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If you are a visitor here, be sure to take plenty of Henderson County apples back with you. WHKP salutes all our hard working apple growers and we thank you for the economic impact you make here at home in Henderson County.

Be sure and see pages 16-17, highlighting this year’s featured apple growers!
2019 Apple Ambassador: Kaitylyn Hart Ledbetter

The Apple Ambassador represents the North Carolina Apple Festival and the North Carolina Apple Growers Association. The ambassador program selects the recipients of the Evelyn Lutz Hill Memorial Scholarships. A $2,000 college scholarship is awarded to the ambassador and a $1,000 scholarship is awarded to the first runner up.

The 2019 Apple Ambassador is Kaitylyn Hart Ledbetter she is a rising home school senior. Kaitylyn’s parents are Scott and Heather Ledbetter.

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Brothers in Farming:
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Dwight and Dale Gilbert are third generation apple farmers in Henderson County, North Carolina. They are the sons of Howard and Gladys Lyda Gilbert. In the early days, the family used to grow a lot of other crops like cabbage, beans and tomatoes. They also grew corn for their cattle and sheep. Eventually they decided to plant all of their land in apple trees. Sadly, they lost their father early in their adult lives, in 1969. That’s when the two brothers took over the family farm.

Each generation acquired more land to farm, but it didn’t take the two brothers long to realize that farming wasn’t lucrative enough to provide for three households. That’s when the two decided that one of them would need to get a job and the other would manage the farm full time. Dale was the one that decided that there was nothing else he would rather do than to work the land. Dale has grown apples his whole life. He loves doing it. Dwight got a more traditional job, eventually selling chemicals and fertilizer in the Edneyville area as well as being part owner in Ridgeview Apple Packers. Dwight has helped numerous apple growers over the years and has been a great asset to the apple growing community. He is greatly missed since his retirement.

A fellow farmer, Danny Justice, says that Dwight has helped him “more in the apple business than anyone. Dwight is a wealth of information about farming. You could always trust his honesty. When he was in the chemical business, you could trust his knowledge and advice about how to proceed. He was always available to answer questions. Dwight wasn’t just a farmer, he’s always been a friend.”

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Dale reminds young farmers starting out that it takes a long time to build up to the point of profit. You need to have a regular job on top of farming. Even later on, “you don’t make a killing, but it’s satisfying doing it.”

When asked what the most difficult aspect of farming is, they pointed out how much farming has changed since they started. In the early days there was spraying and mowing to take care of. Today, there are tremendous legal hassles and paperwork, such as keeping spray records, having the water tested and worker housing checks. You have strict standards with the USDA, EPA and Department of Labor. You have audits annually with USDA, GAP, Food Safety, and Labor Standards. These change frequently and you must stay on top of the rules.

Will Rogers was quoted as saying, “The farmer has to be an optimist or he wouldn’t still be a farmer.” Both brothers are seen throughout the Edneyville community with smiles on their faces and are quick to lend a hand to a friend in need.

Wayne Owenby states that, “Dale is a fine man and I’m happy he’s being honored.”

Jerry Laughter says that, “Dale is a fine fellow. He’s always friendly. When I see him, he’s always working. I’ve been to a few funerals that he’s officiated and he’s done a great job.” His deep rooted ties to the community make him a minister that many people feel comfortable with.

Dwight is married to Ruby Anderson Gilbert. He has two daughters by his first wife. The daughters are Aresa Gardo and Vanesa Gilbert. He has three grandchildren Chip, Vadah and Greta Gardo.

Dale and his wife, Lana, have two children Bryan and Shannon. Shannon is married to Mark Drane. Bryan and his wife Denise have three children, Madelyn, Brynna and Sarah. Bryan is following in his father’s footsteps, and, 10 years ago, took over the day to day operations of the family farm.

Besides their families and a love of agriculture, the brothers share a love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They donated part of their land on Sugarloaf Mountain for the In Jesus Name Church to be built. Dale has been pastoring this church for twenty years now, in addition to farming. If he is not ministering to his church flock, he is in the apple orchard.

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**Apple Festival Opening Ceremony**
Friday: 10:00am  
FREE  
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Historic Courthouse ~ Main Street & 1st Ave  
Sponsor: NC Apple Festival

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**Downtown Hendersonville Sidewalk Sales**
Friday-Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm  
Enjoy the traditional merchants’ sales.  
Main Street & surrounding Avenues  
Sponsor: City of Hville Downtown Program  
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**NC Apple Festival Street Fair**
Friday-Monday  
Historic Downtown Hendersonville lined with arts/crafts, food, local non-profit and apple grower vendors.  
To provide for a safe parade route, Monday will reflect a mini-street fair.  
Main Street ~ from 6th Ave to Caswell

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**Window Display Contest**
Friday-Monday  
Judging on Thursday awards 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.  
Displays remain throughout the festival.  
Businesses & storefronts throughout town  
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Apple Recipe Contest
Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm
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First Citizens Bank Plaza ~ Main St. & 6th Ave.
Sponsors: NC Coop Extension & NCAF
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Bloodmobile
Friday-Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm
Drop in to help save a life in our community or to learn about giving blood.
Main Street & 4th Ave
Sponsor: The Blood Connection
828.233.5301

Henderson County Heritage Museum
Friday-Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am-5:00pm
Monday: 10:00am-2:00pm
FREE
Exhibits of the Saluda Grade, early county architects, 1900s General Store and military displays of the Civil War through Desert Storm.
Henderson County Heritage Museum
Historic Courthouse Square / Suite 4
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Apple Taste Tasting/
Beekeepers Educational Booth
Friday-Sunday: 10:00am-8:00pm
Sample a variety of apples and give feedback. Learn about beekeeping and enjoy honey samples.
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Monday: 10:00am-4:00pm
$1-$3 per activity
Rides and entertainment for children.
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38th Annual Gem & Mineral Spectacular
Friday-Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm
Monday: 10:00am-5:00pm
$5 admission/ Children 12 years old & under
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Featuring dealers selling fossils, minerals, gemstones, jewelry; lapidary demonstrations (gemstone cutting, jewelry making); fossil, gem and jewelry exhibits; hourly door prizes, pick-a-pearl and snack bar.
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Mineral & Lapidary Museum Open House
Friday-Sunday: 10:00am-6:00pm
Monday: 10:00am-1:00pm
FREE
Special exhibit: new acquisitions – North Carolina & more.
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Local Market  
Saturday: 8:00am-1:00pm  
FREE  
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WNC Air Museum Open House and Air Craft Rides  
Friday-Monday: 10:00am-5:00pm  
FREE Admission & Parking  
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Sponsor: WNC Air Museum, Inc.  
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Vintage Tees at Piggy’s & Harry’s  
Friday – Monday 11:00am-8:00pm  
Vintage Apple Festival Tee Shirt Display.  
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Laurel Park Village Shopping Center Sidewalk Sales

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Laurel Park Village Shopping Center Music Venue

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Antique Aircraft Flyby
Monday
prior to start of the parade
Vintage aircraft will fly over Main Street
prior to the start of the King Apple Parade
Main Street
Sponsor: WNC Air Museum, Inc.

King Apple Parade
Monday: 2:30pm
Grand Marshall – Tom Orr
Apple Ambassador – Kaitylyn Ledbetter
N Main St ~ from Five Points to Caswell St
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RESTROOMS:
Public Restroom Trailers are available on 5th Ave W; 1st Ave E & Barnwell Ave W. These are fully functional and air-conditioned units. Beside each of these Trailers are Family Units which include baby changing tables.

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