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Monday, Oct. 20

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Town Hall Meeting a 6 p.m. in the Community Building by the ball field with President and CEO of Mission Health System, Dr. Ronald A. Paulus.

Tues., Oct 21

• Highlands Dialogue at the Hudson Library from 10-11:30a. Mark Twain's autobiography.

Wed.-Fri., Oct. 22-24

• At The Bascom, Landscape in Watercolor with Pat Fiorello, 10a to 4p. Call 787-2865.

Thurs. Oct. 23-Sat., Nov. 1

• One Stop Voting at the Highlands Rec Park, 9a-5p weekdays and 9a-1p Saturdays. In Franklin at the courthouse, 1a-6p weekends.

Testing; teacher supplements talk of BOE

Highlands School noted for high achievement on several fronts

With the 2014-'15 school year in full swing, teachers, administrators and students are preparing for another slew of End-of-Grade and End-of-Course tests for students in 3rd grade through

high school.

Each year the Board of Education takes a look at the previous school year while weighing in new course and test standards as well as new scoring systems to

gauge progress and set goals district-wide as well as in individual schools.

According to recently released test results comparing

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Pedal for Patriots founder cyclist Christian Fitzgerald will be joined by Highlanders and others as he heads for the the US Navy Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL, on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Highlanders to 'pedal' for US Navy SEALs

For the second year in a row, founder of Pedal for Patriots, Christian Fitzgerald is attempting to raise money for the US Navy SEALs Foundation by cycling 586 miles from his home in Atlanta, GA, to the Navy SEALs Museum

in Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Last year, the first year, Fitzgerald, 42, cycled alone, but this year from Oct. 23-28 – cyclists from Atlanta and Highlands will join him.

Fitzgerald set an arbitrary

monetary goal of \$25,000. The first year he fell short raising \$15,000. So far this year 52% has been raised, but the clock is ticking. To make a monetary donation by October 23 and to support this

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District Attorney candidates talk 'changes'

By Brittany Burns

After serving as an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) in western North Carolina for more than a decade, Ashley Welch decided to step up and run for office as the next District Attorney for the 30th Judicial District.

"I am seeking the office of District Attorney because I want to make a change in the way the office is run in this district," said Welch. The DA's office is comprised of Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee counties. Over the past several years, a lot of our resources are focused in Haywood County, often at the expense of the five western counties and at the expense of the staff and ADAs located those five western counties. I will change that."

Welch was born and raised in western North Carolina in

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Green energy on a large scale



The Highlands Town Board meeting tonight has a very light and routine agenda. The meeting is at the Highlands Conference Center at 7 pm.

Last week was a busy, rambling time for me. I spent two days with my high school buddies trout fishing. On the weekend I flew to Lubbock to attend a football game with my rabid Texas Tech relatives.

While in Lubbock, my nephew held out his hand to the flat, barren landscape and said, "Isn't this truly God's country?" I politely agreed. But, what I actually thought was, "Son this is God forsaken country, Highlands is God's country!" I tempered my thought by remembering the old Chinese proverb, "The frog in the well knows no ocean."

That leads me back to my fishing trip with friends. We fished two of the most beautiful rivers in Western Carolina. Our guide, Andrew Watson, made sure everyone caught fish, but some in the group were more successful than others. One of the less experienced fishermen stood long periods in the water not being very successful. At the end of the trip I apologized to him for not catching many trout. He responded, "Don't worry about the fish, it was a great joy just being in the river all day surrounded by spectacular nature."

Thinking like a mayor on duty, I reflected about what my buddy said. Indeed, these beautiful streams, so vital to the watershed, are essential natural and economic resources. Their over development and closing them off to public access would have detrimental consequences. The preservation of these unrestrained wild rivers will be essential to the future vitality of the region.

Hosting a fishing trip for out of town friends helped me appreciate Highlands from another perspective. Not only did my guests like basking in natural beauty, they also enjoyed our amenities, especially the town businesses and restaurants. They were taken by the small town feel and friendly folks of this special place called Highlands.

Getting back to Lubbock, I saw numerous wind turbines across the landscape generating green energy. My neph-

ew explained the constant wind makes Lubbock an ideal venue for wind generation. With open, flat plains and abundant sunlight, solar energy on a large scale may even be a viable option for that region.

By comparison, I see challenges for total reliance on these alternative energy sources for Highlands. By comparison, substantial numbers of kinetic wind turbines needed to meet our electric needs would impact the view scope much more than static cellphone towers. Also, wind turbines make noise and can kill birds. Our citizens don't like unnecessary noise or jeopardizing our avian friends.

For solar generation to come anywhere close to meeting the town's 10 megawatts

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• LETTERS •

A random act of kindness

Dear Editor,

Random acts of kindness have long been known to us all. We have experienced them personally, and also in Our Communities and elsewhere.

As a Vendor at Kelsey Park's Farmers Market, such kindness was shown to us all, on Saturday October 4th, a day of sheer cold, and high winds; not a good Market day one would believe

Amidst the cold, dampness and blustering winds, the brave few ventured out for what was to be our last day of 2014 Marketplace.

About mid-morning, we were suddenly taken by sweet surprise. A local Angel, appeared out of nowhere, walked against bone chilling brisk Wind, obviously feeling the temperatures and the gusts herself, and made her way to each Vendor present, gifting them with what we all considered to

be a generous blessing, all in the name of friendship, and with her personal thanks for our participating that day, in the Market.

You can imagine the feelings in the hearts of everyone who was blessed by this act of kindness. Whomever you are, we love and appreciate your special outpouring to us all.

We were encouraged, uplifted – you saw to that – and felt appreciated for being out on such an unusual day weatherwise. You will live in our hearts as long as our natural memory serves us.

Again, please receive our most grateful thanks!

To all the wonderful folks who made our Market days so successful, so rewarding, so special, our heartfelt thanks to you all as well. There would be no Market without your participation and encouragement also. You again made us feel we indeed are part of the community, a special part, like this angel felt also, and as vendors, there is no end to our thanks to you all.

We look forward to another Market Year in 2015, Lord willing, seeing your sweet faces once more. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas too, rich and full, well deserved.

Our thanks to the Town Board of Highlands, who made this possible, and Rebecca Shuler, for her help and encouragement. Highlands! We will not forget you!

The Vendors of 2014 Kelsey Park

Kudos to the Nature Center!

Dear Editor,

My family visited the Nature Center for the first time last weekend, and was given a wonderful introduction to the plants and animals of the region.

The displays provide a perfect snapshot of why the Highlands Plateau is such

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• CORRECTION •

In last week's article "Macon Bank goes public; rings NASDAQ bell, we reported that the ENFC stock began trading at \$5 a share. It was \$10 a share. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

• OBITUARY •

Tatham Eskrigge Hertzberg

Tatham Eskrigge Hertzberg, 62, died Monday, October 6, 2014, at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital after a brief illness. Also known as Ta, he was predeceased by his parents, Winnie and Rudy Hertzberg. A native of New Orleans, LA, he was a lifetime visitor and more recently a resident of Highlands, NC.

