



SUMMER/FALL 2015

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THE PROPERTY REVIEW

BY KENT TARBUTTON

As I write this on a warm and hazy Blue Ridge evening in August, I hope you are well as we draw closer to the end of summer and ready ourselves for fall. I noticed that as I arose early this morning, the mixture of the evening's cool humidity and the morning warmth from the sun left my valley filled with swirls of misty vapors whirling up from the pavement. In the distance it looked rather mystical as the evening spirits were vaporized and slowly lifted as they were met by the morning's light. It is a great time to be outdoors and up early in your mountain home.

The rise in humidity here made for an unusually hot end to the month of July. Yet I will not complain since our annual summer concert, Symphony by Chetola Lake, in its 28th year brought out close to 4,000 people to hear enchanting melodies from a full orchestra beneath a cool, starry night. For 18 years I have begun the night's introductions with my sincere thanks to God for having never rained

out the concert. And what a mess that would be since there is certainly nowhere in Blowing Rock where you could take that entire crowd indoors!

This year as I walked towards the stage about 10 minutes before the concert, a light rain began. As I nervously looked out over the lake and began to draw closer to the water, the drops rippling across the waters grew larger. While our feathered friends on the lake seemed oblivious, thousands of umbrellas popped up like a colorful cluster of fresh mushrooms bursting forth on the lawns. My immediate thought was that it would be difficult to begin my introduction in a pouring rain by thanking God for yet another clear night. So I told the crowd that after 27 years, perhaps it was time for all of us to join in a silent communal prayer together asking God if He saw fit to hold back the rains yet another year.

A minute and a half later the rain stopped, the sky cleared and the concert went

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on with the joyful music of this year's theme, "Lights! Camera! Music!", without one more drop. I don't know much about God's will most of the time, but if He wants it to rain all night tonight, I think I will go out and stand in it and celebrate all the wonders of the lush green mountain laurels and the like to which the rains give life. I will remember and be ever grateful for yet another year that the concert and incredible fireworks echoed over this part of the mountains unabated.

Sometimes, I guess maybe He just wants to hear back from us, and I am grateful that on this particular night His answer was fast and clear. I heard years ago that God always answers prayers; Yes, No, Wait... But alas, I can be a rather slow learner.

I look forward to seeing you up here as summer fades away and we head into another majestic Fall. There is a wonderful abundance of things to do up here as Appalachian State continues to bring us great music, theater, movies and lectures all year long. The fishing is always better in the cooler weather and we hope to have the first lanes of the new sporting clay course open at the Chetola Sporting Reserve at Blue Ridge Mountain Club in October. So plan some time to come up and enjoy the dazzling colors of these mountain vistas.

Best wishes to you all and hopes that your prayers will be answered with grace.

Kent Tarbutton



SYMPHONY BY CHETOLA LAKE HOLLYWOOD HITS BLOWING ROCK



Lights! Camera! Music!, the cinema-inspired theme for this year's **Symphony by Chetola Lake**, was the impetus for what many called "the best Symphony ever!" Even a brief shower didn't dampen the spirits of the crowd of almost 4,000 who arrived

at Chetola to enjoy a program of popular songs from beloved films performed by the King-sport, Tennessee-based Symphony of the Mountains, led by conductor Cornelia Laemmler-Orth. While the crowd was enthralled by well-known pieces from such movies as *Forrest Gump*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Star Wars*, *E.T.* and *Gone with the Wind*, the tent patrons went above and beyond their usual creative extravagance to recreate and honor iconic films, including *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *An American in Paris*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Out of Africa*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and even the yearly spectacle that honors these films, the Academy Awards. As usual the evening reached its zenith with a spectacular fireworks display. Visit Chetola's home page and click on "Symphony by the Lake Video" in the Packages & Specials box for an exhilarating bird's eye view of the annual concert. Save the date: Friday, July 22, 2016! ■



