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In this edition of Mountain Life: Best of Cashiers Valley, we will take a look at many of the places, civic organizations and local gathering spots that make the area such a great place to visit or call home.

There are many reasons for coming to Cashiers and a person's reason for visiting may define what they believe is the "best" that the valley has to offer. But no matter why you may be here, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Familiarize yourself with the local communities by checking out the profiles of Cashiers, Sapphire, Tuckaseegee and Glenville. Consider this magazine a guide to each locale's offerings as you plan a day, a week or the rest of your life

in Southern Jackson County.

Also be sure to read the profiles of local organizations that offer lifelong learning opportunities, ways to help neighbors in need, places to worship and valuable resources for residents and visitors.

As a community, Cashiers takes a lot of pride in being friendly, open and accessible with a wide array of arts, entertainment and recreational opportunities. We hope you will take advantage of all the Cashiers Valley brings to the table.

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Cashiers

John Muir, one of America's most famous and influential outdoor enthusiasts, once said, "the mountains are calling, and I must go."

The quaint village of Cashiers, nestled in the southwestern corner of North Carolina, has become a desirable location for many urban dwellers and vacationers looking for a relaxed atmosphere. Sitting at 3,486 feet in elevation at the crossroads of N.C. Highway 107 and U.S. Highway 64, practically anyone can find something to enjoy in these mountains.

No matter if you are a native, visitor or part-time resident, the Cashiers lifestyle is as multifaceted as its peaks and valleys. The highest point in the area rises to 5,127 feet at Yellow Mountain, yet drops to 1,020 feet along the Horsepasture River.

Regardless of the season, the weather is typically milder here year-round than in other surrounding areas. Temperatures average a high of 80 degrees in the hottest of summer months, and 40 degrees in the coldest parts of the winter season. Annually, Cashiers receives about 75 inches of rain per year and 12 inches of snow.

The true population of Cashiers ebbs and flows around 2,000 people, but from about Memorial Day until the end of October's fall leaf season, part-time residents and visitors are estimated to bump that number up to about 10,000-15,000 people.

Cashiers is home to exceptional schools, and its churches and civic organizations are truly among the most philanthropic you'll ever see. Most of the area's events, projects and needs are funded by these gracious organizations and donors.

Commerce in the village includes easy access to many eclec-

tic shops and businesses. They surround The Village Green and Commons park in the center of the village. Other pivotal parts of the community are the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library, the Cashiers Community Center and the Cashiers-Glenville Recreation Center.

Pathways assist visitors and natives alike as they navigate around town, or simply provide a place to take a healthy and refreshing stroll.

Surrounding the inner workings of the village, outdoor enthusiasts enjoy countless miles of hiking trails, camping spots, parks, mountains, waterfalls, fishing, boating, lakes, rivers, world-class golf courses, bicycling, skiing (water and snow) and horseback riding, just to name a few.

Every year, many Cashiers organizations produce a season full of exciting events, most of which benefit a charity or nonprofit organization.

Some of those events include the Leaf Festival, several arts and crafts shows, weekly Groovin' on the Green free concert events on Friday's during the summer, the Cashiers Designer Showhouse, Cashiers Benefit Antique Show, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd Auction and Bazaar, the Tour de Cashiers, Cashiers Trail Mix and much more.

But time and time again, most people agree that what makes Cashiers so endearing is its people. A stroll around town will surely lead you to meet Cashiers natives, retired doctors and lawyers or even perhaps adventurous travelers sampling a plate of North Carolina barbecue and sweet tea in a mason jar. No matter how life led you here, chances are you'll fall in love when you arrive.

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Glenville

For a time the largest town in Jackson County in the 1800s, Glenville is now a popular lakefront community with many gorgeous homes dotting the shores of Lake Glenville.

Dammed up in 1941 as a hydroelectric project in part to increase aluminum production for World War II, Thorpe Reservoir, or Lake Glenville as its now named, is the jewel of Jackson County mountain lakes. At an elevation of 3,500 feet, it is among the highest manmade lakes east of the Mississippi River and the backdrop of lush green mountains and several waterfalls.

Glenville is known for its renowned bass fishing and hosts several bass fishing tournaments every year. Additionally, Lake Glenville is home to trout, catfish, crappie, bream and perch breeds. With an average summer temperature less than 80 degrees, this is the perfect town to escape from the summer heat of the south. Families of many generations have come to Glenville each year to enjoy the beauty of this lakeside community, low-key lifestyle and wide array of activities.

With its 26 miles of shoreline, Lake Glenville can also just be the perfect picture outside a window for a lazy winter day. In the summer, there's plenty of lakeside property to enjoy a hot, sunny afternoon.

For those looking to boat, there are two public access boat launches on Pine Creek Road, off of N.C. Highway 107 North.

Most of the lakeshore is privately owned, however, Ralph J. Andrews Park offers campsites, RV hook-ups and picnic shelters at its 79-acre recreational facility. Call 828-743-3923 for reservations. The park is located near the dam off Pine Creek Road in Glenville.

In spring 2015, Duke Energy also completed construction on a new Pines Recreation Area at 1965 Pine Creek Road in Glenville.

Amenities include a federal Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible fishing pier, swim beach and vault toilet. There are also picnic areas, including an ADA accessible picnic station, an information kiosk, historical signs and a life jacket loaner board in the swimming area.

The perimeter of the swim area is delineated with a floating buoy line constructed using a four-inch diameter yellow pipe. For the portion of the buoy line in the water, steel piles are used to hold it in place. The buoy line is set to follow the water level as it changes, keeping the swim areas delineation.

The steel piles have been wrapped in reflective tape and have a depth gauge and no boating signs attached to them. The depth gage allows users a quick indication of the water depth.

Lake Glenville is also home to many activities throughout the year, including an annual Fourth of July fireworks and boat regatta. To view upcoming lake activities and events, stories and photos, visit www.friendsoflakeglenville.com.

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Sapphire Valley

Upon heading east from the crossroads of Cashiers along U.S. Highway 64, you will quickly find Sapphire Valley nestled amongst the peaks of the Eastern Continental Divide. Known as a top gold-producing area in the country during the 1880s, tourism has blessed the gem-inspired Sapphire Valley ever since.

Sapphire Valley Resort hosts access to endless fun with Hogback and Fairfield lakes. Scenic Fairfield Lake offers rich views of Bald Rock throughout the seasons along with canoe, kayak and boat rentals, swimming, and fishing for bass and bream. Various hiking trails are also located nearby, including one to the top of Bald Rock.

