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## Franklin businessman charged with commodity pool fraud

The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) filed a civil enforcement Complaint against Barry C. Taylor of Franklin, N.C., charging him with operating a multi-million dollar fraudulent scheme

through his firms, OTC Investments LLC and Forex Currency Trade Advisors, LLC (collectively, Defendants).

Taylor's business was located in the county's Economic Development Department's (ED) incu-

bator facility in Franklin. The ED offers discounted facilities give startup businesses a foot up.

On April 22, 2015, Judge Martin Reidinger of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Asheville

Division entered an emergency restraining Order freezing Defendants' assets and prohibiting the destruction or concealment of their books and records. None of the Defendants has ever been reg-

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## MC teacher employment contracts are clarified

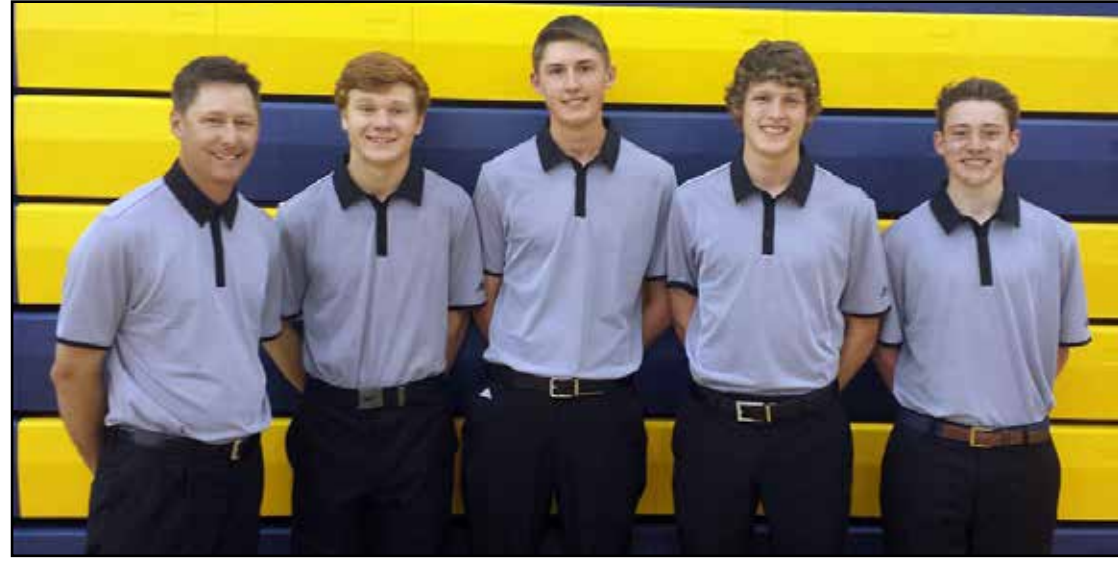
Getting in line with state standards, the Macon County Board of Education did some house cleaning on various district personnel policies during their April meeting.

State legislation has shifted, allowing teachers to only be offered employment contracts on a one-, two-, and four-year-basis. With each contract renewal comes evaluations and new standards to continue employment, leading the local school leaders to amend existing policies to match the new state requirements.

Beginning with Personnel Policy 703, school officials approved a Teacher Contract policy to outline how teachers will be selected for contracts.

"Employment contracts for teaching will be granted or renewed only for individuals of proven ability who strive for

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Pictured from left is the Conference Champion Golf team with Coach Kevin Gabbard, Austin Nichols, Kyle Gabbard, Brent Amundrud and Johnny Lupoli.

## Highlands School athletes to compete in upcoming NCHSAA tournaments

*Golf, track and soccer teams excel*

For the first time in Highlands School history, the Boys' Golf team was Conference Champions.

Brent Amundrud was named the "Golfer of the Year" at this year's Smoky Mountain Con-

ference Golf Tournament and Johnny Lupoli was named All-Conference. Golf team members Kyle Gabbard and Austin Nichols were named Honorable Mention All-Conference.

The team, whose coach is

Kevin Gabbard, golf pro at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, competed Tuesday May 5 in Rutherfordton, NC at the Regional Tournament. They came in 5th so unfortunately, they do not ad-

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## Summit's budget 4x greater than MC Schools'

*197 students vs. MC Schools' 4,500 students*

Summit Charter School in Cashiers boasts a school enrollment of 197 students and ensures a 12:1 student, teacher ratio. With class sizes kept at 24 students per class, per the school's charter, the tuition-free public charter school for K-8 grades has been serving as an alternative form of education for years.

Because of North Carolina legislation involving charter schools, for every child in Macon County who wishes to attend a charter school, local districts must provide the charter school with a check equal to the state's per pupil allocation, which adds up to \$1,614.95 locally. That amount is Macon County's local per pupil expenditure. It fluctuates with enrollment or any

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

## • THE FREDSTER •

### Highlands is first-class in more ways than one!

Does anyone have the personal cell number for Coach Roy Williams of North Carolina Tar Heels? I need to make an official mayoral call to invite the Tar Heels to hold their next basketball training camp in Highlands.

Now don't laugh, Highlands has a lot to offer. Think how inspiring it would be for the Heels to train in a beautiful mountain setting, away from all the distractions of a university town.

Besides our one drawback, spotty internet and cell phone connections, would be a big plus. The players would not be constantly texting and calling their girlfriends and bros, so they could focus solely on basketball. Also, the media would not be swarming around like bees as they do in Chapel Hill. The press would think it was a ruse, little Highlands is too far away and ill equipped for basketball.

