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THE PROPERTY REVIEW

BY KENT TARBUTTON

What an incredible time to be up in these majestic mountains. I have been enjoying it all and can still think of no place I would rather be than beautiful Blowing Rock with temperatures ranging from the single digits to the high 50s. Of course our skiers don't necessarily feel this way, and I sympathize with those who came here over the Christmas holidays in search of snow.

The lack of snow affected our December occupancy numbers for our condominiums. Our rentals came in at a disappointing -11.4% compared to 2014, but even with the big December shortfall, our 2015 year-end numbers were still up 10.6%. So despite the lack of snow and the difficulties of installing new resort-wide reservation software, we had a good year and I will stay positive and focus on that and be grateful. Some of you know my friend and retired pastor Marshall Edwards, who loves the snows and has been praying for it since Thanksgiving. He called me to sing "Frosty the Snowman" on the January morning we received the first big snowfall. I asked him if

he thought his prayers had a cumulative effect. He said they probably did. So I told him that he needed to start being more specific in his prayer life, calling for a couple inches at a time with temperatures above 20 degrees!

This year's annual Polar Plunge into the icy waters of Chetola Lake saw temps in the high 40s. The water temperature had not had time to change very much and registered a brisk 38 degrees. The howls resonating from those chilly waters made it quite the show. Our friend and adamant supporter John Carter from WBTV in Charlotte was here again as the perfect Master of Ceremonies for the event. Enjoy the photos (above and on page 3) included in this edition. We not only had a new record of 122 jumpers, we also set the bar high as one of the plungers stopped the event to kneel down on the dock to propose to his girlfriend. Happily she said yes... and then they both took the literal plunge. When she climbed out I noticed her tears and figured it likely came from both experiences.

I still remember those first seven years that



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Progress is being made at the Chetola Sporting Reserve

I joined them in the lake, but when I married Shelley I decided I had another good reason to live and happily retired from that event 11 years ago. I was gratefully replaced this year by a few Chetola representatives: two front desk employees as well as the child of an employee in the marketing office. We even had an old friend from the homeowners jump, as Lauren Broome checked off yet another item from her "bucket list," wearing the winning attire of the Carolina Panthers. She told me her mother, Cynthia, wanted to join her in the jump but just wasn't up to it yet. Cynthia, my advice is to leave it to the next generation!

As I mentioned above, we have installed a new resort-wide computer system. Though both expensive (paid for by my company alone) and at times frustrating, it will bring all the activities we offer and billings together at last. So guests can book all their desires in one place and their bills can be retrieved from any location or department within the resort. I could go on and on about the new conveniences to the guest, homeowners and condo renters, but I am sure you will see it in action when we have all the training and installations completed.

Along the way we have run into the typical snags of installing a new computerized system. The worst was certainly that it stopped our Chetola site's online booking ability during the same period we were losing reservations from the lack of snow. Though our guests could still call in or book online with travel companies like Expedia, Travelocity, etc., they could not book on our own website until we compiled new software. Each day we become more proficient and efficient. I want to thank our staff for their hard work and overtime in making this happen, along with the owners for patience as we untangle the web of a new direction for our resort.

Lastly I want to share that I was down at the new Chetola Sporting Reserve in early February and am very pleased to finally see that we are getting the clubhouse underway. I am happy to say that the roads are now completed. As you can see from the above photo, the foundation and block work are also in the ground. The land has been cleared and the contractor is steadily working to complete the building, which will seat 75 around the large stone fireplace and oak bar. The patio will overlook the five-box (skeet), as well as the archery, pistol, rifle and BB gun ranges that Greg, Morgan and I added when we began this project. Though the price has risen considerably as the building and activity list grew, I am pleased that we will have a real showpiece to add to Chetola's mix when completed. For those still confused about who pays for what, rest easy. Greg and I are covering the whole bill in yet another company we have created outside Chetola. This wonderful partnership with the folks at Blue Ridge Mountain Club will be the next jewel to add to Chetola, and I look forward to its opening this summer.