Winter in Sapphire Valley can include a visit to Sapphire Valley Ski Area and Frozen Falls Tube Park, which features state-of-the-art snowmaking technology and is perfect for skiers and snowboarders, alike. Offering an intermediate-rated and bunny slope, Sapphire Valley is fun for the whole family. Rentals and lessons are available at the ski lodge. Call 828-743-7663 for information.

Normally conducted in February at the Sapphire Valley Ski Area, the annual Great Sapphire Outhouse Race features homemade outhouses on skis racing down a hill. The event is a fundraiser for a nonprofit organization. The participants have complete control over the decorating and theme of their outhouse in this unforgettable event.

As the weather gets warmer, the slopes turn into a grassy concert arena as Sapphire Valley Resort hosts its popular concert series. For the calendar of events or ticket information, visit www.sapphirevalley.com/concerts-and-music.

A year-round public zip line called The Vordach – Austri-

an/German for “the canopy” – was introduced at Sapphire Valley in 2014 and serves as another fun activity for visitors.

The Sapphire Valley Community Center lies adjacent to the ski slopes and offers a gathering place for the area’s full- and part-time residents. The community center hosts many activities and classes for members ranging from nature walks to painting classes. Planned trips are also available and have included touring the beautiful Biltmore Estate, riding through the Nantahala Gorge on the great Smoky Mountain Railroad, whitewater rafting on the historic Nantahala River or an evening cruise on beautiful Lake Glenville. Call 828-743-7663 for information.

Across the street from the community center, the Sapphire Valley Recreation Center offers even more activities for visitors. The recreation center ensures fun for everyone with its indoor and outdoor pools, saunas, hot tubs, pool tables, air hockey, pinball machines, ping pong, video games, movie rentals, mini golf, a tanning bed, bocce ball, horseshoe pits, massage therapy, personal training, facials, bike rentals, basketball, soccer, horseback riding and fully stocked fitness and exercise room. Call 828-743-1171 for information.

Finally, Sapphire Valley boasts two golf courses. Open daily, the nine-hole executive golf course and driving range known as Red Bird Golf Links is perfect for an experienced game or practice. If you are looking for a larger course, Sapphire National Golf Club is open to the public and features 18-holes of mountain golf.

To learn more about Sapphire Valley, visit www.sapphirevalley.com.

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Tuckasegee

For those in search of a change from your regular day-to-day activities, Tuckasegee is a great option.

Tucked away between Glenville and Cullowhee along N.C. Highway 107 North, the slow pace of rural life is prominent in the Tuckasegee community. The name Tuckasegee is said to be derived from a similar Cherokee word meaning “turtle place.” Featuring scenic farmland, wonderful river access, four lakes and various cultural artifacts, Tuckasegee or “Tuck” as it is nicknamed, is just the place for fishing, swimming, boating or a simple, peaceful drive.

GREENWAY

The Tuckasegee River Greenway is a paved trail that allows a beautiful mile-long route for walkers and bikers. Opened in 2016, a 190-foot long, eight-foot wide pedestrian bridge spans the river - sometimes spelled Tuckasegee, slightly different than how the community name of Tuckasegee is spelled. The greenway connects with parking at Duke Energy’s Locust Creek River Access Area.

To access the trailhead and parking area from N.C. Highway 107 North, take Old Cullowhee Road to Monteith Gap Road. Follow the greenway signs to the end of this road.

LAKES

Formed in the 1950s by the Nantahala Power & Light company, Cedar Cliff, Tanasee, Wolf and Bear Creek lakes offer numerous recreational opportunities for visitors. Trout fishing is a must at all four lakes. Tanasee, the smallest of the four lakes, is just 39 acres, which is perfect for canoeing and kayaking. Cedar Cliff is the only of the four lakes that is not hatchery supported, but it still offers wonderful fishing and canoeing opportunities.

Bear Creek Lake, known to most as Bear Lake, is the largest of the four lakes at 476 acres. Located just 5.1 miles east of Tuckasegee off N.C. Highway 281, its larger size allows for an abundance of water sports. The lake also features a small beach perfect for a family swimming or fishing day.

Wolf Creek Lake is the second largest lake. Located off the beaten path on the east fork of the Tuckasegee, it is typically the most peaceful.

EAST LAPORTE PARK

If you are looking for a lovely place for a picnic, access to the Tuckasegee River, or to play volleyball or basketball, East LaPorte Park is conveniently located just off N.C. Highway 107 North. Operated by the Jackson County Recreation and Parks Department, East LaPorte Park also features a rentable covered pavilion. For information, call 828-293-3053.

JUDACULLA ROCK

“Judaculla Rock cultural and archaeological site is one of America’s most significant historical places,” reads an information sign at the site. “Revered through the ages by the Cherokee, the site’s rich cultural legacy makes this one of their most important ancestral places.” The magnificent soapstone has ancient quarry scars and petroglyphs. “The rock is carved with approximately 1,548 designs, more than any other known petroglyph boulder in the eastern United States.” Petroglyphs are rock carvings, especially prehistoric. Nobody knows the true meanings of these signs. The Judaculla Rock markings remain a mystery to geologists and archaeologists. The Judaculla Rock can be found off N.C. Highway 107 North, along Caney Fork Road.

HIKING, FISHING, GOLFING AND MORE

HIKING

The Cashiers area also offers many hikes for intermediate and high-level hikers. From the intermediate trails through Whiteside Mountain and along the Chattooga River, to rough trails through Gorges State Park and Panthertown Valley, the area offers a little bit of everything.

Gorges State Park

Gorges State Park, located along N.C. Highway 281 South from U.S. Highway 64 East, the park has one of the most extensive network of trails in the area, with various hikes for all-level hikers. Gorges offers more than 125 rare plants, long-distance views from cliffs and multiple waterfalls to enjoy. Rainbow Falls is one of the most popular sites at 150 feet. Hikes range from intermediate to strenuous, but ongoing improvements make the park easily accessible for large groups, and informational maps at trailheads and along paths make navigation fairly easy.

Chattooga River Headwaters

The Upper Chattooga River is a wonderful area to head out into the backcountry along a network of trails. Following Bull Pen Road from N.C. Highway 107 South, visitors will find parking in dozens of pull offs. A large iron bridge stands as a landmark for newcomers and marks the start of multiple trailheads. These trails are an intermediate hike, but maps are suggested as many switchbacks can create confusion.