COLOR RUN 2015

COLORING FOR A CAUSE



The second annual Color Run at Chetola was the literal highlight of August, as 125 people participated in the 1.2-mile fun run coordinated by the Recreation Center. Runners, walkers, kids and adults were happily adorned with brightly colored powder as they cruised through color stations. Success was gauged by who was the most aglow in shades of yellow, green, blue and red. The family-friendly event raised \$300 for the local charitable organization Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S., whose mission as a food bank is to help provide basic non-perishable food to families and individuals in Watauga County, and to supplement other county services. Families helping families: glad we can be a part of it. ■



SUMMER CAMP SUCCESS FROM RAILROADS TO ROPES



More than 1,000 kids enjoyed our popular and ever-growing summer camp program, which ran June 8-August 14. Aside from enjoying onsite activities such as swimming, soccer, and arts and crafts, the children, a group made up of both locals and guests, found themselves in all sorts of modes of transportation — from riding the rails to hanging from ropes. Every Wednesday the camp staff would take the kids on a local outdoor excursion, which included trips to Tweetsie Railroad and High Gravity Adventures. And of course it's not officially Independence Day unless the kids decorate a golf cart and cruise down Main Street in the annual 4th of July Parade. Counselor Matt even got into character as the American flag! ■

HAUNTED RAILS THE GHOST TRAIN PULLS BACK INTO TOWN



Engineer Casey Bones and his creepy **Ghost Train Halloween Festival;** crew take over Tweetsie every Friday and Saturday night Sept. 25-Oct. 31, from 7:30-11:30pm. Stroll (or cling desperately to your companions) through the darkened Freaky Forest, venture (with a friend!) into the Haunted House, or simply try to walk in a straight line through the vertigo-inducing Black Hole. Admission — \$28 for adults

and children (free for ages 2 and under) — includes all nighttime events, including the Ghost Train, Trick-or-Treating for the kids, Haunted House, Tweetsie Palace Spooktacular, rides in the Creepy Carnival, and the attractions in “The Boneyard” section (Black Hole, 3-D maze and the Freaky Forest). ■

FESTIVAL OF TREES

SAVE THE DATE: December 3-5, 2015



Mark your calendars for a very special event taking place over the holidays: **The Festival of Trees** will be held at Chetola on December 3, 4 and 5. Beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths fully decorated in such themes as golf and kitchen appliances to beach and art supplies will be on display in the Appalachian-Blue Ridge Room and will be awarded to the highest bidders via an online auction. All proceeds will benefit the Western Youth Network, a relationship-focused organization providing youth with positive tools to reach their potential.

More information to come in the Winter/Spring newsletter, which will be posted online in November.

HORSES AND SANTA AND COOKIES, OH MY!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH & 28TH

HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES | VISITS WITH SANTA | COOKIE DECORATING
DINING IN TIMBERLAKE'S | FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS | LIGHTING OF THE TOWN
BLOWING ROCK PARADE | KIDS CAMP (BLACK FRIDAY), AGES 4-12

Visit Chetola's website in October for complete details.



FALL FITNESS CLASSES SEPTEMBER 1-DECEMBER 31

MONDAY: Quick Fit 8am / Yogalates 8:15am

TUESDAY: Gentle Yoga 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY: Quick Fit 8am / Swan Flow Yoga 9:30am

THURSDAY: Pilates 8:15am / Swan Flow Yoga 9:30am

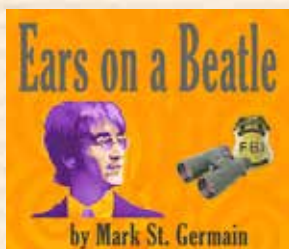
FRIDAY: Pump & Flex 8:15am / Zumba Toning 8:15am / Swan Flow Yoga 9:30am

