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THE PROPERTY REVIEW

BY KENT TARBUTTON

As I return home after a couple of weeks away, it delights me to see the changes coming to the resort, our town and even the 321 highway widening project. Life suddenly seems to move a bit faster and the changes appear more clearly. Shelley and I just celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary in Barcelona, Spain. What a wonderful, vibrant, colorful city, with great architecture, culture and cuisine. Maybe the food was a little too good. We walked around 5-8 miles a day, but I believe I ate 10-12 miles worth of food!

While abroad, we also journeyed to Stomaz, Slovenia, where I kept my promise and gently laid my stepfather Stan's ashes with those of his own father's. It was good to see all the family there again and they warmly welcomed us as we all celebrated and mourned together. As Stan had instructed me regarding his memorial, "Good food, good wine, good music, good stories and no tears". I told him that we could at least do four out of five. I believe he was content with our cel-

ebration of his incredible life, and I will always be blessed with all the wonderful things he taught me and the memories that remain.

Shelley, Morgan and I arrive back to these glorious mountains with a joyful but changed perspective: I perhaps see my age and longevity a bit more clearly and what remains important and worthwhile. With a new appreciation, I headed off to my daughter Chelsea's graduate program graduation, pleased with her accomplishment and elated with her new job. The day of our family picnic celebration, she and her husband John caught me rather off guard with the revelation that I will be a grandfather by Christmas. I know many of you are there already and I am overjoyed to finally be joining the ranks.

So as I watched my father and stepfather join our heavenly Father, I am blessed to witness the wonder of the next generation's children begin life here in their place, as it was all designed to be. Once more, 'my cup runneth over'....

Chetola welcomed me home, as it will



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BATTERY CHECK

Please remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors. We suggest automatically replacing all batteries every 9 months. A past study found that batteries last approximately 10 months, but it's cheaper (and safer!) to change them ALL out even if some have a little bit of life left.

you, with that splendor, warmth, beauty and Southern hospitality that so many of our wonderful staff here share every day. Just before I returned from Europe I sent Margaret Holder (GM), Marcia Greene (Marketing Director) and Michael Brown (POA Property Manager) a quick email telling them how much I appreciated their and everyone's work at the resort, which keeps growing and improving while allowing me to get away. But more than that, I appreciate everyone making

it a place I love to return home to. I have often said that God made this valley a spectacularly wondrous and peaceful place and that the good people here make it memorable.

Lastly, here's a brief town update: Restaurants seem to be the buzz this month. I guess I should start with the bad news. After many great years of service, Tim Knight closed *Knights on Main*. But the good news is that Tim is now working at Chetola cooking breakfast. *The Mountain House* (known for breakfast in Boone) has taken over the lease at the old *Knights on Main* sight and is in the process of refurbishing the kitchen and dining room. Rob and Lisa from the *Best Cellar* bought and renovated the old Maple Lodge and have created the *Blowing Rock Ale House* with good, reasonable fare and a local beer distillery. They also have the lease on the old *Pssghettis* building on Hwy 321 and are currently renovating it for a new establishment called *Roots*, specializing in fresh, locally sourced foods, with plans to open in late May. And *Mellow Mushroom* will soon open in the space that formerly housed the Bob Timberlake Gallery while *A Taste of Italy* will take over the pizzeria's former location. It's musical chairs on Main Street and beyond, and there will certainly be lots of folks clamoring to get a seat at all the new eateries.

But it's the Timberlake's tables that I'm most excited about. After many emails, phone calls and sidewalk conversations, Chetola's own Timberlake's Restaurant will open for lunch once again, with a casual lunch offered in Headwaters Pub daily beginning May 21. Please stop in and enjoy our new lunch fare. You will certainly want to check out page 12 of this newsletter because lunch isn't the only new offering happening in the restaurant. We have lots of exciting additions and can't wait to welcome you home. ■



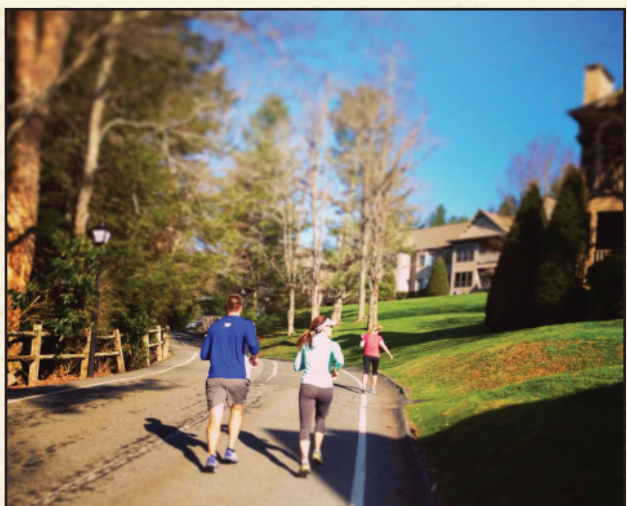
CORKSCREW 5K

DOUBLE THE NUMBERS, DOUBLE THE FUN



The second annual (and sunny!) **Corkscrew 5K**, part of the Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival, was a tremendous success, doubling both the number of participants and proceeds raised for the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, the race's sole benefactor. The event's debut last year attracted