Panthertown

Panthertown Valley, located off U.S. Highway 64 East, is perhaps the pantheon of the wild for the plateau. This 6,300-acre backcountry tract pushing deep into the Nantahala National Forest has more to offer than could ever be viewed in a day. From waterfalls to a rare Appalachian bog, it is a diverse ecological site in the Appalachian high country. Raven Rock, Schoolhouse and Greenland Creek falls are all popular

water features. Trails range from intermediate to strenuous and maps, which can be purchased at most outdoor stores in the area, are highly encouraged.

Silver Run Falls

A parking area for Silver Run Falls is located on N.C. Highway 107, four miles south of the crossroads. Within 100 yards of the parking area, visitors can take a break on large boulders and watch Silver Run Creek pour over a 25-foot into a deep pool. This attraction is extremely family-accessible and offers a touch of the wild even for those unable to venture out into the wilderness.

Whiteside Mountain

A network of fairly easy trails along Whiteside Mountain are definitely one of the local favorites for hikers. With a parking area located off of U.S. Highway 64 West, between Cashiers and Highlands, visitors can take a walk down a loop trail that offers long-distance views from the 750-foot cliffs. These trails are intermediate-level hikes. However, a well-maintained trail and a medium-level grade make the hike accessible for most.

Whitewater Falls

Whitewater Falls is perhaps the most easily accessible large waterfall in the area. Located on N.C. Highway 281 South, from U.S. Highway 64 East, a large parking area accommodates groups and within a few hundred feet visitors can view the 411-foot falls from a large viewing platform. This is the highest waterfall east of the Rockies, and a heavily maintained trail makes access easy for everyone.

FLY FISHING

As the home of the nation's first Fly Fishing Trail, Jackson County owns the bragging rights to fishing stories of all lengths.

The Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail in Jackson County guides anglers to 15 prime spots to catch trout in

the Great Smoky Mountains. The trail offers everything from wide rivers to medium-sized creeks to small streams. It's been a hit with experts and beginners alike, drawing anglers from across the nation.

The trail was launched in spring 2009 by the Jackson County Tourism and Development Authority and became an immediate success.

"We've continued to receive inquiries from all over the nation, from as far away as Texas and California. I think the trail has been popular because we're in a nice, scenic location, and people want to come here to fish and enjoy a relaxing getaway," said Julie Spiro, director of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

For years, Jackson County's trout-rich waters beckoned fly fishermen, but there wasn't a program that brought together fishing, lodging, dining and things to do in the area. The WNC Fly Fishing Trail changed that.

"Now when fishing enthusiasts call or stop by, we have a map to put in their hands. It guides them to the best public-access waters in the county, and has information on lodging and other activities. We also make sure that everyone requesting a map gets a Jackson County Visitor Guide," Spiro said.

The idea for the trail is to direct anglers to numerous fishing options that exist on public lands in Jackson County. The trail is anchored by the Tuckasegee River, which has five of the trail's 15 fishing spots.

The delayed harvest section of the "Tuck" provides open spaces and well-stocked catch and release waters that can be fished year-round. The Raven Fork trophy water on the Cherokee Indian Reservation can also be fished 12 months a year. The Raven Fork is regularly stocked with huge trout, many exceeding 20 inches.

Serious fly anglers tend to gravitate toward the smaller, lesser-known spots. One example is Panthertown Creek in Panthertown Valley, a high mountain

valley known as the “Yosemite of the East.” Other spots for the serious anglers include the wild trout waters of the Chattooga River, Whitewater River and Tanasee Creek.

Free, water-resistant trail maps are available to anglers who take the trail pledge: “As a true sportsman, I pledge never to litter and to avoid trespassing on private lands. I will respect the rights of property owners, and always leave the streams in better condition than I found them.”

For information on the Fly Fishing Trail, call 800-962-1911 or visit www.flyfishingtrail.com.

GOLF

From a private golf club ranked among the world’s best, to a simple nine-hole par-3 course, there’s a fairway for every level of experience in the Cashiers area.

Sapphire National Golf Club

This public 18-hole golf course located at 50 Slicers Avenue in Sapphire. Featuring 6,147 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70, the course rating is 69.3 with a slope rating of 119. Call 828-743-1174 to schedule a tee time or visit sapphirenational.com.

Country Club of Sapphire Valley

The Country Club of Sapphire Valley private course opened in 1956 and was originally designed by George Cobb but had a recent update by Bill Bergin to maintain the original integrity of the design. Located at 120 Handicap Drive in Sapphire, this course features 6,859 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. For information, call 828-743-2462 or visit ccsapphirevalley.org.

High Hampton

High Hampton is another public golf course in the area, however guests at High Hampton Inn get first choice of tee times. Each of the 18 holes on this NC mountain golf course offers a new scenic experience. In addition to the course, there are two putting greens and an excellent practice range. For more information, call 828-743-2450 or visit highhamptoninn.com.

Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club

Located at 34 High Mountain Drive in Cashiers is the sixth golf course Tom Fazio has designed for Discovery Land and he considers it one of his finest. This private course features 7,100 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70. For information, call 828-743-7353 or visit mountaintopgolfclub.com.

Trillium Links

Designed by Morris Hatalsky and opening in 1998, this 18-hole private mountain course plays 6,440 yards and is a par 72. Located at 245 Links Drive in Cashiers, the course rating is 71.5 and it has a slope rating of 140 on bent grass. For information, call 828-743-4251 or visit trilliumnc.com/lifestyle/golf/.

Wade Hampton Golf Club

Located off N.C. Highway 107 South in Cashiers, this Tom Fazio-designed private course is considered to be among the world’s best in many magazine and industry rankings. Ranking #1 in Golf Weeks Top Residential Courses and #25 in the Top 100 of Golf Digest, this course features 7,154 yards from of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. For information, call 828-743-5465.

Burlingame at Sapphire Lakes

Another private 18-hole course was designed by Tom Jackson/(R) John LaFoy, ASGCA and opened in 1985. Features 6,640 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72, the course rating is 71.4 and it has a slope rating of 136 on bent grass. The course is located at 1600 Highway 64 West in Sapphire. For information, call 828-966-9202 or visit www.burlingamecc.com/country.html.