On the contrary, Highlands could provide many amenities. Rabid Heel fans, like Slocum Howland, would be glad to put players up in their homes and drive them back and forth to practice. Also, Highlands has great places for the team to eat any training food Coach Williams prescribed. Also, wives



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

of coaches could shop and relax, and coaches could golf and fish.

The Highlands police could keep an eye on the players so they wouldn't get into trouble, like accidentally going to one of our community "watering holes." Not that folks shouldn't go to these fine establishments, but I am sure the coach has team rules that are never to be broken. Instead, in their free time players could go to the movies, the theater, concerts, art shows and church events. Heck, these student/athletes could earn college credit at

the Biological Station while training.

Richard Betz and Morris Williams and the Highlands Roadrunners could supplement the Heels' training with a running program that would get players in top shape for that national championship drive. Nothing beats training runs at 4,100 feet above sea level to get the lungs and legs pumping at maximum capacity.

Now after I would make this perfect pitch, Coach Williams probably would say, "Thanks mayor, everything sounds great, but the Tar Heels have to have a great practice facility with professional goals and the very best gym floor possible. My response would be, "Coach, we have all that! Our new gym floor and goals are state-of-the art. The company who recently installed our gym floor normally has contracts with universities like Duke." Well, maybe I would not use Duke as an example, that could be a deal killer for Coach Williams.

Nevertheless, thanks to the generosity of Art and Angela Williams, the Highlands Recreation Department now has a first class basketball venue. That beautiful hard wood floor lined in the green town colors is a site to behold. If Coach Williams saw the floor I am sure he would be very impressed, but probably decline my offer because the paint is not baby blue.

Go Heels, go Highlands! Everyone enjoy.

He's baaaacccccckkkk .....

### Allow Me



Fred Wooldridge

I love Highlands and have been a part time resident since 1968. That was the same year President Lyndon Johnson whipped out his willie and urinated on a tree at his Texas ranch in front of his entire Press Corp, proving politicians were just as sleazy and uncouth then as now.

Sooooo, for those unsuspecting folks visiting Highlands for the first time or having moved here full time since last October, take heed. Or if you're part of those dreaded summer people with their pesty thousand dollar bills and fancy cars and here for the first time, allow me to introduce myself. I write a seasonal sometimes convoluted column titled "The Fredster." I started in '04 so I reckon this is my 11th year.

I don't live in Highlands in the winter because, even though I used to be a rough and tumble down in the dirt street cop from South Florida, I am a total weenie when it comes to being cold. If it gets below fifty degrees, I cease to function, complete with stopped up nose, raspy cough and numb fingers. Sooooo, not only am I "The Fredster," and a "winter wimp," I'm also "The Poppy." As you can see, I'm big into titles and I suspect you'll add a few more to my column as the summer progresses.

I call my wife "the li'l missus." I've been married to her for a very, very, very long time and my nine grandchildren call me "Poppy." Oh, by the way, don't be fooled by the kindness and gentleness of this fine lady. She was a South Florida cop's wife for over 28 years and has seen and heard it all. She still has the strength and endurance to be a cop's wife even after all this time. She's cop-hardened.

And while I once taught rappelling on the cliffs of Highlands, I now waddle around town trying to keep my balance on our uneven terrain. Mother Nature is sooooo cruel.

And here's a word of caution for those

poor folks with little or no sense of humor. Do not read my column. Repeat...do not read my column. Sooner or later, I'll make you angry and won't care that I did. It's what I do. My politics lean hard right but I keep away from the serious stuff. I love political satire, poking fun of anything and everyone. I find Chris Matthews disgusting.

My summer job as a columnist is to evoke an emotion.

Laughter, anger and sadness are my favorites.

A lady once said, "Fred, I was so mad at you over this week's column I could just spit but I'll keep reading your stuff 'cause sooner or later you'll make me laugh....or cry....or...."

Even a fellow columnist who knows I write to evoke emotions cornered me at the PAC one evening to scold me for making fun of the French during World War II. It had something to do with them practicing on the proper way to surrender. She was sooooo angry. After her lengthy and somewhat loud rant ended, I reminded her I write fiction and meant none of it. She stood there, speechless, realizing she had taken my bait.

So let's get this summer underway and get some emotions flowing. If you like my stuff, call my editor and praise me. If you hate my stuff call me personally at 1-800-who-cares. If no one answers, try 1-800-who-cares.

PS - President George Bush also lived on a Texas ranch but never urinated in front of his Press Corp. Are you writing this down?

### Register for May 30 5K Run

The official opening of Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park is Saturday, May 30 begins with a 5K run/walk at 8 a.m. The entry fee for those who pre-register is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students (13 and older) and \$10 for those 12 and under. Race day registration is \$35 for adults, \$30 for students, and \$15 for those 12 and under.

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# • OBITUARIES •

## Matt Friedlander

Matt Friedlander, 94, of Moultrie, GA, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014.

Mr. Friedlander was born in Moultrie in 1920, the third of Louis and Esther Friedlander's six sons.

His survivors include his wife, Jacqueline, who now resides in Atlanta, GA; his sons, Stephen, who now lives in Jerusalem, Israel, John and wife Pamela of Ann Arbor, MI; and Charles and wife Teresa of Athens, GA; grandson Jesse; granddaughters, Cait and Kelly; brother Jack of Moultrie; and two great-granddaughters, Adin and Eliana.

After graduation from Moultrie High School at age 16, he attended the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA and Duke University in Durham, NC where he earned his bachelor's degree in business.

When the U.S. entered WWII, he enlisted in the US Navy serving as lieutenant senior grade and was involved in the campaign that liberated North Africa from Nazi Germany.

In 1943, he married Jacqueline Sprayregen of New York City, NY. Although northern born in the big city, she quickly came to share her husband's affection for Moultrie. In September, 2014, the couple celebrated their



71st wedding anniversary.