I hope you will be up soon to enjoy your mountain home and the many activities and events planned in 2016. When you just can't stand any more of the politics, ads and campaign jargon, escape to Chetola!

Kent Tarbutton

POLAR PLUNGE 2016 PANTHERS AND PROPOSALS



The overwhelming majority of this year's batch of ice cold water-loving jumpers were either decked out in Carolina Panthers gear, or dropping to a knee and asking for a hand in marriage...while decked out in Panthers gear. In what was an emotional first for the Polar Plunge, one crazy couple from Charlotte took the literal plunge before they take the metaphorical one. Needless to say, the surprise proposal left very few dry eyes in the crowd. Once again Emcee John Carter, news anchor at WBTV in Charlotte, ran what is considered the pinnacle event of the annual Blowing Rock Winterfest, trading quips with the plungers and entertaining the crowd. More than 125 festive festivalgoers plunged into a 38-degree Chetola Lake under conditions that couldn't have been more perfect: sunny skies, highs in the 40s, an ice-covered glistening lake, and plenty of Panthers fans. Turns out we didn't win the Super Bowl, but we definitely won the crowd over! ■



'SAVOR BLOWING ROCK' NEW NAME, BIGGER FESTIVAL



The 2015 Blue Ridge Wine and Food Festival was one of the best and most successful yet. This year, the annual festival has a new name: **SAVOR Blowing Rock**, which reflects the expanded craft beer, spirits and culinary offerings, as well as events like live concerts, that have increased over the last few years. This year's festival takes place April 14-17, and features all the wonderful experiences you've enjoyed for the past 10 years with Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival, as well

as brand new ones. To wit, a few highlights:

The festival kicks off on Thursday with **TASTE!**, a culinary compilation showcasing Blowing Rock and High Country restaurants serving small plate portions of their signature dishes. North Carolina beers, wine and other beverages will be available for tastings; live music completes the celebratory atmosphere under the Main Tent in downtown Blowing Rock. On Saturday, start your day off with Chetola's Corkscrew 5K. After running the hills of Chetola, you won't feel guilty overindulging in food and drink the rest of the day as you stroll the streets of Blowing Rock and sample wine and craft beers paired with local North Carolina nibbles in various satellite tents stationed downtown (beside Christopher's Wine and Cheese on Sunset Drive, in the courtyard of the Martin House on Main Street, and on the Blowing Rock Ale House property). Later, head to the Grand Tasting in the Main Tent, where you can enjoy food, beverages, wine, beer and distilled spirits. The tastings is a single session from 1pm to 5pm so you have more time to taste. Two years ago, the Reserve Wine Tasting was introduced, quickly establishing itself as one of the festival's most anticipated events. This limited seating event, hosted by Blue Ridge Mountain Club, offers tastings of 12 to 15 wines from international, national and local wineries. The Reserve Wine Tasting, held on the lawn of The Inn at Ragged Gardens, offers two sessions from which to choose. Last but not least, an array of seminars and winemaker's dinners are offered at various venues and restaurants in Blowing Rock on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. *For a few details on some of these events, see box at right. For details on all SAVOR events, call the Blowing Rock Chamber at 828-295-7801 or visit www.savorblowingrock.com.* ■

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, April 14

TASTE!

The Grand Tasting Tent at Maple Street Parking Lot || 6-8pm
\$35 in advance, \$40 at the door

Friday, April 15

DOWNTOWN WINE DOWN

Various venues in downtown Blowing Rock || 3-7pm || Free

CRAFT BEER FLIGHTS AT TIMBERLAKE'S

5-10pm || \$10 per flight per person

Saturday, April 16

CORKSCREW 5K

Chetola Resort || 8:30am

Wine-Free: \$25 thru 4/17, \$35 on 4/18; Wine-Lovers: \$30 thru 4/17, \$40 on 4/18

RESERVE WINE TASTING

Tent at The Inn at Ragged Gardens || Choose from Noon-2pm or 3-5pm
\$125 in advance, \$150 at the door (no refunds). Includes entry to Grand Wine Tasting and Downtown Wine Down