97 runners and netted just over \$1,800 for BRPF. This year, however, we were thrilled to welcome 210 happy runners traversing a steep and winding (and did we mention steep?) course around the Chetola grounds, with more than half of the racers participating in the Wine-Lovers division in honor of the weekend's theme. Even better, the Corkscrew 5K presented BRPF with a check for \$2,400. Local businesses once again donated a fantastic assortment of prizes that ranged from bottles of wine, race apparel and gift certificates. Plans for next year's race are already up and, ahem, running. We'll do it all over again on Saturday, April 18 with what is expected to be an even bigger turnout. Cheers! ■



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

SYMPHONY BY THE LAKE, JULY 25



The **Symphony by Chetola Lake** will celebrate its 28th year at Chetola on Friday, July 25. Join us for Blowing Rock's signature summer event, an event that was designated one of the "Top 20 Events in the Southeast" by the Southeast Tourism Society. The evening offers pre-performance entertainment, three dining options, a free raffle and a spectacular fireworks display. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for

children younger than 12.

The orchestral ensemble Symphony of the Mountains returns this year with Conductor Cornelia Laemmli Orth; the musical program is available for viewing on the Chetola website. Gates open at 5:30pm. Performance begins at 7:30pm. For reservations in Timberlake's or on the Patio, call 828-295-5505. ■

ART IN THE PARK

Local and regional artisans—from painters and potters to sculptors and jewelers—are gearing up for the Blowing Rock Chamber's popular Art in the Park. The festival, now in its 52nd season, takes place in Memorial Park in downtown Blowing Rock and runs once a month from May through October. Admission is free and complimentary trolley service to and from Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway is provided.

MAY 17 || JUNE 14 || JULY 19 || AUGUST 16 || SEPT. 6 || OCT. 4

JAN KARON BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, September 14 at 2pm
Lakeside Tent on Chetola Lawn

Mitford devotees have another reason to work themselves into a frenzy. The beloved series' revered author, Jan Karon (right) appears at Chetola on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 2pm to sign copies of her 10th book in the Mitford canon, *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good*.

More than 30 million novels are in print of this charming series that features Father Timothy Kavanaugh, an Episcopal priest, and the fictional village of Mitford, North Carolina, which is modeled after Blowing Rock. Karon is the #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of 23 books including the "Mitford" novels, the "Father Tim" novels, a popular cookbook, the *Mitford Bedside Companion*, and several books for young readers.



The signing is FREE and includes light refreshments. Copies of the book, which will be released in early Sept. 2014, will be available for purchase. This event is sponsored by Putnam & Penguin Publishing, the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce and Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock.

Although the event is free, tickets are required to enter the tent. Please call the Front Desk at 828-295-5500 to reserve yours.

CAMPING CRAZE

SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS AGES 4-12



Following a seemingly endless winter, it's hard to believe that the lazy days of summer are nipping at our heels. Kids will soon hang up their backpacks and trade in pencils for full-time play. As such, Chetola's **Kids Summer Camp** returns for 10 weeks of active and (slyly) educational warm-weather fun, **June 9 - August 15**, with each day featuring a different theme — *Monday: Sports & Fitness; Tuesday: Water Works; Wednesday: Tweetsie; Thursday: Super Duper Science; Friday: Nuts for Nature*. An optional *RDU Tennis Camp* will be held during the morning sessions for the weeks of June 30, July 7 & 14 and Aug. 4 (please bring your own tennis racket, if possible).

Among the many accolades we've received from parents of campgoers, perhaps the most frequent is how much they appreciate the flexibility we allow in terms of registration. We offer both full-day and half-day sessions, and campers can sign up for as few or as many days as they want during the week; we even allow them to sign up the day before. Full-day sessions are from 8am-5:30 and are \$35 per child (\$30 each additional child and/or for members of Chetola). Half-day sessions are either 8am-12:30pm or 1-5:30pm and are \$20 per half day. *To register, call Gary Woolard at 828-295-5535. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. A cancellation within 48 hours of your reservation will result in the loss of half of the day's total fee.* ■

CAMP NOTES

- July 4: no camp; July 25: morning session only.
- Every Wednesday is Tweetsie Day! Wednesdays are full-day sessions only and park admission is not included in the camp fee; however, Chetola campers receive the discounted ticket price of \$24/camper. Season Pass holders may also use their passes.
- What to Bring: Lunch (we are unable to refrigerate), Water Bottle, Bathing Suit, Change of Clothes, Raincoat, Sneakers and Water Shoes

**FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
JUNE - AUGUST**

SUNDAY

SNO-CONES

2-6pm

PING-PONG TOURNAMENT

4:30pm

For adults and children

MONDAY

"BOND" FIRE

7:30pm

The bonfire site is located next to the Balsam condo.
Enjoy Chetola trivia, songs and complimentary S'mores.