Having attended Isadore Newman School in New Orleans, he went on to matriculate at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia for High School. He was further educated at Tulane University, where he earned a B.S. in Psychology and later an MBA from the University of New Orleans. Ta was employed for years by Whitney National Bank, New Orleans and as an independent computer consultant and self-employed in vehicle restoration in Highlands.

No plans have been made for a memorial service at this time.

Mission Health prepares for James' departure

Holding Town Hall meeting Oct. 20 at 6p in the Community Building to explain it all

It's a few months out yet, but at the end of 2014, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital President Craig James will step down from his current position. James was named VP of Mission Health's Western Region earlier this year, in addition to his role as President of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

"Craig has been an important member of the Highlands-Cashiers community and a wonderful colleague for Mission," said Jill Hoggard Green, PhD, RN, Chief Operating Officer of Mission Health and President, Mission Hospital and Mission Medical Associates. "He has helped Highlands-Cashiers navigate many challenges and been a strong partner for Mission during the early period of the Highlands-Cashiers integration with Mission Health and during leadership changes at Transylvania Regional Hospital in Brevard."

A search is actively underway for a President/CNO for Highlands-Cashiers, and several candidates have been identified. Going forward, Mission will have each regional hospital president report directly to a single system-level senior executive leader to ensure close coordination and proactive communication and common standards. Kathy Guyette, RN, MSN, currently Mission's SVP for Patient Care Services, has agreed to assume this role effective immediately.

"Both Highlands-Cashiers and Mission thank Craig deeply for his service, grace and commitment," said Ronald A. Paulus, MD, President and CEO of Mission Health. "Craig will remain a personal friend to me, and a friend and supporter of Mission going forward. Things are changing incredibly rapidly nationally and regionally in all aspects of health-

care. This is a challenging time not only for those on the front lines, but also for citizens who are not familiar with all of the transformation."

Paulus said Mission Health focuses on increasing and enhancing interactions with physicians and staff at the hospital, he is looking forward to meeting with local business leaders on Oct. 20, at a Town Hall meeting in Highlands in the Community Building at 6 p.m. to discuss The Future of Healthcare: Nationally, Regionally and Locally."

"Our hospital board greatly appreciates the service and dedication that Craig James has provided to our local hospital and our community through his leadership over the past four years," said Charlie Sheehan, Chairman of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors.

Craig has seen the hospital and its foundation through several changes.

"It has been a privilege to serve in this role for the past 4 1/2 years. The Board, medicalsStaff and team of caregivers are committed to providing quality, compassionate care to our patients and their families," said Craig. "This region has demonstrated a strong and enthusiastic support of the hospital, and the future is very bright for sustaining high quality healthcare for the communities we serve."

Paulus said all wish Craig the best in his future endeavors and we have great confidence in the progress being made at our hospital through the affiliation with Mission Health.

Craig said he and his wife are very appreciative of the many friends they have made during their time here, and look forward to maintaining these relationships in the future.



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Cashiers shooting still under investigation

An argument between two Cashiers men that has been going on for a long time, ended in bloodshed last Wednesday.

According to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Roger Clay Bryson, 61, of Whisper Wind Road, in Cashiers, shot Edward Lewis Moss, 71, of the Pine Creek community, in the Ingles grocery store parking lot on U.S. 64 following an argument.

Witnesses say the men argued prior to entering the store and the argument resumed when back in the parking lot Wednesday morning.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Bryson pulled a handgun and Moss then made his way back to his own vehicle and attempted to drive into the Bryson who then pointed the gun at Moss.

"Bryson dodged Moss's vehicle as it collided with

parked cars in the parking lot. Bryson then went to the driver's window of Moss's vehicle and fired a single shot, striking Moss in the arm," said the Sheriff's office.

Bryson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious bodily injury and discharging a weapon into occupied property inflicting serious bodily injury and was jailed under a \$250,000 bond.

Moss was flown by medical helicopter to Mission Hospital where he underwent surgery later Wednesday, Sheriff's Office Maj. Shannon Queen said. Moss was listed in good condition Thursday morning, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The Jackson Sheriff's Office is asking any witnesses who haven't already spoken with deputies to call detective Charles Crisp at 586-1382 or Crime Stoppers at 631-1125.



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state scores, to Region 8 scores and Macon County Schools scores, Macon County places just above the middle of the pack – something Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin and his teachers and administrators are not happy about.

At the September School Board meeting, Baldwin made a correlation between Macon County Schools test scores and the local supplement given teachers compared to the state average and other school districts in Region 8 – the group of 17 counties in Western NC of which Macon County is part. They are: Buncombe, Asheville, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

Other than Clay, Graham and Madison counties which don't give a supplement at all, Jackson County is the only other county in Region 8 that gets less than Macon County – \$172 to \$791, respectively.

The state average supplement is \$3,550; the Region 8 average is \$1,490; Buncombe gives \$ 3,785; Transylvania, \$3,213; Swain, \$3,000; Rutherford, \$1,100; Cherokee, \$1,000; McDowell, \$925; Macon, \$791 and Jackson, \$172.

A compilation of 2013-'14 test scores – EOG, EOC, ACT and more – show Macon County at 56.6% proficiency which is 2.1% points below the Region 8 average and .3% points above the state average. Region 8 was 58.7% and the state average was 56.3%.

In the End-of-Grade category, Macon County and Region 8 came in at 56.2% proficiency and statewide proficiency was 55.7%.

In the End-of-Course category, Macon County was 57.9% proficient; the state was 58.5% and Region 8 was 60% proficient.

Macon County beat out Region 8 and state proficiency

score for the ACTs – 64.2%, 62.7% and 59.3%, respectively.

“When it comes to supplements, Macon County is well below the state and the Region 8 average but our students are performing well above average,” he said. “That means Macon County teachers are giving us quite a bang for our buck, but we are still not satisfied with our scores.

Growth Composite comparing 2012-'13 and 2013-'14 show positive movement in nine of the county's 11 schools with Highlands making the greatest gains.

“Highlands exceeded last year's gains by almost 4 points and is at the top of the list,” said Baldwin. The state average is a 2-point growth.”

Four schools exceeded expected growth – Highlands (3.79%), South Macon (3.18%), Mountain View Intermediate (3.01%) and Franklin High School (2.72%).

Five schools met expected growth – Nantahala (3.25%), Cartoogechaye (1.56%), Iotla (1.03%), Macon Early College (1.12%), and Macon Middle School (.24%).

“Districtwide these scores show that our teachers and students continue to make progress,” said Baldwin.

East Franklin and Union Academy fell far below expected growth – -3.94 and -4.74, respectively.

A further breakdown of End-of-Course test scores for 2014 show Highlands ahead of the pack in numerous categories.

During the subsequent Principals' meeting traditionally held the morning after the monthly school board meeting, Superintendent Baldwin said the group was going to discuss what Highlands and South Macon are doing to attain higher test scores.

“We thank Dr. Baldwin for his praise of Highlands

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• THE FREDSTER •

In my Father's house there are many mansions

If you'll look back through 10 years of columns, you'll find I have seldom quoted from the Bible to make my point. Well, folks, this is one of those rare occasions.

