

Stop Interstate 3 fundraiser party

Stop Interstate-3 Big Fundraiser Party October 30, 2010, 3-7 p.m. Learn about the new I-3 Study. Support Ways-South to stop I-3 construction. There will be live music with 4 hot bands, a barbecue dinner, local authors, complimentary wine tasting and surprises for children. The event location is at the Ezzard Farms behind Tiger Mountain Vineyards on Old Highway 441 S, Tiger, GA.

Advance tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the event. Children 10 and under admitted FREE with a paying adult.

For tickets send checks to WaySouth 1074 Arbor Drive, Lakemont, GA 30552, and pick up tickets at "Will Call" table at the party, or contact Lucy Bartlett at lbartlett@windstream.net or Stacye Morgan at stacyemorgan@windstream.net.

Also visit www.stopi3.org or www.waysouth.org to pay by paypal or for more information. NT(Oct20,27,31)SH

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I'm a Honky Tonk Girl, in 1960, has written more than 160 songs and released 70 albums. She has had 10 No. 1 albums and 16 No. 1 singles on the Country Music charts. She has won numerous awards including four Grammy Awards, seven American Music Awards, eight Broadcast Music Incorporated Awards and 10 Academy of Country Music Awards.

Loretta Lynn has never been shy; her career includes a controversial frankness for song writing that was unheard of in the 1960s and 1970s. In her day, she kept Country Music on the front page for her views on how women are treated, their civil rights and why women should stand up and be counted among the masses.

Sissy Spacek won the Oscar for Best Actress for her portrayal of Loretta Lynn in the critically acclaimed *Coal Miner's Daughter* in 1980. The movie was based

on Loretta Lynn's autobiography entitled *Coal Miner's Daughter*.

Her baby sister, Crystal Gayle, also born in Butcher Holler, Kentucky, played The Hall in Hiwassee on Oct. 9 during the Fall Festival.

On Monday, it was easy to note a ring of excitement in Thomason's voice when she talked about the approaching Loretta Lynn Concert.

"What can I say, we're excited and in awe of the fact that Loretta Lynn is coming to Hiwassee," she said. "She's a legend, I mean, she is Country Music royalty and it is an honor to have her here at Anderson Music Hall."

Loretta Lynn, whose most endearing songs include *You Ain't Woman Enough (To Take My Man)* and *Don't Come Home A'Drinkin' (With Lovin' On Your Mind)* are part of the deep roots of Country Music's past, still

performs in limited engagements to stay in touch with her legendary fan base.

The \$64,000 question about the Loretta Lynn Concert has an answer. Tickets for the performance go on sale on Friday, Thomason said.

"That's the day before the Don Williams Concert," Thomason said.

Seats for the Loretta Lynn performance are \$40, plus \$2 handling for Level I seating; prices for Level II seating are \$30, plus \$2 handling, Thomason said.

Thomason said there were regrets that the Kenny Rogers Concert had to be canceled.

"Kenny Rogers has played Anderson Music Hall twice before, and he sold out both times," she said. "But, it was a situation where we just couldn't make the show work for both parties. The Kenny Rogers Christmas Concert will go on, it's just that his show will be in Anderson, SC."

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for an examination that revealed he had a ruptured spleen.

Indians' Head Football Coach Kyle Langford said it's going to be a different feeling each and every practice for the rest of the season just knowing that Billy Meier won't be donning his familiar No. 5 jersey on Friday nights.

"He's certainly improving everyday," Coach Langford said. "Billy's handling his recovery just like he does everything else, like a fighter."

"He's tough, he'll never give up, never quit and that's what's going to get him through this," Coach Langford said. "He's facing a hard road ahead of him, but that's never

stopped him before."

In most cases, when Billy Meier's on the field, he's generally the smallest player out there. However, as his coach says, "he's got the biggest heart of any football player I've ever coached."

"Billy's been an underdog in just about everything he's ever done," Coach Langford said. "So this recovery is not going to be anything out of the ordinary for him."

The injury occurred sometime after the Indians celebrated Homecoming ceremonies at halftime, with the crowning of a new Homecoming King and Queen.

"I'm going to say this

again, Billy Meier is the heart and soul of this team and he has been for four years," Coach Langford said. "It's going to seem a bit out of sorts not seeing him run out there on the field on Friday night."

