Rose Hill Restaurant and many more in between, Duplin County can make your taste buds dance.

► The Farm House Deli and Ice Cream Shop  
Alyssa Morgan Malone



► Mi Lupita

## BEULAVILLE

**Anne's Thai Kitchen** serves some of the most authentic Thai food you will ever eat. The menu is extensive, with traditional dishes and lunch specials that include soup, salad, eggroll, and rice with a choice from their most popular entrees.

**Hwy 55 Shakes and Fries** is a retro-themed diner that features fresh, never-frozen, hand-patted burgers, house-made frozen custard, and other classic favorites in a unique open-kitchen setting.

**The Farmhouse** is best known for its Mason mug milkshakes. This restaurant also offers menu items for all day and evening. The lunch and dinner menus include sandwiches, paninis, pasta, and flatbread pizza, along with salads and, in season, soups.

## FAISON

**Nhut's Cafe** is a longtime favorite. On weekdays, Nhut Reeves cooks up fried chicken, collards, and fish stew for a hungry lunch crowd, and sometimes adds a Vietnamese special. One trip, and you'll know why this is a favorite Duplin County destination.

## KENANSVILLE

**West End Grill** in Kenansville offers soul food standbys like catfish, fried chicken, ribs and barbecue pork—in addition to burgers and other seafood choices like spot, shrimp and tilapia. It's also one of the few places where you'll find pork skins, ham, chips and chitterlings on the menu. Catering is available for whole pigs, turkeys and other menu items.

**Sombrero Loco Taqueria**, owned by husband-and-wife team Sonja and Florensio Guardado, serves Mexican cuisine and offers breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. It recently obtained a permit to serve wine and beer.

**The Filling Station** strives to provide you with a delicious meal in a friendly atmosphere. Called the "best burgers in town," the hamburgers are made with fresh ground chuck daily. The restaurant also offers soups, sandwiches, hot dogs, daily specials, and homemade desserts. You can eat in or take out.



► Mad Boar

## MAGNOLIA

**Taqueria Mi Lupita** in Magnolia has been a local favorite since 2005. Mi Lupita serves authentic Mexican flavors and handmade tortillas at its family-owned restaurant and from its food truck. Don't miss an opportunity to enjoy some of the best food tucked away in Magnolia. The couple recently added a second location: a snack shop called **Botanas Mi Lupita**, serving street-food favorites like elote (grilled corn on the cob) and manguanadas.

## ROSE HILL

One of the cornerstone restaurants in Duplin County is the **Rose Hill Restaurant**. A young generation of the Buckner family is carrying on a proud tradition of good home-cooked food and their famous lemon blueberry pie in season. Let this local favorite show you how food should be served!

At **Bistro at the Duplin Winery** Chef Bert Fussell will present you with an amazing menu to pair with equally amazing Duplin wines. The 8-ounce burger is a showstopper, and the softshell crab fried and topped with blue



► Sensation

cheese slaw will surely become a favorite. Don't bring your calorie counter with you ... you will want a slice of one of pastry chef Tabatha's amazing cheesecakes!

## WALLACE

When you visit **The Mad Boar Restaurant and Pub** forget everything else on the main menu and order the Murphy's Law. This take on grilled pork tenderloin will be the best thing you ever ate! Enjoy options like prime rib on Friday and a special menu for Sunday afternoon. Holidays at the Mad Boar offer a large themed buffet. Want something more casual? Get a seat in the spectacular Mad Boar Pub and get your favorite menu items and their amazing drink specials! Enjoy live music in the pub every Friday and Saturday night.

**Sensations Restaurant** is passionate about cooking up the best Southern-style soul food around, which it serves buffet style. Whether you're starting your day with the breakfast buffet (think grits, sausage, omelets and pancakes) or looking for a filling lunch (pork chops, fried chicken, mac & cheese and side vegetables) in a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere, you'll find locally grown, always-fresh goodness here. Awesome Southern food and desserts will tempt off that diet for sure!

At **Mik's Restaurant and Sports Bar** enjoy the famous Mik's chips with beer cheese, wings, nachos or the amazing She Crab Soup for starters, then go on to one of the signature burgers or brisket sandwiches for lunch. For dinner, the amazing entree menu features steaks and seafood, along with chicken and pork chops. Add some macaroni and beer cheese or a side salad. Mik's on-tap beer and ale selection includes all your favorites, and the bar is stocked for your favorite drinks.

**El Mariachi Mex & Grill** is known for its tacos, but also provides a full complement of specialty dishes like carnitas, chilaquiles and

carne asada—not to mention at least a half dozen different preparations of shrimp! Enjoy your meal in the charming atmosphere, or if you're in a hurry, order it to go.

## WARSAW

**The Country Squire Restaurant**, established by Joe West in 1961, is the ideal place for celebrating special events like anniversaries, birthdays and graduations—but it serves equally well as a spot for casual Tuesdays in Duplin County. With an enticing menu featuring dishes like steak or chicken Oscar, Korean beef and marinated turkey, it's no surprise that it's a popular dining destination. To make your dining experience even more perfect, don't forget to indulge in a glass of one of the Country Squire's own wines.

**Peggy's Kitchen Table**, right past the Highway 50/24 junction, has amazing daily specials and a hot bar with pizza favorites. The menu has everything from tomahawk pork chops to hamburger steak and all your favorites in between. This restaurant is not far off the main roads and is definitely worth the visit!

## DINING

### Beulaville

#### Ann's Thai Kitchen

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Beulaville 28518  
910-298-8425  
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#### Bojangles'

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#### Duff's Café

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#### Eastern Chinese

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910-298-2387

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120 West Main St,  
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910-298-5494

#### Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes, and Fries

604 West Main Street,  
Beulaville 28518  
910-298-3010

#### La Veracruzana Tienda y Taqueria

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Beulaville 28518  
910-298-8200

#### McDonald's

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#### Pizza Hut

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910-298-2333

#### Pizza Village

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910-298-3346

#### Subway

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#### Taqueria Las Chicanitas

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### **The Farm House**

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Beulaville 28518  
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Milkshakes  
910-375-8122

### **Zoyate Grill and Taqueria**

608 West Main St,  
Beulaville 28518  
910-375-8058

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Chinquapin 28521  
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## **Faison**

### **El Sol Mexican**

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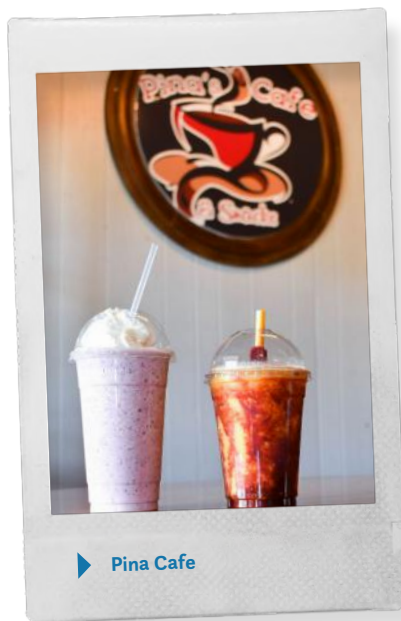
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### **Papa John's**

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### **Pizza Corner**

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# *Step Back In Time*

BY MARLANE CARCOPO

The history of Duplin County goes back to the Revolutionary period of American History. There are plaques throughout the county that recall the Battle of Rockfish is Wallace, the Confederate Sword Factory in Kenansville and names that shaped the county in many towns.