I can remember writing something about how women have been nagging men throughout the ages and used the Biblical phrase "...and so Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Bethlehem" to make my point. Then I think I said, "Hey, everyone, lighten up, the poor woman was pregnant and donkey's are not comfortable."

And one other time, while pointing out what a violent person Moses was, I think I wrote that I would never mess with anyone who was capable of and I quote "tying his ass to a tree and walking three miles to town."

And now, in my waning years and after being on this planet for over three quarters of a century, I'm clinging to John 14:2, a quote from Jesus Christ who said, "In my Father's house, there are many mansions....or rooms." I'm so pleased he said that 'cause I'm praying there's a special room just for American cops.

We're a cynical bunch that sees evil in everything. We should be kept in separate rooms and away from other dead people.

Here's just one example of what I mean. Years ago, the li'l missus came to me asking that I join her in contributing 100 bucks to this supposedly poor man



Fred Wooldridge

who came here on a working visa. After working hard and saving over \$40,000 he packed his stuff and headed home to Columbia to give the money to his starving wife and children. He was stopped at the airport, arrested and his money confiscated. A local Miami attorney (ha, you can trust them!) took the poor Colombian's case pro-bono and was asking for donations to help with bond and other expenses. It was in all the newspapers. My li'l missus, a kind woman and always there for the disadvantaged, came to me wanting to join her in making a donation.

In my typical fashion, I laughed, saying the guy was probably a dope dealer looking to smuggle money back home. But in typical fashion, my li'l missus was relentless in her desire to help this poor man, pursued the issue until I finally gave in to donating 100 bucks. I remember her saying, "Fred, you're so cynical. Look what police work has done to you."

A couple of months passed before DEA finally revealed the arrested Colombian was, in fact, a notorious drug smuggler. My li'l missus was like an angry Yorkie tugging on the lawyer's pants leg and he finally gave in, returning the money to us.

Sooooo, as you can plainly see, cops need to be housed separately or all of heaven would become cynical....or worse, see things as they really are. It's best that you keep away from us.

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School,” said Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter. “Our teachers, students, parents and community have worked hard to do well on the state’s measurements of

student achievement. We take our results seriously and do well because of it.”

“Making the Grade” is a moving target for school districts because testing stan-

dards change year to year. For instance, last year competency levels ranged from 1-4 with 3 signally above grade proficiency for grades 3-7. Now there are five levels with levels 4 and 5 considered above grade proficiency and on the path to college and career readiness whereas Level 3 is now just performing at grade level.

Overall, Macon County has a lower percentage of Level 5 students but also a lower percentage of Level 1 students and a higher percentage of Level 2, 3, and 4 students.

“Highlands and South Macon have the highest number of Level 5 students. We need to look and see what they are doing to achieve those levels,” said Baldwin.

Jetter said it would be presumptuous of him to think that he could shed light on any other school’s tactics because he really doesn’t know what the other schools do or don’t do, or what their individual school dynamics are.

“I attribute Highlands School’s great success on the state’s achievement tests to the following: exceptional teachers whose work ethic, and high expectations and care, help our students achieve at a high level,” said Jetter. “It also takes great students who work hard and have high expectations for themselves, and have the focus and drive it takes to achieve those expectations; great parents that continually encourage

their children to achieve at a high level, and who get them to school every day; and it takes a great community with a tradition of strong support for our school, our employees, and our students.”

Statewide, in 5th- and 6th-grade math, Highlands had the highest score; in 7th- and 8th-grade math, Highlands had the second highest score; in Math 1 (algebra) Highlands had the fourth highest score; in 3rd-, 4th-, 5th- and 7th-grade reading, Highlands, Nantahala, and S. Macon all had the fourth highest score which was well above the state average; and in 8th-grade science, Highlands was 16th out of 66 listings.

Other mileposts include: In 5th grade math, Nantahala had the fifth highest score; in 4th-grade math, Cartoogechaye had the 16th highest out of 116 listings; in 3rd-grade math, S. Macon had the highest score in Macon County; in 5th-grade science, Nantahala had the 3rd highest score and in English 2, Macon Early College had the 4th highest score.

“These scores show there are a lot of positive things we can pull out of these test results,” said Nancy Cantrell, director of Testing and Accountability. “We should congratulate our teachers, administrators and students for a job well done.”

– Kim Lewicki

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This week in sports

VOLLEYBALL

Junior varsity and varsity traveled to Rosman Tuesday the 7th with both teams losing.

On Thursday the 9th, the Lady Highlanders hosted Swain. Junior Varsity came off with a loss. The scores of the first game was 25-3 and the second 25-8. Varsity also came off with a loss. They took the first game with a score of 25-17 but lost the second game with a score of 25-11 as well as the third game with a score of 25-22.

On Monday the 13th, the Lady Highlanders hosted Andrews. Junior Varsity lost the first game with a score of 25-4 and the second game with a score of 25-17. Varsity fought hard but came up short. They lost the first game with a score of 25-17. But took the second game with a score of 25-22. However they came up short in the next two games with a score of 25-21 and 25-22 respectively.

They travel to Hiwassee Dam on Tuesday the 14th for their final regular game. Details of that game and playoff games will be in next weeks issue.

MS VOLLEYBALL

On Monday the 13th, the team traveled to Cullowhee where they came home with a win with a score of the first game being 25-23. In the second game they came up short with the score being 25-23 but came back and won the third game with a score of 25-23.

VARSITY SOCCER

The Highlanders hosted Hayesville Thursday the 9th. They came out strong but the second half of the game was delayed due to weather with a score of 6-1. As soon as the weather cleared, they went on to win with a final score of 8-3. On Saturday the 11th, they hosted Polk but came up short with a score of 4-1. On Monday the 13th, they traveled to Andrews taking an impressive win with a score of 8-0.

On Thursday the 16th, they will be hosting Murphy.

MS SOCCER

On Monday the 13th, the Highlanders traveled to Cullowhee. The game ended in a tie with a score of 2-2 with Andrew Chalker and Destin Gearhart scoring goals.

— Sierra Nylund

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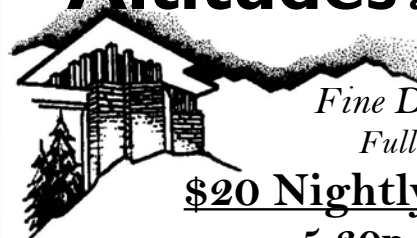
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Tuesdays

• Free Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.
• Zumba at the Rec Park at

8:05a. \$5.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

• Zumba at the Rec Park at 9:05a. \$5

Mon.-Sat.

• Nantahala Tennis Club meets 9a-12 noon, at Highlands Civic Center, tennis courts. \$2 per person, and all visitors are welcome!

Wednesdays

• First Baptist Church is happy to present a new season of X-treme Games at the Highlands Rec. Park. The games will be held Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:15 pm, starting September 10th. For more information or to pre-register your k - 6th grade child, please call 526-4153.

1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

• General Audience Movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

• Free local ongoing support group for caregivers. Are you involved with the care of a loved one who is physically or mentally facing challenges? Sponsored by

The Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands and the Highlands United Methodist Church, this group meets at 4PM at Room 203 at the Peggy Crosby Center. Facilitated by Bonnie Gramlich, a licensed professional. Drop in or call for further info, 828.342.0546.