TUESDAY

REEL QUALITY TIME

6-8pm

Join us down at the Arbor for fishing lessons.

WEDNESDAY

MAGIC SHOW

7pm

Join us in the Kids Camp room for John D. Lusion's incredible magic show.

THURSDAY

KIDS KRAFT NIGHT

5:30-8:30pm

Children 10 and younger eat FREE at Timberlake's Restaurant;
includes complimentary crafts.

NEED A BABYSITTER? Contact the Recreation Center at 828-295-5535
to schedule your sitter. 24-hour advance notice is required.

SUMMER FITNESS SCHEDULE JUNE 1-AUGUST 31

MONDAY: Quick Fit-8am / Water Works-8:30am / Swan Flow Yoga-9:30am

TUESDAY: Pilates-8:15am / Hot Yoga-9:30am / Gentle Yoga-5:30pm

WEDNESDAY: Quick Fit-8am / Gentle Yoga-9:30am

THURSDAY: Pump & Flex-8:15am / Swan Flow Yoga-9:30am / Zumba Toning-5:30pm

FRIDAY: Zumba Toning-8:15am

SATURDAY: Chetola Flow Yoga-9am

SUNDAY: Swan Flow Yoga-9am

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

“THE HAIR BOUTIQUE” THE SPA NOW OFFERS HAIR SERVICES



The Spa is thrilled to announce its new Hair Boutique, which offers an arrangement of services including haircuts, shampoo, blow outs, hair coloring, keratin treatments and facial waxing. Between fitness classes, body treatments and now a menu of hair services, you can literally spend the day in the Spa simply pampering and taking care of yourself. Visit www.chetola.com for a complete list of services and prices. ■

WORKS OF ART PACKAGE OFFERS CHANCE TO “PAINT CHETOLA”



We all know that the stunning grounds of Chetola are a source of inspiration — creatively, artistically, psychologically. With our newly launched package, **Painting Chetola**, renowned artist Brenda Council (see bio below) will help budding painters channel the beauty of our natural tableau to create a watercolor “masterpiece”. The class will be held every Saturday June 7-Nov. 1. Participants can choose from two levels: Beginners from 9-11am and Intermediates from 2-4pm. ■

WORKSHOP DETAILS:

- \$99 per session without accommodations; includes light refreshments
- Ages 15 and older only
- Max. class size: 30
- Lessons: color theory, light & shadow effects, creating depth & dimension, and composition.
- Interpretive styles will be taught, including realism, impressionism and abstract
- All supplies are included courtesy of Cheap Joe’s Art Stuff (please bring a smock)
- Participants will complete one painting of Chetola (worthy of framing)



PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST

Internationally renowned artist Brenda Council’s career spans 35 years with large scale projects around the globe. Recognized as a master muralist and fine artist, she recently completed the largest contemporary painted dome in the Southeast, at the Research Campus in Kannapolis, NC. Her popularity among collectors and the public’s interest has been the focus of a PBS/UNC-TV segment on the artist. FOX, CBS and NBC have all run footage on Council’s painted ceilings and other public work projects. Brenda was born in Wilmington, NC, but grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. Her career was launched in 1963, at the age of 7, with her debut exhibition of paintings at the Jacksonville Museum of Arts and Sciences. To read more, visit www.council.net.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

BY ED DIAZ

I regret that I have to begin this article with sad news, but I need to let you know that Tom McVerry, a member of our board, passed away on April 4 after a battle with cancer. Tom served on several key committees and was a very active participant in all board activities. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Shortly you will receive information regarding the annual meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 21. On Friday evening, June 20, board members will be available for informal discussions from 5:30-7pm. Details for both dates will be provided in your packet. We hope that many of you will be able to attend these events, but if you are unable to join us, please return your proxies by June 20. You will be voting to fill four slots for two-year terms.

Now that the weather is improving, we are continuing certain exterior maintenance programs. In addition to routine interior maintenance, we will continue to improve the units as funding is available. I am pleased to report that we have installed braided rugs beneath all the dining room tables in deluxe and standard units. The board will discuss all of these items and future plans at the annual meeting. In the meantime, you can help us with the maintenance of the units by filling out the information forms provided to you when you stay in your units. If you prefer, contact a board member (see contacts below).

We have several fixed and floating weeks in our inventory of foreclosure units that are being offered at very low prices, plus closing fees. For information, visit the "owners" section of www.chetolalakepoa.org. To purchase any of these units, contact Maggie Gamble. These units can also be rented to you, your family or friends for a three-night minimum of \$100 per night. For more information on rentals, call Chris Edwards, Timeshare Coordinator, at 828-295-5510.

