

## City Calendar

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### Morganton Comic Con

Saturday, 3/4

12-5p @ Collett St. Rec

### Council Meeting

Monday, 3/6

6p @ City Hall

### ACC Chili Cook Off!

Thursday, 3/9

11a-1:30p @ Collett St. Rec

### "CINDERELLA"

#### Russian National Ballet

Thursday, 3/9

7:30p @ CoMMA

### THE HIGH KINGS

Thursday, 3/16

7:30p @ CoMMA

### Smoky Mountain

#### Cage Bird Show

Saturday, 3/18

9a-5p @ Collett St. Rec

### "Dreams of the Impossible"

#### Nelson Illusions

Thursday, 3/23

7:30p @ CoMMA

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 4/8

10a @ Soccer Complex

### "JUMP, JIVE & WAIL"

Tuesday, 4/4

7:30p @ CoMMA

### Baseball and Softball

#### Opening Night

Monday, 4/24 • 5:15p-until

@ Catawba Meadows Park

(Players should arrive at 5 pm)

### Friends of the Library

#### Spring Book Sale

Saturday, 4/29

8a-5p @ Collett St. Rec

### ARTRAGEOUS

Thursday, 5/4

7:30p @ CoMMA

## Core Planning Team convenes for NCSSM Western Campus

The start of 2017 represented a milestone for the planning process for the Morganton campus of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

Chancellor Todd Roberts recently charged a core planning team of 22 stakeholders to engage in advance planning efforts for the new western campus. The group includes representatives of the NCSSM community, ranging from alumni to faculty to trustees, the City of Morganton, K-16 institutions in Burke County, and the UNC System. The efforts of the core planning team will shape the educational program vision and design through concentrated listening sessions, research, and targeted engagement of constituents and peer institutions.

"Our Board of Trustees are extremely excited with the progress that has been made since the passage of the Connect NC bonds [in March 2016]," says Tom Williams, chair of the NCSSM Board of Trustees and member of the planning team. "The detailed work of the core planning team is allowing us to engage a broader and deeper group of stakeholders in shaping the experience our students, faculty, and families will have with the addition of the NCSSM Morganton campus."

The next steps in the advanced planning process will occur within six designated strands: academic program vision; technology infrastructure/physical structure; student life; business relations; community and government relations; and K-16 relations. The work within these strands will be supported by research and stakeholder engagement as facilitated by the Friday Institute, selected in December to lead planning efforts. Additionally,



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Duda | Paine Architects are continuing to investigate site options in Morganton for campus location. NCSSM will announce opportunities for constituents to participate in focus groups and surveys throughout the advance planning period.

Efforts are also ongoing to engage the Unifour region of North Carolina, comprising of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties.

Sally Sandy, City Manager for Morganton and member of the core planning team, is pleased with how planning has gone so far, and excited for the new campus.

"The planning meeting brought a true sense of reality to the tremendous positive impact this school will have on Morganton, Burke County, and indeed all of Western North Carolina," Sandy said. "To say that our community is excited is actually an understatement; we are thrilled."

The core planning team will continue to meet throughout the next nine months with an ultimate goal of forming the final educational program vision and site selection to be presented to the NCSSM Board of Trustees in September 2017.

Stay up-to-date on the project by visiting the NCSSM Western Campus website at <http://bit.ly/2kQ5FJ4>.

# New equipment at Collett St. gym!

The City of Morganton Parks and Recreation Department recently installed some new equipment in the Collett Street Recreation Center exercise rooms!

The new equipment consists of nine Cybex exercise machines, a new elliptical machine, new benches, and new dumbbells. Staff also had a new floor installed in the exercise room and painted the walls in the free weight room.

"Our equipment was getting outdated, and a lot of the machines were obsolete," Parks and Recreation Director Rob Winkler said. "We were having trouble finding parts to make repairs."

Winkler said the new equipment is much safer and more effective.

"This new equipment is designed to exercise your muscles, not your joints," Winkler said. "As of now, we have a really state-of-the-art gym."

In addition to the new Cybex equipment, the exercise and weight rooms offer three treadmills, three bicycles, two elliptical machines, one stepper, free weights, and dumbbells. The gym also has a shower.

Winkler said the weight room offers a lot of bang for the buck.

A Recreation Membership costs less than \$15.00 a month for City residents and gives members access to the Collett Street Gym exercise



room and equipment, the Collett Street Outdoor Pool, and the Morganton Aquatic Center. Collett Street also accepts Silver Sneakers and Healthways members.

Non-residents can also purchase a membership.

"It's a deal that's hard to beat," Winkler said. "Especially since you get access to the gym and the two City pools."

Call 828-438-5350 for more details.

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**Spring Plow Day and Antique Power Show**  
Friday, 5/5 & Saturday, 5/6  
8a-6p @ Catawba Meadows Park

**Blind Justus & Red Dirt Revelators**  
Friday, 5/5 • TGIF!  
6p @ Courthouse Square

**Taylor Hensley & Sweet Revenge**  
Friday, 5/12 • TGIF!  
6p @ Courthouse Square



## Baseball and Softball opening night

The Annual Baseball and Softball Opening Night is set for Monday, April 24, at Catawba Meadows Park.

Opening ceremonies will start at 5:15 pm. Games start at 6:00 pm. Players need to arrive at 5:00 pm.

All teams will play on Opening Night including T-ball/Coach Pitch, Machine Pitch, Minors and Majors, and all Girls Softball teams.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided for players, coaches and all family members.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 828-438-5350.

Rain date set for Tuesday, April 25.

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