Thursdays

• Storytimes with Miss Carol at Hudson Library 10:40am. Open to the public.

• Highlands Writer's Group meets every Thursday from 1-3:30 pm at Hudson Library. Writers of all genres welcome. For info call 526-8009 or 526-2295.

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 6pm at the Cashiers Community Center. Questions? Call Lisa 828-506-3555 Last Fri. of each month.

• Free wine tastings from 5-7p at MountainTop Wine Shoppe.

• NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a peer support group for individuals that are dealing with depression, anxiety, PTSD, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members or friends of loved ones dealing with these challenges. Join us in a safe, confidential environment to share concerns and gain

insight. Join us for our Weekly Support Group from 7 - 8:15 pm @ 14 West Palmer Street in Franklin NC, email dcwithnami@yahoo.com, Donita (828) 526-9510.

2nd Thursdays

• Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m. Newcomers welcomed.

Fri.-Sun.

• Hal Phillips on the piano at Skyline Lodge during dinner and Sunday brunch.

Fri. & Sat.

• The Historical Society Museum is open.

Saturdays

• Cashiers Local Farmers tailgate market through October at the Anglican Church Parking Lot Hwy 64 E next to Macon Bank.

• Free wine tastings at MountainTop Wine Shoppe from 1-3p.

Sundays

• At Highlands Inn, Sequoyah Room at 4:30 pm. Multi-denominational, Interactive Bible Study and Fellowship. Open to all.

Thurs-Sun., Oct. 16 - 19

• HCP presents "An Evening with David Ives at PAC on Chestnut Street. For ticket information,

'An Evening with David Ives' opens Thurs., Oct. 16



Cast of Captive Audience; Top - Ellen Agee, Lance Trudel. Bottom: Jenny King, Michael Lanzilotta. Photos by Cynthia Strain

Opening tonight at Highlands PAC is the Highlands Cashiers Players production of, "An Evening with David Ives," directed by Bonnie Earman.

This black box production highlights the rhythm of Ives' words and characterizations by the actors.

Captive Audience is one of the 4 scenes in "An Evening with David Ives." We see Rob (Lanzilotta) engrossed in channel surfing while watching 2 TV characters played by

Agee and Trudel. Rob's wife Laura (King) tries desperately to pry his attention away from the set and we see just how difficult that becomes. Reminiscent of *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, Rob and Laura are offset by the *Twilight Zone*-esque television players.

Performances will be held October 16th-19th and October 23rd - 26th at Highlands PAC on Chestnut Street. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Highlands Cashiers Players box office at 828-526-8084,

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WellStrung to perform at 1st Presbyterian Church this Sunday



The local blue grass group WellStrung will be participating in the 11a worship service at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets.

Introducing "Life in Highlands" Film Series by Local Photographer



Photographer Michael Davidoff will be showing two short videos from his new "Life in Highlands" series and a selection of photos, many featuring well-known celebrities, from his experiences growing up in the photography business on Tuesday, October 28th at the Hudson Library at 6 p.m.

Complimentary refreshments from Maxie's Mountain Bakery will be served and all ages are welcome to attend.

• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

call the Highlands Cashiers Players box office at 828-526-8084.

Thurs., Oct. 16

• Taize at Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30p

• At Smitten, corner of Foreman and US 64, 3rd Thursday Event at 6:30. Evening of Art, Food and Wine to welcome featured artist Trish Salmon. RSVP 828-526-9300.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 17 & 18

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Rec Park. Noon to 6 on Friday and 10 to 5 on Saturday. Sponsored by the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers.

• At The Bascom, Fall Photography. Fri: 2-5p; Sat., 10a to 4p. Call 787-2865.

Fri., Oct. 17

• High Mountain Squares will have to cancel our October 17th dance due to a scheduling conflict. We will be back on schedule Oct 31st with Ace McGee, Mike & Debbie at the Macon County Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:30 to 9 PM. Classes Jan 11th.

Sat., Oct. 18

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway's monthly work day is Saturday at 9a. If you are interested in participating, please email Ran Shaffner at highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at 828-526-5622.

• Highlands School Fall Festival.

• Artist Robert Tino at the Greenleaf Gallery on Main Street from noon to 4 p.

• SummitFest at Summit Charter School from 3-6 p.m. Inflatables, photo booth, mini-golf, funnel cakes, face painting, karaoke, hot dogs, BBQ, tamales, cake walk, soda ring toss and pie throw. \$15 for activity wristband. \$10 for ages 4 and younger.

• At The Bascom, Spooky Raku with Frank Vicery. 10a to 4p. Call 787-2865

Sun., Oct. 19

• WellStrung will be participating in the 11a worship service at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Monday, Oct. 20

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Town Hall Meeting a 6 p.m. in the Community Building by the

ball field. "The Future of Healthcare: Nationally, Regionally, and Locally" with President and CEO of Mission Health System, Dr. Ronald A. Paulus.

Tues., Oct 21

• Highlands Dialogue at the Hudson Library from 10-11:30a. Subject: Mark Twain's autobiography.

'Fall Colors Fine Art Show' is Fri. & Sat.



The Fall Colors Fine Art Show, sponsored by the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers, will be held at the Highlands Recreation Park on Friday, October 17 from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Thirty-five artists will have on display and for sale original works in oil, watercolor, acrylics, dry media and mixed media, as well as photographs, sculpture, glass, one-of-a-kind jewelry, wood turnings and textile art. In addition, on Saturday the ever-popular Children's Art Room will be open for young aspiring artists to create a piece of art to take home. There is no admission charge for the show or the Children's Art Room.

Those who have attended previous Art League shows are appreciative of the high quality and variety of the pieces on display. Virtually all of the artists have received recognition for their work, and their creations may be found in public and private collections throughout the southeast and beyond.

This show promises to provide residents and visitors a pleasant way to browse a large collection of well-done fine art.

Eastern Star fundraiser goodies

Pumpkin Rolls

Highlands Chapter #284 Order of the Eastern Star is once again selling pumpkin rolls. We will be selling pumpkin rolls in front of Bryson's Food Store on Wednesday, November 26. Pre-orders may be made by contacting Paula Gordon, Secretary, at 526-9582 or 342-4378 and leaving a message with your name and phone number. Pre-orders are requested as this will be the ONLY time in 2014 that you will be able to purchase a pumpkin roll, but -- you don't have to pre-order to be able to get one. Don't miss out.

Pecans

Eastern Star will also be selling pecan pieces and pecan halves from the 2014 crop. The pecans are in 16 oz bags and will be on sale. Please call Paula Gordon, Secretary, at 526-9582 or 342-4378 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We will call back once the pecans have been received in November.

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Sample free beer from a dozen different sponsored breweries in the Beer Tasting Tent, The Park will also have individual tents where festival-goers can purchase their favorite brew. On site is a draft trailer featuring a dozen brews on tap.

Featured Music groups include headliners: The Corbitt Brothers, Porch 40; Nitro-grass; Hurricane Creek; Homemade Wine; Jay Drummonds; Mango Colorado; Dustin Martin and the Ramblers, SmokeRise,

and the Travers Brothers.