GRAND WINE TASTING

The Grand Tasting Tent at Maple Street Parking Lot || 1-5pm
\$40 in advance, \$50 at the door; entry included with purchase of Reserve Tasting tickets

SATELLITE TENT TASTINGS

1-5pm || \$10 (included with purchase of Reserve or Grand Wine Tastings)

CRAFT BEER FLIGHTS AT TIMBERLAKE'S

5-10pm || \$10 per flight per person \$10 per flight per person

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS THE RETURN OF THE CORKSCREW 5K



The **Chetola Corkscrew 5K** is back for the fourth annual vineyard-inspired competition on Saturday, April 16. Beneficiaries of this year's race will again be the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and the local chapter of Girls on the Run. As usual, runners wind their way through Chetola's scenic yet undulating property and can choose between the Wine-Free Division and the Wine Lovers Division (which adds 4 stations of wine "shots" to the route).

After an unexpected hiatus last year due to health issues, Emcee Gary Butts makes a return to form this year, bringing his effervescent personality (and some great music) to pump up both runners and spectators. Awards will be given to the overall male and female and the overall masters male and female, as well as the top two winners in each age group for both divisions. All participants will be eligible to win a variety of door prizes, including wine, local activities and retail items. Morning-of sign-in and registration begins at 7:30am, with the race starting promptly at 8:30am. Early packet pick-up will also be held on Friday from 4-6pm in the Recreation Center.

Not a runner? No worries. Feel free to walk the course as a member of either division. Or enjoy the outdoor food and Bloody Mary bar as you cheer on the participants. *To register, call 828-295-5533 or visit chetola.com.* ■

'DENIM BALL' IN THE WORKS FUNDRAISER PLANNED FOR MOSES CONE HOUSE



Moses H. Cone

As many of you know, Moses Cone Memorial Park is a unit of the National Park Service. It was owned and developed by Moses H. Cone and his brother Cesar Cone, who together brought denim production to the South and created a textile empire that still exists today. Beginning in 1897, Moses (who earned the nickname The Denim King) constructed Flat Top Manor as his mountain retreat. Following his death in 1908, Moses' wife Bertha operated the estate for 40 years. After her death, the

estate eventually became part of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is undertaking an extensive effort to rehabilitate the Manor and its surrounding landscape to better serve the community, visitors and ensure the future of this beautiful estate. One of the strategies they have developed is to have a "Denim Ball" benefiting the estate. As of this writing, the ball is scheduled for early August. It will feature wonderful entertainment, a delicious selection of food, dancing and outstanding speakers. If you plan on being up in the mountains in early August, consider attending this wonderful event. More information and details about the event will be posted in the next newsletter and on social media.

MARCH MANICURE MADNESS AT THE SPA AT CHETOLA

To celebrate (or simply endure) the blustery, snowy days of March, the Spa at Chetola is offering \$10 off its signature manicures for the month. The Chetola Signature Manicure, normally \$40, will be \$30; and the Chetola Signature Gel Manicure, normally \$60, will be \$50. This offer is valid Sunday through Thursday.

SPRING FITNESS CLASSES THROUGH APRIL 30

MONDAY: Quick Fit 8am

TUESDAY: Gentle Yoga 5:30pm

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

THURSDAY: Yogalates 9:30am

FRIDAY: 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

EASTER ACTIVITIES AT THE REC CENTER

SPRING BREAK CAMP

MARCH 28-APRIL 1

FULL- AND HALF-DAY CAMP AVAILABLE

**EASTER EGG DECORATING,
EASTER EGG HUNT & MAGICIAN**
CALL THE REC CENTER FOR TIMES AND DETAILS

RESERVATIONS: 828-295-5535

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS BY DAVE ROEVER, BOARD PRESIDENT

As I write this letter, I am preparing the agenda for the Lakes POA board meeting on February 27. We will have a very full agenda. Two of the more important items on the agenda are: (1) Discussing the Lake POA-owned weeks and a program to resale these weeks; and (2) Deciding on number of weeks to foreclose on this year. After our meeting, I will update the website with another president's letter detailing our decision on these two items and any other items of major importance.

