

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Three Troubadours return for Hidden Valley concert

Musicians Peter Wilson, Mountain John (Hilligoss) and Moe Dixon — The Three Troubadours — will be performing “Back Home at Hidden Valley” at 8 p.m. Friday in the Ski Lodge Alpine Room at Hidden Valley Resort.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Master of ceremonies and local musician Randy Myers opens the show at 7 p.m. Tickets are at the door.

After playing at Hidden Valley in the late 1970s, the three musicians each pursued their own musical endeavors, traveling across the country and playing at many venues, both large and small, according to Hilligoss.

“The three of us were given a gift at birth,” Hilligoss said. “We are singers, songwriters and performers who have entertained people our entire lives. We

were lucky enough to never have to do anything else.”

Hilligoss said that the men had been professional musicians for about 10 years before playing in the Laurel Highlands.

He said he was discovered by then owners of Hidden Valley, George and Helen Parke, when they read about his storytelling and singing in the Appalachian Trail Guide Magazine. Hilligoss had been playing at Cool Font Resort in Berkely Springs, W.Va. and JB’s Saloon in Cumberland, Md. They hired him to play at Hidden Valley, and he later brought in Wilson and Dixon.

They went on to perform separately for many years, but reconnected in June 2008, according to Hilligoss. Since then, the three men have been getting together once a year for a weeklong



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The Three Troubadours, Peter Wilson, Mountain John (Hilligoss) and Moe Dixon.

“Troubadour Camp” at “Grandma Saylor’s Cabin” in Bakersville. During the camp, the musicians write music and reconnect with their mountain roots.

The Hidden Valley concert will serve as the release party for the CD, Three Troubadours Direct from Troubadour Camp. They will be performing all original songs written at the Bakersville “camp.”

“We are real excited to

be playing the music that was created from the magic of the Laurel Highlands,” Hilligoss said.

“We feel like we have come full circle, after all these years, coming back together at Hidden Valley Resort.”

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