General admission ticket prices are \$25 and V.I.P. tickets sell for \$100. V.I.P. ticket holders will have covered seating closest to the stage and an open bar, catered refreshments and table service.

Tickets can be purchased at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitor center, as well as The Cashiers Chamber of Commerce, and at The Lost Hiker

Bring your chairs and blankets but no food or coolers, please. Well-behaved pets are welcomed.

For more information on this Hiker Jam Oktoberfest or to find out how you can become a sponsor or vendor, visit the website www.HikerJam.com or give the event team a call at 828-526-8232.



'Figaro' at PAC



At Highlands PAC Saturday, October 18th, 12:55pm with a Pre-Opera discussion lead by Beverly Pittman at 12:30pm.

The Met Music Director James Levine conducts a spirited new production of Mozart's masterpiece, directed by Richard Eyre, who sets the action of this classic domestic comedy in an 18th-century manor house in Seville during the 1930s.

Dashing bass-baritone Il dar Abdrazakov leads the cast in the title role of the clever servant, opposite Marlis Petersen as his bride, Susanna, Peter Mattei as the philanthropic Count they work for, Amanda Majeski as the long-suffering Countess, and Isabel Leonard as the libidinous pageboy Cherubino. New York magazine called it "a ravishing, intricately wrought evening of music, humor, and emotional depth... an evening like this is the strongest argument for the continued vigor of the Met."

"A swiftly paced, playful evening... Richard Eyre skillfully built the comic ensembles to climaxes that made you laugh out loud... A happy Marriage at the Met." - *The Wall Street Journal*.

"James Levine led the great Met orchestra in an eloquent, richly detailed performance." - *The New York Times*.

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Henderson County and lives in Macon County with her husband Brian. Welch graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in History in 2000 and received her Juris Doctor from William and Mary in 2003. She has been an ADA for WNC for the last 11 years.

Welch noted that if elected, she would focus on ensuring that the DA's office is managed efficiently and effectively to best serve the residents in WNC and drawing on her experience as ADA would focus on the backlog of cases in the office.

"One thing I will accomplish during my first term in office is handling our high number of pending homicide cases in the district," said Welch. "We will get these disposed of in a more efficient manner by changing the structure and roles of ADAs in the district so that we have Superior and District Court DAs. This restructuring of roles, is how several other offices in the State are run, and it is time to make this change in the 30th District. This allows ADAs assigned solely to Superior Court to concentrate on serious felonies, such as homicide cases, so that these cases aren't backlogged. I will also strengthen our relationship with law enforcement throughout the district."

The 30th Judicial District's county geographical makeup sets the DA office apart from any other DA in the state.

"Serving as the elected DA in the 30th is different than other parts of the State be-



Ashley Welch



Jim Moore

cause it is such a large district geographically," said Welch. "We have seven DA offices, seven courthouses, and several different law enforcement agencies that we work with on a daily basis."

With an undeniable passion, Welch is adamant that her experience paired with her devotion will lead her into best serving WNC.

"I am the best candidate for this job because I have the right temperament, background, experience, and passion that makes a good District Attorney," she said. "I am tough and fair. I have the strong support of law enforcement, including several elected Sheriffs, as well as the support and respect of many members of the local bar. I am completely devoted to my job and I am the right choice for this position."

With 16 years under his belt serving as an Assistant District Attorney in the 30th Judicial District, Jim Moore made the commitment to run for District Attorney

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a biologically important area, and what we as citizens should do to help protect it.

Being from Alabama, it also served to answer so many of our questions, such as how to tell rhododendron from mountain laurel, and how to tell a venomous species of snake on our hikes. The director was so friendly and helpful, and even showed our granddaughter a snake up close.

We have been to many nature centers in the south but for its size the Highlands Nature Center is certainly one of the best. Keep up the good work!

Mary L. Johnson
Birmingham, AL

For the people?

Dear Editor,

As the old song says, "Tis a puzzlement?" How can any elected representative currently in office perpetually insist on being "PROUD" while consistently voting against the needs and wishes of the people represented? Who can be "proud" of a vote to contaminate the very ground, air and water that benefits all of our state?

At best these views display incompetence, or perhaps a desire to convey "willful misinformation."

I'd like to believe that our Franklin representative to the North Carolina General Assembly (Senate-district 50) is more altruistic than evidenced. I'd also like to think that racial bias, misogyny, or any other demeaning attitude toward our people, does not enter into votes that affect our land, our people or our children's future (whose education is a whole other subject). I would like to! However, the repetitiously stated "Pride" for votes cast over these past years, does not support that hope.

I've too often seen the supercilious attitude displayed that gives lie to the verbal statements of "Proud," "Moral," "Religion" and "Patriotism." Somehow, I think these overt displays of insensitivity and outright hypocrisy, will leave our legislator to be eternally "knock, knock, knockin' on Heaven's door!"

Shirl Ches
Franklin, NC

Let's vote out those undermining our school systems

Dear Editor,

The Republican Party in North Carolina have repeated, time after time, that the public schools were broken. Since they have taken over the Legislature they have tried to make this come true.

They have not succeeded. Franklin High School has been rated in the top 30% of high schools in the nation. Many of Highlands School's test scores are the best in the county and region and statewide.

This honor can be attributed to Macon County Commissioners and The Board of Education who have made it possible. The administration, all the teachers, from kindergarten through the high school, who have provided the education and the parents, who have expected the students to get a good education, have made it happen.

In the last four years the North Carolina Legislature has cut \$500 millions from the education budget. They have cut teachers, teacher assistants, funds for higher education, funds for classroom supplies, textbooks and school transportation. Even worse, they have shown contempt for the schools and school employees.

This year they have given some teachers a raise. Some of the best teachers got very little or nothing. Last year, when money was available for a raise, the legislature chose to cut taxes for the millionaires and corporations.

This year, the Legislature set aside \$10 millions for school vouchers. Even after Judge Hobgood had declared the law unconstitutional they went ahead and have distributed \$1.1 million to private schools so far. Practically all of these schools are religious but not all are Christian. Many of the vouchers went to Islamic schools who are teaching the Koran, some in Arabic.

We will be voting for members of the Legislature on November 4th. We need to make sure those who supported and voted for these measures, Jim Davis and Thom Tillis, can stay home and think about their mistakes.

Clayton Ramsey
Franklin, NC

MET Opera at PAC shouldn't be missed

Dear Editor

Do you like opera? There is a good chance that you do but you don't know it yet.

My husband and I attended several operas in Atlanta, sitting in the nose bleed section where we heard the music perfectly well but couldn't really see what was going on onstage. Then we discovered the Metropolitan Opera's simulcasts which broadcast certain Saturday matinees as they are being performed. It is an entirely different experience.

We discovered, because of the exquisite camera work, what amazing actors met

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Fitzgerald said his idea to raise money for the SEALs originated from a trip last year to the Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, CA where in a room dedicated to fallen SEALs he was humbled by the number of pictures that lined an entire wall five rows deep.

“That inspired the ride,” he said. “I’ve never done anything like this – started or raised money for a charity – I’m not even a cyclist, but thought this was something I

could do.”