Please feel free to contact me or any other board member if you have any questions or comments about your units or other matters of interest to you. ■

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TIMESHARE TRADES/SALES

Please forward your timeshare trades and sales to be included in the next CHETOLA DISPATCH by August 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 Chris Edwards, Timeshare Coordinator, at 828-295-5510 or Michael Brown, Property Manager, at 828-295-5518.

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 #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 #19 / For Sale, Dahlia 3, 2-bedroom, 1st floor, available for closing costs only. Assume occupancy. Contact Keith Fulbright at 336-292-2564.

Week #25 / For Rent, Birch 2, 2 bedroom deluxe condo. 6/21/14 - 6/28/14. \$1,000 for the week. Call Tracy Bennett at 336-671-0219.

Week #27 / For Rent, Ivy 3, available July 5-12, 2013. Best week of the year in Blowing Rock. Wonderful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with views and convenience to recreation center and lake. \$900. Contact L. Finklea Tomlinson at 803-513-1322 or finklea@bellsouth.net.

Week #28 / For Trade, Ivy 3, exchange for a week in October 2014. Upper floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, beautiful views, convenient to recreation center. Sleeps 6. Contact Rob Brillantes at 858-672-6282 or rob.brillantes@gmail.com.

Week #32 / For Sale or For Rent, Dogwood 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath deluxe, sauna, hot tub, great view and location, renovated. \$6,731/negotiable. Contact Hal Fleischer at 561-279-0960.

Week #34 / For Sale, Ivy 3, Friday to Friday. Must sell, beautiful 2-bedroom unit, updated furnishings. Asking \$2,000. Contact Gladys Siegel at gladys5@earthlink.net or 919-942-5369.

Week #35 / For Sale or Rent, Birch 3, upper level 2-bedroom, 2-bath deluxe w/whirlpool. Sat. Aug. 30-Sept 8. Remodeled. Rent \$950; Sale \$7,000. Call 561-368-5669.

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 #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 / For Trade, Laurel 3, in exchange for any week from mid-May thru August, 2 bedroom deluxe, upper floor with lake view, sleeps 6. Prime Autumn week for leaves. Contact Rob Newman at 770-789-4554.

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 #51 / For Rent or For Sale, Dogwood 1, 2 bedroom deluxe, available Dec. 21-28. Recently upgraded with new bed, TV and wireless Internet. Rent: \$1,000. Sale: \$7,000. Contact Jan at 434-806-6141 or email Jmhl@aol.com. ■

TIMBERLAKE'S: ON THE MENU AS SUMMER HEATS UP, SO DOES THE KITCHEN

Timberlake's Restaurant is pleased to announce a host of new events — from happy hour and lunch in the Pub to surf and turf on the lake.

- **Manager's Happy Hour at Headwaters Pub**, nightly beginning May 21 from 3-5pm. Features drink specials, classic cocktails and a dozen new martinis, as well as complimentary appetizers from 4-5pm. For locals and guests.
- **Steak on the Lake**, every Wednesday beginning May 21 from 5:30-8:30pm. Choice of a grilled 10-oz NY Strip, two 3-oz. Petite Filets or Sirloin Steak, a choice of salad, and the chef's potatoes. \$28/person. Live music on the patio, weather permitting. *(Regular dinner and children's menu also offered.)*
- **Lunch at Headwaters Pub**, casual lunch menu daily from Noon-5pm.
- **Kids Eat Free Night!**, every Thursday beginning May 22 from 5-8:30pm. For kids 10 and younger; must order off children's menu; one child per adult.
- **Carolina Coastal High Country Boil**, every Monday beginning May 26 from 5:30-8:30pm. Features shellfish, sausage, chicken, potatoes, corn and baskets of hush puppies: \$32/person. *(Regular dinner and children's menu also offered.)* ■



Timberlake's Restaurant table

RESTAURANT WEEK SPECIAL, MAY 30-JUNE 8 \$30 per person, includes Appetizer, Entree and Dessert

Appetizer: Ashe County Colby Bleu Pimento Cheese with Housemade Bruschetta

Entree (choose one): Petite Filet with Crispy Fried Okra and Creamy Cheddar and Herb Grits finished with Bourbon Pan Gravy or Shrimp and Grits tossed with Pepper Bacon, Onions and Assorted Peppers tossed in a Light Cajun Cream Sauce accompanied by Buttermilk Cheddar Herb Grits and Assorted Peppers

Dessert: Fried Cherry Pies with a Bourbon Glaze

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



"Barns and Quilts: A Rural Tradition" at BRAHM, May 17-Sept. 28

MAY

Every Thursday through Oct. 16
Blowing Rock Farmers Market, Park Avenue, Blowing Rock, off Main Street in front of the Blowing Rock Chamber. Some of the finest in fresh fruits, veggies, whole foods and meats from local farmers. Rain or shine. 4-6pm. 828-395-7851. www.blowingrock.com