Some pieces of the past are preserved and available for the public to learn from. The Kelly-Farrior House (circa 1848) in Kenansville was once surrounded by woods and marshland. It now houses the Cowan Museum and Joann Cowan Brown Botanical Garden. A collection of buildings on the property preserves a picture of what life was like in that era.

The museum and historical park house over 4,000 items donated by the Cowan family—including 18th- and 19th-century home, farming and medical artifacts and tools, as well as a collection of geological specimens from the area.

Step back in time to the historical village, where a log cabin, general store, blacksmith shop, and more have been preserved. Among the furnished buildings you can enter are a schoolhouse and a smokehouse; they were donated to the museum and moved from nearby towns.

The Joann Cowan Brown Botanical Garden, a free, public botanical landscape garden, is home to over 90 species of native plants. It includes an herb garden, wetlands, a wet meadow garden, pollinators and longleaf pines. Given the current interest in replacing lawns with sustainable “meadow-scapes” and using native plants for home gardens, this garden is a wealth of inspiration! It’s open 24 hours a day, year-round.

Museum Director Robin Grotke has published *A Museum’s Garden: Secrets, Wonders, and Delights*. This coffee table book chronicles the history of the garden, and displays the plants and wildlife inhabiting it in stories and beautiful photographs. The book is available in the gift shop; the suggested donation is \$20.

The museum’s STEM educator, Anne Skinner, has also published two children’s books in the gift shop. Anne works with local schools to bring STEM programs and fossils to the classroom, after-school programs and camps. A dinosaur exhibit is being planned at the museum in the next year. And if you visit the garden and museum during open hours, Anne may share some of her sources for native plants with you!

*The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday. Learn more about the Cowan Museum and all it has to offer at [cowanmuseum.org](http://cowanmuseum.org).*

Adjacent to the Cowan Museum is the visitor's center for Liberty Hall, the former home of the Kenan family. Learn about the history of the Kenans and other founders in the state. Built in the early 1800s, Liberty Hall was visited by influential members of society of the period. One of the most documented events is the 1901 wedding of Mary Lily Kenan to Henry M. Flagler, one of the richest men in America. The wedding gown she wore is among the home's display of period furniture and décor, which bring life to a past long gone. Guided tours are available Tuesday through Thursday, and several special tours are on the calendar.

The second weekend in October allows the "spirits" of those who lived in Liberty Hall to tell their stories during the Ghost Tour. Costumed guides will bring you through the home with tales from the past.

In December, mark your calendar for the Christmas Candlelight Tour on the first Friday and Saturday. Guides dressed in period fashion tell the story of each decorated room. The home is decorated in period holiday decor and live greenery. This is a magical look at a period we know only from books or films.

*For more information, and times and availability of tours, visit [libertyhallnc.org](http://libertyhallnc.org).*

In Warsaw, NC, the (circa 1894) L. P. Best house is now home to the Duplin County Veterans Museum. The museum houses uniforms and memorabilia from the Revolutionary War, the War between the States, World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict. There's also a wall honoring those who were lost in the Vietnam War.

One of the most interesting items is the listing of every Duplin County veteran. Many visitors have traced their families' heritage from these pages. Medals and photographs that families

have donated for display fill the museum, along with everyday items from different eras. The museum is open by appointment only—except on the Saturday before Nov. 11, when the town of Warsaw hosts the longest-running Veterans Day parade in America.

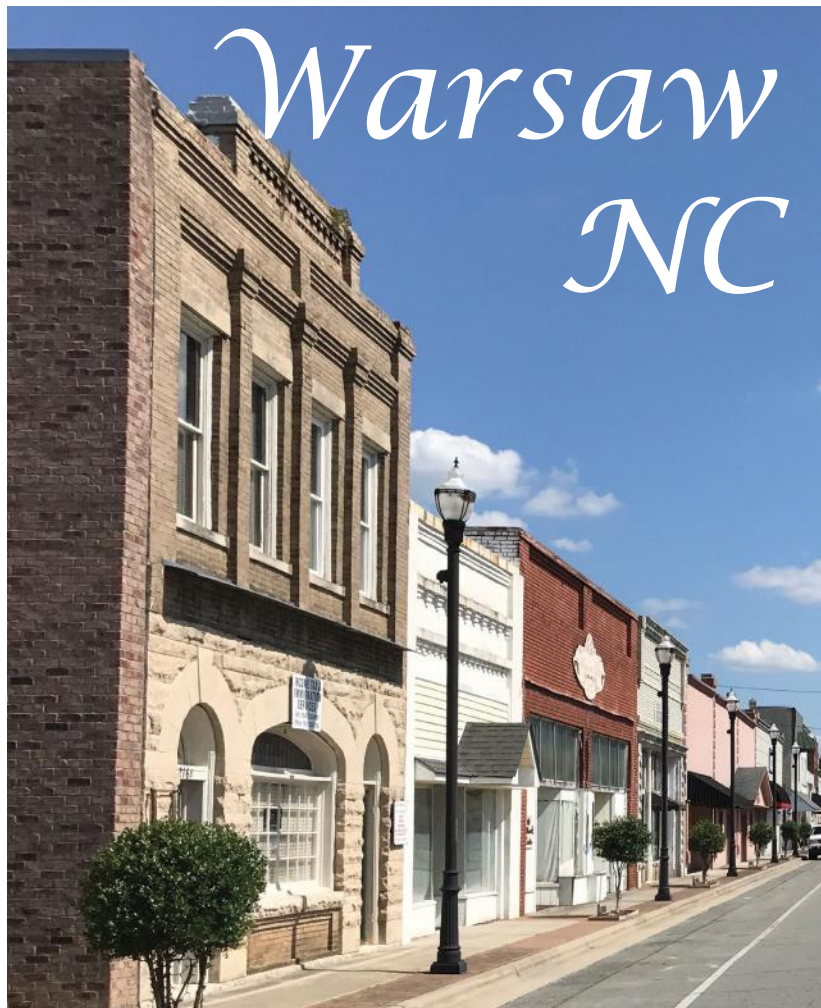
The Country Barn in Beulaville isn't a museum, but you'll find history being preserved there every day. A local Mennonite family has operated the bulk store for years. They are known for their daily baked bread and the sandwiches they make with it. They also make doughnuts, homemade ice cream and kettle corn.

The shelves contain bagged mixes, flour, honey and spices. If you're lucky, you will be there when you can get their sourdough starter. There's also a wide variety of deli cheeses and meats, which the staff will slice for sandwiches or to take home. In addition to beautiful pies and farm-fresh milk and chocolate milk, find outdoor rockers, glider furniture or a barn of your very own.

