

Happy belated 4th of July!

Gatlinburg celebrated the Independence Day with our traditional 1st in the nation, midnight parade. This year actor David Keith was the Grand Marshal as he portrayed President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he traveled through Gatlinburg on his way to Newfound Gap to dedicate the opening of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park September 2, 1940

There is still a lot happening in the area this month.

[Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair](#) :July 17 - 26 : Art, crafts and music lovers can find almost 200 booths featuring some of the nation's finest work. Artisans and craftspeople are on hand to demonstrate their skills, answer questions and offer their unique art for sale. Live Country & Bluegrass entertainment. Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Location: Gatlinburg Convention Center Website/Link: <http://www.craftsmenfair.com>

[Smoky Mountain Tunes and Tales](#): July 5 - August 8: All summer long hear tales, mountain music, and learn the lore of the Smoky Mountains on the sidewalks of downtown Gatlinburg. Fourteen acts nightly. 5 - 10 p.m. Location: Downtown Gatlinburg Admission: Free

[Dollywood's Kids Fest](#) :June 12 - Aug. 2, 2009

Go wild this summer at Dollywood's KidsFest with Creature Adventures starring the Kratt Brothers, the original creature adventurers, and all of their amazing animal friends! See Chris and Martin Kratt, stars of PBS' popular Zoboomafoo series, as they introduce a fascinating cast of creatures.

<http://festivals.dollywood.com/mini-section/default.aspx?id=107&season=summer>

[Dollywood's Splash County](#): Now through September 7,2009

This water adventure theme park combines the beauty of the Smoky Mountains with the excitement of water park rides, slides and attractions guaranteed to cool you off on a hot summer day!

<http://www.dollywoodsplashcountry.com/>

The new web video of Johnson's Inn is now up on our web site.

Check it out at <http://johnsonsinn.com>

This past month long time guest of Johnson's Inn, John and Mary Ruth McPhaul were visiting and Mr. McPhaul shared stories of their visits in years past. There was a group of guest that met here at Johnson's Inn. They happened to always stay here at the same week every year and over time they became friends. Eventually they scheduled their visits to coincide with each other. There were 5 families that met here every July for about 20 years. One of the stories that Mr. McPhaul shared was when he and one of the other gentlemen were sitting at the creek and this farmer came by with a load of watermelon. The farmer asked if they would like to buy some and

the men asked the price. They were .50 apiece so they bought all 7 melons that the farmer had. They made a dam in the creek and put those watermelons in the water to cool. Of course 7 watermelons is quite a lot for the little creek that runs in front of the motel and when people would walk past they would comment on all the watermelon. One person asked them where they had gotten all those melons and the men told them that they has just floated down the creek and landed right there! Mr. McPhaul said that that evening every person staying at the motel had a slice of watermelon.

We wish you have a wonderful summer full of watermelon and good friends.
If you are headed to the mountains we hope that you can come stay with us.

Vickie Johnson Bradshaw
Max and Jean Johnson
The Staff of Johnson's Inn