16 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

17 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

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David Holt & The Lighting Bolts, May 25

17-Sept. 28 “Barns and Quilts: A Rural Tradition”, *Blowing Rock Art & History Museum.* Twenty-plus paintings of rural barns by American artist Wolf Kahn along with dozens of quilts representing the best of Appalachia. Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+). 828-295-9099.

www.blowingrockmuseum.org

17 “Macbeth: Staged Radio Drama”, *Blowing Rock School.* Ensemble Stage presents this classic tale of prophecy, blind ambition, deceit and murder in the style of a 1940’s radio drama, supported by projections and sound effects performed live on stage. 7pm. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

18 Concert in the Park: Bailey Mountain Cloggers, *Memorial Park, downtown Blowing Rock.* Featuring the national champion clogging team the Bailey Mountain Cloggers. 4-5pm. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

22 Cork and Canvas, *Blowing Rock Art & History Museum.* Canvas, easel, brushes, paints, apron, wine and light snacks provided. 5-7pm. \$35 members, \$40 non-members. 828-295-9099 ext. 3006. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

25 David Holt & the Lightning Bolts, *Tweetsie Railroad.* Shows at Noon & 3pm; park open 9am-6pm. Performance included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$39; Children (ages 3-12) \$26; Kids 2 & under free, 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

25 Mountain Home Music: A Memorial Day Salute, *Boone United Methodist Church, Boone.* Featuring David Johnson and the Studio Band. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

31 Mountain Home Music: The Fire and the Passion of Scotland, *St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Blowing Rock.* Fea-

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turing the North Sea Gas Band. 7:30pm.
\$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children.
828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

31 Shriner Parade, Main St., Blowing Rock. Music, go-karts, tiny cars and clowns. 2pm. www.blowingrock.com

JUNE

Through Sept. 28 “Barns and Quilts: A Rural Tradition”, Blowing Rock Art & History Museum. Twenty-plus paintings of rural barns by American artist Wolf Kahn along with dozens of quilts representing the best of Appalachia. Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+). 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

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Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, June 5-8

1-Sept. 30 “Hound Ears: 50th Anniversary”, Blowing Rock Art & History Museum. Celebrating five decades of Hound Ears Club. Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+). 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

5-8 Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show: Saddlebred, Tate Show Grounds, Blowing Rock. One of the oldest horse show events in the country has been a Blowing Rock tradition since 1923. Gates open at 8am. Tickets: \$5, free for children under 12; cash only. 828-295-4700. www.blowingrockquestrian.com

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Critter Crawl, June 7



Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine, June 6-15

6-15 Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine at Tweetsie Railroad, Tweetsie Railroad. Park open 9am-6pm; Reservations required. Adults (age 13+) \$37; Children (ages 3-12) \$23; Kids 2 & under free, 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

7 Critter Crawl 5K, Grandfather Mountain, Linville. 6:30pm. \$35 includes t-shirt, parking pass and free day pass to return June 8-31. All proceeds benefit Grandfather Mountain animal habitats. 828-295-6991. www.grandfather.com

7 Mountain Home Music: Old Time Music East and West, Blowing Rock School Auditorium. Featuring Dance of the Little

Old Men, the Sheets Family Band and the Bandana Klezmer Band. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

13 Sunset Stroll on Sunset Drive, downtown 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

14 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

14 Mountain Home Music: Gospel with Elements of Country, R&B, and Soul, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Boone. Featuring the Junaluska Gospel Choir. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11

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students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392.
www.blowingrock.com

15 Concert in the Park: Owen Poteat, *Memorial Park, Blowing Rock.* Featuring Owen Poteat, an award-winning blues artist and one-man band. 4-5pm. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

21 Mountain Home Music: From Folklore to Folksongs, *Harvest House, Boone.* Featuring Bobby McMillon, Eryn Marshall and Carl Jones. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

21-29 "Tuna Does Vegas", *Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School.* Two actors portray the lovably wacky residents of Tuna, Texas as well as the denizens of Sin City, which includes showgirls and Elvis impersonators. June 21, 23, 24, 27 & 28 at 7:30pm, June 22 & 29 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

28 Annual Heritage Day and Wood Kiln Opening, *Traditions Pottery Studio, 4443 Bolick Road, Lenoir.* 10am-until. Live music with The Dollar Brothers and Glenn Bolick and Friends, plus



Little Big Town, June 28

wood and electric fired items, pintos, cornbread, hotdogs and ice cream. Free. 800-841-2787. www.traditionspottery.com

28 Mountain Home Music: Piano Man of the Blue Ridge, *Harvest House, Boone.* Featuring the Jeff Little Trio. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

28 Outdoor Fireworks Concert: Little Big Town, *Kidd Brewer Stadium, ASU, Boone.* 7:30pm. Tickets: \$37 adults, \$5 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