SATURDAY: Swan Flow Yoga 9am

SUNDAY: Swan Flow Yoga 9am

For more information, call 828.295.5535 or visit www.chetola.com/fitness.html

ENSEMBLE STAGE & LENNON SEE A PLAY ABOUT A BESPECTACLED BEATLE



Local theatre outfit Ensemble Stage wraps up its summer season with playwright Mark St. Germain's contemporary political thriller ***Ears on a Beatle***, onstage Aug. 29-Sept. 6. In this humorous yet thought-provoking play, two fictional FBI agents (one conservative, the other a hippie) survey and report on musician/activist John Lennon beginning in 1972 when Lennon's anti-war stance clashed with Richard Nixon's re-election campaign and ending in 1980 when Lennon was gunned down in front of

New York's Dakota building. Based on actual declassified FBI documents and set in a time when the country was sharply divided by an unpopular war and lies flowing from Washington, the piece is as relevant as today's headlines. *Blowing Rock School Auditorium, 160 Sunset Dr.* Performances: Aug. 29 & 31 at 7:30pm, Aug. 30 at 2pm, Sept. 1, 4 & 5 at 7:30pm, and Sept. 6 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

BY DAVE ROEVER



As I write this letter, I just returned from a week at Chetola. It is currently 97 degrees in Hickory, and when I left Chetola at 1pm today it was 79 degrees. Quite a bit of difference within just 47 miles. I must say that it was the nicest first week in August that we can remember in our 20-plus years at Chetola. I hope your weeks are as pleasant.

Thanks to all who were able to attend the annual meeting on June 13. The questions and compliments from the floor were well received. Congratulations to those who

won prizes. And thanks also to those who attended the "Meet and Greet" with the board on Friday, June 12. The interaction in an informal setting is very helpful for the board to hear your personal concerns and recommendations. Below you will note that Jim Luneke, Dick Kreisel and I were reelected for two years, and the board elected us again to our same positions for 2015-2016. We appreciate your support and will strive to make Chetola Lake POA a great timeshare resort.

We are making very good progress in getting our units "back in better shape". The addition of Blake Dillman, POA Manager, and Shannon Logan, Timeshare Coordinator, are contributing greatly toward this goal. If you have any needs or concerns, they can be reached at blake@chetola.com and shannon@chetola.com, respectively.

A few updates regarding our units: Programmable coffee makers will be installed in all units, Dogwood 4's new sofas should now be installed, and Maple 2 will have a new dining room table and chairs. I also would like to restate that all unsold units will now be rented at a rate of \$130 per night, with a two-night minimum stay. Reservations can be made only within four weeks of your intended arrival date. This could make a great getaway for those living close to the resort. Please contact Shannon Logan at 828.295.5508 or e-mail shannon@chetola.com to check on availability. ■

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TIMESHARE TRADES/SALES

Please forward your timeshare trades and sales to be included in the next CHETOLA DISPATCH by November 5. Email them to Allison West at awest@chetola.com. Please limit listings to 30 words. For discount rental rates in Chetola Lake POA units, please contact Shannon Logan, Timeshare Coordinator, at 828-295-5508, or Michael Brown, Property Manager, at 828-295-5518.

Week #1 / For Trade, Laurel 2, 2-bedroom, 2 bath deluxe unit. Perfect week for ski season! Would like to trade for a week June through August. Contact louisanders@hotmail.com.

Week #1 / For Sale, Spruce 4, 2-bedroom, 2 bath deluxe upper unit. Sleeps 6, beautiful views, perfect week for ski season! Contact: perry_barwick@yahoo.com or 910-512-4084.

Week #5 / For Sale, Dahlia 6. 2 BR, 2BA condo. Perfect for winter sports and/or enjoying the nearby Rec Center and Spa. 2015 maintenance fees paid. Asking \$1,000 OBO. karenhumphrey@carolina.rr.com or 704-365-1284 and leave a message.

Vice-President Bob Warmuth

Week #6 / For Sale, Dahlia 5. Upper level 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, sleeps 4, ski season! Near Recreation Center. Asking \$1,000. Available Feb. 2016. Email or call Pat at pbdempsey@hargray.com or 843-686-6270.

