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Lincoln County to host spring events with April rock dig, May music festivals

LINCOLNTON, GA- The weekend of April 25-27, Graves Mountain will host its bi-annual 'Rock Swap and Dig'. Renowned as the world's premier location for large, multiple twinned rutile crystals, the mountain is open twice a year to the general public for digs; the fall dig will take place in October. The April dig takes place from 8am-6pm all three days.

During the first two weekends of May, Lincoln County will host two beloved music events, featuring Lincolnton's own The Little Roy & Lizzy Long Show and Jeff & Sheri Easter. Beginning Thursday, May 1st, '2nd Annual The Little Roy and Lizzy Music Festival' will take place at Elijah Clark State Park. This three-day festival, running through Saturday, May 4th, is headlined by music virtuoso Elizabeth "Lizzy" Long and all-around entertainer "Little" Roy Lewis. Highlighting a diverse selection of music this year, the festival includes a line-up of such acts as Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, Gene Watson & The Farewell Party Band, Trinity River Band, Jeff & Sheri Easter, and more. Prior to the festival, a Bar-B-Que and Covered Dish Supper and Jam Session will take place at the park on Wednesday, April 30th for all 3-day ticket holders. The following week, May 8-10, Jeff & Sheri Easter present their '6th Annual Jeff and Sheri Easter Homecoming'. This three-day festival will take place at The Lewis Family Homeplace, on Lewis Family Road, in Lincolnton. The multiple GMA Dove Awards- and Grammy® nominated group has invited Bill Gaither and comedian Mark Lowry, The Little Roy & Lizzy Long Show, Ivan Parker, Lewis Tradition, and more to help them celebrate the history of the legendary Lewis Family, and raise funds to aid in the restoration of the family homestead. A Saturday morning Ladies Brunch and Devotional, hosted by Sheri Easter, and a Sunday morning service with James Easter will also take place that weekend.

For further information on the rock dig, please contact Mr. Clarence Norman, Jr. at 706-359-1544. Tickets for the '2nd Annual The Little Roy and Lizzy Music Festival' may be purchased directly, through Adams Bluegrass, LLC at 706-864-7203 and online at www.adamsbluegrass.com. Tickets for the '6th Annual Jeff and Sheri Easter Homecoming' may be purchased online at www.jeffandsherieaster.com. For lodging and area information, please contact the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce at 706-359-7970. Performances and festival scheduling may be found on each respective artists' website.