28 Summer Saturday Kids Theatre: "The Short Tree and the Bird that Could Not Sing", *Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School.* 11am. Tickets: \$6 at the door. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

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The Rocket, June 30

29 Broyhill Chamber Ensemble Reflections Series International: "Songs Without Words", *Rosen Concert Hall, ASU, Boone*. Featuring works by Schumann, Brahms, Schubert and Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn. 8pm. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students and children. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

29-July 6 "Kiss Me, Kate", *Lees-McRae Summer Theatre, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk*. June 29 & July 6 at 2pm, July 1-3 at 7pm, July 5 at 2 & 7pm. Tickets: \$42.71 adults, \$21.36 students/children. 828-898-8709. www.lmc.edu/summertheatre/

30 Global Cinema Film Series: "The Rocket", *Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone*. Pre-talk at 7pm; film at 8pm. Tickets: \$10. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

JULY

Through Sept. 28 "Barns and Quilts: A Rural Tradition", *Blowing Rock Art & History Museum*. Twenty-plus paintings of rural barns by American artist Wolf Kahn along with dozens of quilts representing the best of Appalachia. Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 children 5+/students/military, \$6 groups (10+). 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

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Every Thursday through Oct. 16
Blowing Rock Farmers Market, Park Avenue, Blowing Rock, off Main Street in front of the Blowing Rock Chamber. Some of the finest in fresh fruits, veggies, whole foods and meats from local farmers. Rain or shine. 4-6pm. 828-395-7851. www.blowingrock.com

1 Broyhill Chamber Ensemble Reflections Series International: "Songs Without Words", Rosen Concert Hall, ASU, Boone. Featuring works by Beethoven, Bloch and Brahms. 8pm. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students and children. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

1-6 "Kiss Me, Kate", Lees-McRae Summer Theatre, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk. July 1-3 at 7pm, July 5 at 2 & 7pm, July 6 at 2pm. Tickets: \$42.71 adults, \$21.36 students/children. 828-898-8709. www.lmc.edu

3 Pilobolus, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$28 adults, \$26 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

4 Fireworks at Tweetsie Railroad, Tweetsie Railroad. Park open 9am-9pm; fireworks at 9:30pm. Parking: \$5 per car; free for season pass holders. Buf-



Pilobolus, July 3

fet chicken and BBQ dinner under Hacienda: \$14.95 adults, \$9.95 (children 3-12), Free for children younger than 2. www.tweetsie.com

4 Mountain Home Music: Bluegrass & Brass, Boone United Methodist Church, Boone. Featuring the Mountain Home Music Boys and the King Street Brass. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 28-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

5 4th of July Festival and Parade, Memorial Park and Main Street, Blowing Rock. 9am-until. Games in the Park from 9am-11am; Climbing Tower and Bounce Obstacle Course 11am-4:30pm; 10-11am cloggers, 11am-Noon Patriotic singalong; Noon-1:30pm live music; 2pm parade; 3-4:30pm bluegrass;

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Michael McDonald, July 5

9:30pm fireworks at Blowing Rock Country Club. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

5 Cool Summer Nights at Tweetsie, Tweetsie Railroad. Park open 9am-9pm. Special train show rides at dusk; included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$39; Children (ages 3-12) \$26; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

5 An Evening with Michael McDonald, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$50 adults, \$48 children 6 and younger.

800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

5-13 “The Kitchen Witches”, Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School. Two, ahem, mature cable-access cooking show hosts who loathe each other are cast as co-hosts of a new show in this comedy. July 5, 7, 8, 11 & 12 at 7:30pm, July 6 & 13 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

6 Eastern Festival Orchestra with Sir James Galway, flute, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$28 adults, \$26 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

7 Global Cinema Film Series: “The Lunchbox”, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. Pre-talk at 7pm; film at 8pm. Tickets: \$10. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

9 Hayes School of Music Faculty Showcase Concert, Rosen Concert Hall, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

10 Triad Stage: “All’s Well that Ends Well”, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$20

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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, July 10-13

adults, \$10 children 6 and younger.
800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

10-13 59th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Grandfather Mountain, Linville. Athletes, dancers, bagpipe band parades, Celtic music and a celebration of Scottish culture. Opens July 10 at 4:30pm, closing ceremonies July 13 at 4pm. Ticket prices vary. 828-733-1333. www.gmhg.org

11-13 Scooby-Dooby-Do Where Are You? at Tweetsie Railroad, Tweetsie Railroad. Meet Scooby Doo and Shaggy at 11am and 1 & 3pm; park open 9am-6pm. Included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$37; Children (ages 3-12) \$23; Kids 2 & under free, 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com



Matthew Morrison, July 12

12 Cool Summer Nights at Tweetsie, Tweetsie Railroad. Park open 9am-9pm. Special train show rides at dusk; included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$39; Children (ages 3-12) \$26; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

