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Commission votes 3-2 to fund free lunch for Highlands School and Franklin HS

Commissioners Paul Higdon and John Shearl voted against the motion

By Kristen Fox

With the county's approval to provide additional funding for

the Macon County nutrition program, all schools in Macon County will now offer free lunches to all

students for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Photos by Kim Lewicki

Now parents, students, and teachers can 'meet' in one ROOM

By Kristen Fox

This fall, Highlands School as well as all schools in Macon County will be introducing ROOMS, a groundbreaking in-classroom communication tool designed to improve communication between parents, teachers, and students.

ROOMS, which is new to Macon County Schools this year, simplifies the digital classroom while bringing all communications into one place.

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Saturday's Trump rally disappoints organizer a bit

By Kim Lewicki

A Trump rally organized for Saturday, Aug. 10 at Main and 3rd streets drew few participants and less onlookers.

Stationed outside Appalachian Harvest, which has sported a Trump banner in the front window since President Biden won the 2020 election, were folks waving Trump placards and banners while encouraging those driving by to honk in support of Trump.

They sported signs that said "We've Got a Country to Save. Vote Republican" and "Donald Trump: 100% MAGA N.45, United State of America President. Make America Great Again."

Parked in the median across the street was a lone Harris/Walz supporter who sported his own sign: "Trump has taken the Christ out of Christians since 2016" and "Trump/No Morals."



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STR amortization, Mirror Lake dredging and more

This Thursday is the August meeting of the Highlands Town Board of Commissioners. It will begin at 7 pm at the Highlands Community Building next to the ball field. The meeting can also be accessed remotely by going to the board meeting link on the town website.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

The meeting has a full and interesting agenda, beginning with the board's discussion of short-term rental amortization.

In July, the Highlands Planning Board voted unanimously not to amend the current short-term rental ordinance to amortize and thereby eliminate the grandfathered short-term rental use in R1 and R2 neighborhoods. The commissioners will now review the planning board's recommendation and decide whether or not to move forward with amortization.

Any vote to move forward with amortization will not be a final resolution. A public hearing concerning the amortization amendment will be held before a final

vote on amending the ordinance takes place. I anticipate the hearing process and a final vote to go into September or even longer if the board votes to move the issue forward.

The board will also hear concerns from the Mount Lori Homeowners Association concerning construction issues that have impacted their neighborhood. I might add, with the current boom in residential home building town staff has been getting more complaints about construction practices in recent months.

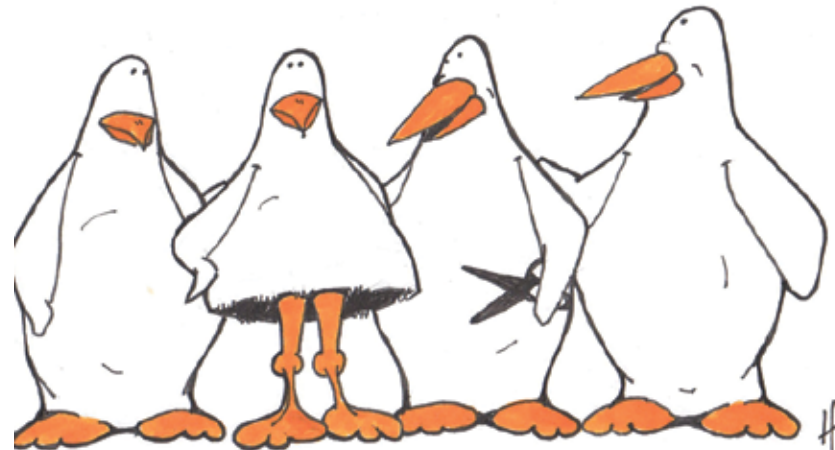
Pat Gleeson will also give the commissioners a report on the progress of the Mirror Lake Improvement Association's effort to begin the first phase of dredging the lake. Once this phase is completed, the town will manage the other phases of dredging and administer the state funds earmarked for it. In a related matter, our Town Manager will present to the board a project engineering contract that the state requires. This contract involves several hundred thousand dollars for developing a complete design plan for the dredging and for securing all the permits and easements that will be required. As I have said before, many preliminary tasks are required before the actual dredging takes place. The Mirror Lake Improvement Association has already spent over a year securing permits and easements for the first phase. Like all the projects the town has in play with state funds, the process of completing the work becomes extended and frustratingly slow. On the other hand, we would rather be using external funds rather than town tax dollars.

The board will also hear about Landscape Architect Hank Ross's streetscape request on Maple Street. The renovation of the Shudder building is connected to the streetscape design. Along with this project, the conversion of the old fire department to the ABC Store, and future planned development, Oak Street is in the process of getting a facelift.

Josh Ward will request funding for a survey of the area where the old Huston House once stood on next to the Highlands Recreation Center. This new survey is an initial step for the town and its partners in developing a new after-school and summer day-camp facility.

At the time of this writing, no 6 pm workshop is planned for this month. I anticipate the workshops to resume in the fall.





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Piazza joins PAC as Executive Director



Jeanne Piazza

The Highlands Performing Arts Center (the PAC) is pleased to announce the hiring of its new Executive Director, Jeanne Piazza, who arrives in September from the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, FL.

Jeanne steps into the role held for the past 14 years by Mary Adair Trumbly, who announced late last year her plans to retire at the end of 2024. The selection of Jeanne as our next Executive Director resulted from a national search by the PAC Board that drew strong interest from many highly qualified candidates.