Destined for the history books, the World's Largest Frying Pan is housed in a gazebo in Rose Hill. Built in 1963, this two-ton fryer is the centerpiece for the fried chicken meal at the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee. Thousands of pieces of House of Raeford fried chicken will be served while crowds enjoy vendors, rides, local entertainer's and bands in the evening. Typically scheduled for the first weekend in November, this festival has become a local icon and a must-do event for visitors.

Pick a sunny day and walk through historic downtown Wallace, where architecture from the early 1900s is being preserved. Enjoy a day of shopping in buildings with tin ceilings and some with the original brick exposed inside. Find everything from antiques to boutiques, art, gifts, gourmet foods and more in the shops there!





Meet the collection of service and shopping businesses on North Front Street in Warsaw. This area has three blocks of old-timey street lights and brick inlaid sidewalks, and a group of committed merchants working to grow their community.

*Sunflower Florist* will create beautiful florals and bows for any occasion, and *Forgotten Treasures* will embroider hats, tees, sweatshirts, aprons and anything else you can personalize for your business, family reunion, event or gifts!

The *Nearly New Shop* is selling used furniture that you can afford, and it is one busy place! Just across the street on the next block, *Curiosities on Front* is a thrift store that benefits the *Neighbors 4 Neighbors Foundation*. There is a treasure trove of bargains to be had here.

Find some cute clothes at *Serendipity Hair Salon & Boutique...* and everything you never knew you needed at *Warsaw Hardware*! Along with an extensive hardware collection, this shop has outdoor decorative items, plants, pet supplies and a whole lot more.



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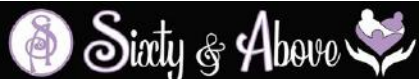
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*The Pine Room* is a great meeting space for events and business meetings, and *Over 60 Transportation Services* and *Peer Recovery 365* also call Front Street home.

In addition to *Serendipity Salon*, there are two other salons on Front St. *Ronnie Ezzell* has been doing hair since forever at *Ronnie's Beauty Shop*, and *Hair by MizzNikki* specializes in all hair types and a variety of style choices.

The businesses, in conjunction with the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, hold street fairs during the Veterans Day parade and at Christmas, featuring vendors, activities and entertainment.

If you are looking for a community to open a small business in, Warsaw is worth the consideration. There are some buildings that would need renovation, but would make a charming spot for a coffee and bakery store, a soup and sandwich shop or other small business.



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BY MARLANE CARCOPO

There was a time in the late 1800s when Magnolia was known for its tulips. Farms sold their bulbs across the country. Major Mayard Taylor built a Neoclassical revival-style home on one of those farms circa 1902. The house was sold to the Pope family in 1950. Former English teacher Jess Melton purchased the Taylor-Pope House in 2021 and has restored and repurposed this lovely home into the **Magnolia Dreams Inn Bed & Breakfast** with four suites.

As you approach the home, the view is impressive! Towering two-story paired columns create the entryway, with others supporting the second-floor balcony. Inside, the hallway opens to a large living room and dining area for breakfast, and a library nook with comfortable reading chairs. Wood floors with antique rugs are throughout the house.

Each suite has a unique feel, with comfortable beds and antiques. Each has a unique en-suite bath with a clawfoot tub and shower built into the room and tucked into closets. Nestled near the Duplin Events Center, Duplin Winery, and Country Squire Winery, the Magnolia Dreams Bed & Breakfast offers a premier location for your stay in Duplin County. Whether you're here for business or pleasure, our B & B provides easy access to the best of the county's offerings.

At the **Duplin Inn in Wallace**, each room has a kitchenette with a refrigerator and microwave. Free Wi-Fi is included, and each room has a large-screen TV. The rooms are clean and comfortable—a choice for family visits and for folks in the area for extended business stays.

**The Inn at River Landing** offers well-appointed rooms and suites, a full continental breakfast, and convenient I-40 access. This three-story property has 55 guest rooms and 15 suites. Electric vehicle charging stations are adjacent to the property. The Mad Boar restaurant is next door, offering meeting spaces and Duplin County dining in an elegant setting.

For a unique experience, book your Duplin County stay at the **Vintage Inn at the Country Squire**. With 12 rooms, the cozy inn will delight you with views of the winding paths and vineyards on the property. If you are fortunate, you may be able to stay in the Squires Guest House, which has four guest rooms, all decorated in tartan themes. Enjoy lunch or dinner at the Country Squire Restaurant and take in a wine tasting of some amazing Duplin County wines.

**The Quality Inn** is conveniently located just off the I-40 exit in Warsaw. Within a quarter mile of the property, you can find multiple choices for all meals. Electric vehicle charging stations are located nearby. Confirm the availability of amenities when booking, as some may be seasonal.

But if you're looking for a more unique place to lay your head, we've got that! From rustic cabins to packed houses, quickly checking Airbnb options will have you packing your bags. For example, there's the **Sparrow's Nest** in Wallace, conveniently located near the interstate, shopping, and restaurants. This 300-square-foot cabin is nestled near the Boney Mill Pond, and has a kitchenette, sleeping for four and outdoor patio dining.

Consider the **"glamping dome tent" in Rose Hill** for a unique adventure. It has a king-size bed perfect for stargazing, and the outdoor hammock offers a view of the vineyards. The woodburning stove and propane heaters will keep you warm, and there is a portable air unit for cooling. The outdoor rain shower will relax you as you enjoy nature under the heavens.

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sure to be a favorite for couples or small families looking to relax. The houseboat has a full bathroom and a covered porch overlooking the pond. Enjoy the hiking trails on the property, along with the canoe included with the rental.

In addition to these options, families can find several full homes here to make their visits for weddings, family reunions and vacations comfortable! One option is a three-bedroom, one-bath home with washer and dryer in Warsaw, close to the interstate in a quiet neighborhood. It can sleep six, so bring the family and relax in this home away from home.

At the end of a dirt road in Wallace, there's a three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home with a country feel—including fresh eggs in the morning. Cook in the large kitchen or grill outside in the space that feels further from civilization than it is—but with all the comforts of home.

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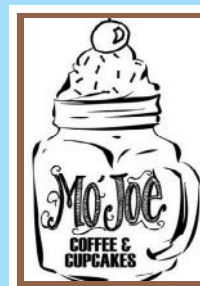
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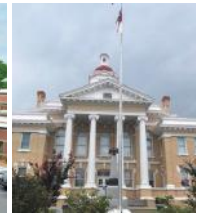
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► Tara Creek  
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# Marry Me

BY MARLANE CARCOPO

Every girl has a collection of dreams, made up of snippets from movies, royal weddings, and family events, that create a vision of her wedding day. She knows exactly how every detail should be, from her perfect dress and cake to the colors, flowers, and ambiance of the space. Duplin County becomes a wedding planner's paradise when a marriage proposal is made. The area offers multiple options for the ideal beginning to any happily ever after. Historic churches, vineyards, farms, and country club settings are becoming increasingly popular among brides and their parties.