Highlanders John Underwood, Brad Knops (who served in the Navy) and Drew Rooney have signed on for this year’s trip – though Fitzgerald and his family live in Atlanta now, he became friends with the three when he and his family lived and worked in Highlands from 2005-2008.

Underwood and Knops will ride the 586 miles with Fitzgerald and others; Rooney and TK Waddell from Louisiana will bring up the rear in a Winnegago which will be used when a cyclist needs a rest. Rooney says he plans on driving about 15 mph. The group will be escorted through much of Georgia and some of Florida by state troopers or Sheriff deputies. They hope to cover 117 miles day one, 98 miles day two, 103 miles day three and about 90 miles each day for the remaining three days.

Underwood, 44, said he’s not a cyclist either – in fact he hasn’t ridden a bicycle since he was a child. Last November when he decided to join Fitzgerald’s cause he bought a bike but due to weather didn’t start serious training until this past March.

“I started supporting the SOAR race that is in Highlands yearly due to Bill Horowitz and his passion for the soldiers in the Special Operations,” said Underwood. “Last year my good friend Christian did this ride by himself and after seeing his commitment and knowing the sacrifices of the soldiers, I thought this would be a way I could help raise some money and bring some awareness to their cause.”

Fitzgerald says this is all about honoring the Navy SEALs – heroes he said, whose sacrifices they and their families make for this country oftentimes go unnoticed.

He picked the Navy SEAL Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL, as the destination because it was the closest institution dedicated to the SEALs in respect to Atlanta.

“SEALs are elite warriors who cross land and water to gather critical information, rescue hostages, or take direct action on behalf of the United States. Most of these missions are done in secret and are extremely dangerous. Yet, SEALs are willing to risk being injured or killed to protect the people and the values they love,” said Fitzgerald. “When that risk becomes a harsh reality, SEALs and their families need their own heroes. That’s where the Navy SEAL Foundation steps in.”

And that’s where the money Fitzgerald raises goes.

The Navy SEAL Foundation has provided an array of compassionate and effective programs that provide financial, educational, and emotional support to SEALs and their families.

“I believe the foundation is the expert and knows exactly how to help, whether that means providing family retreats and children’s camps to boost morale, helping ease the cost of a memorial service, or preserving the legacy of fallen heroes through the construction of beautiful monuments.”

All the money raised – 100% goes directly to the Navy SEALs Foundation and any expenses incurred during the trip – accommodations, food, etc., – comes out of the cyclists’ pocket.

“I’m pedaling 586 miles because it’s a mission I want to get behind, however I can,” he said.

To make a donation and help Fitzgerald and this year’s group reach their goal of \$25,000, go to www.pedalofpatriots.com

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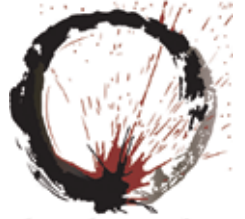
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Watch the golfers tee off on #5 at Highlands Falls and follow their progress all the way to the green. This 3/3 features a greatroom with pine walls and vaulted, beamed ceilings. The screened porch is the perfect place to entertain. MLS # 77704 \$487,000



English cottage in The Cotswolds. 3br/3.5ba, very private with long winding driveway, lovely landscaping and views. \$774,000. MLS# 75521



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Stunning mountain cottage on an acre of land in the Mirror Lake area. Property can be subdivided! 2/2, freshly painted and landscaped. MLS #80352 \$439,000



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Yes, I dream about real estate. Last week, I dreamt that one of my listings had a plumbing leak of which I was unaware. When I was showing this home, the client pointed it out and said "You don't know how to seal it with a bow."

Those words haunted me when I woke up the next morning! I started to think about all my listings and how to "seal it with a bow." One of the most difficult aspects of selling a home is to be totally frank with Sellers about the condition of their home. Sellers, please help out your Broker by having a thick skin and looking at your home objectively. Here are a few ways that you can position your home for a successful sale:

1. Get a home inspection and repair all items. I just had a three million plus deal blow up over the inspection report. Even if the Seller agreed to fix the items, the Buyers were alarmed by the number and depth of the issues and concluded they did not want the house under any circumstances after reading the report. Other Buyers have demanded unreasonable repair credits because, as an example, they want to bring their out-of-town contractor in to address repair issues. These problems could all be alleviated by Sellers getting their own reports and fixing the problems upfront;

2. De-clutter. All of us love our stuff, but the best presentation of a home is to have it minimally accessorized without personal items such as pictures and large amounts of collectibles;

3. Keep your home clean. I just showed one of my listings this week that had dirt on the floor and a dirty kitchen unbeknownst to me and the Owners. Workers were doing a project and made themselves at home. If your home is on the market, you must keep it clean at all times;

4. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression. Make sure the outside of your home is appealing as possible with tidy landscaping and a freshly

5. Price it right. The local market is blessed with affluent Owners who "don't have to sell." But why list your home if you don't want to sell? If your home is on the market surely you have made the decision that you want to sell. Get an appraisal or listen to your Broker about pricing. None of us can be totally objective about the value of our own homes;

6. Appreciate and respond to all offers. An offer is a sign of interest in your home. Show your appreciation by countering if the offer is not satisfactory. Do not get upset and refuse to respond. In this continuing Buyers' market, the Buyers are still aggressive with their offers but you never know what their final dollar amount is if you don't continue to talk;

7. The market speaks in silence. If your home has been on the market for a long period of time with few lookers and no offers, the market is rejecting your pricing. Your Broker is just as frustrated and disappointed that your home has not sold as you. Don't be shy about bringing up pricing with your Broker, as it is difficult for Brokers to continually talk to their Sellers about pricing.

Enjoy this beautiful Fall and Happy Selling!

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A hidden gem! Please don't let the proximity to Highway 64 keep you from viewing this lovely mountain home. Once you step inside, you will forget you are near the highway, because there is no road noise. The views are beautiful out of every window, with native rhododendrons and low maintenance landscaping. Featuring 4BD/2.5BA, 2 kitchens, 2 fireplaces, a 2 car garage, and a covered porch. This house is well-maintained and perfect for year round living or as a vacation/rental home. MLS# 80029 Offered at \$575,000. Owner is motivated.



Excellent condition 2BR/2BA home is close to downtown on Highway 64 near Lake Sequoyah and On The Verandah Restaurant. Low maintenance yard with small pond. Master bedrooms on main and upper level. Offered at \$159,000. mls #80556



Highlands Falls Country Club. Walk to the swim and tennis center from this Highlands Falls condominium. 2BD/2BA a screened-in porch, covered deck and gas log fireplace. Surrounded by mature rhododendrons. Being sold completely furnished. Priced at \$194,000. mls #79881



Historic Highlands Home. Walk to town from this circa 1937 3BD/2.5BA home at the base of Satulah Mountain on 1.53 acres. Detailed craftsmanship throughout. One-car garage, and a spring fed pond. MLS# 76313 Offered at \$949,000.