During her 20-year career at the Straz Center, Jeanne has worked in donor services, major gifts, and business management, leading to her current role as Senior Director of Programming which encompasses five theaters at one of the highest grossing performing arts centers in the country. As a true "roll up the sleeves manager" Jeanne is looking forward to learning all aspects of PAC operations and planning for its future growth.

Trumbly will continue to serve the PAC through the end of the year and looks

forward to providing transition support to Jeanne. "Jeanne will be a wonderful addition to our PAC and the community, and she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. I am in awe of what she has accomplished at the Straz and look forward to working with her," said Trumbly.

For over 25 years Jeanne travelled annually to Highlands to visit her mother where she fell in love with the community and its people. As she grew in her performing arts career, Jeanne continued to annually visit Highlands and developed a dream to one day lead the PAC. Her dream has indeed come true, and the PAC staff and board are thrilled to welcome Jeanne back to the plateau as her new, permanent home.

"I am incredibly excited about the opportunity to step into this new role. I have immense respect for Mary Adair and her contributions to the PAC and I know that I could never truly replace her. Instead, I hope to build on the strong foundation she has established and bring my own unique strengths and perspective to the position."

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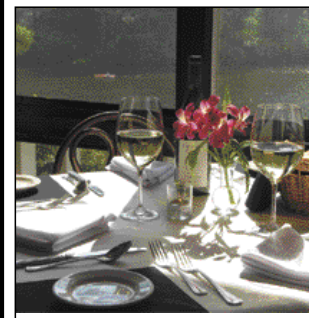


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• LETTERS •

Demonizing Project 2025 is a Democratic scare tactic

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter entitled “Pay attention! Project 2025 doesn’t help every day Americans,” that ran in the Aug. 1 edition, I say this: The Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025 is not the Republican platform for 2024. Full stop. It’s a Conservative wishlist that will never be fully pursued. The media seized upon Project 2025 about two months ago and have been relentlessly pushing it as a scare tactic against those gullible enough to believe them.

To understand Republican priorities this year, look instead to the platform and the America-first, pro-economic growth items that are clearly laid out in that platform.

Interestingly (but not coincidentally), the push to demonize Project 2025 started right about the same time that Joe Biden’s mental infirmities started becoming obvious. It was designed to distract the American public from what was happening in the White House.

The Biden administration has been a failure almost across the board. Excessive government infusions of money into our economy created a predictable level of inflation not seen for a generation. Our withdrawal from Afghanistan was a policy and operational failure that ultimately led to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and has empowered China to seek territorial expansion. Our military has been hopelessly weakened by the administration’s focus on DEI rather than warfighting and procurement of planes, ships, tanks, and munitions.

Biden’s (forced) departure from the presidential race was less about his lack of ability to do the job – everyone around him seems to have known that he was not fully capable for quite some time. Instead, it was the Democratic machine realizing that he was going to lose by giant margins and scrambling to try to preserve their power.

The rapid promotion of Kamala Harris without a primary or even a full, open vote of the delegates highlights the hypocrisy of the “Republicans are a threat to democracy!” Democrats. Can you imagine the outcry and the endless media coverage had the Republican party done anything remotely similar?

Even more worrisome is the media’s ongoing effort to completely obscure Harris’ previous record, policy positions, lack of popularity, and utter failure to perform during her Vice Presidential tenure.

As of the writing of this letter, it has been 17 days since she was effectively chosen as the Democrat nominee for president, and she has yet to conduct a press conference or interview where she is required to answer actual questions.

The upcoming presidential debate, once it is finally scheduled, should help to expose Harris’ glaring policy weaknesses and present her true record to the voting public.

Ryan Bilbrey
Otto, NC

Let’s agree to disagree about STRs

Dear Editor,

Over the next several weeks, the Town of Highlands – like many, many communities around the world - will be having a debate about short-term rentals. There will be op-

portunities for all the stakeholders to express their strongly held opinions. There will be a time for our locally elected officials to take whatever action they determine to be in the best interest of Highlands and its residents. There may come a time when the courts weigh in and provide a clear, definitive answer in what has been a legally ambiguous landscape.

It is our hope that we can respect each other’s good faith positions and decisions. On this issue we may never agree, and there may no “win-win” solutions, only “win-lose” solutions. But let’s all take the high road and give each other the benefit of the doubt and agree to disagree respectfully.

Cathy Henson

Corrections about Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s stance

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter rebuttal entitled “Women’s Rights aren’t on the block” in the Aug. 8 edition of Highlands Newspaper, I would like to correct a misrepresentation of Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s position on Roe v Wade.

In a *New York Times* article about Ginsburg and according to biographers Mary Harnett and Wendy Williams, who spent 17 years interviewing Ginsburg, “Ruth’s skepticism of Roe v Wade wasn’t driven by a disapproval of abortion access but by her wholehearted commitment to it.”

Justice Ginsburg felt the decision would have been less vulnerable to future attacks if it had been approached under the Equal Protection Clause rather than a woman’s right to privacy. Ginsburg was devoted to equality for women, LGBTQ people and minority groups and very protective of human dignity and respect.

As to the increase in the number of abortions in 2023, 60% were the result of medication induced procedures, prior to 10 weeks gestation, rather than surgical interventions. As we have become aware, access to medications through the mail is under attack in the Project 2025 conservative road map put forth by the Heritage Foundation. When brought before the Supreme Court in 2023 the case was denied for standing.