Our POA currently owns 44 weeks and will be acquiring 9 more weeks via foreclosure, bringing the total to 53 weeks currently for sale. Please check visit www.chetolalakepoa.org/ for the updated list of available weeks. Note: There are some really good summer fixed weeks available.

Also, please mark your calendars for our annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 21. A "Meet & Greet" will be held Friday evening, May 20, for owners to meet the board members in a more informal setting to discuss any items prior to the annual meeting. I hope you will be able to join us. You will be receiving your voting instructions in April for electing directors to the board. There will be at least one new director slot open, if not two. If you are interested in running for the board or as a DIT (director in training) please send in your bio to me at roevered@gmail.com.

As a reminder, owners can rent any Lakes POA-owned condo week for \$130 per night with a two-night minimum. This could make a great extra getaway. Booking is only available within four weeks of your planned stay. ■

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TIMESHARE TRADES/SALES

Please forward your timeshare trades and sales to be included in the next CHETOLA DISPATCH by May 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 Blake Dillman, POA Manager, at 828-414-9591.

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. Asking \$1,000 OBO. karenhumphrey@carolina.rr.com or 704-365-1284 and leave a message.

Week #6 / For Sale, Dahlia 5. Upper level 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, sleeps 4, ski season! Near Recreation Center. Asking \$1,000. 2016 maintenance fees paid. 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 #22 / For Sale, Spruce 1, 2-bedroom, 2 bath deluxe unit. Excellent location. \$4,900, willing to negotiate. Contact JT Lanning at 919-787-6989.

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.

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.

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. ■

TAKING FLIGHT NC CRAFT BEERS ON TAP AT TIMBERLAKE'S

A trio of North Carolina breweries are on tap at Timberlake's during Savor Blowing Rock (formerly the Blue Ridge Wine and Food Festival). On Friday and Saturday nights, April 16 & 17, during regular dinner hours (5-10pm), the restaurant will feature four of North Carolina's acclaimed craft beers in an appealing selection of flights.

Two of the varietals will come from Aviator in Fuquay-Varina, one hails from Boone's Lost Province and the fourth represents popular spot Appalachian Mountain Brewery. A flight of four will be offered for \$10 with a selection of special appetizers available to pair with the flights.



For reservations, call 828-295-5505. ■

NOTABLE DATES & EVENTS

MUSIC & OYSTERS: Thursdays 5-10pm

STEAK ON THE LAKE: Wednesdays 5-10pm || **JAZZ with MAUREEN:** Fridays 6-9pm

BONFIRE NIGHT: Saturdays 6-9pm

EASTER BUFFET: Sunday, March 27; seatings at 11:30am & 2pm (reservations open to owners exclusively Feb. 21; open to the public Feb. 28)

NORTH CAROLINA CRAFT BEER FLIGHTS: April 15 & 16

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET: Sunday, May 8; seatings at 11:30am & 2pm (reservations open to owners exclusively April 4; open to the public April 11)

Live Music Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night from 6 to 9pm

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



"Ward Nichols: Look Again" at BRAHM, through March 28

FEBRUARY

Thru March 26 "A Retrospective of Eliot Clark", Blowing Rock Art & History Museum, 159 Chestnut St. Clark, who graduated high school at 15 and traveled from France and India to Georgia and North Carolina, painting plein air along the way, became best known for his naturalistic landscapes. *Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat:*

10am-5pm. Closed Sun. and Mon. Admission: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors/military, \$4 children 5+/students/groups (10+); Thursdays are Donation Day. 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

Thru March 26 "Ward Nichols: Look Again", Blowing Rock Art & History Museum, 159 Chestnut St. A native of West Virginia, Nichols made his home nearby in North Wilkesboro. His hyper-realistic

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paintings are visualized from photographs he takes of everlasting landscapes, abandoned structures and everyday objects, and inviging the viewer to ponder the mundane. *Hours: Tues-Wed: 10am-5pm, Thurs: 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm. Closed Sun. and Mon. Admission: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors/military, \$4 children 5+/students/groups (10+); Thursdays are Donation Day. 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org*

