

CSA Fair

Meet local farmers and learn about their community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs — also known as farm shares — at the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's annual CSA Fair 3:30-6 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the YWCA of Asheville, 185 S. French Broad Ave. Farmers will answer questions about growing practices, what's included in their CSA boxes and more. All participating farms offer CSA pickup locations in Buncombe County. The event is free and family-friendly. *Learn more at avl.mx/ekw.* X



Chai Pani Holi Night Market

Photo by Tim Robison

Chai Pani will partner with the Asheville Downtown Association to celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of colors, spring and love, with an outdoor Holi Night Market 5-9 p.m. Friday, March 14, on Banks Avenue on the South Slope. Partygoers will find Indian-style street food booths, slushies, a photo booth, Bhangra dancing and a Bollywood DJ plus local vendors, such as The Hop, Carolina Flowers and many more. Chai Pani will serve its regular menu with Holi specials during the event. *Chai Pani is at 32 Banks Ave. avl.mx/ekz.* X

Cider & cheese event

Barn Door Ciderworks welcomes spring with a cider and cheese pairing event 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Four ciders will be paired with cheeses from WNC Cheese Trail members. The afternoon also includes a discussion on tasting and pairing techniques and artisan cider and cheese making, Barn Door co-owner **Katie Moore** said in a press release. Tickets are \$45. *Barn Door is at 23 Lytle Road, Fairview/Fletcher. For tickets, visit avl.mx/el1.* X



Photo by Katie Moore

Snack for a Cause



Photo courtesy of Asheville Music School

Asheville-based Poppy Hand-Crafted Popcorn is partnering with the nonprofit Asheville Music School (AMS) this month to raise money for AMS scholarships and outreach programs. Through Friday, March 21, 30% from all orders at Poppy's website that include the code "AMS25" at checkout will benefit AMS. Purchases will ship directly to the customer. *To shop and participate, visit avl.mx/ch3.* X

IRISH CHILI COOK-OFF

2024 WINNING CHILI TEAM
courtesy of Sweeten Creek Brewing



Green beer, Irish chili, Irish dancers and a performance by the Asheville Beer Choir (see the story on page 44 for more on this group) will all be part of the early St. Patrick's Day festivities at Sweeten Creek Brewing's fourth annual Irish Chili Cook-off 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. For a \$25 fee, teams can enter their Irish-inspired chili — it must include corned beef, Irish whiskey or some Irish twist — to compete for cash prizes and coveted leprechaun trophies in eight categories. For a suggested donation of \$5 (or more), attendees can taste the chilis and vote for the People's Choice Award winner. Proceeds will benefit local organizations working on Tropical Storm Helene recovery, according to organizer **Kelly Chadwick**. *For details and to enter, visit avl.mx/el3.* X

Post-Helene reopenings

Local food businesses whose spaces were destroyed by Tropical Storm Helene continue to find creative ways to reopen.

- **Root Down** — After losing both his Salvage Station kitchen and food truck to flooding, Root Down chef **Dano Holcomb** announced on social media a March 5 reopening at Terra Nova Beer Co.'s Swannanoa outpost at 204 Whitson Ave. Holcomb is serving his Cajun-Southern dishes for lunch and dinner Wednesday-Saturday. *avl.mx/el4*
- **Boy Howdy** — **Christian Myers** had only been serving his Boy Howdy smashburgers for about a month at 219 Amboy Road when floods submerged the building. Myers says the business relaunched March 7 in DSSOLVR's VOWL bar at 61 ½ N. Lexington Ave. The new menu features hot and cold sandwiches — no burgers yet due to kitchen constraints. Service starts at 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon Sundays. *avl.mx/el5.* X

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