It is only a matter of time until this issue will be accepted by the court to be judged on its merits. The hoped for result? Further restriction of access to abortion, and limitation of a woman’s right to make her own choices about her own body.

When asked what would happen if Roe v Wade was overturned, Justice Ginsburg replied “There will always be states where access to abortion is available for those who can afford it. The women most affected by the increased restrictions? The poor, who, if they can afford the plane fare or bus fare, cannot afford to take the days off from work.” That sounds like going back to the ‘50s to me. And, for women that is anything but the “continuing climb toward the moral arc of the universe” proposed by our writer’s rebuttal.

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While it was tempting (and often easy) to develop a mindset of "us" versus "them," the reality was and is a lot more complex.

The town of Highlands would not be sustained without those who invest in our community, even as part-time residents. That being said, there is a natural question of how much involvement those residents should have in the planning and governing of the community.

I have read early editions of the Highlands Star Newspaper where there were questions about whether summer residents should even be allowed to vote! Fortunately, the better angels of our nature have usually prevailed over the years when questions have arisen, mainly because both part-timers and full-timers alike shared the same common goal of a successful community where people come to escape harsh weather conditions or urban sprawl.

Recently, there have been a lot of "investment" venture capitalists who have made their way into our community and have purchased property with a different goal in mind than what Highlands has been for so long.



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Highlands has long been an escape, and while there has been money to be made here, the real estate market was full of personal investments, rather than corporate profit farms. While a great many things have changed here since I was a young man, change is often inevitable.

Now, some people look at Highlands as a place to invest for profit motives, as opposed to merely escaping the city, leaving oppressive temperatures or wanting to enjoy mountain views, clean air, and natural beauty. This new motivation for investment is not going to go away, so we as Highlanders must learn how to contend with it, both in terms of our local government and as stewards of this area.

As Eddie Vedder once said in the song Elderly Woman Behind the Counter in a Small Town, "I change by not changing at all." We have to be careful not to be so resistant to change that we are left behind wondering what happened, unable to be recognized because we aren't what we formerly were. Instead, we should focus our energy into what Highlands has always been, a loved and protected place that full-time residents, part-time residents, and visitors can all enjoy, and pass on to the next generations with the same benefits that we all love it for.

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At this week's regular meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, county officials voted 3-2 to allocate \$200,000 from fund balance to help provide free meals to students at Highlands School and Franklin High School.

In addition, all Macon County students will continue to receive free breakfast.

Prior to the commissioner's meeting, Highlands School and Franklin High School were the only two schools in the district which did not qualify in the upcoming school year for free lunches under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program due to low participation. The other nine schools in the district qualified to receive free lunches under the program.

MC Schools Nutrition Director Lightner David Lightner, said he was hopeful that Highlands School and Franklin High School would be eligible to be a part of the CEP program for the upcoming school year, but after looking at the numbers and discussing with his regional consultant, it was not feasible.

The overall purpose of the CEP is to improve access to nutritious meals for students in high poverty areas by providing meals to all students at no cost to the students.

The benefit of the CEP program is to help reduce hunger at schools, ensuring access to nutritious meals for all. For years, studies have shown that academically stu-

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Another look at HCA, Mission Health - The Mayor

Dear Editor,

I rarely differ with our Mayor, but I have concerns about his last week's column in Highlands Newspaper regarding the our hospital.

Just before Thanksgiving last year I was taken to the Emergency Room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. I was admitted to the hospital and was a patient there for almost three months. I have not one complaint about the care I received while there. Tom Neal, the CEO, has built a fine hospital and he is a talented leader. He has my respect and the respect of doctors, nurses and other staff.

Before Mission acquired our hospital it required substantial subsidies each year. Fortunately, we had some wealthy people who made major contributions, but that was not sustainable long-term. My wife was in the hospital shortly after Mission acquired it. What a mess - it was totally disorganized! We got her out of there. This was a non-profit organization. The contrast with my experience in the same hospital run later by HCA Mission, a for-profit company, is remarkable. I don't think it is the type of entity, profit or non-profit, but the quality of leadership that makes the difference.

I do believe the Mayor has Highlands' best interests at heart. He is just mistaken. The criticism of HCA leadership by our Town leader is bound to inhibit Tom Neal's efforts to get more investment in Highlands and otherwise negatively impact our hospital. We need to support him.

The problems that have been publicized are with Mission Hospital in Asheville. Mr. Mayor, have you gone to Asheville to discuss your concerns with management? Or have you already made up your mind that we must have a not-for-profit entity managing our hospital?

Another observation. It takes a willing buyer and a willing seller to make a deal. I had a piece of property I wanted to sell during Covid, but there was no buyer. Does the Mayor and Reclaim Health Care WNC have a non-profit buyer ready to purchase Mission from HCA? Remember the old saying: "Don't trade the devil you know for one you don't."

If the purpose is to push HCA to make some changes, then they need another approach!

**Stell Huie
Highlands**

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dents do better, there are fewer behavior and attendance problems if the kids are eating at school. Participation in the CEP program also benefits school districts as it eliminates the need to collect and process free and reduced meal applications translating into both administrative and cost savings.

The CEP program allows students to eat lunch at no cost. Last year, 71 percent of students in Macon qualified under the CEP program. Each year, the school system looks at government data which looks at the number of students at the schools that qualify for different government programs such as SNAP, TANF, work first cash assistance, and some Medicaid students such as homeless, migrant, foster and runaway students. Last year, Macon County schools served 62 homeless and fosters students.