24-28 Clybourne Park, Appalachian State University, Valborg Theatre. A spin-off to Lorraine Hansbury's *A Raisin in the Sun*, Bruce Norris' play, loosely based on historical events that took place in the city of Chicago, applies a modern twist to the issues of race and housing and aspirations for a better life. *Feb. 24-27 at 7:30pm, Feb. 28 at 2pm. Tickets: \$17 adults, \$10 students. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu*

MARCH

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Banff Film Festival, March 18 & 19

students/groups (10+); Thursdays are Donation Day. 828-295-9099. www.blowingrockmuseum.org

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18 & 19 The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Appalachian State Uni-

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Steely Pan Band, March 20

versity, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. Taking audiences to every corner of the world, this popular festival features a collection of the most high-adrenaline films about mountain sports and cultures. *7:30pm. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 students. 800-841-2787. www.pas.appstate.edu*

20 Steely Pan Band, Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. *8pm. Tickets: \$17 adults, \$10 students. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu*

26 Easter Egg Festival & Hunt, Memorial Park, Blowing Rock. *Free family event. 828-295-5222. www.blowingrock.com*



Trout Derby, April 2

APRIL

2 36th Annual Trout Derby, various locations, Blowing Rock. *Begins at sunrise. Prizes awarded at 4:30pm. No entry fees or pre-registration required. Take your catch to the American Legion Building on Wallingford Street. 828-295-4636. www.blowingrock.com*

7 & 8 Spring Appalachian Dance Ensemble, Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. *Featuring original contemporary dance choreography by student and faculty choreographers. 7:30pm. Tickets: \$17 adults, \$10 students. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu*

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Spring Appalachian Dance Ensemble, April 7 & 8

8 The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia: "The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favorites", Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. Three beloved stories by award-winning children's book illustrator and author Carle are retold on stage through the magic of black light and fanciful puppets. 10am. Tickets: \$5. 800-841-2787. www.pas.appstate.edu

8 Tweetsie Railroad Opens for 2016 Season, 9am-6pm. Admission: \$44 adults, \$28 children ages 3-12, Free for children 2 and younger. 877-893-3874. www.tweetsie.com

13 Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide



Corkscrew 5K, April 16

to School, Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. In this musical adventure based on Barbara Park's popular book series, Junie B. and friends show us how school is sometimes scary, sometimes super-fun and always something to sing about. 10am. Tickets: \$3. 800-841-2787. www.pas.appstate.edu

14-17 Savor Blowing Rock: A Celebration of Food and Drink, Blowing Rock. Taste!, Wine Tastings, Wine Dinners, Grand Tasting, Reserve Tasting, Downtown Wine Down, Corkscrew 5K and more. 828-295-7851. www.blueridgewinefestival.com

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Contro Tiempo Urban Latin Dance Theatre, April 22

Parkway Foundation and Girls on the Run. Registration and packet pick-up: 7:30-8:20am (Early packet pick-up on April 15 from 4:30-6:30pm in the Rec Center). Race begins promptly at 8:30am. Awards for overall runners, overall masters and age groups in both wine-free and wine-lovers divisions, as well as door prizes. 828-295-5535. www.chetola.com

22 Contro Tiempo Urban Latin Dance Theater, Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts.



"Avenue Q", April 27-May 1

The multilingual Los Angeles-based dance company performs excerpts from "Agua Furiosa", which challenges audiences to confront harsh realities of race in our country by merging call and response, a live vocalist, water themes and fierce physicality. 7:30pm. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu

27-May 1 Avenue Q, Appalachian State University, Valborg Theatre. Using puppets animated by unconcealed puppeteers, this witty and profane Tony-winning musical is a coming-of-age parable, addressing and satirizing the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood. April 27-30 at 7:30pm, May 1 at 2pm. Tickets: \$17 adults, \$10 students. 828-262-4046. www.pas.appstate.edu