Bear Lake Golf Club

A nine-hole private course is located at Bear Lake Reserve in Tuckasegee. This par 29, 1,932-yard course sits at an elevation of 3,400 to 3,700 feet and has some of the best views in the community. The seventh hole may phase your concentration as you look at the breathtaking 40-mile view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. For information, call 828-293-3455 or visit bearlakereserve.com/amenities/

bear-lake-golf-club.html.

Red Bird Golf Links

Sapphire’s own public nine-hole par 3 executive course is located at 67 Cherokee Trail. For tee times, call 828-743-1991.

Lake Toxaway Country Club

This private 18-hole course features 6,418 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71 and is located at 4366 West Club Boulevard in Lake Toxaway. For information, visit www.laketoxawaycc.com or call 828-966-4661.

CAMPING

Gorges State Park has primitive camping near the southern boundary of the park along the Foothills Trail.

The park offers six designated backpack sites along the trail within the park boundary. Gorges is located on N.C. Highway 281 off U.S. Highway 64 East in Sapphire. To access the Foothills Trail at Gorges State Park, park at the Frozen Creek parking lot and then follow the square yellow markers on the Cane Brake Trail.

Bull Pen Road off N.C. Highway 107 South at the headwaters of the Chattooga River has many campsites directly beside the roadway. The road does not receive heavy traffic, making even the close campsites a wonderful place for a night absent of human noise.

Panthertown Valley is by far the most primitive camping experience in the valley, with no official campsites. Camping is allowed with standard National Forest camping rules applying. There are many small clearings along the trails where hikers can stop and spend the night. A map of the area is highly recommended and can be purchased at most outdoor shops in the area.

Ralph J. Andrews Park in Glenville is another wonderful camping destination with a location on the waterfront of Lake Glenville. The park offers 47 campsites ranging from full hook-ups to tent sites and primitive campsites. It also has picnic shelters, picnic facilities, fishing, swimming and boating access. It is open May 1-Oct. 31, and has a park manager on duty at the campground.

CASHIERS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Now in its 39th year, the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce serves the communities of Cashiers, Glenville, Sapphire and Lake Toxaway with a mission to provide leadership as an advocate for business, Information Source for the community and conduit for building destination awareness and responsible growth.

Member and visitor services are offered in the chamber's log cabin office at 202 U.S. Highway 64 West. The location just west of the crossroads serves as a communications nexus for the area with a central calendar of events available online at cashiers411.com, business directory, visitor information, community postings, nonprofit event ticket sales and much more. The "Cashiers Area Visitor Guide & Membership Directory," "Cashiers Area Shopping & Dining Guide" and "Play On Discover Jackson NC" visitor guide are published annually as are other valuable information resources.

The chamber operates the Jackson

County Visitor Center in its building on behalf of the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority. Free wi-fi, brochures and maps are available 365 days a year on its all-weather front porch. Chamber officials also serve on the JCTDA board to assist in the region's tourism management and destination marketing efforts.

Additionally, the chamber organizes membership activities to promote local business success. Its economic development strategic initiatives include workforce development, broadband connectivity, infrastructure expansion, pedestrian mobility and safety, Hispanic business development and support, health and wellness, and community engagement. It launched Leadership Cashiers, now in its third year, a program to promote effective community leadership. It sponsors "Welcome Cashiers" destination hospitality efforts, retail promotions, pedestrian safety, anti-litter and other public service

campaigns to enhance the quality of life on the plateau.

Other activity highlights include community forums on topics of concern, such as water resources, county reinvestment, public safety and health and wellness. Annual chamber events include business after hours receptions which showcase area businesses and offer valuable networking opportunities to members, and red ribbon celebrations that mark new businesses and chamber members.

The chamber also hosts community traditions, such as the Spirit of Our Community Awards and the Cashiers Christmas Parade featuring marching bands, floats, dancers, horses, dogs, antique fire engines and more, presented the first Saturday in December.

Memberships are available for businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals. Visit CashiersAreaChamber.com, email info@CashiersAreaChamber.com or call 828-743-5191 to join.

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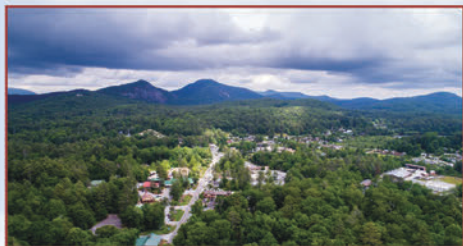
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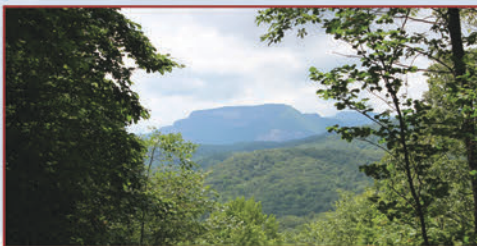
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HIGHWAY 64 WEST

Highlands Cashiers Road development opportunity. Whiteside Mountain view potential with trimming. 100 gal/min well on 4.22 (+/-) acre piece only limited by commercial review. Great site for a bed and breakfast, spectacular professional office or dramatic destination shop.

MLS# 95870 🏠 \$ 179,000



HOLLY BERRY ESTATES

11.54 +/- acre lot. Whiteside cove location is conveniently only 6 miles from Cashiers yet private & secluded. 180 degree views of Little Terrapin, Chimney Top and Rock Mountains. Holly Berry Estates has new paved roads, two stocked lakes for fly fishing, swimming and kayaking. Lot can be subdividable and has existing well. Close to Sliding Rock (natural NC waterslide) and US National Forest known for its hiking trails.

MLS# 95656 🏠 \$ 235,000



CHINQUAPIN

A cascading waterfall within a stream that runs 683 feet along one side of the lot and a mountain view makes this an extra special property! The building envelope is established on the survey and the area is cleared. 2.5 +/- Acres.

MLS# 85532 🏠 \$ 185,000



SILVER SLIP FALLS

Lot 2, +/- 1.5 acres at 3510' elevation, in desirable Silver Slip Subdivision. Gated and close to town of Cashiers. It is located at the end of a cul-de-sac. Enjoy Lake Sarka, the 5 acre community lake stocked with trout--ideal for the avid fisherman. Great for Year Round or Summer living. Ridge Views. Three bedroom expired septic permit.