"I can guarantee you this, when his teammates take the field, they'll take the field the way Billy Meier would," he said. "And I can guarantee you that his grit and desire to be football player will be with them every step of the way. You can't be around Billy Meier for as long as these guys have been and not have some of that Meier Fire rub off on you."

Campers happy again...from page 1A

line outside the Courthouse doors. They brought chairs, blankets, cushions, pillows and money in preparation of an all-night stay to make sure they got their campsites back.

Theima Sanders of Franklin, NC said the campground has been a home-away-from-home for almost two decades for she and her family.

She was the first person in line awaiting her turn at her old campsite.

"It feels great knowing I'm going to get to camp another year here," she said. "I'm in my favorite spot. The rules state that you can pick any spot, or keep the one you already have."

"I'm happy with the one we've already got," she said. "It's nice to be first in line."

In the chair beside Sanders, was a longtime friend, Mildred Roland, who was happy to be No. 2 in the pecking order.

"I sure am," she said with strong conviction. "I'm picking my same spot. The campground is such a peaceful place. You can fish or just sit all day and talk to your friends. It's beautiful."

Sanders and Roland say their main fun at the campground is fishing. It really doesn't matter what kind of fish, just as long as they're biting.

"We catch a lot of bream," Sanders said. "I love to bream fish. Sometimes they're some big bream down there. If you catch them at the right time, you can get some good ones."

For many who have been here before, the campground has as much history as their own homes. They've spent countless and treasured hours with loved ones over the years that lend a sort of personal attachment to the campsites.

The campground, Sanders said, is almost a part of the family.

When campers arrived on Friday, they knew the stipulations. Those included one reservation per person of legal age, with reservations made for the entire camping season, which begins April 1 and lasts through the end of October.

A three-month deposit, or \$750 (sites located on Lake Chatuge run \$250 per month),

was required. On April 1, \$1,000 is due to complete the transaction with the County.

Sites off Lake Chatuge called for a \$600 deposit (three months at \$200 per month) and \$800 due on April 1.

"We're campers and we don't mind sitting out here waiting for our turn at the campsites," Sanders said. "We're just waiting to make sure we're all still a family."

If the campers did seem awfully neighborly to one another, there's a reason. They've known each other through thick and thin many times over the years.

"We're not here to beat anyone out of anything," Sanders said. "We love Lake Chatuge and life wouldn't be the same in our family without the campsite that we've looked out over for so many years."

According to Towns County government, monthly rentals will be made available on Jan. 8 at 8:30 a.m., again, at the Courthouse. Primitive, weekly or nightly sites will be available by April 1 for a drop box payment system, located inside the campground.

Rhythm of the Dance in Franklin

From the creation of Rhythm of the Dance 11 years ago – (initially the show was set up for a three week tour of the United States in 1998) – it has toured consistently internationally and is achieving greater critical acclaim year after year. The talented troupe will perform at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts on October 28, beginning at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 each.

This wonderful show continues to evolve thanks to the constant striving for perfection by its Director/Producer Kieran Cavanagh, choreographer Doireann Carney, and composer Carl Hession, to keep the show fresh and interesting so that audiences who attend performances regularly will always find some new and exciting elements within the program.

With a wonderful, gifted young cast of dancers, musicians, and three Irish tenors, featuring live performances from the entire group, this is a show that has won critical acclaim across four continents of the world, in 36 countries, to over five million fans.

This two-hour dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of Irish talent. The show is an inspiring epic, reliving the journey of the Irish culture throughout history. Using modern art forms of dance and music, this richly costumed show marries the contemporary and the ancient. Combining traditional dance and music with the most up to date stage technology, the show is a thousand year old journey executed with all the advantages of the modern day stage show.

Rhythm of the Dance has heralded a new era in Irish entertainment, internationally rated as one of the most popular and busiest Irish step dance shows in the world. Rhythm of the Dance aspires to a purity content preserving the traditions of Irish step dancing and yet presenting it in the most modern format that has made it a leader in its field. The show features a live band, three tenors, and some 22 dancers. Be sure to experience Rhythm of the Dance when it comes to the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. You'll be very glad you did. 4.5 million fans can't be wrong! TO(Oct20,27)SH