"We do have a huge need to provide nutritious meals and equal access to meals at all schools," said Lightner. "I feel we are missing out by not being able to provide free lunches at Highlands School and Franklin High School especially when so

many people fall through the cracks. Although the free and reduced percentage is over 50 percent at Highlands School and 40 percent at Franklin High School a lot of families are borderline and fall just outside the range to be provided the meals for free."

Lightner said many families have to pay for multiple students and with the inflation and price increases, paying for school lunches can be burdensome.

"In addition, we have a lot of students being raised by their grandparents and using any means including their retirement to pay for the needs of these students," he said. "Our objective is to ensure all students in Macon County receive a nutritious lunch at no cost, addressing their basic needs and promoting their success both academically and personally, providing free lunches improves students' attendance, focus and behavior."

Commissioners Paul Higdon and John Shearl voted against the motion to provide the necessary funding for free lunches for all Macon County students.

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My rebuttal to a rebuttal

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the response to my letter that ran in the July 25 edition of Highlands Newspaper entitled "Vote carefully: Basic rights of women are on the chopping block," expressing concern about imperiled women's rights.

The response entitled "Women's rights aren't on the block," ran in the Aug. 8 edition and discussed the posts held by women and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's stance on abortion rights.

There is a widespread misunderstanding about Justice Ginsburg's criticism of the Roe v Wade decision. She supported the right to an abortion; her concern was that the argument for legal abortions emanated from the 10th Amendment (historically the source of states' authorities to regulate health care; because abortion is a form of health care, Roe v Wade became the law of the land based on an amendment that acknowledged that health care decisions were a state responsibility). She thought the decision to legalize abortions should be grounded in the 14th Amendment, which provides equal protection to all US citizens, meaning laws cannot discriminate against a class of people. The US cannot pass laws that discriminate on the basis of gender. The right to an abortion is certainly gender-specific, and thus should be protected by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

Since Dobbs v Jackson Health eliminated a woman's US Constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy, 20+ states have restricted abortion access. 14 enacted full bans after 6 weeks. Six allow no exceptions even if the mother's health is at risk. They are willing to orphan existing children to protect a fetus! Ten allow no exceptions for rape or incest, and 13 have no exceptions for fatal fetal anomalies! How does this even make sense? At least two states are

considering enacting laws that would punish pregnant residents who travel out-of-state to get a legal abortion, AND the people who enable that travel. And on and on it goes. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court sent the proposed ban on mifepristone (a chemical abortion drug) back to the lower courts only because the defendants lacked standing. These abortion restrictions, coupled with the lack of any new state or federal legislation to increase government support of women and children, and the Project 2025 plan to eliminate Medicaid, food stamps and Head Start leads me to believe protecting children is not a priority. I stand by my position that the Republican Party intends to limit women's rights.

Finally, I take issue with the conflation of women's rights and opportunities. Rights are bestowed or eliminated by a legal system (see above). Opportunities are made possible by circumstances. Women entered the work force in droves during WWII because there were not enough men to keep the country running; an opportunity possible because of circumstance. Women do have more opportunities that in the past, however, let's look closely at the data in the earlier letter. Keep in mind that the ratio of men to women is almost equal, though women (51% of the population) have a slight edge. Twenty-five of 100 (25%) Senators are female. 12 of 50 (24%) governors, 125 of 435 (29%) Congresspeople, and 52 of 500 (10%) Fortune 500 CEOs. Clearly women have fewer leadership opportunities than men.

Women can protect further erosion of their rights, and increase opportunities, by making informed choices this fall. Vote to protect women's rights.

**Karen Patterson
Highlands**

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• INK PENN •

An old favorite and a new-to-me author

I enjoy mystery series, but I also like standalone novels. There are series I return to time and time again, and rather than binge-read them, I space out the books to savor them. This week's selection features both — a new entry in Elly Griffiths's DI Harbinder Kaur series and a debut adult novel by an author known for her young adult books.

The Last Word

by Elly Griffiths

This is book four in a loosely connected series by one of my favorite authors. You might ask how a series can be only loosely connected. I say that because the books are held together by the presence of DI Harbinder Kaur, now posted in London. In the early books, she's in Shoreham, a community somewhere near Brighton. She may not always play a major role, but she is present in the four books.

In this book Griffiths has brought back several characters from the Postscript Murders. They have major roles in solving what else? A murder mystery, of course. You are bound to enjoy Edwin, an 84-year-old partner in a detective agency, whose specialty is surveillance. His partner Natalka also runs a personal care agency.

This time around, the two are hired to investigate the death of a local writer. She died at home, but something is fishy about a writers' weekend she attended before her death. What can go wrong at a writers' weekend? With this group of quirky characters, plenty.

I particularly enjoyed the references to writing and the person-



Kathy Manos Penn

alities of the writers. This is the second book I've read recently that involved writers and murder. I wonder whether I should be worried about the company I keep. I haven't noticed any murderous tendencies among my writer friends, but most of us do writer murder mysteries. I may be looking over my shoulder for the next little bit.

Listen for the Lie

by Amy Tintera

This author has written several series for young adults, and this novel is her adult fiction debut. Consider the blurb: "What if you thought you murdered your best friend? And if everyone else thought so too? And what if the truth doesn't matter?"

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what makes ROOMS so powerful.

"This is a safe and secure way to communicate with students and families and we are looking forward to implementing the new communication system," she said.

Specifically, ROOMS allows for two-way communication between teachers, parents, and students, and can help with:

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When managing event information inside ROOMS, schools can connect with Google and Microsoft Calendar and keep all of their event information updated and easily accessible on both their websites and mobile applications.