Week #7 / For Sale, Dahlia 6, 2-bedroom, 2 bath standard. Near Recreation Center. \$950. Available for 2016. Contact linnywulff@gmail.com or 919-368-4030.

Week #12 / For Trade or Sale, Laurel 3. Deluxe unit with additional whirlpool/hot tub, nice view of lake and mountain scenery. Pleasant spring weather; ideal for golf or skiing. Will trade for a comparable timeshare on NC or SC coast. \$3,500. Contact marggdunn@icloud.com or 910-392-3111.

Week #20 / For Sale, Laurel 3 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe condo, beautiful view, excellent location, red week. Great time of year for weddings, resting and fishing. Must sell due to old age and illness. \$6,750, willing to negotiate. Lorie and Herbert Sisk, 864-520-1756.

Week #24 / For Sale or Rent, Iris 2, 2 bedroom deluxe unit right on the lake. Ground level, next to clubhouse and restaurant. Whirlpool/hot tub. \$6000 sale, \$1000 rent. Contact Alice Ekblaw at alice_ekblaw@juno.com

Week #28 / For Sale or Rent, Azalea 3, upper level two bedroom, two bath with nice view. Close to Recreation Center, sleeps 6. Prime week in mid-July. Rent \$850, Sell \$6,300. Contact Joe Accardi at 954-366-4294 or accardija@gmail.com.

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Week #28 / For Sale, Azalea 4, peak July week (Fri. check-in), sleeps 6, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, near Rec Center. Contact Rachel Campbell at 704-542-2064, 704-488-4646 or achcamrjc@yahoo.com.

Week #32 / For Sale or For Rent, Dogwood 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe, sauna, hot tub, great view and location, renovated. \$6,500/negotiable. Contact Hal Fleischer at 561-279-0960.

Week #35 / For Sale, Birch 3 Deluxe upper unit, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with an additional hot tub/whirlpool. King bed in master; washer/dryer in unit. Beautiful area and well maintained by Association. \$7,500. Red week. Call 561-368-5669.

Week #36, For Sale, Azalea 4. Excellent location, beautiful views, upstairs unit. Friday to Friday, 2 bedroom unit. Asking \$3,000. Email altreefarm@gmail.com for details.

Week #36 / For Sale, Maple 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe, sauna, hot tub, near clubhouse and restaurant, renovated with new mattresses, TV and den furniture. \$7,500. Contact Sally Austin at 704-483-9701.

Week #37 / For Sale, Dahlia 4. Excellent location close to rec center and lodge, upstairs unit. Friday to Friday, 2 bedroom unit. Asking \$2,000. Email altreefarm@gmail.com for details.

Week #39 / For Sale, Dogwood 1, 2 bedroom deluxe condo. Sleeps 6, lower level,

flat screen TV, granite countertops, king bed in master bedroom, WiFi connection. \$6,000. Contact Joe Swann at 704-841-3825 or jp1979@windstream.net.

Week #40 / (10/3-10/10/15) For Trade, Laurel 3 Deluxe 2 bedroom trade for week 51. Saturday or Sunday cycle. (Christmas week). If interested, please email RobL.Newman@comcast.net.

Week #42 / For Rent, Dahlia 2, during autumn leaf season, Oct. 18-25. One bedroom near Rec Center and restaurant. Fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer, linens/toiletries. \$750 discounted. Contact Mike 407-233-9276 or mhavekotte@cfl.rr.com.

Week #44 / For Rent, Dahlia 2. 1 BR, 1 BA condo. Asking \$500 OBO. Contact 919-876-8691.

Weeks #49 & 50 / For Sale or Rent, Ivy 3. Dec. 4-10 & Dec. 11-17. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, whirlpool, fireplace, sofa sleeper, fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer; close to lake, Recreation Center, Timberlake's Restaurant, hiking, Cone Estate trails, skiing. Sale: \$2,000 each; Rent: \$700 each. Contact: BarbFloweree@gmail.com, 813-949-5786 or 813-760-7748.