**The Historic Wallace Woman's Club** building was built in the 1930s. Its outdoor raised amphitheater makes a lovely ceremony space, and the building interior is classic, with period architecture and tall shuttered windows. There is a full kitchen and a separate room for food setup that works well for buffet service.

**The Wallace Train Depot** features a spacious covered shed and an open stage area, perfect for hosting events. The nearby indoor space is full of history and charm, making it an ideal setting for a ceremony and/or reception. The venue is best suited for catered meals or buffets. Ample parking is available, and guests can also enjoy viewing historic train cars on the tracks nearby.

Across from the Depot, the **James Arthur Herring Event Center** offers a large space for an indoor event—after an outdoor ceremony at the Depot. Bring your decorator and caterer and make this blank slate into your desired vision. The adjacent grassy lot can be set up for an outdoor ceremony, cornhole games or a bouncy house for the little ones.

**Linzzie's Event Center**, located in downtown Wallace, is the perfect place for a glamorous event. The team at Linzzie's are experts at transforming their venue into a stunning space, with chic decor options that are right on trend. Imagine gold chargers, satin napkins, table runners, covered chairs, and tall candle holders, all arranged to ensure your guests are comfortable. You can choose to set your tables for six or eight guests, opt for row seating or curved tables - the possibilities are endless.



▶ The Chapel at Duplin's Vineyard

**The Duplin County Country Club** offers a variety of spaces, from beautiful outdoor spots on the golf course to the clubhouse with beamed ceilings and stone fireplaces. The indoor spaces can seat from 50 to 250 guests comfortably. There's a full kitchen for catering and a full-service bar with bartenders available for hire. Dance the first dances on the dance floor in the clubhouse.

Host your special day at the **River Landing Clubhouse**, where chandeliers and French doors open onto the veranda of an elegant ballroom. This unique space boasts indoor and outdoor staircases, as well as an abundance of photo opportunities. With full food and drink services available, planning is easy, making the space a popular choice. The building has a unique third floor for the bridal party to dress in and for the couple to honeymoon before catching a plane.

**The Mad Boar Restaurant and Pub** is equally elegant, with a different feel. Brides will find turnkey planning for food and drink in this sleek space, with a staff experienced in setup and service.

Brides increasingly seek a more natural space to celebrate their marriage, and Duplin County has enough excellent sites to make the choice difficult! Vineyards and a riverside site are among the mix of unique spaces.

**The River Lodge in River Landing** is nestled in a wooded space along the Northeast Cape Fear River. The extensive decking has a covered area.

If you have loved the idea of a wedding in a vineyard, Duplin County has two lovely locations to make your day exactly as you dream. **The Duplin Winery Vineyard and Wedding Chapel** are conveniently located just off the interstate, with picturesque acres of grapevines waiting for a wedding arbor. Enter past the tall statuary at the gate into the sweet smell of muscadine grapes on the vines. Choose from multiple outdoor spaces and walk down an "aisle" of grapevines for the ceremony. The chapel is a comfortable rustic space, with grapevines and twinkle lights at the ceiling and an adjacent veranda for a cocktail hour. Let the **Duplin Winery Bistro** chefs prepare your menu and pair each course with the perfect muscadine wine from their cellars.

**The Country Squire Vineyard** offers a lovely setting for your ceremony, and its **Jester's Court** space will accommodate hundreds of guests. Enjoy the food and service of the Country Squire Restaurant and the convenience of the Country Squire Inn on the property. Pair your meals with choices from the Country Squire Winery, where native grapes are used to produce a complement of familiar varietals.

This unique venue offers an old-world charm that will delight your guests, with brick paths that wind through the vineyard—and inside the restaurant. The original log structure still stands to welcome guests, and the staff are adept at preparing and serving meals for hundreds with grace and precision in the twinkle-lit Jester's Court.

**The Powell Home & Comeback Farms** is a vast crop acre farm located outside Warsaw. Amanda Whaley mentions that when she and the owner James Lucas are not busy making, baling and delivering hay, they devote their time to adding more flowers to the landscape and developing new ideas for the venue.

They never planned on having a wedding venue—but a friend wanted to be married in front of the charming and historic Powell Home. They did some quick landscaping and put up tents. And then, there was another request—and another. The concept of building a wedding barn for a ceremony space started to take form. They are always adding touches that add to the charm of the property.

**The Powell Home** is offered to the bride's party to be able to spend the night before the wedding and use it for hair, makeup, and dressing. It has a kitchen, a large room for dressing and a charming sitting room with bedrooms upstairs. There's also a cabin on the property for the groom and his party to dress in. The barn is a flexible space that can be partitioned for the rehearsal dinner and then expanded to ceremony and reception spaces. The venue seats 300 white Chiavari chairs at 35 tables inside. It also offers x-back chairs for

outdoor ceremony spaces on the patio, in front of the hand-built stone fireplace, in front of the Powell Home, or in one of the natural enclaves on the property. The farm has a horse and white carriage available, a peacock known to put on a dazzling display, and a lighted outdoor terrace in a venue with room for fireworks. Choose from the list of outstanding vendors the farm has worked with, or bring your own to create your perfect day!

**Tara Creek** was originally a turkey farm but now it is one of the most sought-after wedding and event spaces in the area. The site still retains some of its original charm, giving it a unique character. Lee and Amanda Graham and their family and staff have worked hard to create an excellent venue with a huge barn that offers multiple ceremony and reception options. The barn is beautifully illuminated with white lights, and the site also includes a bridal dressing space and prep kitchen for caterers. Additionally, the adjoining arena hosts rodeos, barrel racing, and mutton-busting events. During the holiday season, the scent of premier North Carolina mountain-cut Christmas trees fills the air, as the venue also sells Christmas trees.

Amy Turner can show you around the venue enthusiastically, highlight all the amazing amenities. She can also inspire your imagination with stories of how the blank slate of the venue has been transformed into a New York City street entrance to a club or how magical weddings have taken place during the holiday season. Amy can even provide recommendations for local vendors who have produced unique events for brides. Her vivid descriptions of the rodeo and barrel racing events are sure to paint a picture of how versatile this space is that accommodates everyone from brides to broncs.

The idea for the **English Country Barn** of the Carolinas arose when Ian and Teresa sought a wedding venue for one of their children. Originally from the south of England, the couple were transplanted to the States when Ian's job brought him here years ago. They purchased a 60-acre site because of Teresa's love of horses. After the wedding, they took a new look at their property, and the idea of an English country barn was born. The barn is far from rustic. The walls are wooden, the floors are covered, and the ceiling has starburst chandeliers. There are more than enough tables for 200 guests—made from live edge-sawn, sanded, and finished planks from a massive tree. One of the beautiful planks is also the bar inside the reception area. The building has a sound system and enough room for a dance floor. There are seven outdoor ceremony sites and each one is different. If Mother Nature is an uninvited guest, there are two additional indoor options. **The Windsor Room** offers a stunning dressing area for the bride and her party, with white leather furniture and a bay of mirrored hair and makeup stations. The groom and his group have a comfortable space in the York Room to relax and dress, with brown leather furniture, a coffee bar, and a fridge. **The Westminster Space** opens to an outdoor patio area with a large tiered fountain and fireplace. The newest addition to the outside entertaining area is a pub. These areas, bridges and natural backdrops offer multiple spots for photos. **The Lancaster Room** sits at the back of the reception room, and the second is Teresa's favorite addition to date: **The Wessex Chapel** is covered, with somewhat open wall space. It has chandelier ceiling fans and white church pews. This space is as charming as the person who conceived it. No matter which space you choose, Teresa takes personal care to do all she can to make your wedding perfect.