While he developed successful business operations throughout the southeast across seven decades and traveled to more than 40 countries, he lived most of his life in Moultrie within two miles of his birthplaces, a wood frame house that still stands on First Avenue Southeast.

The couple also has a second home in Highlands at Highlands Falls Country Club.

He was an active member in numerous state and national real estate professional organizations, including GAR, NAR and the Association of Georgia Real Estate Exchanges.

In Highlands the Friedlanders support the arts and numerous nonprofit organizations.

The family requests that any well-wishers consider donations to the Colquitt County Arts Center and Weinstein Hospice, 3150 Howell Mill Road, N.W. Atlanta, GA, 30327.

Baker Funeral Home of Moultrie, GA was entrusted with arrangements.

# • LETTER TO THE EDITOR •

## Alice in Wonderland

Dear Editor

As events unfold in Baltimore, the failure of Liberal ideologies becomes clear. We've also seen the failures in Ferguson and even going back as far as Watts.

In spite of all the high minded speeches about the War on Poverty, the reality is that LBJ and his liberal camp have always considered black Americans as inferior to other races and we see this in their decision to simply throw more money at the problem which makes black Americans even more dependent.

Listening to some of the black protesters in Baltimore talk to reporters, the prob-

lem becomes clear in their answers; basically uneducated and dependent on the government for welfare and a total loss of self-respect. One could go on for hours talking about the various things we saw, such as destroying their own businesses and automobiles, but all of it goes back to one single root cause, lack of education and a lack of self-worth.

I doubt if the educational system in Baltimore is much different that it is in New York so I'll toss in some information for you.

Catholic schools in NYC graduate

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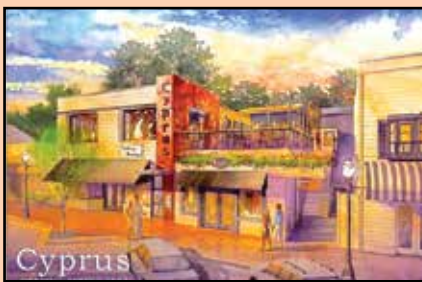
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# • HIGHLANDS DINING •

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almost all of their black students and in fact some 90% of the kids go on to college or some sort of trade school. And, they do it for less than half of what a public school costs. Most of their students are from high crime and poverty areas of NYC and not from a privileged class as the unions claim.

In contrast, only a little more than 20% of the black public school students go on to higher education. NYC public schools are broken but their administrator's only response is to throw more money at the problem.

To fix the problem, we must face the fact that teachers unions exist for teachers only and to protect their jobs. A teacher who uses drugs or has sex with a student cannot be fired, at least in NYC.

Added to the problem is that while the Federal Department of Education spends billions of our tax money, they have yet to teach one single student. Paul Rand was probably right in suggesting that the Department of Education be shut down since it does nothing for education except for making more regulations and in bed with the teachers unions.

Obviously, the problem in Baltimore is similar in nature to NYC and lies in the powerful control teachers unions have over education along with a completely useless DOE.

Breaking the choke hold teachers unions have on our educational system is the first step. But then we must find ways to restore self-respect, break up the single parent disaster supported by food stamps and other welfare that keep black Americans on the plantation.

Unlike the clap-trap mouthed by people like Al Sharpton or Jesse Jackson, there are thinking black Americans who understand the problem and all agree that the human mind is a terrible thing to waste. Liberal ideology has not and will not work.

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at Appalachian State University this Saturday. Montana McElroy, Remy Adrian, Cole Drummonds, Chris Benton and Davis Moore will compete

in different events and look to qualify for the 1A State Championships which will be held May 15 at NC A&T University.

The girls' soccer team completed another undefeated conference record this week with a win at Cherokee.

Lady Highlander Kirstyn Lamb scored her 100th soccer goal – more than anyone in the history of Highlands School and possibly Macon County including boys or girls!

The team has already clinched conference championship and the top seed out of the Smoky Mountain Conference for the upcoming NCHSAA State Tournament that starts on May 13. The girls team is currently ranked 9th in the state in 1A.

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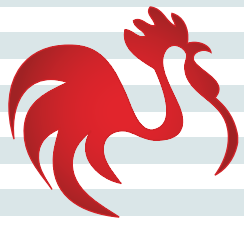
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excellence," reads the policy. "Teachers should be familiar with the current state-wide instructional standards for their teaching assignment and be able to teach the curriculum effectively. The board expects teachers to facilitate student learning and effectively carry out the responsibilities of providing for a safe and orderly environment in which students learn and become college and career ready."

Policy 703 also states that while the board will employ teachers upon the recommendation of the superintendent, if the board is not satisfied that an applicant or employee has met the standards established by the board, initial or continued employment will be denied.

One significant state mandated change to the district's personnel policy comes in eliminating the phrase "probationary" from personnel policy 705. Historically, teachers in North Carolina have been offered probationary contracts, meaning their employment was considered from year-to-year. With the state moving to offer all employment contracts on a one-, two-, or four- year basis, the probationary term became obsolete, causing the language to be eliminated from the process.

Policy 705 now focuses on non-career status teachers -- the nonrenewal process --but now includes provisions so teachers have a certain level of due process in the event a contract is not renewed.

"I support MCSB Policy 705," said Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. "The board's desire was to provide teachers with protection against termination due to personal, political, religious or capricious and arbitrary reasons. Policy 705 provides those protections for teachers while still allowing

school administrators the ability to help teachers improve. This policy also still provides school administrators the opportunity to weed out that small percentage of teachers who may have chosen the wrong career. Policy 705 helps to ensure that our students will have the best possible teachers in front of them every day."

