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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Annual festivals and music events provide family fun**

**May 15, 2016**— The skies are clear, the apple trees are in bloom and there's plenty to do this summer in Julian. A variety of annual events fill this mountain community with history, dancing and plenty of great music this June.

#### **Fiddle n' Pickin' Contest**

Join us for the 3rd annual old-time Fiddle and Pickin' contest at Town Hall on **June 3-5**, with a special pre-contest workshop on Friday and a Saturday night performance by two-time National Fiddle Champs. Whether you're a fiddler, picker or "grinner," there'll be plenty of fun with jamming throughout the weekend. Bring yourself and your instrument with dry camping available. For schedule, contest entry, workshop and camping fees, go to [visitjulian.com](http://visitjulian.com).

#### **Gold Rush Days**

Julian Gold Rush Days, which takes place **June 25-26** from 10am-5pm, celebrates the discovery of gold in this mountain community and invites visitors to learn more about its history with a weekend of entertainment including gold panning, tomahawk throwing demonstrations, historic skits, candle dipping and more. Located at Cross Farms, across from the Julian Mining Company in Wynola, the old fashioned mining camp will offer re-enactors, a fashion show, an arts and crafts market, food and drink, a petting zoo, pony and carriage rides, hayrides, and old fashioned laundry, free parking and plenty of family fun. Admission is \$3 for adults, kids 12 and under free. For more information, call 760-765-1857 or visit [www.juliangoldrushdays.com](http://www.juliangoldrushdays.com).

#### **The Dance**

Saturday night dances were once a part of Julian history beginning with the Gold Rush in the late 1800s, bringing the townspeople together for a long evening of music, food, and revelry. In that tradition, the Julian Sons of the American Legion will host "The Julian Dance and BBQ" now in its tenth year on **Saturday, June 11**, outdoors in a beautiful mountain setting at Menghini Winery, just two miles north of Julian at the corner of Farmer and Wynola Roads. The event starts at 2pm with three headlining acts, a huge dance floor and plenty of shade and lasts until 10pm under starlit mountain skies. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$5 for children 16 and under. For more information, visit [juliandance.org](http://juliandance.org) or call 760-765-1857.

#### **Blues Bash**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Julian Blues Bash 2016 will be held at Menghini Winery on **Saturday, June 18** from 10am to 7pm featuring six great blues bands! Produced by Robb Bower Presents, tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the gate, children 12 and under free. Active duty or retired U.S. military and their spouses are \$20 each with valid government ID. Featured artists include Kim Simmonds & Savoy Brown, The Alastair Greene Band, The Farmers, The Kids are Alright, The McCoy Brothers and The Jerry "Hot Rod" DeMink Band. Great food, cold beer, wine tasting, dancing, and free parking! For tickets, call the Julian Chamber at 760-765-1857.

### **Heritage Quilt Show**

The annual Julian Woman's Club Heritage Quilt Show will be held this year from **June 25 to July 4** at Town Hall and feature an array of colorful quilts—from antiques to quilts made by children. Open to the public and free of charge, visitors can vote for their favorite quilt, buy a handmade quilt at the Country Store and enter a quilt raffle. Proceeds help support the club's many philanthropic projects, including high school scholarships, programs for children and local organizations such as the Historical Society and Friends of the Library.

For more details on any of these events, please call the Julian Chamber of Commerce at 760-765-1857.

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