Chestnut Street. In town with a flat building site. Historical house to restore. Sidewalk in front and only 4 blocks to downtown. Offered at \$650,000. mls #78627



Highlands Country Club. This spacious 4BD home has walnut floors and a wall of glass that opens onto the large porch with spectacular views. Greatroom, kitchen, living/dining rooms with stone fireplace. Master bedroom with huge bath. 2 car garage. Offered at \$1,295,000. mls #78070



Laurel Falls at Skyline. Great cottage sits on the upper side of the road and features a huge wrap around porch. 2BD/2BA. Loft, master bedroom with en-suite bath. Lower level has family room with guest room and bath. one-car garage. \$575,000.00. mls #77615



Cute cottage is located high in the trees with winter views and great outdoor spaces from the huge covered porch. 2 large master suites, renovated baths and kitchen. Large greatroom with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Furnishings are available. Offered at \$354,000. mls #80038



Old Brushy Face and panoramic views. 4BD/4BA on main, guest quarters on lower level. Huge living room with wormy chestnut paneling and real stone fireplace. Covered stone patio. Offered at \$1,895,000. mls #79214



Highlands Falls Country Club. 5BR/4BA. 3BR/3BA upstairs and 2 bedrooms and bath downstairs with family room and partial kitchen. Beautiful lake and mountain view. Offered at \$297,000. mls #78947



Close to town, in the woods, charming and comfortable three bedrooms with fireplace in the master bedroom. Owner wants to sell. MLS# 63260. Offered at \$399,000.



In-Town home only a 3 block walk to Main St. Highlands. 1.13 acres on a Cul-de-Sac. Completely remodeled in late 2008. 3BD/3.5BA Large Screened Porch with Grilling Large Hardwood Floors, Tile Floors in Baths, Price \$595,000 MLS # 79617. Owner/Broker



Upper Lake Road. 4BD/4.5BA on a large private lot. Designer finishes throughout. Living room has with French doors to a huge covered screened porch Antique fixtures. A workshop and 2 car garage. Furnishings are negotiable. Offered at \$1,695,000. mls #80040



Highlands Country Club. Long-range views atop Sassafras Knob on quiet cul-de-sac. 4BD/4.5 baths, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, wet bar, huge deck, dining porch, 2-car garage, Furnishings negotiable. Offered at \$1,150,000. MLS# 74694.



Highlands Country Club. 4BD/4BA home on almost an acre. Close to the golf course. Furnishings are negotiable. Priced well under the tax appraised value, and offered at \$885,000. mls #78368



Lovely Fairway cottage in Cullasaja Club. Walk to the clubhouse! 3BD/3BA, fireplace and gas stove. Carport, workshop. Meticulously maintained and great course and mountain view! Stone fireplace and screened porch. Offered at \$399,500. mls #77291



Hickory Street. 4BD/2BA older home with great charm. Updated kitchen and great covered porch. Large private lot with plenty of parking, small stream below the house. Offered at \$489,000. mls #79147

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Moore graduated with a BA from Southwestern at Memphis in 1983; and graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree from Walter F. George School of Law (Mercer University) in 1986.

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requirement, large fields of solar panels would be needed. Highlands has about half the average sunlight needed for maximum solar generation. How many trees would the community be willing to sacrifice in order to go solar, and how much space?

There are complicated issues related to converting to emerging green energy options. I suspect many Highlanders would want aesthetic, low impact, green energy that would provide abundant, low cost power. Given the current technology, that may be a tall order to fill, at least for now.

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...CANDIDATES from page 21

Serving under former District Attorney Charles Hipps from 1991-1996, Moore got his

first taste as ADA for WNC. He returned to the post in 2003 under Mike Bonfoey, where he has

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remained for the last 11 years.

If elected, Moore says he wants to work with the state legislature to increase personnel for the DA's office.

"Instead of adding staff and ADSs over the last several years, the DA's office has continued to be cut at the potential cost to public safety" said Moore. "With more personnel the District Attorney's office would have more time to prepare for trials and consult with victims and law enforcement. To alleviate some of this problem, I pledge to be a more active DA in courtrooms than any previous District Attorney, thereby adding a very experienced hand to the day to day administration of justice without any further cost to the State."

During his first term in office, Moore wants to see a reduction in wait times in cases involving impaired drivers by working out an agreement with local hos-

pitals to test blood samples.

"Labs are overworked and understaffed," said Moore. "Defendants and their attorneys know which labs test blood and some analyst travel five hours to get to court. Having our local hospitals test the blood samples means having the results back within days, if not hours, and we would have witnesses far more accessible to come to court."

Like Welch, Moore says the 30th district's geographical makeup is challenging.

"Having the largest geographical district in the state has challenges not faced elsewhere, but my 28 years of experience all within this district make me uniquely qualified to handle such a task," said Moore. "Districts with only one or two counties can allow their ADAs to specialize in Superior or District Courts. Such a structure simply is not possible in a district that is as massive as

this one is."

If elected, Moore vowed to be more than just an attorney.

"The District Attorney should be more than a trial attorney, which I have more experience at than my opponent by far, but the District Attorney must also provide stable leadership for law enforcement throughout the seven county district," said Moore. "I have consistently been law enforcement's choice when it comes to the difficult cases, because they have come to know my exceptional trial record over 28 years, especially in cases where children were most vulnerable. My honesty, integrity and unwillingness to sacrifice what's right for political gain will continue to be what victims can count on as I fight for them and for justice. I will be the leader our mountains, our children, and our citizens have come to expect in the District Attorney."

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Take time

By Father Bruce Walker
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

As I was leaving church last Sunday, I stopped to speak to one of my flock who had been under the weather the prior week. I asked about her health and she replied, "I am better now, but just a bit run down, I've been so busy this summer." I found myself wrapped up in her refrain. I totally get it! I think most of us do. We live a good, but often fast paced life here on the plateau.

Anyway, it immediately brought to mind the poem I shared with my vestry (church council) at our last meeting that speaks to our human need to spend time in active contemplation. We are creatures of habit, some good, others not so good. Perhaps we need to develop better habits. I thought the poem had potential for helping in that regard and so did a few others.

I was asked by someone at the meeting for a reference as to who wrote the poem and I couldn't really say, other than, I would research it and share what I found out. What I found out is that the author is anonymous. Well, I guess I am not going crazy after all.

So, enjoy the poem and if it helps you in any way, then thank the unknown author or maybe even the Lord of the Universe; just maybe they are the same.

Take time to think;

it is the source of power.

Take time to read;

it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play;

it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet;

it is the opportunity to see God.

Take time to be aware;

it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved;

it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh;

it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly;

it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream;

it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray;

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police Log entries from Sept. 26 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Sept. 26

• At 6:46 p.m., William Mark Abernathy, 56, of Black Mountain, NC, was arrested for DWI on Log Cabin Lane.

Sept. 27

• At 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Bowery Road.

Sept. 30

• At 1 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident in the parking lot of 200 Main.

Oct. 1

• At 11:46 a.m., Felicia Clara Angel, 44, of Alexander, NC, was arrested on Pine Street for breaking and entering, larceny and obtaining property on false pretenses. At 8:05 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

Oct. 2

• At 4:25 p.m., officers were called to N. 4th Street involving disorderly conduct where a person parked behind someone preventing them from leaving their parking spot.

Oct. 3

• At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

Oct. 5

• At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

Oct. 6

• At 12:39 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Oct. 5.

Oct. 5.