MLS# 91917 🏠 \$ 45,000



PILOTS KNOB

Great opportunity for a high elevation lot with privacy. Gentle rolling topography. Potential Great Mountain view with tree trimming. Winter mountain view now. Subdivision has greenspace, community pond and fire pit. Close to Lake Glenville access and to Cashiers.

MLS# 95734 🏠 \$ 69,900

ROTARY CLUB OF CASHIERS VALLEY

As the only purely service-oriented organization in Cashiers, the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley develops and supports its own initiatives as well as those of other area nonprofit organizations. Through donations of time, energy and money, Cashiers Rotary works to build better foundations and stronger networks for those less fortunate in our community. From helping to feed the hungry to raising money for cutting-edge Alzheimer's disease research, the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley champions a number of causes in keeping with its motto of "Service Above Self."

Some of the recent service projects undertaken by the club include: keeping the three-mile stretch of N.C. Highway 107 South clean as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program; serving as mentors in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program of Western North Carolina, Meals on Wheels, Stop Hunger Now and Backpacks for Hungry Kids programs; collecting and distributing warm coats, gloves and scarves during the Winter Coat Drive; and tutoring



The Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley organizes and assists with a variety of civic activities on the plateau, including trash pickups along the roads and highways leading into and out of Cashiers and the surrounding area.

students at Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College.

In addition to Rotarians putting their boots on the ground in these and other efforts, the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley also provides monetary support to other nonprofit organizations doing good work in the community.

In the past year, more than \$200 million was spent to support the goal of

a polio-free world and other humanitarian efforts that provide clean water, medical care, literacy classes and other essentials to people in need.

The club has raised over \$100,000 for the purchase of a new mobile medical clinic for the Vecinos Farmworker Health Program, distributed gift cards to essential workers during the height of the COVID pandemic, and provided grants to the Community Care Clinic of Cashiers and Highlands, the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic, the Blue Ridge Foundation's Child Literacy program, Summit Charter School, Blue Ridge School, Rise Against Hunger and many more. The club also raised more than \$3,000 for the CART Bucket Challenge to fund Alzheimer's research and expanded its scholarship program to provide financial assistance to those seeking continuing education, certification or other career-advancement opportunities and committed to living and working in our community.

The Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley depends on its members and their commitment to community service to succeed and thrive. The club meets every Wednesday morning. To attend as a visitor or learn more about joining the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley, contact info@cashiersrotary.org.



Rotary members visit local businesses to learn more about the local economy and culture, and regularly scheduled events take place throughout the community.

ALBERT CARLTON-CASHIERS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Looking for a place where people young and old can gather to acquire new information, conduct meetings, watch a movie or simply curl up with a good book? The Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library is just that kind of place.

The library is a place where the community can access information in just about any format. It is a place of sharing, participation and fellowship as well. As a member of Fontana Regional Library, it also gives visitors access to resources from five libraries in Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. The library is also a member of NC Cardinal, a statewide network of libraries that give patrons access to millions of library resources, delivered right to the Cashiers library.

Patrons of the library are diverse to say the least. Patrons of the library are diverse to say the least. The faces that walk through the library doors range from the young to the employed and the retired. The library supports local students with resources for homework, and helps new families with information on parenting and child development. From picture books to large print, the library has something for everyone.

The library's patrons also have free access to dozens of online databases for genealogy, literature, finance and medicine. It also offers thousands of e-books, e-magazines, e-audiobooks and streaming video accessible through the library's website, www.fontanalib.org.

If patrons cannot find what they're looking for, the library staff is ready and willing to help. The public is invited to use one of the library's seven Internet-accessible computers, four children's tablets with fun and educational apps, a children's computer dedicated to ABC Mouse, and visitors are always welcome to bring their own laptops and tablets to tap into the library's free wireless connection.

Cashiers' library also offers programs: storytime for the little ones;



The Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library is an excellent resource for print and digital informational materials, as well as a gathering place for families and organizations.

a summer learning program for kids and teens; Thursday movies throughout the year for both youngsters and adults; concerts; crafts; author talks; Lego Club and coding robots; as well as fun and informational programming for all ages year-round.

For the most up-to-date event information, become a fan of the library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/

AlbertCarltonCashiersCommunityLibrary, follow them on Twitter @Fontanalib or check the library's website calendar, www.fontanalib.org/eventcalendar.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. It is closed Sundays and Mondays. For information, call 828-743-0215.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library is an organization of residents dedicated to promoting the continued growth of the library and its services. It comprises people from all walks of life and of all ages who share a common belief that a good public library is a valuable community asset that must be nourished and supported.

Membership in Friends of the Library costs \$35 for individuals, \$50 for families, \$125 for patrons and \$250 for sponsors. Make checks to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 2628, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Donations of money, books, movies and audio books are also accepted, whether for use at the library or by the Friends of the Library book sale. The Friends' annual book sale takes place twice a year depending on the COVID-19 pandemic. The book clearances are held in the summer and fall, but their store in the library is always open.

FISHES AND LOAVES FOOD PANTRY

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry was established in 2005 to provide people of Jackson County with access to an emergency food pantry.

Statistics show that one in five people in Jackson County fall below the poverty line. Although the food pantry cannot alleviate hunger in the area, it can provide a stopgap method to help meet some of the dietary needs of Jackson County.

Fishes and Loaves is located behind the Cashiers-Glenville Volunteer Fire Department and is open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Eligibility is based on family size and monthly income. Eligible individuals can receive food up to twice a month as long that they need food.

In 2020, Fishes and Loaves served 2,530 households and a total of 7,752 people with 3,689 boxes of food. Eligible visitors to the food pantry are given one or two boxes of food twice per month, depending on the size of the family and invited to take additional loose food items, seasonal fresh vegetables and fruits. A standard box of food includes three cans of vegetables, three cans of meat, three cans of fruit, cereal, two cans of soup, dried beans, rice, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, mash potatoes and peanut butter.



Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry serves the nutritional needs of many families in Cashiers and beyond.

There are also special boxes prepared for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter that are distributed 200-plus families in addition to the twice-monthly boxes.

All staff is volunteer and is provided by 12 area churches, including Cashiers Baptist Church, Cashiers Church of God, Cashiers United Methodist Church, Christ Anglican Church, Christ Church of the Valley, Church of the Good Shepherd, Community Bible Church, Grace Community Church, Glenville Wesleyan Church, Living

Redeemer Assembly of God, St. Jude Catholic Church and Yellow Mountain Baptist Church. A faithful group comes every Friday to build boxes, receive food, stock the shelves, cooler and freezer, as well as clean the facility.