**The Somerset Garden** has a chapel with doors open to nature for a stunning ceremony spot. Two houses on the property are available for rent for the bridal party or family from out of town. Another new addition is the

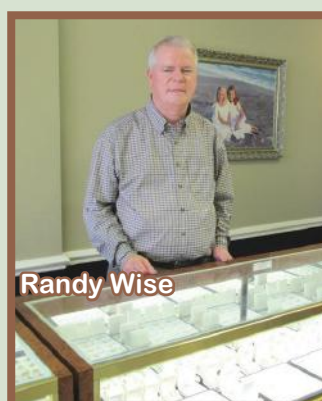
"honeymoon cottage," a space perfect for couples to relax after their special day before traveling. Pets are allowed, and the site offers horses for photos. The farm cats have been known to do a little photo-bombing.

Regardless of the bride's dream wedding, Duplin County has options that can meet and exceed her expectations. With florists like Westside Creations, which has been featured in wedding publications, or MJ's Unique Designs—a full-service event planner—and a variety of catering options such as the award-winning Ezzell's Catering, you can make your special day as sweet as our muscadine wines!

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Faison 28341  
[taracreek.com](http://taracreek.com)  
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[wallacenc.gov](http://wallacenc.gov)

## Wallace Train Depot

910-285-2299

## James Arthur Herring Event Center

208 SW Railroad St,  
Wallace 28466  
910-616-7173

## Lizzie's Event Center

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Wallace 28466  
[linzieseventcenter@gmail.com](mailto:linzieseventcenter@gmail.com)

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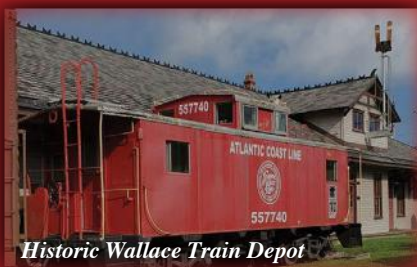
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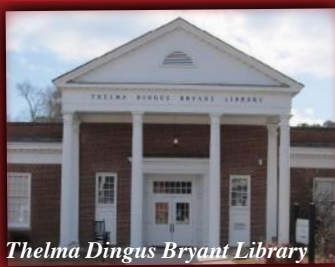
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BY MARLANE CARCOPO

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▶ **The Warsaw Veteran's Day Parade**  
Alyssa Morgan Malone

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#### **JUNE 2024**

##### **Duplin County Food Truck & Vendor Festival**

June 22, 2024

Live Music, Vendors, and Food Trucks

#### **AUGUST 2024**

##### **The Backstreet Music Festival Downtown Wallace**

August 3, 2024

In the heat of the summer, cool off with everything from Gospel to jazz at the Back Street Music Festival on Boney Street in Historic Downtown Wallace. Held the first weekend in August, this festival celebrates the history of the intersection where races met and celebrated in years past. This festival has local food vendors, a motorcycle show and a motorcycle sound system competition!

The amazing acoustics these folks have on their bikes will blow you away. The bikes themselves are awesome- owners carry them in trailers from all over the East Coast for this event!

#### **SEPTEMBER 2024**

##### **The Grape Stomp Festival**

Rose Hill, NC

Sept 9, 2024

Duplin Winery's biggest party of the year celebrates nearly 50 years of inviting you to the vineyards for stomping, dancing to The North Tower Band, laughing, and enjoying fantastic wine, and irresistible festival food. Bring a gang and reserve a tent for our grandest Grape Stomp ever! There are two individual ticket options, one includes stomping and a bottle of wine. VIP packages include premium parking, stomping tickets, and many food and drink vouchers.

##### **The 20<sup>th</sup> NC Muscadine Festival**

September 28, 2024

##### **Duplin County Events Center**

The NC Muscadine Festival brings the best wineries from Eastern Carolina together in one place. Enjoy your favorite wines and discover new blends while shagging to your favorite Beach Music. Find arts & crafts vendors and various food vendors to choose from, and carry home cases of the new favorite wines you find. Tailgate packages are available, and a contest for the best-decorated space exists! Show off your business or unleash your inner creativity while you enjoy the food, music and delicious muscadine wine.

##### **The Duplin County Agribusiness Fair**

##### **The Duplin County Events Center**

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#### **NOVEMBER 2024**

##### **North Carolina Poultry Jubilee**

Rose Hill, NC

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## **Veterans Day Parade**

### **Warsaw, NC**

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Be sure to take the opportunity to visit the Veterans Museum in Warsaw while you are there! It is only a couple of blocks off the parade route, and we can see the history of our veterans displayed with uniforms and memorabilia. A book of names is a humbling experience.

## **DECEMBER 2024**

The holiday season is full of special events to celebrate. Over 50 events were posted to Facebook in 2023. There were craft fairs, park events with hayrides, cookie decorating, and more.

Wallace hosts Christmas at Twilight and a Christmas Parade in December. Enjoy local talent and downtown shopping while the streets are closed to traffic. Rose Hill holds a Tree Lighting and craft fair, and Warsaw's CHRISTmastown Celebration brings a trolley to Front Street, music and caroling, and vendors for shopping.

The Duplin Event Center hosts holiday movies and/or Santa visits to celebrate the season. Find Christmas Parades in Kenansville and Beulaville to bring Santa to town, and visit Old St. Nick throughout the holiday season in the Santa House in Downtown Wallace.



## **JANUARY 2025**

### ***Burns Supper***

#### **Country Squire Restaurant & Eatery**

Celebrate Robert "Bobby" Burns' at the Burns Supper hosted by the Country Squire Restaurant & Winery. Join Owner Iris Lennon in celebrating her Scottish heritage and Scotland's beloved poet. Bagpipers open the evening, which is filled with music and traditional Highland dancers. There is the conventional presentation and addressing the Haggis- a traditional Scottish meat dish served to guests. The evening continues with reading some of Burns' most loved poetry and a delicious dinner.

The Burns Supper is held the Saturday closest before January 25. In 2025, the 25th is a Saturday! How auspicious! This event sells out early, so make your reservations early for the event and lodging at the Country Squire Inn.