While North Carolina leaders have eliminated due-process by eliminating teacher tenure, the Macon County Board of Education wrote a local tenure provision into policy 705 by allowing teachers who are not offered a contract renewal an appeal process.

Lastly, the board approved amendments to board policy 771, which discusses the evaluation of licensed employees.

Among other changes, the new policy adds the provision, "teachers with fewer than three consecutive years of experience shall be evaluated annually in accordance with the comprehensive evaluation cycle established in State Board Policy TCP-004."

The addition comes after the term "career teachers" was eliminated along with tenure provisions in the state.

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istered with the CFTC, as required.

The CFTC Complaint, filed under seal on April 21, 2015, alleges that from at least August 1, 2011 through the present, the Defendants engaged in a fraudulent scheme that solicited more than \$2.4 million from approximately 24 members of the public in North Carolina and other states within the United States and in Canada to participate in a commodity pool that traded leveraged or margined retail off-exchange foreign currency (forex) contracts.

The Complaint further alleges that Taylor misappropriated pool participant funds for personal and other business uses, and concealed his fraudulent scheme and misappropriation. Also, as alleged, Taylor issued or caused to be issued false account statements to one or more pool participants to cover up his fraudulent scheme.

Taylor, among other things, allegedly made material misrepresentations and omissions to commodity pool participants that 1) Defendants were engaged in profitable forex trading and 2) failed to disclose that Defendants traded only a portion of pool participant funds and misappropriated the remainder through a combination

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of personal expenditures and partial distributions of diminishing commodity pool funds to pool participants to lull and deceive them.

The Complaint also charges that the Defendants used pool participant funds to pay purported trading profits and supposedly returned pool participants' principal in the manner of a Ponzi scheme.

In its continuing litigation, the CFTC seeks a return of ill-gotten gains, restitution, civil monetary penalties, trading and registration bans, and permanent injunctions against further violations of the federal commodities laws, as charged.

The CFTC cautions victims that restitution orders may not result in the recovery of money lost because the wrongdoers may not have sufficient funds or assets. The CFTC will

continue to fight vigorously for the protection of customers and to ensure the wrongdoers are held accountable.

The CFTC appreciates the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CFTC Division of Enforcement staff members responsible for this case are JonMarc P. Buffa, Peter M. Haas, Patricia A. Gomersall, Tashieka Taylor, and Paul G. Hayeck.

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# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

• **NOTE:** The Recreation Department is now accepting application for Lifeguards for the Summer. We will be offering a Lifeguard course in late April and early May.

• **NOTE:** Anyone interested in putting together a softball team in the Highlands Spring League needs to contact Lester Norris at 828-526-3556 by Thursday, April 23rd before 4:30pm.

## Ongoing

• Church of the Incarnation and the First Presbyterian Church are collecting food items for the Highlands Emergency Council and the Food Pantry. Drop off boxes are in the Ravenel Room at First Presbyterian and in the downstairs lobby at the Church of the Incarnation. Monetary donations also accepted. Make checks out to Highlands Mountain-Top Rotary.

• The Cub and Boy Scouts of

America have three drop offs for worn and tattered flags. They properly retire them. Drop offs at Highlands Doors and Windows 2242 Dillard Road, the Highlands Fire Station or Highlands United Methodist Church office. Contact Phil Potts for more information 828 526-3719

## Thurs.-Sun.

• Movies at the Playhouse: Thurs-Sunday, 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Call 526-2685 for weekly movie.

## Monday

• Shortoff Baptist Church hosts a non-denominational Men's Meeting the first Monday night of each month at 7 pm and all men are invited to attend.

## First Tuesdays

• FAMILY and Caregiver Support Group Meets: for Individuals that have a friend, family member or loved one living with mental illness. Learn how peers deal with stress and

emotional overload. First Tuesday of Every Month 7-8 pm. Call Ann for more info (828) 369-7385

## 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit [www.occupywnc.org](http://www.occupywnc.org) or call 828.331.1524 Tuesdays

• Free Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.

## Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park at 8a. \$5.

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

• Zumba at the Rec Park at 9:05a. \$5

## Wed. through June 3

• At The Bascom: After School Art Adventure, 3:15-4:30p. To register, call Anna Alig at 787-2865.

## 1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:15pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

## 3rd Wednesdays

• General Audience Movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-

526-3031 for titles.

## Thursdays

• Yoga at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$6 per class.

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

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

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

## 2nd Thursdays

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

## 3rd Thursdays

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: Every 3rd Thursday of month,

## 'Love Letters' this weekend at the Playhouse – three shows



Love Letters is a play by A. R. Gurney that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play centers on two characters, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III. Using the epistolary form sometimes found in novels, they sit side by side at tables and read the notes, letters and cards – in which over nearly 50 years, they discuss their hopes and ambitions, dreams and disappointments, victories and defeats – that have passed between them throughout their separated lives. Love Letters was first performed by the playwright himself with Holland Taylor at the New York Public Library, then opened in 1988 at the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut with Joanna Gleason and John Rubinstein.

Highlands' own Vangie and Curtis Rich will be playing the roles of Melissa and Andrew. Vangie has been performing on stage for over 70 years and has been in numerous musicals, operettas and plays. She is very active in the Highlands United Methodist Church Choir and Children's Drama productions. Curtis is very involved in the Rotary Club and is on the Playhouse Board of Directors. Curtis and Vangie have performed many times together, including On Golden Pond and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. Together, they are sure to add their own flair to the roles of Melissa and Andrew.

We will have three performances Mother's Day weekend. One on Friday, May 8 at 8pm, Saturday, May 9 at 8pm and a Sunday matinee on May 10 at 2pm. Tickets are \$25 for all shows. Call the box office today at 828 526 2695 to reserve your tickets.