It integrates with both platforms with a "Single Sign-On," allowing users even easier access to their accounts.

With ROOMS, schools can enhance the learning process and create a supportive community where everyone is involved in the success of students. Parents can engage in two-way communication with their child's teachers, which creates a more transparent and supportive learning environment making it easier for parents to be actively involved in their child's education.

There are two ways parents

and guardians can access ROOMS -- through the ROOMS app inside the EUSD app EDUROOMS and can be accessed through the school app or on the web at edurooms.com in a browser on a computer or mobile device.

Parents will sign in with their guardian account or, for students, by clicking "Log in with Google." To log in, users need to create a login and password.

Parents and guardians will soon receive instructions via email to create their login to access ROOMS within the district app.

ROOMS not only benefits parents but also empowers teachers by linking Google Classroom to the platform. This integration ensures that parents receive real-time updates on classroom activities, assignments, and announcements, promoting a collaborative learning experience.

Say hello to ROOMS for parent-teacher chat and classroom announcements in the Macon County Schools app by visiting <https://www.macon.k12.nc.us/>

We know the first two lines to be true going in. But what does the third line mean? That's what the reader ultimately discovers, in addition to learning whether Lucy killed Savvy.

The story is told in first person years after the murder, when Lucy is outed by a true-crime podcaster. Also included are excerpts from the podcast—interviews with her then husband, her onetime friends, her grandmother, and others.

Most of the people interviewed are convinced she did it. Lucy doesn't know because she can't remember what happened. Or, at least, that's her story. She was never charged because the evidence was inconclusive, but no one except her grandmother has any doubt that she did it.

This one kept me guessing until the very end. Did she do it? If

so, was it self-defense? The two women were best friends. What could have made Lucy attack Savvy?

I thoroughly enjoyed the snappy dialogue, even if it was a bit raunchier than my usual read. "Listen for the Lie" is the title of the book and also of the podcast. Ben Owens, the podcaster, believes everyone has secrets. Does it also mean that everyone lies?

I highly recommend this as an intriguing read, and I'll be on the lookout for the author's next adult novel.

• Award-winning author Kathy Manos Penn is a Georgia resident. Find her cozy mysteries at Franklin Office Supply & Gifts, and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com, and follow her on Facebook, www.facebook.com/KathyManosPennAuthor/.

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Thurs., Aug. 15

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Fri., Aug. 16

• Friday Night Live showcases traditional mountain music and exceptional local talent on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. – Steady Hand String Band

Sat., Aug. 17

• Post 370 invites the public to hear its guest speaker David K. Heebner, (Retired Army Lt. Gen) sharing his experiences during his military career focusing on the Gulf War and the Middle East. His command and leadership knowledge will enhance awareness regarding current events

surrounding Israel and its neighbors. The program is at 9:45 a.m., at HUMC in the Family Life Center on Main Street

• At The Bascom, Blacksmithing Trunk Show 1-5 p.m.

• Highlands 5K Run/Walk and Stroller Race, 6-10 p.m. \$40 to enter. Price increase Aug. 16. The race will begin and end in KH Founders Park. Rock concert follows at race end. Check in is at 4p. Contact Derek Taylor at 828-200-9226 for more information.

Tues., Aug. 20

• At Hudson Library, Fontana Regional Library Celebrates 80 Years As part of the 80th Birthday celebration, please join us at Hudson Library on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 PM. Enjoy birthday cake, chat with library staff, and help celebrate 80 years of service to our community.

Wed., Aug. 21

• At Hudson local author Diane McPhail will appear at Hudson Library on Wednesday at 12:30 PM to launch her new historical fiction novel Follow the Stars Home. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free event. The Hudson Library Board will provide lunch bites.

• At First Presbyterian Church, the last Interlude Concert Series, at 2pm on Wednesday. Featured will be Georgia State University vocalists Isabella Chaney, Mezzo Soprano, and Maxwell Clements, Baritone; accompanied by Liubov Shrivastava, Pianist. Artistic Director for the concert is Richard Clement, Voice Area Coordinator in the School of Music at GSU.

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 22-25

• At PAC, Highlands Cashiers Players presents "The Lifespan of a Fact" 7:30p nightly and 2p on Sundays. For tickets go to: www.highlandscashiersplayers.com or call 828-526-9047.

Thurs., Aug. 22

• HCH's Dinner with Doc - Facial plastic surgery options at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital - Chris Wenzel, MD, 6-7p in Whiteside Cafeteria. Online registration is available at www.missionhealth.org/calendar. For more information, call 828-526-1345. Attendance is limited to 50 people. A buffet-style dinner will be provided.

• Highlands School Orientation/Open House is 3-6 pm

• At The Bascom, From the Lowlands to the Highlands Exhibition Reception 5-6:30 pm

Fri.-Sat., Aug 23 - 31

• Cashiers Designer Showhouse is the Cashiers Historical Society's signature fundraising event. The Showhouse has become a cherished tradition for over two decades, showcasing stunning homes and exquisite designs by interior designers from the Southeast and beyond. The special events during the Showhouse are a beloved part of this tradition, highlighting community and lifestyle events. Tickets for this event are \$40 and \$50 at the door. They are available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org and select local retailers.

• The Cashiers Historical Society's Jan Wyatt Symposium Exhibit "Talking Trout" will be displayed at Brookings Anglers Fly Shop throughout the run of the 2024 Showhouse. Stop by Brookings Cashiers location to see the exhibit and to learn about the history and evolution of native trout and fly fishing in Western NC.