In cooperation with Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley, free coats are also distributed through the pantry during the winter.

For information on the pantry, visit www.fishesandloavescashiers.org.

BLUE RIDGE FREE DENTAL CLINIC

The Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic delivers high-quality emergency, restorative and preventative dental care to people who cannot otherwise afford these critically needed services. They restore lives - one tooth at a time.

Serving low income and uninsured residents of Jackson, Haywood, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties with income levels at or below 200 percent of the poverty level, the clinic provides comprehensive dental services free of charge to patients.

The clinic serves patients in the community with a staff dentist, 12 volunteer dentists, one dental hygienist

and two dental assistants.

With a focus on prevention and restoration, this team works five days a week to provide dental care (cleanings, fillings, root canals, crowns and even dentures) and goes beyond merely fixing problems to target the benefits of proper preventive dental health.

Many people realize that limited financial resources are a barrier to dental care. Medicare does not provide any dental services, and while Medicaid provides limited dental assistance, large portions of the needy population, particularly the working poor and elderly, do not qualify for

that program. As a result, many patients have gone without dental care for years. This leads to critical issues of infection and life-changing situations where basic nutrition, employment, and family life take a back seat to constant and often debilitating pain and embarrassment.

To make an appointment, call 828-743-3393. To learn more, visit <http://www.brfdc.org/>.

To make a donation toward the clinic's mission or for information on community partnerships, email Executive Director Melanie Jones at brfreedental@gmail.com.



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CASHIERS-HIGHLANDS HUMANE SOCIETY

One of the most picturesque no-kill shelters in the United States, the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society is nestled amongst 10 rolling acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains, surrounded by the natural beauty of scenic forests, mountains, waterfalls, rivers and lakes. Dogs and puppies romp and run in multi-acre play yards, and cats and kittens interact and play in cage-less community cat rooms and expansive sunlit porches. Adopters of CHHS shelter pets have traveled from 23 different states to meet their new best friend and discover unconditional love.

Established in 1987 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit animal welfare organization, CHHS has rescued, provided care and found forever homes for thousands of abandoned and neglected animals. CHHS receives no federal, state or local tax dollars, and no financial support from any national animal organization. One hundred percent of their funding comes from individual donations, grants, bequests and special events.

In addition to their core mission of animal welfare, CHHS also has multiple community outreach programs to help improve the lives of local residents and their pets. These initiatives include low cost spay/neuter, low cost vaccination clinics, humane education programs and summer camps for local schoolchildren, a free food pet pantry for animal owners facing financial hardship, pet therapy visits to area senior living communities, and dozens of off-site adoption events throughout the community each year.

Of approximately 14,000 animal shelters and rescue organizations nationwide, CHHS is one of only 350 that has earned the designation of Emergency Placement Partner with the Humane Society of the United States. The CHHS Animal Rescue Team has received national recognition for its lifesaving work in puppy mill raids, hoarding and cruelty cases, and natural disaster rescue and evacuation.

In the past decade, two of the most modern animal welfare facilities in the state have been built on the 10-acre campus – the CHHS Canine Adoption Center, and the CHHS Feline Adoption & Animal Care Center. Both buildings opened debt-free on their first day of operation. The facilities have allowed CHHS to quadruple the number of animals they save and adopt each year.

Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society is located at 200 Gable Drive in Sapphire, one and a half miles east of the Cashiers Ingles supermarket in between Cedar Creek Club and Lonesome Valley on Highway 64 East. The no-kill shelter is open 10a.m.-4p.m. Tuesday through Saturday by appointment. Visit CHHS online at www.chhumanesociety.org to see pictures and descriptions of all the adorable, adoptable dogs and cats looking for forever homes.

For information, call the shelter at 828-743-5752.




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Spencer is a native of western, North Carolina. For generations his family has been involved in real estate throughout the region. Spencer uses his real estate knowledge and enthusiasm to assist clients all around the plateau.

Education

The five small educational campuses located in Cashiers may not seem impressive when looking at enrollment numbers alone, but with smaller class sizes, these campuses offer spectacular opportunities for quality education on the plateau.

Cashiers Valley Preschool

Cashiers Valley Preschool is conveniently located at 180 Cashiers School Road. With a 16,000-square-foot fenced-in playground outdoors and a 3,000-square-foot indoor playground, CVP accommodates nearly 40 children ranging from one to five years old. The school boasts four certified and experienced teachers, along with Director, Victoria Hair and Board President Ken Mattis. Children are taught letters, numbers, shapes and colors at CVP as well as encouraged to be creative by completing activities such as coloring, painting and other crafts throughout the year. The school offers PTO programs, birthdays, holidays, special events and fundraising activities allowing parents to be appreciated and involved. The school takes pride in teaching good manners and sticking to its motto: "Where each parent matters and every child is special." Call 828-743-4320 for information.

Hampton Preschool and Early Learning Center

At Hampton Preschool and Early Learning Center, children become excited about learning. With high-quality learning environments, even the youngest children are offered opportunities for exploration and discovery each day. The center utilizes a rich curriculum in its classrooms that emphasizes social/emotional development, the natural world and school readiness.

The center serves toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children in three separate classrooms year-round. The preschool is following the guidance of the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education as well as the Department of Health and Human Services amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The center is open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The school is located at 20 Community Place in Cashiers. For information, contact Misty Berry, director, at 828-743-3056. Visit their website at hamptonpreschool.com.

Blue Ridge School & Blue Ridge Early College

Blue Ridge is the community's public elementary and high school. Boasting National Board-certified teachers, small class sizes, state-of-the-art technology, middle and high school athletic programs, and an op-

tional 13th year for interested students, Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College is a kindergarten through 12th grade joint facility with nearly 400 students. These students can engage in various clubs and extra-curricular activities including community service projects, student government, chorus, Interact, Lego Robotics, Junior Appalachian Musicians and Battle of the Books. Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College is located on 95 Bobcat Drive, just into Glenville from the crossroads in Cashiers. For information, call 828-743-2646.

