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## THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for APPALACHIAN WEEKEND



**SEPT. 25 – 26, 2004**



I know some of you are busy, have no time for the preliminaries, the fluff, the small talk, etc., so I have taken the liberty of putting an asterisk before “the main things”. I have tried to be thoughtful because the activities I have marked are the ones in which I will participate. After all, I, too, have other things to do.

### SCHEDULE

**Sat., Sept 25 – Kiwanis Bldg. at the Fairgrounds**  
**124 Jones Street, Blue Ridge, GA**

- \*10:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Arts & Crafts Show and Sale
- \*1:30p.m.-2:00p.m. Dedication of Story Express
- \*2:00p.m.-3:30p.m. Friends & Family Remember  
Don West
- \*3:45p.m.-4:30p.m. Music by Butternut Creek  
and Friends
- \*4:45p.m.-5:30p.m. Dr. Jim Lorence,  
Biographer of Don West
- \*5:30p.m.-6:45p.m. Dinner (free will offering)
- \*7:00p.m.-7:45p.m. Music by Donovan Cain of  
Berea, KY
- \*7:45p.m.-8:30p.m. Jeff Biggers of National  
Public Radio reads the  
Poetry of Don West

**Sun., Sept 26 – Cherry Log Christian Church**  
**(On Hwy. 515, 5 miles south of**  
**Blue Ridge, 10 miles north of**  
**Ellijay)**

- \*9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. Dr. Fred Craddock speaks  
on “The Quest for Social  
Justice in the United States”
- \*10:30a.m.-11:00a.m. Music by Sonny Houston  
and the Blue Velvet Band
- \*11:00a.m. Regular Morning Worship,  
Rev. Chris Michael  
Preaching, Music by Church  
Choir and Sonny Houston  
and Band

**Everyone Welcome to All Events**  
**Sandwiches & Refreshments available all day Sat.**  
**Fun & Activities for Children Sat. afternoon**

### THE STORY EXPRESS WILL BE at APPALACHIAN WEEKEND

In fact, it will be dedicated to the services for which it was purchased. I regret that there will not be time to customize it and put on it the lettering that will identify it and the names of the businesses that gave generously to customize it and put it in operation. But that work will be done with dispatch, thanks to Ron Zimbrick and Larry Hansen. Those businesses are: Mountain Valley Motors, High Country Realty, Fireside Log Homes, United Community Bank, Blue Ridge Scenic Railway, and Emergency Alert Network.

The van, built by Daimler-Chrysler in Germany, will be dedicated in a brief service involving Center staff and children. It then will be the Story Express. It will be parked outside the Kiwanis Building for all to see. All who gave and all who wanted to give toward its purchase should be pleased and gratified at this increase of our service to the people of this area, especially the children.

### ABOUT THE EVENING MEAL

The meal will be served between 5:30-6:45 to all attending the events of the day who wish to eat with us. The food will be served, one menu fits all, but you will like the menu. There is no charge for the meal, but free will offering baskets will be on the tables for all who are able and willing to make a gift toward the cost of the food and drink.

### YOU WILL WANT TO HEAR ABOUT DON WEST

Don West, poet, preacher, prophet, teacher, and social activist, was born in the Burnt Mountain area of Gilmer County and spent his life working with and for the people of Appalachia. His memory is much alive and continues as an influence for good in these mountains.

We are all invited to listen in as family and friends gather to share stores about the life and work of this complex and extraordinary man.

### JACQUE’S FOOD WAGON

If you haven’t eaten from Jacque Holloway’s Food Wagon, here is your chance. At prices most reasonable you can feast on sandwiches, hot dogs, and other treats. And these will be available all day. Thanks, Jacque.

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**Tammy T. Blair, Office Manager**

## READERS, MEET TAMMY

We are pleased to introduce the new office manager at the Center, Tammy Blair. Tammy is married to Dale Blair, a fireman at Marietta. They have a son, Cliff, who is a junior at Kennesaw State and a daughter, Courtney, a freshman at Fannin High School. Their home is on Loving Road in Morganton.

Tammy brings to the Center office management skills and experience and a willingness to do whatever it takes to meet needs expected and unexpected. Needless to say, after two weeks she already knows more than the Director, but you knew that already.

Welcome, Tammy.

## THE NINETY AND NINE

“Safely lay sheltered in the fold.” So says the old Gospel song, and so says the registration list for Dr. Craddock’s Preaching Workshop on Mon., Oct., 11, 9:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. at Cherry Log Christian Church. Yes, 99 are registered and there is a waiting list of seven. If you are registered and find you cannot attend, please call Tammy at (706) 632-1772 or e-mail her at [craddockcenter@tds.net](mailto:craddockcenter@tds.net). Someone on the waiting list would be glad to have your chair. Remember, a continental breakfast and a deli lunch are provided.

The next Preaching Workshop will be March 7, 2005.

## AT NO EXTRA COST

You can get books purchased at Appalachian Weekend autographed by the authors: Mountain Sisters by Helen Lewis; No Lonesome Road by Jeff Biggers and George Brosi; Craddock Stories by Fred Craddock. Steve Darsey will also be on hand to sell and autograph the CD Winged for the Heart, songs and stories from Brasstown 2004.

## IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER

Than this: persons who made 3-year pledges to the Center last Fall are already sending their pledges for this year without our mailing a reminder.



In fact, more and more folks are convinced of the importance of what we do and, without pledging, regularly send support.

How sweet it is!

## ONCE MORE, JUST IN CASE

We know that many of you will be coming from distant and exotic lands, like Florida, North & South Carolina, Tennessee, etc. to help us celebrate Appalachian Weekend, September 25-26, so we thought it might be helpful to list a few lodging options for you:



### Black Bear Cabin Rentals:

888/ 902-2246;

[www.blackbearcabinrentals.com](http://www.blackbearcabinrentals.com);

[blackbear@tds.net](mailto:blackbear@tds.net)

**Simpler Times Cabin Rentals:** 352/ 795-0197

**Days Inn/ Blue Ridge:** 706/ 632-2100

**Douglas Inn & Suites/ Blue Ridge:**

706/ 258-3600

**Ramada Limited/ Blue Ridge:** 706/ 632-4444

**Best Western/ Ellijay:** 706/ 515-1500

**Budget Inn/ Ellijay:** 706/ 635-5311

**Stratford Motor Inn/ E. Ellijay:**

706/ 276-1080

For more information about the area, contact the Chamber of Commerce in Fannin County: 800/899-6867; [www.blueridgemountains.com](http://www.blueridgemountains.com); in Gilmer County: 706/635-7400; [www.gilmerchamber.com](http://www.gilmerchamber.com)

## WITHOUT FANFARE

And seeking no recognition, volunteers serve faithfully the mission of the Center, to “enrich lives through service”. For example, as many as 12 volunteers will be involved in doing what needs to be done to make Appalachian Weekend a pleasant and satisfying experience for all who attend.



A more extended commitment is made by those who go weekly to read to Headstart/ PreK children in Fannin and Gilmer Counties.

Those in this corps of readers are: At Fannin, Pat Baker; Ida-Anne Clarke; John Garceau; Bill Harrison; Nancy Midkiff; Kay Vanderhooft and Joe Wells. At Gilmer, Regina Diaz and Lynn Starr will be doing special programs using their therapeutic trained dogs along with reading in the classrooms.

In addition, The Gilmer Headstart/PreK has no receptionist and no money to employ one. Other staff are stretched thin to add this to their duties. Betsy Doty saw the need and asked for volunteers. Now the receptionist duties will be handed by Nettie Craddock, Regina Diaz, Bob Doty and Wilma Fordham.

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