12 Matthew Morrison, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$50 adults, \$48 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

12 Mountain Home Music: Old Time Fiddle & Dance, Harvest House, Boone. Featuring Laurel Creek Band,

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Nickel Creek, July 14

Rodney Sutton and the Green Grass Cloggers. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

12 Summer Saturday Kids Theatre: “The Short Tree and the Bird that Could Not Sing”, *Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School*. 11am. Tickets: \$6 at the door. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

14 Nickel Creek, *Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone*. 8pm. Tickets: \$45 adults, \$43 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

15 Global Cinema Film Series: “Like Father, Like Son”, *Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone*. Pre-talk at 7pm; film at 8pm. Tickets: \$10. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

16-20 “A Grand Night for Singing”, *Lees-McRae Summer Theatre, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk*. July 16 & 18 at 7pm, July 17 & 19 at 2 & 7pm, July 20 at 2pm. Tickets: \$42.71 adults, \$21.36 students/children. 828-898-8709. www.lmc.edu

18 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

19 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

19 Cool Summer Nights at Tweetsie, *Tweetsie Railroad*. Park open 9am-9pm. Special train show rides at dusk; included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$39; Children (ages 3-12) \$26; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

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Dance Theatre of Harlem, July 19

19 Dance Theatre of Harlem, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$28 adults, \$26 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

19 Summer Saturday Kids Theatre: "The Short Tree and the Bird that Could Not Sing", Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School. 11am. Tickets: \$6 at the door. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

19-27 K-9s in Flight: Frisbee Dogs at Tweetsie Railroad, Tweetsie Railroad. Park open 9am-6pm. Shows daily at 11am and 1 & 3pm; special shows July 19 & 26 at 7pm. Performance included with regular park admis-



K-9s in Flight: Frisbee Dogs, July 19-27

sion. Adults (age 13+) \$37; Children (ages 3-12) \$23; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

20 Broyhill Chamber Ensemble Reflections Series International: "Songs Without Words", Rosen Concert Hall, ASU, Boone. Featuring works by Bach, Beethoven and Dohnanyi. 8pm. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students and children. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

20 Concert in the Park: The King Bees, Memorial Park, Blowing Rock. Featuring popular blues band The King Bees. 4-5pm. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

21 Global Cinema Film Series: "Jappeloup", Schaefer Center for

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Hunter-Jumper I, July 22-27

the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. Pre-talk at 7pm; film at 8pm. Tickets: \$10. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

22 Broyhill Chamber Ensemble Reflections Series International: "Songs Without Words", Rosen Concert Hall, ASU, Boone. Featuring works by Mozart, Schubert, Gershwin, Copland and Brahms' *f minor piano quintet*. 8pm. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students and children. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

22-27 Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show: Hunter-Jumper I, Tate Show Grounds, Blowing Rock. Tickets: \$5, free for children under 12; cash only. 828-295-4700. www.blowingrockquestrian.com

24 Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Lecture: Frances May (author of



Sheryl Crow, July 24

Under the Tuscan Sun), Parkway Ballroom, Plemmons Student Union, ASU, Boone. 3:30pm. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

24 Sheryl Crow, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$55 adults, \$53 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

25 Family Film Night: "The Jungle Book", Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 7pm. Free. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

25 Symphony by Chetola Lake, Chetola Resort. Enjoy an evening under the stars with the sounds of Tennessee's Symphony of the Mountains. Dinner options include Chetola's "Picnic on the Lawn," Pre-Symphony Dinner Buffet in Timberlake's Restaurant or the Sympho-

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Frances May, July 24

ny Dinner on the Patio. 828.295.5500.
www.chetola.com

25 St. Mary Tour of Homes, St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church, 140 Chestnut Dr. Annual fundraiser tour of outstanding Blowing Rock homes with St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church. Transportation and lunch provided, plus a bazaar on the church lawn. 9am. Tickets required. 828-295-7323. www.stmaryofthehills.org

26 Cool Summer Nights at Tweetsie, Tweetsie Railroad. Park open 9am-9pm. Special train show rides at dusk; included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$39; Children (ages 3-12) \$26; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com



Symphony by the Lake, July 25

26 Mountain Home Music: Two Sides of Celtic, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Blowing Rock. Featuring Billy Jackson and Grainne Hambly. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

26 National Youth Orchestra with Gil Shaham, violin, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, ASU, Boone. 8pm. Tickets: \$28 adults, \$26 children 6 and younger. 800-841-2787. www.appsummer.org

26-Aug. 3 "Desperate Affection", Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School. Is a seemingly perfect relationship sim-

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Blowing Rock Farmers Market, through Oct. 16

ply an elaborate ruse in this psychological thriller? July 26, 28, 29 and Aug. 1 & 2 at 7:30pm, July 2 & Aug. 3 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

29-Aug. 3 Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show: Hunter-Jumper II, Tate Show Grounds, Blowing Rock. Tickets: \$5, free for children under 12; cash only. 828-295-4700. www.blowingrockquestrian.com