## **MAY 2025**

### ***Carolina Strawberry Festival***

#### **Downtown Wallace**

**May 3-4, 2025**

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[duplincountryclub.com](http://duplincountryclub.com)

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### Albertson Youth Sports Park

135 Melda Harper Lane,  
Albertson 28508

### Farrior Park at Boney Mill Pond

910-285-2905  
683 East Southerland St,  
Wallace 28466  
Fishing pier and kayak ramp

### Cabin Lake

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220 Cabin Lake Rd,  
Pink Hill 28572

### Calypso Park

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120 E Church St,  
Calypso 28325

### Clement Street Park

910-285-2905  
513 Southeast Railroad St,  
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### Dobbins Park

910-285-2905  
620 North Teachey Rd,  
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### Faison Park

910-267-011  
184 Park Circle,  
Faison 28341

### Jimmy Jerome Park

910-289-8622  
175 Lake Tut Lane,  
Rose Hill 28548

### Kean Park

910-296-0369  
601 South Main St,  
Kenansville 28349

### Northeast Community Park

4672 North N.C. 41 Hwy.,  
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### Teachey Park

910-285-7564  
130 Boney St,  
Teachey 28464

### Blizzard's Pond

910-298-4415  
2168 East Hwy. 24,  
Beulaville 28518

### Taylor's Pond

910-305-3351  
Pond is off U.S. 117 Hwy. South,  
Faison 28341

### Northeast Cape Fear River

Duplin County is home to three N.C. Department of Wildlife public boat ramps providing access to the Northeast Cape Fear River. Access to all of the boat ramps is on state-maintained roads.

#### Ramp One:

170 Wildlife Landing Lane,  
Kenansville 28349  
The wildlife ramp on 24 is located approximately half way between Kenansville and Beulaville.

#### Ramp Two: Wayne's Landing:

169 Cypress Hole Rd,  
Wallace 28466  
Wayne's Landing is located 6 miles east of Wallace 28466 off N.C. 41 on Cypress Hole Road.

#### Ramp Three:

230 Quiet Water Dr,  
Chinquapin 28521  
At the end of Quiet Water Lane that turns off of Durwood Evans Road, which intersects with N.C. 41 & 50 Hwy. at Chinquapin  
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# Retail Therapy

Duplin County is home to various boutiques and specialty shops that are just what the doctor ordered!

With 822 square miles, Duplin County ranks as one of the “Top 10 Largest Counties” in North Carolina. Each of the larger towns in the county has a variety of small businesses that are lovely! Find boutiques, gift shops, and some great thrift stores in Wallace, Warsaw, Beulaville and Rose Hill.

Many of these specialty shops operate on reduced schedules- some close Monday, some close Wednesday, most all are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so check Facebook or their web pages for accurate days and times.

Plan to spend a day on Main Street in Historic Downtown Wallace. You'll need fuel for this, so start at **Mo'Joe Coffee & Cupcakes** for one of their barista coffee creations and muffins or amazing cupcakes.

Then off to the shops!

**A Cook's Cupboard** has the most fantastic selection of infused oils and vinegars, and dip mixes. Find seasonings and kitchen tools, wines and mixes! From local brands to hard-to-find world ingredients, this is a great pantry space!

**Tabby & Barker's** has treats and foods and toys for your favorite pup or kitty. the owners have done a lot of research to bring in the best foods and supplements for your furry family members.

**The Art of Hope** carries world-famous inspirational artwork by Hope G. Smith, and the shop also offers custom framing of artwork, keepsakes and more.

**Farrior's Flooring** has every type and brand of flooring you could want and a lovely selection of home decor items.

**Honeycutt Pawn & Variety** has the most quirky collection of goods! Jewelry, guns and ammo, furniture, fishing poles and gear, housewares, guitars and collectible coins all live together happily here! Also in the category of quirky is **Slawek & Viola's Market**. There was everything from a full-size suit of armor to a European hand-painted metal bathtub the last time I was there. You could get lost in this store enjoying the treasures available there! They are next door to **Brown & Thigpen Auctions**, where you can enjoy the fun of having the winning bid on auction days, usually two Saturdays a month.

While shopping, check out the **Blessings in Store** thrift store that benefits the **Duplin County Outreach Ministry**. They are open brief hours Thursday thru Saturday, volunteer staffed, and all the proceeds go to the organization.

The town has several boutiques, and each carries a unique style. Find boho fashion and NY trends at **The Traveling Gypsy** and a curated thrift room of bargain fashions.

A wide range of trends for tweens and seniors- and everyone in between is at **The Pink Willow Boutique Finds** fashion pieces as well as men's clothing pieces at **This Little Pig**.

**This Little Pig** also has everything from SCOUT bags to Tyler Candles, wall art, jewelry and great gift ideas. Speaking of gifts, you will find the perfect one at **Cavanaugh's Gifts**.

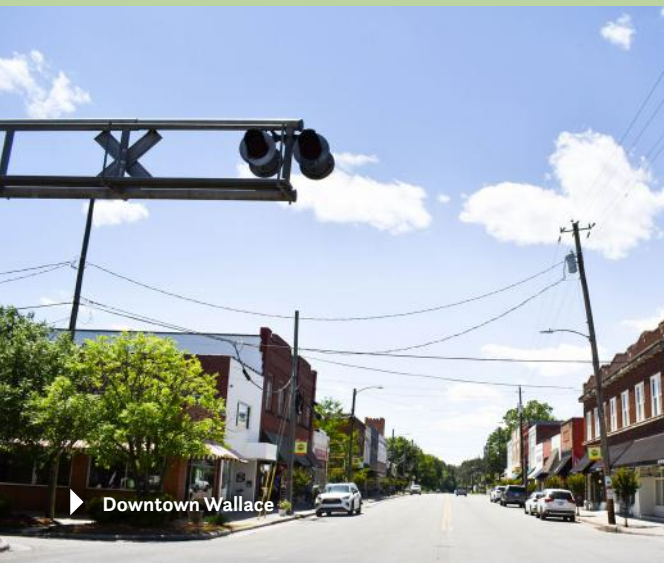
Their selection of home decor, jewelry and entertaining items is extensive. They have high-end ribbons and make the most exquisite bows to add to everything from wreaths to candles to topiary.

Find flags, hand poured candles, wreaths, balloons, door decor and more at **Westside Creations**. This florist and decor store has been featured in local bridal magazines for the owner's breathtaking arches and floral work.

By now, it is time for lunch, so stop in to **Burney's Sweets & More** for soup and a panini sandwich, with a glazed croissant or two for energy! Be sure to stop in at **SkinTone Med**

**Spa** and get the latest Biote items, schedule a facial or massage, or learn about the Botox and Filler options they offer.





► Downtown Wallace

For the man who has everything, consider gifting him a membership to **J Arthur's Cigar Lounge**. A members-only space with plenty of screens for game days, chess, checkers and card tables, and a pool table. Member's favorite sticks and beverages are in stock in this unique space.

Speaking of spaces, the **James Arthur Herring Event Center**, across from the Wallace Train Depot is a conveniently located blank space, ready for you to use for parties, receptions and business meetings.