Week #52 / For Rent, Birch 1. 2 BR, 2 BA condo (deluxe). Available Dec. 26-Jan. 2. Upgraded unit, wireless Internet. Lovely way to spend the holidays. \$1,000. Contact 434-806-6141 or jmhl@aol.com. ■

NEW COOKS IN THE KITCHEN

TIMBERLAKE'S WELCOMES A TRIO OF LEADERS

You may notice a few new faces the next time you dine at Timberlake's. Please introduce yourselves to the latest members of the Chetola family. The restaurant is proud to welcome new staff in three key positions: Food and Beverage Director Ken Decker, Executive Chef Hunter Bowling and Dining Room Manager Craig Bailey.



Decker, a New Jersey native who has lived in the High Country for 16 years, is a 30-plus year veteran of the food and restaurant industry. When he's not running the show at Timberlake's, Decker can be found fly fishing, gardening or traveling with his wife and two boys. Bowling comes to Timberlake's after creating exquisite Italian fare for more than 10 years at Casa Rustica. A graduate of Appalachian State University (ASU), the married Winston-Salem native and father of one developed a passion for food through European travel and his grandparents' appreciation for excellent ingredients. Bowling, who has Italian influences but also prepares unique dishes that appeal to an array of tastes, enjoys incorporating game-related fare and locally sourced items into his dishes. Last but not least, Bailey, a native of Spartanburg, SC, is an eight-year industry veteran who comes to us from Bistro Roca, where he served as the front of house manager. The former ASU student enjoys travel, the outdoors and skiing. Please welcome this fantastic trio to Timberlake's! ■

SPECIAL EVENTS AT TIMBERLAKE'S

STEAK ON THE LAKE Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30pm. Choice of chef's daily steak specials with potato du jour and choice of salad. \$28/person. Live music on the patio, weather permitting.

JAZZ AND OYSTERS Thursdays from 5-10pm. Half-pound of fried oysters, choice of two sides and housemade dessert. \$26/person. Live jazz from 7-10pm.

BONFIRE NIGHT Fridays 8-11pm. Live music, S'mores packets (\$5 each) and outdoor bar (weather dependent) with drink.

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For a complete listing of area events, visit
www.blowingrock.com or www.exploreboonearea.com



"The Picture Man: Photographs by Paul Buchanan" at BRAHM, through Nov. 25

AUGUST

Thursdays thru Oct. 15 Blowing Rock Farmers Market, Park Avenue, Blowing Rock, in front of the Blowing Rock Chamber. Fresh fruits, veggies, whole foods and meats from local farmers. Rain or shine. 4-6pm. 828-395-7851. www.blowingrock.com

Through Nov. 2 "Romantic Spirits: Nineteenth Century Paintings of

the South from the Johnson Collection", Blowing Rock Art & History Museum. Featuring 38 Southern masterworks, the exhibit examines the core concepts of the Romantic movement as it unfolded in the fine art of the American South. *Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sun. and Mon. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+).* 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

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Mile High Kite Festival at Beech Mountain, Sept. 5 & 6

Through Nov. 14 “**The Sculptors Voice**”, *Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*. Visitors will experience different approaches to sculpture as a medium, explored and interpreted by artists across the Southeast. *Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sun. and Mon. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+). 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org*

Through Nov. 25 “**The Picture Man: Photographs by Paul Buchanan**”, *Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*. Buchanan’s 49 photographs on display were taken throughout his career as a photographer, between 1921 and 1951, and show the faces, stories and personalities of people living in the Appalachian mountains. *Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-*