## Hymn Sing at First Presbyterian on May 17



An old fashioned Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 5pm at First Presbyterian Church. Those attending will have the opportunity to choose a hymn they wish to sing from the 1938 Cokesbury hymnal. Stell Huie will be song leader with Angie Jenkins at the piano. Please come and join us for an enjoyable time of music and Christian fellowship. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

## 'The Hard Problem' Live in HD at PAC this Saturday



Saturday, May 9th at 7pm the National Theatre of London's Live in HD presents the production from the acclaimed playwright, Tom Stoppard's new play The Hard Problem. Hillary, a psychology researcher is nursing a private sorrow and a troubling question at work, where psychology and biology meet. If there is nothing but matter, what is consciousness? Coming up on Saturday, May 16th is another National Theatre production. Bernard Shaw's Man and Superman. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15.30 for PAC members, tickets are available for these and all PAC events online at [highlandspac.org](http://highlandspac.org) or by calling the Performing Arts Center 828-526-9047

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7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

**Last Fri. of each month**

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11a to noon at The Hudson Library.

**Saturdays**

• Highlands Marketplace in the vacant lot next to K-H Founders Park on Pine Street from 8a to 2p.

**Sat. through May 30**

• At the Bascom: Kids' Creation Station. 10a to noon. \$5. To register, call Anna Alig at 787-2865.

**Sundays**

• At the Mountain Laurel Tennis Club at 4:30 pm. Multi-denominational, Interactive Bible Study and Fellowship.

**Thurs., May 7**

• At the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center, a planting of Chestnut trees. at 11:30 by members of the American Chestnut Foundation who are participating in a retreat at The Mountain this week. Please RSVP 526 5838 if you can come and plan to stay for lunch.

**Fri. & Sat., May 8-9**

• Wildflower Whimsy at the Highlands Biological Station. 5:30-8:30p on Friday and 10a to 2p on

Saturday. This is an annual fundraiser for the Highlands Biological Station, the umbrella organization for the Botanical Garden and Nature Center. Tickets are \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. Available at [highlandsbiological.org/wildflower-whimsy/](http://highlandsbiological.org/wildflower-whimsy/)

**Fri.-Sun., May 8-10**

• Love Letters at The Highlands Playhouse at 2 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$25. Call 828-526-2695.

**Sat., May 9**

• At PAC, the National Theatre of London's Live in HD presents a new play by Tom Stoppard, "The Hard Problem." Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15.30 for PAC members. Call 828-526-9047.

**Mon., May 11**

• The Battle of Sugartown Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 on Monday, in the Boiler Room Restaurant at 1024 Georgia Road in Franklin. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For further information, please contact 828-369-3136 or 828-524-2673.

**Tues. & Thurs., May 12- 14**

• At CLE, iPad Basics from 6-8

p.m. Cost is \$70 members/\$80 for nonmembers. To register, call 828-526-8811 or email [clehighlands@yahoo.com](mailto:clehighlands@yahoo.com)

**Thurs., May 14**

• Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year. Keller Williams Realty from 1-5p. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call (828) 524-0100.

• The Macon County League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Forum on Mental Health, at the Franklin, NC Town Hall at 6:30 PM. The forum participants will be Officer Steve Stewart, who represents the Detention Center of the Macon County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Ronnie Beale, chairman of the Mental Health Task Force, representatives from both the National Alliance on Mental Illness and from Smoky Mountain Center, and Cindy Solesbee, navigator for the Affordable Care Act.

• The May meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners, Inc. will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville, N.C. Located at 95 Bobcat Drive, Cashiers, N.C. Drive to the back of the school to the wood-working shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6:00 P.M., March through November.

**Friday, May 15**

• Collective Spirits celebration at The Bascom. Women of Wine Fashion Show and Luncheon at Highlands Country Club at 11:30 a.m. \$100 per person. Featuring a champagne reception followed by an informal viewing of spring's finest fashions from Acorns Boutique while tasting wines and lunching with the owners of six extraordinary properties. At 6 p.m., Stock Your Cellar Wine Tasting and Market on the terrace at The Bascom. Tickets are \$150 per person. The purchase of wines will benefit The Bascom. After the tasting it's BBQ and Bluegrass with Chef Christ Hall of Atlanta's Local Three. Tickets are available by phone at 828-787-2895 or at [www.CollectiveSpirits.com](http://www.CollectiveSpirits.com)

**Sat., May 16**

• Gorge Road Cleanup. 9a to 2p. Meet at the Highlands Chamber of

Commerce.

• Two land conservation organizations, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) will co-sponsor a float trip down the Little Tennessee River in Franklin. A limited number of canoes and of kayaks will be available for a 4.5-mile trip down the river to the 4,800-acre Needmore Game Lands, LTLT's flagship conservation project. Along the way we will see Cherokee cultural sites, stream restoration sites, and wildlife which may include bald eagles and river otters. The cost of participating in this float trip is \$35. For details, contact HCLT at 526-1111.

**Sun., May 17**

• At First Presbyterian Church,

an old fashion hymn sing at 5 p.m.

**Tues. & Thurs., May 19 -21**

• At CLE, iPad Advanced from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$70 members/\$80 for nonmembers. To register, call 828-526-8811 or email [clehighlands@yahoo.com](mailto:clehighlands@yahoo.com)

**Tues., May 19**

• Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year. Mountain View Intermediate School 2-6p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call (828) 349-1325.

## Cast rehearsing for HCP's 'Welcome to Mitford'



The Highlands Cashiers Players announce the final play of their 2014-2015 season: "Welcome to Mitford" by Robert Inman and directed by Donna Cochran. The play is a composite of many of the "Mitford" novels by Jan Karan, and involves more than twenty local thespians who take part.