Fri., Aug. 23

• At Hudson Library, Atlanta/Highlands author Maggie Bailey will introduce her newly-released cozy mystery, Quilty as Charged, on Friday at 11AM. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free

program.

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Historically Cashiers Designer Panel Luncheon" on Friday, from 11am – 1pm at Canyon Kitchen in Lonesome Valley. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$175 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

• Friday Night Live on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. – Southern Highland Band

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 24-25

• Art and Craft Show in KH Founders Park on Pine Street. 10a to 5p Saturday and 10a to 4p on Sunday. Rain or shine.

Sat., Aug. 24

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Talkin' Bourbon with Blade and Bow" on Saturday, 1– 2pm at the Pavilion at Village Green. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event that is free and open to the public. Visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Sun., Aug. 25

• At Christ Anglican Church in Cashiers, Free Hymn Festival & Organ Dedication with organ selections by Dr. Albin Whitworth and hymns of faith led by Dr. Bill Goold during a 6p service.

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Introduction to Mountain Gardening: What am I supposed to do with my landscape?" with the Oconee Bell Chapter of the NC Native Plant Society on Sunday 1 – 2 pm at the Pavilion at Village Green. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event that is free and open to the public. Visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org for more information.

• OEI's Chef Dinners at The Farm. 3RD ANNUAL SUNDAY SUPPER. Book Online at OldEdwardsHospitality.com/ChefDinners

Mon., Aug. 26

• Benefit for the Boys & Girls Club, Bright Futures Golf, Pickleball and Croquet tournaments. Golf is sold out but call 828-743-2775 or go to www.bgcpplateau.org to sign up.

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Shag You Say, Let's Dance the Away" - Step into the World of Carolina Shag with Danie Beck on Monday 3 - 5 pm at Miccas Mountain Kitchen. This is a Ca-



Sat., Aug. 17, is the annual Highlands 5K Run/Walk and Stroller Race, 6-10 p.m. \$40 to enter. Price increase Aug. 16. The race will begin and end in KH Founders Park. Rock concert follows at race end. Check in is at 4p. Contact Derek Taylor at 828-200-9226 for more information.

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Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 29-Sept. 1

• At PAC, Highlands Community Players presents "The Lifespan of a Fact" at 7:30p and 2p on Sunday. For tickets go to: www.highlandscashiersplayers.com or call 828-526-9047.

Thurs., Aug. 29

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Entertaining with Biscuits" Live Cooking Demo & Luncheon with Food & Lifestyle Expert Chadwick Boyd IIa to 1p at The Orchard Restaurant. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$175 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

• The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC will host a FREE community shred event Thurs., Aug. 29, from 9:30am - 12:30pm in Highlands Plaza, near Bryson's Food Store on Highway 106. Allowed items, paper products with staples or paper clips, spiral notebooks. Items NOT allowed, 3-ring binders and cardboard. Donations accepted for The Gordon Center and the Literacy & Learning Center.

Fri., Aug. 30

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Birds, Botany, & Bogs Walk with HCLT" on Friday, 1 - 2 pm at the Pavilion at Village Green. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event that is free and open to the public. Visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org • The Cashiers Historical Society presents "High Tea at The Inn at High Hampton" on Friday at 3pm. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$125 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

• Friday Night Live on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. – Spare Parts Bluegrass Band

Sat., Aug. 31

• Saturdays on Pine at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park 6-8:30 p.m. – Full Circle

Sun., Sept. 1

• Highlands Emergency Council Fundraiser Extravaganza, 12:30-2:30p at the Highlands Community Building. Cookout, music, silent auction, raffles and lots of fun.

Fri., Sept. 6

• Friday Night Live on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. – Johnny Webb Band

Sat., Sept. 7

• Pet First Aid and CPR training 4 pm SHARP at the Sky Valley Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Community Room. 169 Hale Ridge Road, Scaly Mountain. NO PETS.

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• Pop-Up Bagpipers are scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Saturdays on Pine features a variety of popular, regional bands and musicians at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park 6-8:30 p.m. – Steel Toe Stiletto

Tues., Sept. 10

• The Sky Valley Garden Club's biggest and best fundraiser is Tuesday at the Sky Valley Country Club and is open to everyone. There will be a silent auction of spectacular baskets, vacation stays, artwork, hand crafted items, along with great food, music, dancing, and lots of visiting with friends and neighbors. Come out and support this annual event which helps fund scholarships for local students and beautification efforts. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact skyvalleygardenclub@outlook.com.

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 13-14

• 2024 Native Plant Symposium, Connecting Place, People and Plants. \$150 per person. \$20 per student.

Fri., Sept. 13

• Friday Night Live showcases traditional mountain music and exceptional local talent on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. – Silly Ridge

Sat., Sept. 14

• Saturdays on Pine at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park 6-8:30 p.m. – High 5

Sun. Sept. 15

• The Literacy & Learning Center fall fundraising event "Celebration of Education" at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Guest Speaker – Shelby Van Pelt, author of Remarkably Bright Creatures. \$175 per person. VIP Patron Packages available. Tickets and more information: www.theliteracyandlearningcenter.org/events/coe

• Fourth Annual Highlands Porchfest on Sunday from 1-6pm!