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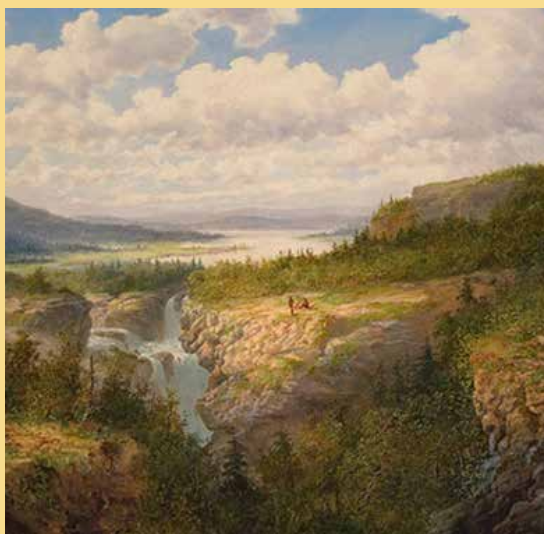
14 Sunset Stroll on Sunset Drive, *Blowing Rock*. Join the art galleries, restaurants and businesses on Sunset Drive for food, drinks and art. 5:30-8pm. 828-295-6991. www.blowingrock.com

15 Art in the Park, *American Legion Grounds, Blowing Rock*. Juried art and craft show featuring 90 artists. 10am-5pm. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

15 Mountain Home Music: Mountain Variety with a Splash of Youth, *Harvest House Performing Arts Venue, 247 Boone Heights Dr, Boone*. Featuring Strictly Clean & Decent. 7:30pm. \$18/20 adults, \$10 students, free children 12 and younger. 828-

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"Romantic Spirits" at BRAHM, through Nov. 2

964-3392. www.mountainhomemusic.com

16 Sunday Concert in the Park, Memorial Park, Blowing Rock. 4-5pm. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

20 Mountain Home Music: Renegade Traditionalists, Legends, ASU campus, Boone. Featuring Mipso. 9pm. \$18/20 adults, \$10 students, free children 12 and younger. 828-964-3392. www.mountainhomemusic.com

29 Mountain Home Music: Afro-Lachlan Banjo and Appalachian Old-Time, Blue Ridge Ballroom, Plemmons Student Center, ASU campus, Boone. Featuring



Concert in the Park, Sept. 16

Carl Johnson and The Elkville String Band. 7:30pm. \$18/20 adults, \$10 students, free children 12 and younger. 828-964-3392. www.mountainhomemusic.com

29-30 Railroad Heritage Weekend at Tweetsie Railroad, Tweetsie Railroad. Celebrate the history of Tweetsie, the ET&WNC and mountain culture. Cherokee dance shows at 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Park open 9am-6pm. Adults (age 13+) \$41; Children (ages 3-12) \$27; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

29-31 "Ears on a Beatle", Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School, 160 Sunset Dr. Based on actual declassified FBI documents, Mark St. Germain's humorous yet thought-provoking story centers

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around a plot to kill John Lennon. Aug. 29 & 31 at 7:30pm, Aug. 30 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

SEPTEMBER

Thursdays thru Oct. 15 **Blowing Rock Farmers Market**, Park Avenue, Blowing Rock, in front of the Blowing Rock Chamber. 4-6pm. 828-395-7851. www.blowingrock.com

Through Nov. 2 **“Romantic Spirits: Nineteenth Century Paintings of the South from the Johnson Collection”**, Blowing Rock Art & History Museum. Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sun. and Mon. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+). 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

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ASU vs. Howard, Sept. 5

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5 ASU vs Howard (Hall of Fame Day),
Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone. Time TBA.
www.appstatesports.com

5-6 13th Annual Beech Mountain Mile High Kite & Craft Festival, *403 Beech Mountain Parkway, Beech Mountain.* Kite clubs demonstrate flying techniques and display their kites. *Sept. 5 at 10am, Sept. 6 at 4pm. Free admission. 828-387-9283.*
www.beechmtn.com

6 Mountain Home Music: Hammered Dulcimer, Guitar and Bass with a Twist, *Harvest House Performing Arts Venue, 247 Boone Heights Dr, Boone.* Featuring Walt Michaels and Company. *7:30pm. \$18/20 adults, \$10 students, free children 12 and younger. 828-964-3392.* www.mountainhomemusic.com