• At 12:51 p.m., the dept. aided when a boy fell trying to scale a rock wall at Dry Falls.

Oct. 7

• At 9:34 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 5th Street.

• At 11:33 a.m., the dept. stood by for the MAMA helicopter at the hospital.

Oct. 8

• At 4:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US. 64 west.

Oct. 9

• At 3:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hill Road.

• At 7:33 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers

Fire Dept. It was cancelled en route.

• At 9:57 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a chimney fire at a residence on Sage Woods Drive. There was no damage.

Oct. 10

• At 8:56 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

Oct. 12

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Oct. 14

• At 8:22 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.



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Nin Bond sentence hearing continued

On Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013, Bond pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis L. Howell, in Bryson City, NC federal court, to wire fraud and mail fraud charges for fraudulently acquiring and unlawfully rebroadcasting DirecTV satellite television programming to the customers of Highlands Cable Group.

Bond has been released on bond since May 2013 awaiting his sentence hearing which was set for Oct. 9, 2014. However his lawyer was traveling during that time, so the hearing was continued. A new date hasn't been set yet. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office his case is still pending.

According to the criminal indictment filed in April 2013, from July 2002 to December 13, 2011, Bond devised and executed a fraudulent scheme to establish and maintain multiple DirecTV residential and commercial lodging subscriber accounts

for the purpose of fraudulently acquiring DirecTV satellite TV systems. Many of these accounts were in Georgia and North Carolina.

The fraudulent scheme enabled Bond to acquire and maintain over 30 DirecTV integrated satellite receiver units and DirecTV satellite access cards required to decode DirecTV's satellite TV signals.

Court records indicate that Bond received monthly payments from Highlands Cable Group's subscribers who had been receiving DirecTV's TV programming valued at over \$45,000 per month, and enabled Bond and Highlands Cable Group to unfairly compete against other local cable TV companies.

The wire fraud and mail fraud charge each carry a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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Highlands native debuts new clothing line: 'Maybe Sunday'

Maybe Sunday is a new clothing line by McKenzie Thompson, Highlands native, and Jason Guo that's all about feeling good and having fun.

The duo prints high-resolution images on high-quality fabrics (Italian ink on Korean fabric, that is) to create an initial collection of shirts, scarves and hats that are as vibrant as they are functional. Prints include a blue sky with clouds, yellow lemons and white marble, among others.

The full collection can be found on **Kickstarter** at: <http://kck.st/1siRf1f> and on their web site at: www.maybesunday.us

Select Maybe Sunday items will be available in Annawear in Highlands in Spring 2015.

Our Inspiration

Broadly speaking, Maybe Sunday is inspired by internet culture.

"Today's world is image-centric, with photo and video sharing being a primary mode of self-expression, identification and connection. At Maybe Sunday, we love photographs for this reason, so we select images for the leisurely, upbeat, and sometimes humorous feelings they evoke in hopes of connecting and sharing with people from all over the world.

"Jason and I began this project in early 2014 during our last semester at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. We both have a strong desire to innovate, and we believe that working for ourselves allows us the

greatest possibility to be creative and do something new for culture. We spent the spring in preparation, and following our

graduation in May, went into full production mode.

"Chicago fashion has a history of following trends that originate elsewhere... New York, LA, Paris. Our goal is to put Chicago fashion on the map. It's a big place full of rich cultural diversity, and we want the world to know how great it is," said Thompson.

Our Partnership

"Jason and I met in 2012 at SAIC. We began collaborating on sculptural works last fall. Eventually, as we talked about life after graduation, we decided to move forward with Maybe



Sunday.

"He is my perfect business partner. Whether working creatively or administratively, we are always there to discuss, to refine ideas, to examine decisions together, and we are comfortable sharing and allowing each other to excel at our individual specialties.

"At 22, Jason is a true Millennial and has had a more involved experience with the Internet as he's grown up. It is hard to distinguish the subtleties of the World's transition to the Internet, but it's undeniable that there is a whole new attitude that arises from this shift in culture. Jason teaches me to be in tune with what's current, and I teach him what I've learned through academics and experience. Together, we endeavor to create something new,"

she said.

Background

McKenzie Thompson, 27, is daughter of Michael Thompson and Dale Sistik. Thompson received her M.F.A. in Visual Communication Design ('14) from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she was New Artist Society Fellow, and her B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication ('09) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She graduated from Highlands School in 2005.

Jason Guo, 22, received his B.A. in Sculpture and Visual Communication Design ('14) from SAIC as a James Nelson Raymond Fellow.

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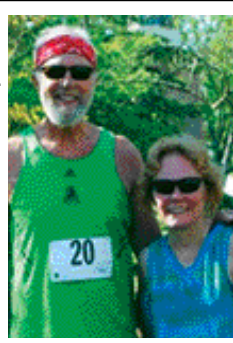


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Understanding fracking

Fracking, also known as hydraulic fracturing, is essential to produce oil and natural gas that is otherwise trapped in low-permeability rock formations deep underground. In fact, the vast majority of the country's newly drilled wells would not produce oil or natural gas at sufficient levels without fracking. It has been used for more than 60 years and more than 1 million wells in the USA and approximately 2 million worldwide have been fracked. It is a completion technique that occurs after a well is drilled and cased. Once a fracked well begins to produce it is no different than any other producing well.

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ings form multiple barriers between potential groundwater resources and the producing hydrocarbons. These redundant cemented barriers are designed to protect above ground and underground sources of drinking water throughout the life of the well.

Fracking involves injecting fluids and materials through perforations that are made only within the hydrocarbon formation, under controlled pressure, to create fractures and cracks in the deep underground formation. This permits oil and natural gas to flow into the wellbore. The recaptured proppants, additives and most of the water is reused, recycled or disposed of according to government-approved methods.

Some say during fracking methane may enter the atmosphere; yet, in agriculture and

the development of biofuels, far more methane is produced than with fracking. Fracturing is safe according to numerous recent studies and no confirmed connection between fracking and groundwater contamination has been found. The methane gas and oil is captured at the well and is sold.

Some opponents to fracking say it contaminates the ground water and base their opinions on outdated and inconclusive studies from the Marcellus shale fracking in Pennsylvania. Many of those studies and opinions neglected to take into consideration that in Pennsylvania there are surface and near surface coal beds and it is a well-established fact they contain methane gas, sulfur, minerals and other chemicals. Now that the oil and gas industry is being accused

of contaminating the ground water they now test the waters prior to drilling and fracking and compare those findings to the ones taken after the fracking has been completed. These studies are similar to comparing humans DNAs.

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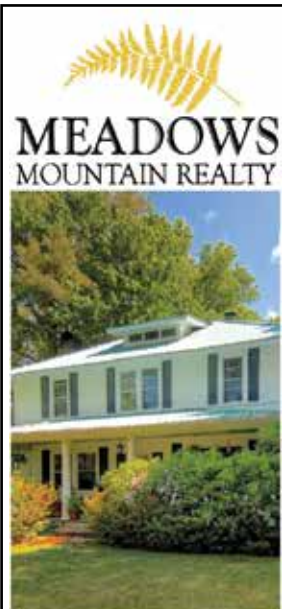
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