Mon., Sept. 16

• Town of Highlands HS Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Cullasaja Club capped at 28 teams. \$700 per team (\$175/player). Hole sponsorships are available for \$150. To register, contact event co-Chair, Rebecca Shuler at Town Hall at 526-2118

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• HUDSON LIBRARY EVENTS •

McPhail to unveil new book

Local author Diane McPhail will appear at Hudson Library on Wednesday August 21 at 12:30p to launch her new historical fiction novel *Follow the Stars Home*. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free event. The Hudson Library Board will provide lunch bites.

It's a journey that most deem an insane impossibility. Yet on October 20th, 1811, Lydia Latrobe Roosevelt—daughter of one of the architects of the United States Capitol—fearlessly boards the steamship *New Orleans* in Pittsburgh. Eight months pregnant and with a toddler in tow, Lydia is fiercely independent despite her youth. She's also accustomed to defying convention. Against her father's wishes, she married his



much older business colleague, inventor Nicholas Roosevelt—builder of the New Orleans—and spent her honeymoon on a primitive flatboat. But the stakes for this trip are infinitely higher.

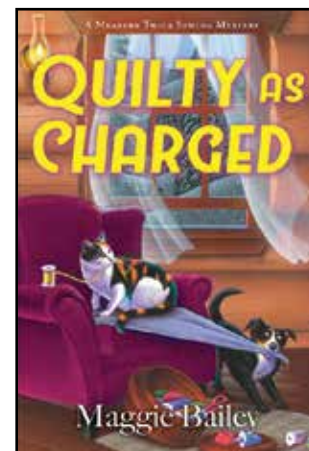
Diane C. McPhail, artist, minister, and acclaimed author of *The Abolitionist's Daughter* and *The Seamstress of New Orleans*, grew up on the Mississippi River. A graduate of Ole Miss, Duke Writers, University of Iowa Dis-

tance, and the Yale Writers' Conference, she is a member of NC Writers Network and the Historical Novel Society. She lives in Highlands, North Carolina with her husband and their dog.

Maggie Bailey 'Author Talk' at Hudson Library

Atlanta/Highlands author Maggie Bailey will introduce her newly-released cozy mystery, *Quilty as Charged*, on Friday, August 23 at 11a. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free program.

Lydia Barnes has made the picturesque town of Peridot, Georgia her home. As the new owner of the Measure Twice fabric store, she invites her regular customers to a sewing retreat at her friend Fran's Cherry Log mountain home. In between sewing lessons and quick lunches, a severe winter storm approaches. When Fran's body is discovered, murder is the only explanation, and the remaining six attendees are all suspects. In a daring plan to uncover the killer, Lydia must risk it all, including her life, before she is cut asunder and the bobbin runs out.



Fontana Regional Library celebrates 80 years at Hudson Library

Fontana Regional Library celebrates its 80th anniversary this summer, honoring the library's humble beginnings in 1944, when the Tennessee Valley Authority sponsored a regional bookmobile to visit the most remote areas of Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties.

Eight decades on, Fontana Regional Library is proud to fulfill its mission to "provide the public of Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties with excellent service and convenient access to resources for their educational, informational, and recreational

needs." This means that today, Fontana headquarters and the staff at six member libraries in Franklin, Highlands, Cashiers, Sylva, Bryson City, and Topton coordinate a wide range of services, programs, and activities for residents of all ages.

As part of the 80th Birthday celebration, please join us at Hudson Library on Tuesday August 20 from 2-4: PM. Enjoy birthday cake, chat with library staff, and help celebrate 80 years of service to our community.

Outdoor Concert Series

Each Friday and Saturday night from May through October, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/ Visit Highlands, NC hosts live music downtown.

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Highlands School 2nd Annual Volunteer Day readies campus for '24-'25 school year



On Saturday, Aug. 10 about 50 students, teachers, parents and friends turned out to prepare the Highlands School campus for the upcoming school year that starts Aug. 26. The exterior of the campus and interior of the school were cleaned up, people helped teachers move classrooms, and much more.



**By Jackie Petrone
PTO President**

On Saturday, August 10, Highlands School PTO hosted its second annual Highlands School Volunteer Day.

Volunteer Day is an opportunity for community members to give back to our school by donating time and physical labor in order to clean up the exterior of the campus, help teachers move classrooms, and provide assistance with indoor clean up.

The 2023 Volunteer Day was so successful, that the PTO officers committed to hosting this event on an annual basis.

Volunteer Day '24 proved to be just as successful with

parents, teachers, administrators, alumni, and current students showing up to dedicate time and energy to a school that is the heart of our community.

The end result was a beautiful campus, ready for the return of faculty, staff, and students.

Highlands School PTO would like to thank all volunteers and local businesses (Highlands Rock Yard, Vinson Earthworks, Bryson's Food Store, and The Secret Garden) who assisted with the 2024 Volunteer Day. We are endlessly grateful for the community support and are looking forward to a healthy, fruitful, and safe school year!

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital poised to continue thriving, thanks to smart investments, extraordinary staff, and a supportive community

I am committed to keeping our community updated about exciting things that are going on at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH), so I like to share a “state of the hospital” status report twice during the year. It’s a good opportunity for me to share news about the services we offer at the hospital, the important capital investments in HCH that HCA Healthcare makes

continuously, community events and initiatives that we are participating in, new staff we are welcoming to the hospital, and more.