Starring in the principal roles are David Spivey as Father Tim, Lee Lyons as Cynthia Coppersmith, and introducing Jordan Powell as Dooley Barlow. Local color is added by the eccentric couple, Uncle Billy and Miss Rose acted by Ron Leslie and Samantha Moore, and the "turkey club," regulars at the Main Street Grill, are Stan Cochran, Kathryn Buckley, Chris Hess, and Lance Trudel. Virginia Talbot is cast as the wealthy heiress, Miss Sadie.

Others rounding out this diverse cast are Ellen Agee, Barbara Werder, Marcia Shmalo, Mary Lou Worley, Wayne Coleman, Matt Ricke, Hilton Fuller, Jackie Powell, Sarah Knight, Peggy Fuller, Jason Moore and Ken Knight.

"Welcome to Mitford" opens at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands Thursday May 21 and plays through Sunday May 24 and again Thursday May 28 through May 31. For tickets and further information contact the Highlands Cashiers Players at 828 526 8084 or visit their website: [highlandscashiersplayers.org](http://highlandscashiersplayers.org).

## Beauties beckon at Mountain Garden Club plant sale

By Emily Compost

You will want to be at The Highlands Ball Park on Highway 64 and Hickory on Saturday, May 23 when the gates open at 9 a.m. for the annual Mountain Garden Club plant sale.



One of the featured plants is the beautiful celandine poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*). Also called golden woodland poppy, this plant is a staple in the woodland forest, loving the dappled shade of the deciduous trees and rich organic soil. The beautiful golden yellow flowers so prevalent in early spring are a welcome treat for gardeners and are a great complement for bluebells, columbines,

woodland phlox and trilliums, which will also be for sale on May 23.

After the flowers fade, the celandine poppy's fruit will form a green, hairy seedpod.

As the pods dry, they pop open, distributing the seeds to the soil below.

The next spring you will find new plants growing around the mother plant and over several years you will find the patch of poppies slowly expanding. These poppies were a hit last year and sold out quickly, so be sure to be at the Mountain Garden Club plant sale early on Saturday, May 23. The rain date is Sunday, May 24, 1 to 4 p.m. Cash and checks only, please.

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change in operating expenses that might come from the MC Board of Commissioners.

Angie Cook, Finance Director for Macon County Schools, informed the board of education earlier in April that in order to plan for next year's budget, the county would have to set back about \$52,000 to send to Summit Charter School.

The bulk of Macon County's 29 charter school students attend Summit, with two students going elsewhere in the state. That costs the local district \$60,000 this year and is looking to cost \$52,000 in the 2015-2016 school year.

With the state of North Carolina and the federal government passing down budget cuts, Macon County Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin has been working with Cook to pinch every penny possible to stretch the local budget, including watching state legislation that would have a devastating impact.

When a bill was filed in the General Assembly that could take additional dollars away from Macon County to fund Charter Schools, the school board voted to take action by sending a letter to state representatives.

"House Bill 535 would appropriate \$2 million over the next two years for the purpose of improving the success of charter schools in our state," reads the letter. "While we understand the appeal of 'school choice,' we consider fully funding public schools a priority that takes precedence. We feel strongly that all of our students deserve a world class education. By publicly funding 'school choice' options, a tiered system of educational quality is virtually assured. Additionally, we are concerned with the lack of fiscal oversight and accountability associated with the 'school choice' movement. We ask that the funds appropriated for HB 535 instead be used to restore funding to our textbook allocation, or for teacher assistants at the second grade."

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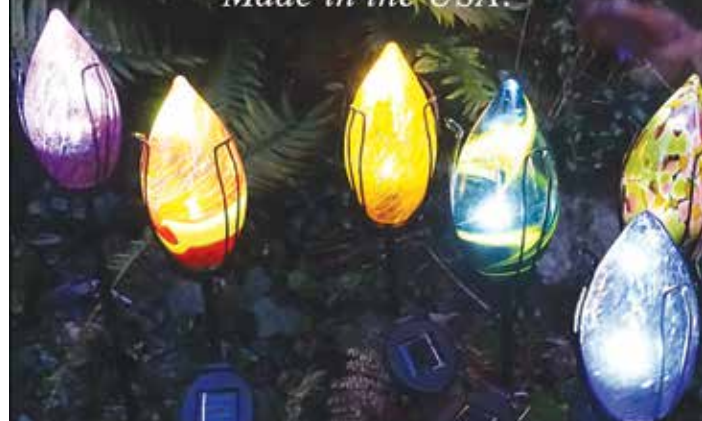
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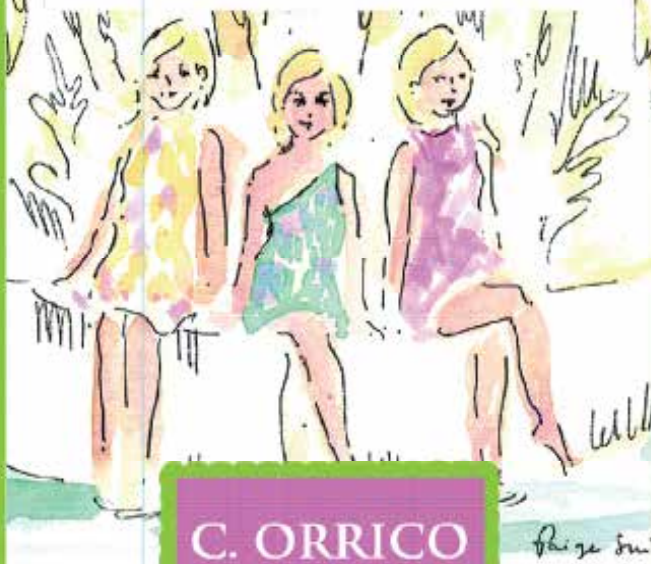
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## ...SUMMIT from pg 12

House Bill 535 is just another piece of legislation involving charter schools that Macon County school board officials have opposed. Public school districts across the state spent much of 2014 battling legislation involving opportunity scholarships which allocate public dollars for low income students to attend private charter schools.

