The month of May is when most outdoor activities in Prestonsburg begin for the year, and Levisa Fork Paddlefest is no exception. On the fourth Saturday of each month from May to September, kayakers and canoers convene at River Park behind Billy Ray’s Restaurant in downtown Prestonsburg. It is the perfect opportunity to take in the breathtaking scenery that continues to draw so many adventurers to our town. Registration takes place at Combs Airport (Harmon Station) before the 8-mile downriver trek. It is a great value at $15 per person which includes a local lunch and shuttle ride. If you need to rent a kayak or canoe, contact Pro-Fitness at 606-886-8604 or Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Marina at 606-889-1790. For more information contact Prestonsburg Tourism at 606-886-1341 or check out the blog at www.prestonsburgky.org.
EATING IN THE 'BURG

The Mountain Muse
128 South Front Street

The Mountain Muse, located in downtown Prestonsburg, is an absolute favorite of the locals and anyone that walks through their doors. They offer delicious homemade fudge, fudge dipped strawberries, fudge dipped apples, and so much more. They also have a large retail section with unique antiques, local art, t-shirts, and jewelry. To find out what sweets are on the menu call 606-276-7232 or visit their Facebook page.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Lena Auxier

Lena Manns Auxier is a self-taught multi-medium artist based in Prestonsburg where she resides with her husband, Jim Auxier. Lena credits her love of art to her mother and growing up in a time before all of the electronics and social media. As a child, she found art to be a wonderful past time and outlet for her creativity. It was easy for her to lose track of time as she allowed the art to take her to places that brought peace and beauty. She completed her first portrait painting at the age of 13.

Lena uses multiple mediums including acrylic paint, charcoal, graphite, color pencils, digital paintings, and a computer based art form called Fractal art. The subjects of her art include animals, still life, landscapes, architectural, portraits, and surrealism. In 2020, she completed 25 illustrations for the book "Where Less the Path is Worn" by legendary hiker Sunny "Nimblewill Nomad" Eberhart. Over the years Lena has won numerous awards for her art, with the most recent being the 2022 Appalachian Arts and Entertainment Award for Best Painting. To see her amazing award winning art, visit the Mountain Arts Center Art Gallery this month.

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