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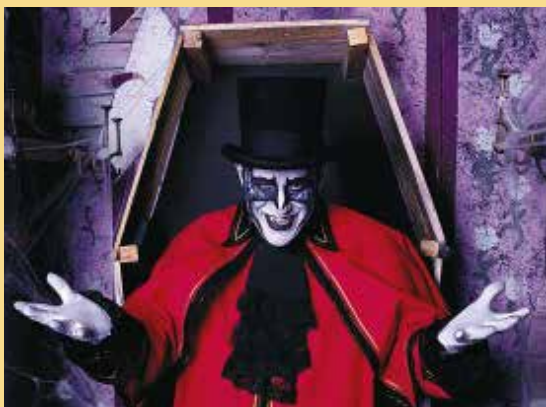
Rhiannon Giddens, Sept. 24

19 Stick Boy Mayview Madness 5K, *downtown Blowing Rock.* The race benefits the Blue Ridge Conservancy and starts adjacent to the American Legion Hall on Wallingford Street. The race will finish in the Bistro Roca parking lot where there will be post-race snacks, raffle giveaways, music and awards. *Day-of registration 7am; race begins at 8:30am. Admission: 5k run/walk \$20-\$30, 1 mile kids race \$10-\$15. 828-264-2511, blueridgeconservancy.org.*

24 Rhiannon Giddens, *Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, Boone.* Greensboro native Giddens is a founding member of

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Tweetsie Ghost Train, through Oct. 31

supergroup New Basement Tapes and the founding front woman of African American country, blues and old-time music group the Carolina Chocolate Drops. Giddens' solo debut album *Tomorrow Is My Turn* is among NPR Music's 25 Favorite Albums of 2015. 7pm. Tickets: \$15-\$30. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

Sept. 25-26 Ghost Train Halloween Festival at Tweetsie Railroad, 7:30-11:30pm. Admission: \$28, Free for children 2 and younger. 877-893-3874. www.tweetsie.com

26 Blowing Rock Fall Classic Bike Ride, a 72-mile loop starting and ending in Blowing Rock. The ride begins behind Blowing Rock Memorial Park, parades down Main Street, travels through the Equestrian Preserve, descends 321 to

Happy Valley, goes west to Collettsville, climbs 181 to Linville, then crosses 221 back to Blowing Rock.

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Autumn at Oz Festival, Oct. 3 & 4

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2-31 Ghost Train Halloween Festival at Tweetsie Railroad, Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 & 30-31 from 7:30-11:30pm. Admission: \$28, Free for children 2 and younger. 877-893-3874. www.tweetsie.com

2 Sunset Stroll on Sunset Drive, downtown Blowing Rock. Join the art galleries, restaurants and businesses on Sunset Drive for food, drinks, art and mingling. 5:30-8pm. 828-295-6991. www.blowingrock.com

3 Art in the Park, American Legion Grounds, Blowing Rock. Juried art and craft show featuring 90 artists. 10am-5pm. 828-295-7851. www.blowingrock.com



Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre, Oct. 7

3 ASU vs Wyoming (Homecoming), Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone. Time TBA. www.appstatesports.com

3-4 Autumn at Oz Festival, 1007 Beech Mountain Parkway, Beech Mountain. Experience Dorothy's twister ride from a farmhouse in Kansas to the Land of Oz, meeting familiar characters along the way. 9:30am-6pm. Tickets: \$35 (ages 3 and older). www.autumnatoz.com

7 Lakota Sioux Indian Dance Theatre, Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, Boone. The company's performance powerfully conveys the social, cultural, mythological

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Woolly Worm Festival, Oct. 17 & 18

and living history of the North American Plains through dance, storytelling, music, narrative and ritual. 10am. Tickets: \$5. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

10-11 Oktoberfest at Sugar Mountain Resort, Sugar Mountain. Live Bavarian music, German and American food & beverages; children's fun center; hay rides; local & regional craft fair; lift rides; and winter sports shop sale. Free. 10am-5pm. 828-898-4521. www.oktoberfest.skisugar.com

