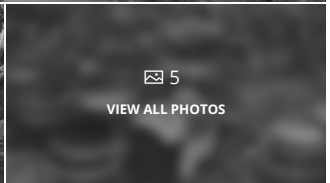




New documentary tells story of moonshine in the mountains

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PERSONVILLE, N.C. (WLOS) — Moonshining has a long history here in Western North Carolina, and some of that history has turned into myths, stereotypes and tall tales.

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moonshiners and their family members from Western North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina to tell their stories.

The film will have its world premiere at The Orange Peel on June 17.

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Appalachian culture is and what moonshining is." Weinstock said

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After the premiere, the film will be shown at North Mills River Farm as a drive in on June 18 and at Southern Appalachian Brewery on June 20. Each screening will be preceded by a musical performance.

"People think all moonshiners were outlaws but it was the federal government that enacted an excise tax after the Civil War that poor farmers had to bear. It was either starve or make liquor and it's not difficult to understand which one they chose," Cody Bradford, fifth generation moonshiner and owner of Howling Moon Distillery in Asheville, said in a news release.

Bradford and his family are chronicled in the film, as are moonshiners from Yancey County to Spartanburg County. Most surprising to many is that many moonshiners were African-Americans, women and Native Americans and that moonshine played a central role in medicine since the Civil War.

Ticket prices vary by location and advanced reservations are highly recommended given high demand and expected sellouts by ordering online at www.saveculture.org or calling the Center at 828-692-8062. Ticket buyers get \$5 off on the price of the DVD if they buy it in advance.

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