AUGUST

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1-3 “Desperate Affection”, Ensemble

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Stage, Blowing Rock School. Is a seemingly perfect relationship simply an elaborate ruse in this psychological thriller? Aug. 1 & 2 at 7:30pm, Aug. 3 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

2 Summer Saturday Kids Theatre: "The Short Tree and the Bird that Could Not Sing", *Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School.* 11am. Tickets: \$6 at the door. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

6-10 "Monty Python's Spamalot", *Lees-McRae Summer Theatre, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk.* Aug. 6 & 8 at 7pm, Aug. 7 & 9 at 2 & 7pm, Aug. 10 at 2pm. Tickets: \$42.71 adults, \$21.36 students/children. 828-898-8709. www.lmc.edu

9 Mountain Home Music: The Day the Outlaws Came to Town, *Harvest House, Boone.* Featuring Dixie Dawn, David Johnson, Darrel Bryant, Billy C. Smith, Ronnie Black, Kevin Rash and Sloan Montana Bryant. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

9 Summer Saturday Kids Theatre: "The Short Tree and the Bird that



Riders in the Sky, Aug. 9 & 10

Could Not Sing", *Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School.* 11am. Tickets: \$6 at the door. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

9-10 Riders in the Sky at Tweetsie Railroad, *Tweetsie Railroad.* Shows at Noon & 3pm; park open 9am-6pm. Performance included with regular park admission. Adults (age 13+) \$37; Children (ages 3-12) \$23; Kids 2 & under free, 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

10-15 "Groovy Nights" Variety Show, *Blowing Rock Country Club, Blowing Rock.* Performances: Aug. 10, 12 & 15 at 6pm. \$25, includes refreshments; cash bar. Benefitting the Blowing Rock Community Club. 828-295-9347. www.blowingrockcf.org

15 Sunset Stroll on Sunset Drive,

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Concert in the Park, Aug. 17

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

16 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

16 Mountain Home Music: Bluegrass Attack, Harvest House, Boone. Featuring the 23 String Band. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

17 Concert in the Park: Mountain Radio, Memorial Park, downtown Blowing Rock. Featuring Blowing Rock bluegrass band Mountain Radio. 4-5pm. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

23 Mountain Home Music: SC Broadcasters, Harvest House, Boone. Featuring the South Carolina Broadcasters. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

23-31 "Completely Hollywood (Abridged)", Ensemble Stage, Blowing Rock School. 186 of cinema's greatest films — from *Casablanca* and *Gandhi* to *Revenge of the Nerds* and *Grease* — re-acted in a rapid-fire 90 minutes! Aug. 23, 25, 26, 29 & 30 at 7:30pm, Aug. 24 & 31 at 2pm. Tickets: \$21 adults, \$19 seniors/students/military, \$11 children under 16. 828-414-1844. www.ensemblestage.com

31 12th Annual Beech Mountain Mile High Kite Festival, 403 Beech Mountain Parkway, Beech Mountain First 300 kids will get a free kite for the competition, or they can be purchased. Kite clubs will demonstrate flying techniques, and also display their kites. Free admission. 828-387-9283. www.beechmntn.com

31 Mountain Home Music: The 60s Folk Music Revival, Harvest House, Boone. Featuring Laurelyn Dosset & Guests. 7:30pm. \$20 adults, \$11 students, \$6 children. 828-964-3392. www.blowingrock.com

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Beech Mountain Mile High Kite Festival, Aug. 31



Jan Karon, Sept. 14

SEPTEMBER

Through Sept. 28 “Barns and Quilts: A Rural Tradition”, *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

6-7 Railroad Heritage Weekend at Tweetsie Railroad, *Tweetsie Railroad*. 9am-6pm. Event included with regular park admission except \$5/passenger donation to ride the 1870s vintage coach car train. Adults (age 13+) \$37; Children (ages 3-12) \$23; Kids 2 & under free. 800-526-5740. www.tweetsie.com

7 Concert in the Park: Amantha Mill, *Memorial Park, downtown Blow-*

ing Rock. Featuring local bluegrass favorites Amantha Mill. 4-5pm. Free. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

13 Beach Blast on the Blue Ridge, *Blue Ridge Mountain Club, Reynolds Parkway, Blowing Rock*. Featuring the Band of Oz and The Catalinas. 6pm. Tickets: \$28 advance, \$35 at the door. Food & beverage available or bring your own picnic. 828.295.7851. www.blowingrock.com

14 Jan Karon Book Signing, *Chetola Resort, Lakeside Tent, New York Times* best-selling author Jan Karon will sign copies of her newest book in the Mitford series, *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good*. Copies of the book, which will be released in early Sept. 2014, will be available for purchase. Free with light refreshments, but tickets must be reserved through Chetola. 828.295.5500. www.chetola.com