Summit Charter School

Summit Charter School is a tuition-free K-12 public charter school in the Cashiers-Highlands plateau. Summit engages students in learning experiences that stimulate discovery, inspire excellence, and nurture a

BLUE RIDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Blue Ridge School Education Foundation's mission is to provide supplemental educational funding to Blue Ridge School and Early College (pre-kindergarten through 12th grade) with an optional 13th year for advanced college credits. The foundation and its president, Sapphire resident Carl O. Hyde, invite you to browse through the various tabs of the foundation's website (<http://brsfoundation.com/>) to review the funding grants made to the school supporting "under budgeted" needs of the administration and faculty for the advanced academic achievement of students.

The foundation was founded in 2002 and was issued a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service in December 2010 recognizing Blue Ridge School Education Foundation Incorporated as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(C)3. The foundation is administered by a totally volunteer board of directors who are elected based on their experience with children and commitment to better public schooling. Funding for grants awarded to the school come from proceeds of the Annual Nashville Songwriters' Round and from generous corporate and individual donors who support our mission.

positive influence in an ever-changing world. A picturesque mountain campus and state-of-the-art facilities provide an ideal setting for teachers and students to embrace high expectations, build meaningful relationships, and practice Summit's Seven Virtues: "Each day in my words and my deeds, I will do my best to live these seven virtues: Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Perseverance, and Giving."

Summit's primary goals are to graduate students who are academically prepared, engaged in the community, healthy, and strong in character. To learn more about the school's whole-child education with an emphasis on academic rigor, character, social-emotional learning, outdoor education, fine arts, and athletics, visit summitschool.org or call 828-743-5755.

COLLEGES

A short drive from Cashiers or a click away on the Internet, a community col-

lege and university offer campus and online programs for residents to further their education.

SCC

Southwestern Community College has campuses in Jackson, Macon and Swain that offer diploma, certificate and associate degree curricula, as well as concentrations for students across the region. With over 100 programs, more than 9,000 students enroll annually in credit courses and participate in a wide variety of courses, workshops and seminars offered through the institution. SCC's Jackson County campus is located at 447 College Drive in Sylva. SCC also offers an early college program with Blue Ridge Early College in Cashiers. For information, call 828-339-4426.

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tem, Western Carolina University is a vigorous community of higher education. More than 12,000 students partake in the university's unique learning opportunities incorporating teaching, research, service and community engagement. Improving the lives of the students while boosting a sustainable community and economic development in the region is the focus of each academic program and outreach activity on Western Carolina's campus. With a student/faculty ratio of 17 to 1, Western Carolina offers more than 115 undergraduate majors and concentrations, including a nationally recognized teacher education program, a criminal justice program used as a model across the state, the nation's first accredited four-year emergency medical care program and more than 40 other graduate-level programs of study. The university is located in Cullowhee, about 20 miles north of Cashiers on N.C. Highway 107. For information, visit www.wcu.edu.



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After a casual tennis game between Andy Roddick and the late William McKee in 2012, a vision for the Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau was created to provide excellent afterschool and summer programming for the youth of the Cashiers-Highlands plateau. The Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau officially opened in September 2014 after the collaboration of Roddick, McKee and many others to create the Mountain Challenge Tennis Exhibition, which provided the funds out of which Mountain Youth Charities (MYC) was born.

MYC formed a steering committee of community members to research which afterschool opportunities would best suit the children. The committee determined Boys and Girls Clubs of America's mission to "enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens," was very much in line with its own goals.

The initial funds from MYC, augmented by the generosity of the Founders Circle, and supported by the hard work of a host of community volunteers, enabled Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau to open a year ahead of schedule, and the club became a fully chartered member of Boys and Girls Clubs of America within a month.

Upon opening, 140 students from Blue Ridge and Summit Charter schools were enrolled in the club's daily programming at Cashiers Community Center. After a successful start, the club has continued to expand and provide exciting programs and activities to enhance the experience of every child involved. Enrollment has continually grown and daily attendance has increased by 15 percent. The dream to place success within reach of every young person who walks through the doors is becoming a reality.

The programs offered by the club are centered around academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy lifestyles. The club pursues these goals by offering daily homework assistance and tutoring, sport and fitness activities, team-building games and activities, and service learning programs.

The club has taken great advantage of the outdoor opportunities of the Cashiers area; through special programming and hikes, members are encouraged to take pride in and protect the scenery and environment of the plateau. Partnerships with Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library and the Bascom allow additional enrichment opportunities.

The club also operates an eight-week long summer day camp. Activities include swimming, hiking, tennis and golf.

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The Cashiers-Glenville Recreation Center offers an array of fitness activities for those on the plateau.

cility offers a full-size gymnasium and indoor walking track, a fitness room with cardio equipment and weight equipment, an aerobics room, a meeting room and locker rooms.

An array of fitness classes are offered from senior walking to core strength, spinning, Pilates to kids zone. Appointments can also be made with the certified personal trainers to help residents reach their goals.

The center also offers homeschool PE during the school year and a Fun 4 Kids Summer Day Camp over the summer. Registration for the camp is held in March every year.

The center is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Daily admission is \$5 for individuals, \$8 for families and \$3 for senior citizens. Children ages 8 and younger are free. Monthly, yearly and 12-visit passes are available as well.

For membership or class information, visit rec.jacksonnnc.org/cashiers-glenville-recreation-center or call 828-631-2020.

CASHIERS COMMUNITY CENTER

The Cashiers Community Center, adjacent to the recreation center, includes meeting space, a basketball court, swimming pool, ball fields, walking trail and playground.

The pool is open from mid-June to Labor Day. Open swim is \$3 per person. Season passes are available for \$70 a person for an individual pass and \$135 for families. Swimming lessons are also available. The pool is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Lap swim for adults is 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 1 p.m. on Sunday. Water aerobics will be held on Saturdays at 10 a.m., cost is \$5 per class.

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CASHIERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cashiers boasts a long and colorful history, but until the mid-1990s, there was no organized effort to preserve its history.

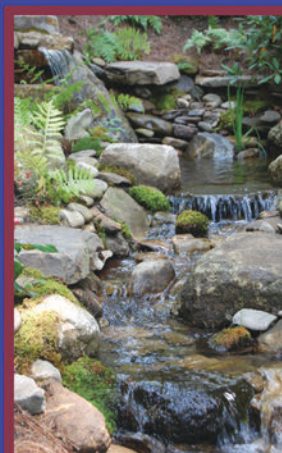
That changed with a meeting on the porch of Julia Tolbert McCall's house, where a small group gathered to brainstorm the start of what is now the Cashiers Historical Society. It is their initial spirit that continues to arouse the same dedication and enthusiasm in an active group of volunteers who support an expanding calendar of activities.