11 Boone Heritage Festival, Daniel Boone Park, Horn in the West Drive, Boone. Living history demonstrations, crafts, music, storytelling and children's activities. 9am-4pm. 828-264-2120. www.booneheritagefestival.com

13 Appalachian State University's Marching Mountaineers, Appalachian



David Sedaris, Oct. 23

State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. 10am. Tickets: \$1. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

17-18 36th Annual Woolly Worm Festival, downtown Banner Elk. Enter your woolly worm for a chance to win \$1,000. Enjoy 140 craft vendors, food, live entertainment and rides. 9am-5pm. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$2 children (6-12), free 5 and under. Addt'l \$5 to race your worm. 828-898-5605. www.woollyworm.com

22 ASU vs Georgia Southern (Year of the Fan Game), Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone. Time TBA. www.appstatesports.com

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David Holt, Oct. 28



Blowing Rock Halloween Festival, Oct. 31

23 An Evening with David Sedaris, *Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, Boone*. David Sedaris, NPR Humorist and best-selling author (*Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*), is a master satirist and one of America's most pre-eminent humor writers. 7pm. Tickets: \$20-\$40. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

27 Hayes School of Music: Appalachian Symphony Orchestra, *Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts*. The student ensemble performs a repertoire that stretches from the baroque to living contemporary composers. 2pm. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

28 David Holt: "An Appalachian Musical Journey", *Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, Boone*. The four-time Grammy Award-winning Holt is a musician, storyteller, historian, TV host and entertainer, dedicated to performing and preserving traditional American music and stories. 10am. Tickets: \$5. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

31 ASU vs Troy (Family Weekend), *Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone*. Time TBA. www.appstatesports.com

31 Blowing Rock Halloween Festival, *downtown Blowing Rock*. Trick-or-treating, scavenger hunt, and the Mon-

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ster March. Free. 3-9pm. 828-295-5222.
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5 ASU vs Arkansas State (Heroes Day),



“The Sculptors Voice” at BRAHM, through Nov. 14

Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone. Time TBA.
www.appstatesports.com

**5 Doktor Kaboom Science Comedy:
“Live Wire! The Electricity Tour”**,
*Appalachian State University, Schaefer
Center for the Performing Arts, Boone.*
Co-commissioned by the Kennedy Cen-
ter, *Live Wire! Tour* will explore the fun-
damentals of electrical energy and the
history of humanity’s adventures into its
potential. 10am. Tickets: \$3. 828-262-
4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

7 Jason Isbell, *Appalachian State Uni-
versity, Schaefer Center for the Perform-
ing Arts, Boone.* Isbell, a singer/guitarist,
who spent six years with Southern rock
outfit Drive-By Truckers before going
solo, promotes his new album *Something*

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Jason Isbell, Nov. 7

More Than Free, a celebratory release that reflects his upcoming fatherhood and a forward-facing momentum after defeating addiction. 7pm. Tickets: \$15-\$30. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

28 Christmas in the Park & Lighting of the Town, Memorial Park, downtown Blowing Rock. Santa, hot chocolate and the ceremonial "Lighting of the Town". 2-9pm. 828-295-5222. www.blowingrock.com

27 Chetola's Festival of Lights, a variety of holiday lights are turned on at dusk and remain lit through Jan. 23, 2016. www.chetola.com



Festival of Lights, beginning Nov. 27

27-28 Horse & Carriage Rides, Visits with Santa and Cookie Decorating, Chetola. 5:30-9:30pm. www.chetola.com

28 ASU vs UL Lafayette (Black Saturday), Kidd Brewer Stadium, Boone. Time TBA. www.appstatesports.com

28 Christmas Parade, Main Street, downtown Blowing Rock. 2pm. 828-295-5222. www.blowingrock.com

28 Annual Thanksgiving Kiln Opening, Traditions Pottery Studio, Blowing Rock. Watch the potters unload the wood kiln and then make your selection. 10am. 828.295.3862. www.blowingrock.com