Check out all the newest furniture trends at really great prices at **Johnson Furniture Store**. They carry major brand name pieces and a wide selection of recliners, mattresses and complete room sets. Find fine and fashionable jewelry or gift items at **Evans Jewelers**. They also offer estate jewelry pieces and individually crafted pieces by jeweler Mark Evans.

Find a new read at **Books & Friends**. Author and screen-play writer Mark Grady owns the bookstore and you can pick up a copy of his latest novel, or find the some from one of your favorite authors. Don't forget to get a soft-serve ice cream cone or milkshake while you're there.

Be sure to go out Highway 41 to just past River Landing to **Olive Branch Gardens Florist & Gifts**. They have the most beautiful and extravagant floral wreaths in the area, and are an authorized MacKenzie Childs distributor.

Seeing MacKenzie Child in person takes your breath away! They have pieces from the Courty, Sterling and Royal check patterns, and Flower Garden, white and black. Olive Branch offers a gift registry program, so choose your patterns and favorites and list them!

While you're out that way, stop in at **Riverside Barn Antiques**. Mr. Aaron has an eye for great things, he recently found an old building full of antiques...and moved it, building and all, next to the big store!



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In Rose Hill, find new trendy furniture and home decor at **Track Side Market**, visit the **Treasure Chest Resale & Consignment Shop**, and stop by the **Trading Company of Rose Hill** where “Old timey cast iron pots and seeds” hardware store meets “New-Gen” gardeners who want boots and guns and grills and tools kind of place. If you are looking for it - they probably have it!

Check out **Frederick Furniture, Flooring and Appliance** for all of those and more... they really are a department store, carrying everything from clothes to gifts.

Stop by the **Duplin Winery** for a glass of wine and check out the gift shop there. You can get any of their muscadine jellies, salad dressings and sauces as well as wine by the bottle or case. Don't forget to get some of their famous fudge while you're there.

On North Front Street in Warsaw, there is a collection of service and shopping businesses. This area has three blocks of old timey street lights and brick inlaid sidewalks, and a group of hardworking merchants working to grow their community.

**Sunflower Florist** will create wreaths, bows and florals for any occasion, and **Forgotten Treasures** has flags and gifts and does embroidery on hats and tees and sweatshirts and aprons and anything else you can personalize for your business, family reunion, event or gifts!

**The Nearly New Shop** is selling used furniture that you can afford, and is one busy place! Just across the street is the next block, **Curiosities on Front** is a thrift store that benefits the Neighbors4Neighbors Foundation. There is a treasure trove of bargains to be had here.

Find some cute clothes at **Serendipity Hair Salon & Boutique**...and everything you never knew you needed at **Warsaw Hardware**! Along with an extensive hardware collection, they have some outdoor decorative items, plants, pet supplies and a whole lot more.

While you're in the area, find **Westwater Country Hams**. Stop in and get one of these authentic country hams to put on a biscuit for breakfast. For an afternoon snack and a wine tasting visit the Country Squire Restaurant and Winery.

When you're in Beulaville, be sure to visit **The Country Barn** for their homemade breads, pies, cakes and farm fresh milk in bottles and so very much more!

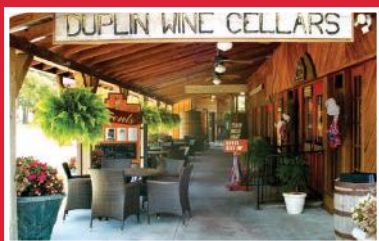
In addition to the baked goods, this Mennonite family farms makes their own bacon for sale in the store and creates beautiful handcrafted wooden bird feeders, lawn chairs, and gliders.

On Highway 24, find Whaley's Supermarket, and stop in for some of Monk Whaley's famous fresh or air dried sausage. Best anywhere!

At **Duplin Square Market**. Kent and Becky Sanderson have an amazing assortment of antiques, collectibles, repurposed pieces, painted pieces and hand crafted items. Be sure to stop in at the **Miss Bee Haven** shop for rugs, furniture and a variety of thrift items. Have dinner at **Ann's Thai Restaurant** for authentic Thai cuisine in Beulaville as well.

Shop at **The Pink Monkee boutique** for all the newest trends and enjoy lunch and a decadent mug shake at the **Farmhouse Restaurant**. If you've shopped Duplin County till you're ready to drop, those blues should be long gone...traded for tired feet and some new treasures.

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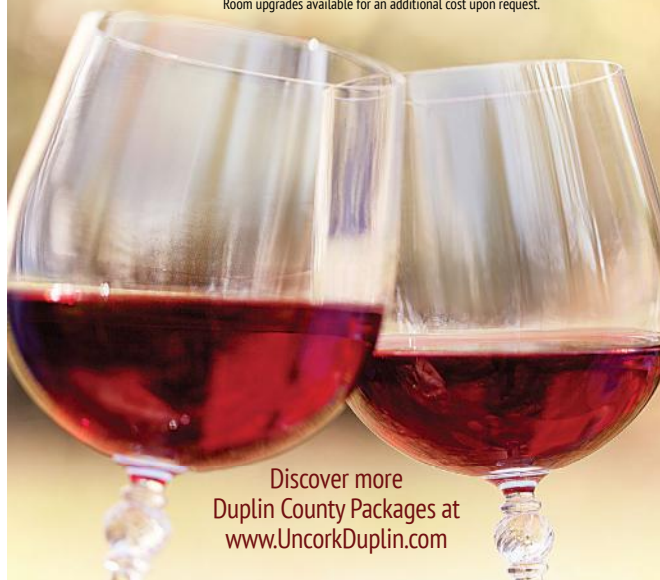
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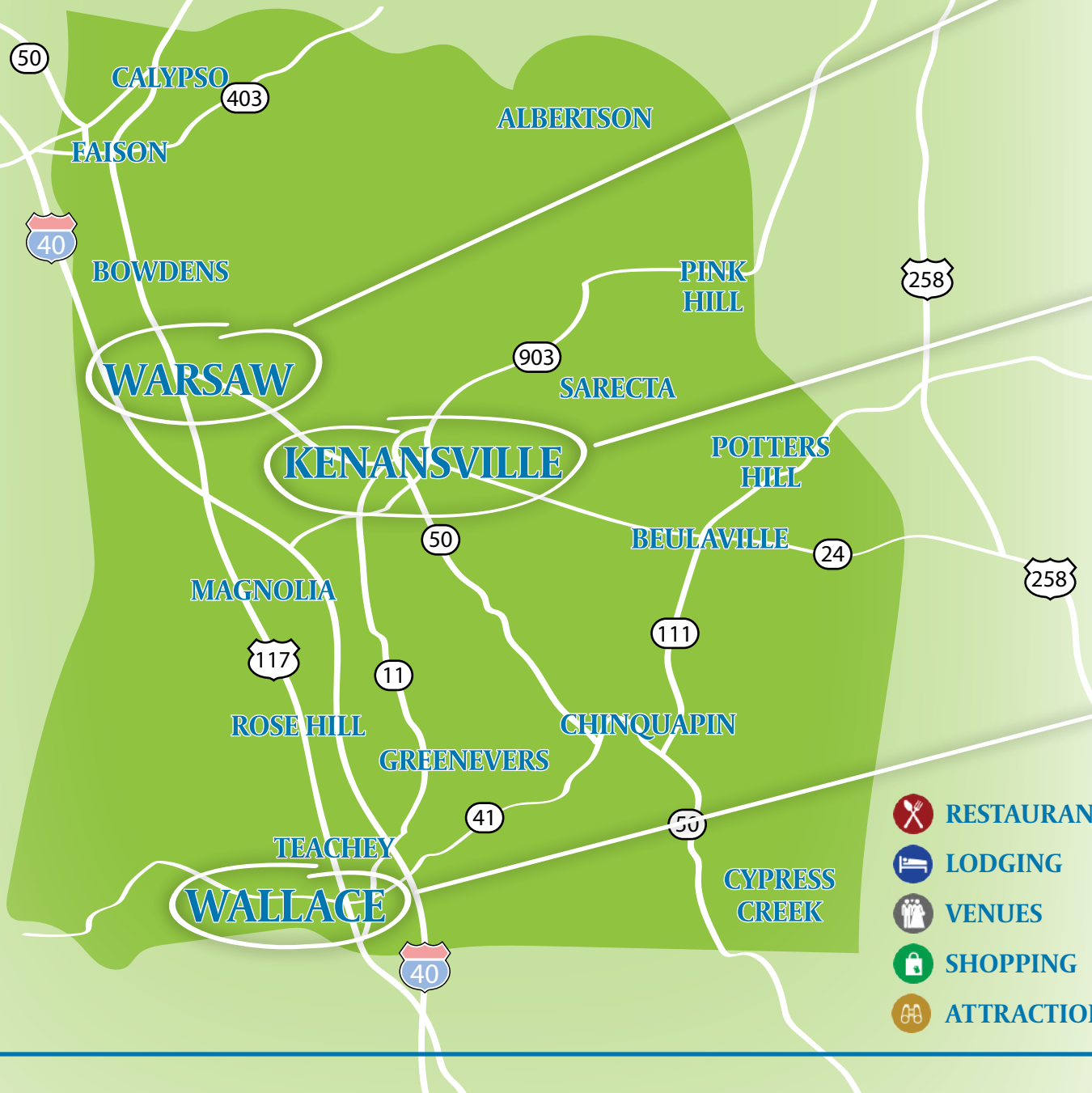