For tickets or information on any CHS event, visit cashier-historicalsociety.org/ or call 828-743-7710.



The historic Zachary Tolbert House is the base of the Cashiers Historical Society's operations. (Staff photo)

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THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Village Green and Commons is a park for the people. In 1992, the founders saved two acres at the crossroads of U.S. Highway 64 and N.C. Highway 107 in Cashiers from commercial development. The Village Green was established with the mission to preserve and enhance the land for civic, spiritual, academic, recreational and cultural activities. More than a quarter century years later, the Village Green encompasses more than 13 acres and is the emerald heart of the community. Work is under way on a multi-use community events center at the Cashiers park. It is expected to be completed later in the year.

From a significant conservation perspective, the Village Green serves as a natural oasis. The park is an important environment to cultivate native plants and pollinators. It also provides a respite for migrating nesting birds. It truly is an integrated ecosystem where humans and nature interact.

The Village Green also attracts thousands of visitors each year, providing a window into pleasurable pursuits and traditions that make Cashiers unique.



The Village Green lies at the heart of Cashiers, providing a public space for all to enjoy.

The park is a gathering place for people of all ages, origins and economic backgrounds. People come from all over the region to enjoy the gardens, walking paths and trails, amazing public art and the expansive children's playground. The Village Green invites both leisurely walks and intense workouts; quiet places to picnic and read; settings to celebrate with friends and family; and a variety of popular concerts, festivals, lecture series and other community events.

The Village Green hosts the Village Nature Series naturalist programs in partnership with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust at 5:30 p.m. on the

last Tuesday of the month from May through September. The Village Green also serves as the location for the weekly locally grown farm stand market 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays.

The Village Green is a vital asset that strengthens the village charm of Cashiers. The Village Green is a public park that is privately conserved and operated by a nonprofit organization. The Village Green depends on donations and volunteers to maintain the park for everyone to enjoy.

For information about the Village Green, visit www.villagegreencashiersnc.com.

CONCERTS ON THE COMMONS

While The Village Green will not have the usual "Groovin' on the Green" outdoor concert series this summer, there will be a modified version. "Concerts on the Commons" will be a limited edition of outdoor and indoor concerts July-October.

Village Green Executive Director Ann Self has already scheduled some outstanding musicians, including a return to the stage by the Nashville artist Joe Lasher, Jr. The concerts will feature favorite groups and perhaps a few new ones as well. The Village Green staff is delighted, too, that they will be able to hold concerts indoors when the weather turns inclement or cooler and when daylight is shorter in the Fall. Like many musical and other venues, the Village Green will be selling "Commons Pods" with reserved concert seating.

Village Green leaders are working out the particulars to accommodate as many residents and visitors as they can safely. An announcement regarding information for Commons Pod sales and other concert details will be made in

late May or early June. They will also not be allowing tents this year for several reasons.

Live music will return with a "Village Crawl" from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, July 16, featuring Nitrograss taking the Commons stage and Spalding McIntosh and Friends performing at the Gazebo near the crossroads. The evening will include pop-up boutique shops at the Commons venue along with a wine tasting by the Highlands Wine Shoppe.

Food trucks will be serving up delicious food to purchase on both sides of The Village Green. Local retailers will be open late and businesses will have special promotions that evening. Sip, savor and stroll the newly refurbished Cashiers Greenway Ramble for a delightful midsummer night with friends and family.

The staff at the Village Green is also planning their traditional events like the Cashiers Valley Leaf Festival, the Gobble on the Green Thanksgiving 5K, and Christmas On the Green that now includes the holiday Village Lights display in December.

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DESIGNERS SHOWCASE

The Cashiers Historical Society is keen on education and maintaining the legacy of a historic place. CHS has created a narrative of design since 1998, producing over 20 showhouses. With a recent real estate boom on the plateau, CHS is excited to embark on a unique Cashiers Designer Showhouse event in 2021. Utilizing a vast network of partners, designers, and artisans, CHS aims to create a compelling conversation for future home buyers, new residents, and the community at large about responsible development and preservation. The historical society hopes to highlight what makes Cashiers a unique place - and how we can work to prepare it for future generations responsibly, turning the 2021 Cashiers Designer Showhouse into a teaching tool.

With a spirit of community-mindedness, the Cashiers Historical Society will utilize a curated guild list of regional interior designers, artists, artisans, and craftsmen from Cashiers, Highlands, Sapphire, Toxaway, Sylva, and Brevard.

Due to the massive demand for homes on the plateau, this year's Cashiers Designer Showhouse event will focus on a concept that was a huge hit as part of the 2020 showhouse- glamping. Scheduled from August 21 to September 4, this major annual fundraiser will be on the Cashiers Historical Society campus, showcasing a grouping of dif-



Each year, the Cashiers Historical Society organizes a showcase of local and regional interior designers' work at a home on the plateau, inviting guests to visit the home during the yearly event.

ferent glamping tents in true Cashiers' luxury and style. With construction timelines estimated as far out as two to three years for new homes, CHS has no doubt that recent land buyers, visitors, and residents will adore exploring glamping options for enjoying their properties during the wait. Within the glamping concept, CHS will also highlight local historical themes, preservation, and the process of working with designers intentionally- from a temporary glamping structure to building a new home. This entire process will be documented in showhouse literature for ticket holders to follow the undertaking from start to finish- highlighting the immense amount of work, creativity, planning, and talent interior designers offer their clients.

In addition to an exciting collection of luxurious glamping tents, the two-week event will also include a curated selection of shopping vendors, workshops, panel discussions, single-day events, an artist residency by Brevard visual artist and musician Shannon Whitworth, tours of the protected buildings on the CHS campus, and so much more! Check the CHS website, cashiershistoricalsociety.org, for more information.

THE JOY GARDEN TOUR

The Joy Garden Tour is a biennial event to raise financial support for The Village Green. The tour inspires gardeners of every level of experience and enthusiasm. The Joy Garden Tour features a guest speaker event, a special patron party, and garden shops with 35 vendors offering plants, garden-related merchandise, unique gifts, antiques, and more. The highlight is a day spent touring exclusive, stunning private gardens in the Cashiers area. The next Joy Garden Tour will take place in July 2021.

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