Macon County, which educates around 4,500 students a year, does so on an operational budget that sits around \$40 million. Macon County Schools receive funding from local, federal, and state taxpayer dollars.

Summit Charter School, whose website has a lengthy list of "partnerships" associated with the financial backing of the facility, has a current enrollment of 197 students, and an annual budget of \$196 million.

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## Not Your Mother's Real Estate

Happy Mother's Day to ALL the Mothers out there. Most of today's mothers aren't the conventional "Leave it to Beaver" moms of my childhood, and that's OK. If you are a nurturing influence mom-type to children, someone else's children, and even those four legged children, this holiday is for you.



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home.

A mother's work is never done, and some sellers feel the same way. A good mother does the best she can to teach a child so they grow to be the best adult they can be. A good home seller does the best they can to make their home stand out above all the others by good maintenance practices and sprucing

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• See **INVESTING** page 19

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The Girls Soccer team has been playing hard of late. Tuesday, April 21 the Lady Highlanders hosted Swain. Kirstyn Lamb came out scoring first for Highlands followed by Aislinn Fitzpatrick scoring to end the first half with a score of 2 to 0.

The second half started with early scores both from Lamb and Courtney Henry. Later in the game, Lamb and Fitzpatrick both scored again and Tiffany Prada scored a penalty kick.

The Lady Devils scored their first goal late in the game but the Lady Highlanders won with a score of 7 to 1.

On Friday, April 24 the Lady Highlanders hosted Tallulah Falls. Fitzpatrick scored first with an assist from Lamb. Henry scored a goal followed by two more goals from Lamb to end the first half 4 to 0.

In the second half Lamb scored two more goals to win the game 6 to 0.

On Tuesday, April 28, the Lady Highlanders hosted the Lady Braves.

Lamb scored first followed by a goal from Blakely Moore with an assist from Fitzpatrick.

Lamb scored another goal with an assist from Courtney Henry to end the first half 3 to 0.

Blakely Moore came out in the second half scoring first followed by goals from Lamb and Madison Lloyd. Prada scored with an assist from Ashley Maitland to take the game 7 to 0.

On Friday, May 1, the Lady Highlanders hosted Walhalla.

Lamb scored 4 goals and had 2 assists. Moore and Fitzpatrick both scored goals. Madison Lloyd, Whitney Billingsely and Henry had one assist each.

Walhalla inadvertently scored a goal for Highlands and the game ended 7 to 0.

– Sierra Nylund

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## Lamb helps to send her team to the top

The above photo was taken right after the Lady Highlanders completed their Conference Soccer Game Monday, May 4 at Cherokee High School. In the center of the team picture is Senior Kirstyn Lamb holding a soccer ball. During that game, Kirstyn Lamb made her 100th High School Career Goal. This is an accomplishment that has not been completed before by any player on the girls or boys team at Highlands School. It quite possibly is the first time this has been accomplished by any high school player in Macon County. In addition to the 100 goals, Kirstyn also has 70 assists to her credit so far.

"This is a huge accomplishment," said Coach Jeff Weller. "Our team is currently ranked #9 in the State and stands at a 13 and 2 record."



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## A Godly Wife and Mother is a Divine Gift

Proverbs 31:28-31

By Pastor Sam Forrester  
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

I was not so blessed as to have known my mother, for she died when I was but a year old. I had many aunts, my mother was one of 12 and only one boy in the mix. My father had one sister. All 11 made every effort possible to act as a mother to me at every opportunity. But despite their efforts my understanding of a true loving mother comes from the wife God so graciously blessed me with. Not that she tried to be a mother to me but she was to my children and I learned much from watching her and still do today as she is now a grandmother.

Proverbs 31:28 declares "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." I know my children call their mother blessed because she worked all of their lives to teach and guide them in all they did. She used the events in their everyday lives to teach them they were sinners in need of a Savior and that Jesus Christ is the only Savior. She taught them the Ten Commandments and how to live their lives by those teachings. She helped them through their personal disasters and assisted them in their recoveries. She is a gracious woman, in that there were more times than I can count she placed the interest of her husband and her children before her own. She was in her youth a strikingly beautiful woman but today her beauty is greater because she has so selfishly given her life to others. It is ingrained in my heart the tender guidance I have seen her give, the wise council that has come from her mouth, the loving discipline and godly example she has been. She is still called blessed by her children and husband because they know what an invaluable gift she is.

Verse 29 speaks of a noble or virtuous woman. What makes a woman noble?

I have learned, it is a woman that holds to the truth of God's Word and lets it direct the affairs of her life and family. She does not turn away from the truth but holds to it with an unyielding commitment to God and those she loves. She can assess the situation and choose the important things over the nonessentials, making the lives of those in her family stronger and more blessed. She watches over the needs of her family, cares about the comforts of others, keeps her conduct right and true, shows tenderness to the down trodden and is always gracious. Such a character could only come from the grace of God and the virtue that is derived from a vital faith in God.

A woman of such virtue does not care for, or seek the praise of others. She is content to be known and loved by those around her and she never seeks the notice of people. But they never fail to see her because her heart is so filled with the beauty of her life and the joy of her family.