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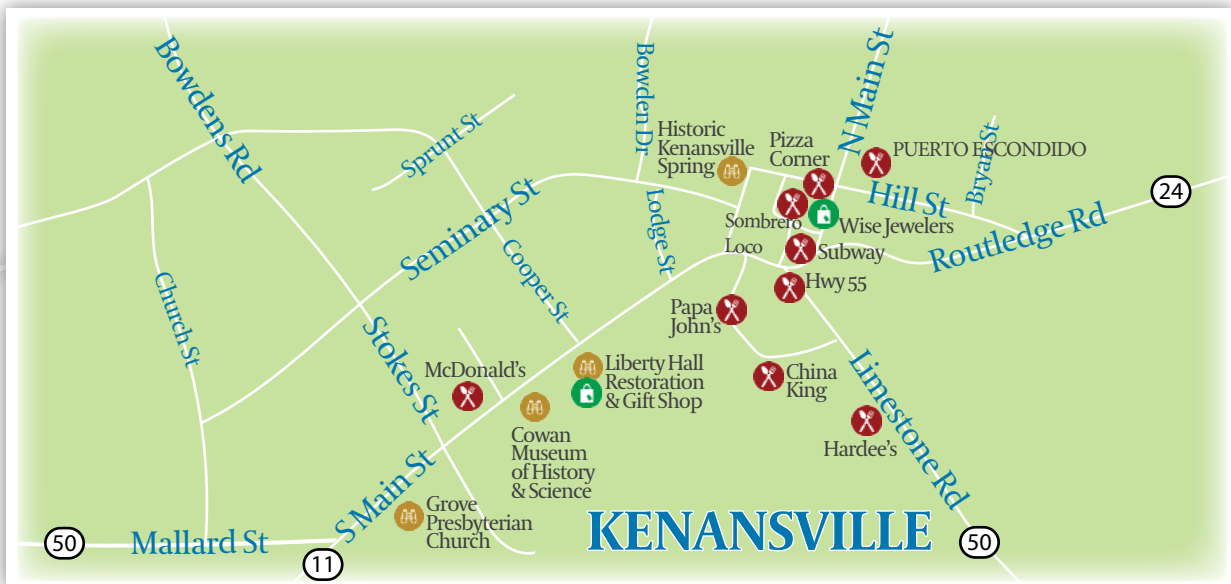
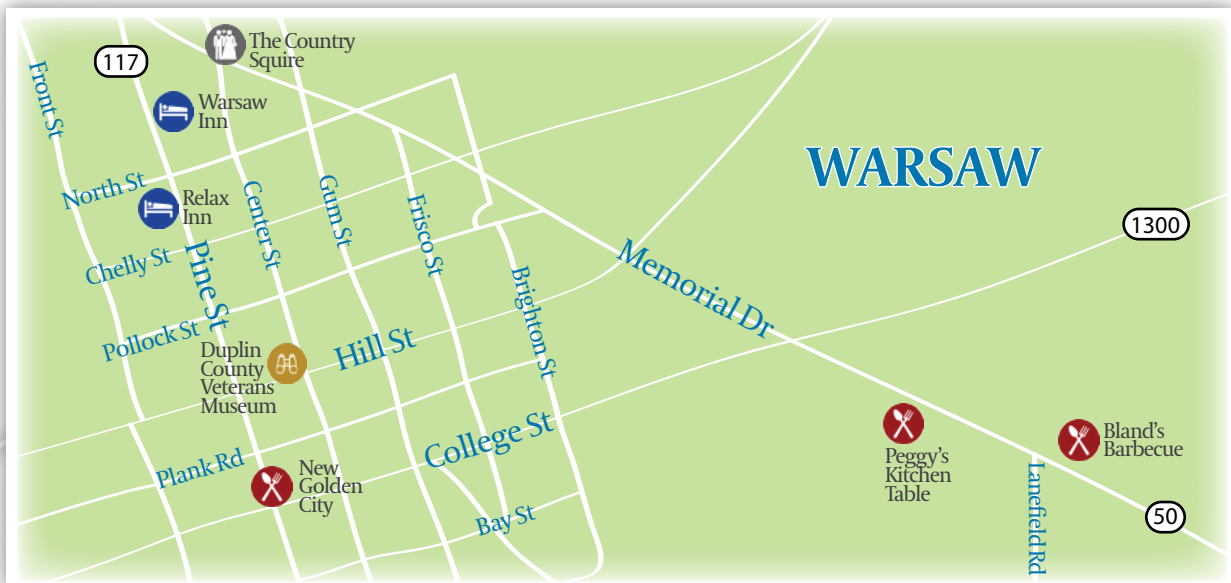
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