We are told in verse 30 that charm and beauty are subject to change over the years. There is one thing that will never change and this I can testify to with the mother of my children. The woman that makes the fear of the Lord the center of her heart will be praised by all who know her. Her name will be known because of her acts

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 19

## Proverbs 3:5

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## John 3:16

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**The Highlands Police log entries from April 17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## April 17

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to a call about a breaking and entering at a residence on Old Walhalla Road, where the owner believes someone is staying in her residence while she is gone.

## April 23

• At 2:44 p.m., Roy England Norvell, Jr., 83 of Franklin, was arrested for court violations and failure to appear.

• At 12:34 p.m., officers responded to a call of vandalism to the town's public rest rooms beside Town Hall.

## April 27

• At 7:30 a.m., officers received a call about a larceny at a construction

site on Bowery Road where more than \$2,600 worth of equipment was taken.

## April 28

• At 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a call about damage to property when a vehicle traveling on US 64 east was hit by a rock thrown from under a lawn mower.

## May 1

• At 12:10 p.m., officers responded to a call about a breaking and entering at a residence on Bowery Road, where numerous personal items were taken.

• At 8:45 a.m., officers responded to a breaking and entering with force at a residence on Bowery Road where numerous personal items were taken.

• At 3 p.m., officers responded to a breaking and entering at a residence on Bowery Road where a storage building was broken into.

• At 3 p.m., officers received a call about a breaking and entering and vandalism at a residence on Bowery Road where someone broke a window and pried open an exterior door.

## May 5

• At 3:50 p.m., officers made a welfare check at a residence on US 64 west. The 91-year-old male resident was found deceased in the bedroom of the residence.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from April 30.**

## April 30

• At 5:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Upper Carriage Hill Lane.

• At 8:38 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence in Village

Walk.

• At 10:50 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Fallen Leaf Trail.

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• At 11:16 a.m., the dept. was first-

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themselves,

“How much is this home going to cost once I buy it?”

The answers to all three questions depend on how much the person being asked pays attention to advertising, television, movies, and of course their family influences.

Some children will answer: superhero, president, scientist, doctor, policeman, or princess,

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and her love. Verse 31 says she will earn a reward and her works will bring her praise whenever and wherever she is known. A mother is a beautiful and glorious gift of a gracious God and she should be praised for the love she gives and the compassion she shows to her family and friends. My children and I were very blessed of God to have a mother and wife who taught such invaluable lessons. May God bless her and all others that strive to be such an example to their families.

and most of the time the person asking can tell how much family influence induces the answer. I mean, to most six-year-olds, doesn't Fairy Princess sound more appealing than a Scientist?

Sellers really don't think they'll get asked the “How low will you go?” question, but that's exactly what it boils down to with negotiations.

Some buyers start really low – they're just trying to set the parameters to see if they can get in the game. In my opinion, a seller should always make a counter offer even to the ridiculously lowball offers and those offers should be met with an equally absurd lower than asking, but not much lower, just enough to let the buyers know “Ok, let's play - what's your next move?”

No matter what the original offer is, the negotiations should have a stopping place with all parties in agreement without going back and forth to extreme. What's extreme? That depends on each individual sale.

Buyers looking in our area may have a warped sense of reality if they watch too many TV shows like the one where you buy a dump and flip it for easy money, or the one where you have a small budget and are able to have the TV crew remake your home with a little ply-

wood and paint and list for more money, unless you decide to stay there after the improvements.

If the home is livable to your standards, I usually suggest the buyers don't do anything at first unless it's absolutely necessary. After you're in your new home awhile, you may find the things you thought were so important don't have to be done at all, or at least not as drastic of a renovation as you once thought.

I especially LOVE the show where buyers are shown three homes, and within the hour – before we can even finish our popcorn, we're all surprised to see which one they buy. If that's reality TV, I want some.

We all have high hopes for our children. Some grow up to make great marks on the world, but all make great marks on our hearts. Home sellers have high hopes of getting top dollar for their homes, just as buyers have high hopes of spending less and dream of making their own “marks on the world” by individualizing their new home.

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# • MILESTONES •

## Potts earns Eagle Scout award

At a ceremony on Sunday, May 3rd, Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 awarded Carter Potts his Eagle Scout Award. Carter lives in Highlands and is a Junior at Highlands School.



## Highlands student wins school district's art award



Pictured from left are Highlands art teacher Gale Garrett, Trinity Dendy and Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin.

Each year, one Macon County student's artwork is selected to represent the district in the annual student art exhibit. This year, Highlands student Trinity Dendy's artwork was selected to be featured on the event invitations and posters for the 6th annual art show at the Macon County Public Library. County art teacher Naomi Albee, and Highlands Art teacher Gale Garrett were on hand at last week's board of education meeting to recognize Dendy for her talent. The 6th annual student art exhibit will begin Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at the Macon County Public Library.

## • BIZ/ORG NEWS •

### JT Fields of Mountain Fresh Grocery speaks at Highlands Rotary



From left is JT Fields and Rotary President Peter Ray

The guest speaker for the April 28th meeting was JT Fields, owner of the Mountain Fresh Grocery & Wine Market. JT presented an interesting and informative talk that included the history of Mountain Fresh, his purchase of the establishment, and current and future plans. Rotarians at the meeting also expressed their appreciation to JT and to Mountain Fresh for catering the weekly Rotary lunch at the Highlands Community Building. For more information, please visit the Rotary Club of Highlands website at [highlandsrotary.org](http://highlandsrotary.org).

### Mayor proclaims May 'Rotary Club of Highlands' month



Pictured with the Mayor are President Peter Ray, Past President Rick Reid and President-Elect Christy Kelly.

In honor of the founding of the Rotary Club of Highlands on May 2, 1945, and its service to the Town of Highlands for 70 years, Mayor Patrick Taylor has issued a Proclamation naming the month of May as Rotary Club of Highlands month.

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