One of the most impactful developments at HCH this year has been the resumption of orthopedic surgery after its close 10 years ago. We are providing arthroscopic surgery (minimally invasive surgery on joints allowing surgeon to diagnose and repair

through tiny incisions) and total shoulder, hip, and knee replacements. We have had such great success this year that we are recruiting to make our services more accessible. We are recruiting a physician assistant (PA) to support our surgeons. The rapid growth of orthopedic surgery at HCH has been so strong that we outgrew our current model, limited to two days per month, and we are recruiting for an orthopedic surgeon dedicated to the Plateau.

We are also fortunate to have two outstanding general surgeons on staff, Dr. Zachary Phillips and Dr. James Osborne. They perform diverse procedures, including hernia repair, esophageal surgery, colon surgery, and breast surgery. Dr. Osborne is also fellowship trained with hand surgery and is able to treat conditions of the hand, such as carpal tunnel syndrome and trigger fingers. Both surgeons also provide colonoscopies, so if you’re due for this lifesaving screening, be sure to schedule it.

HCH has also recently welcomed highly skilled plastic surgeon Dr. Christopher Wenzel to our staff, who is offering elective plastic surgery procedures. A Western North Carolina native, Dr. Wenzel is highly esteemed and trusted. He is dual board-certified in head and neck and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery and has been providing exceptional care to patients in the region since 2000.

Patients can see Dr. Phillips and Dr. Wenzel in Highlands, and Dr. Osborne in Cashiers. We will also be hosting an educational series for community members to meet our surgeons, ask questions, and learn more about what they do. Our “Dinner with the Docs” events will be on:

- Dr. Chris Wenzel – Thursday, August 22 at 6pm
- Dr. Zach Phillips – Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm
- Dr. James Osborne – Tuesday, October 22 at 6pm

Please let us know if you want to come by calling (828) 526-1345. These events will take place in our cafeteria.

I would also like to remind the community about our swing bed services, which are critical for rural hospitals and communities. Swing bed care allows our patients to receive skilled rehabilitation care in their



**Tom Neal CEO, CNO
H-C Hospital**

own community. Patients who need physical, speech, and occupational therapy or nursing and nutritional care can receive it here, even though they no longer need round-the-clock, closely managed care. Examples of patients who might benefit include those who have had a stroke, orthopedic surgery, or are severely weakened following prolonged illness or surgery. This capability allows a patient to receive great rehabilitation care right here, close

to home.

Two other important updates I can share are that the HCH helipad recently earned its IFR (instrument flight ready) certification, a special Federal Aviation Association (FAA) accreditation to use our helipad with instrumentation only. What this means is that our ability to transfer patients needing critical care is the best and safest it can be. The patient transport crews have more options for dealing with unpredictable weather, which we all know is commonplace in Western North Carolina.

It’s also important for our community to know about the significant, ongoing investment HCA is making in HCH, and how it enhances the care we can offer. I am happy to report that we have received:

- New state-of-the-art CT and MRI scanning machines with added funding to relocate the MRI scanner inside the hospital, so patients and staff no longer have to travel to another building from the hospital; this improves patient safety and comfort, and allows caregivers to work with more efficiency

- \$300,000 to upgrade our kitchen equipment, including ovens and refrigerators

- Funding to acquire two Cerner Patient Observer (CPO) units, high-tech tools that enable providers to monitor patients virtually and identify those who are at high risk for falling; two-way communication capabilities allow staff to speak with patients and each other in real time

These facility improvements, new and talented staff, and the heart that every HCH team member has for our patients contribute to our being ranked #1 for surgical experiences within HCA and providing a truly outstanding experiences for both patients and families.

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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Increased services and hours now at the Community Care Clinic

In 2024 the addition of Gynecology, Urgent Care and Orthopedic Services significantly expanded the Clinic's ability to provide health care in our rural community. It is estimated that in 2024 17% of residents in Highlands and Cashiers live in poverty and 17% are uninsured.

Recently, David Moore, chairman of the board, Faviola Olvera, Clinical Operations Director and Meanie Jones, Development Director, updated the Rotary Club of Highlands about the Community Care Clinic's expansion of services.

The mission of the Clinic is



From left: Randy Foster, Highlands Rotary President; Wally Seinsheimer, CCC Board Member; Melanie Jones, CCC Director of Development; Faviola Olvera, CCC Director of Operations; Carol Hunter, CCC Board Member; David Moore, Chair CCC Board.

to provide free health care to qualified adults and children who live and work in Highlands, Cashiers, Franklin and surrounding areas.

The Clinic is located at 52 Aunt Dora Drive. It offers the largest bilingual provider staff of any free clinic in the area and

is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4:30p for urgent care walk-ins and 4:30-9p by appointment.

For more information, to volunteer or to contribute, contact www.highlandscashiersclinic.org or call 828/526-4164.

Much more than child's play!

Highlands Commissioners Jeff Weller and Brian Stiehler recently updated the Rotary Club of Highlands about progress in the creation of the all-new Highlands Community Playground. Approximately 50% of the funds needed for the \$1.6 million playscape have been raised and the public phase of the campaign will be launched soon.

The new playground will be located at the Recreation Center, adjacent to the tennis courts and skate park. Replacing the existing playground, the new area will be four times larger and includes nature themed equipment designed to be fully accessible and appropriate for ages 2-12. Carolina Parks and Play, a company that specializes in outdoor play equipment headquartered



From left: Randy Foster, Rotary Club of Highlands President; Derek Taylor, host; and Highlands Commissioners Brian Stiehler and Jeff Weller

in Cary North Carolina, worked with the Steering Committee to design a space that is safe, inclusive, imaginative and fun.

Fundraising for the \$1.6 million kids place is well underway with commitments from the Town of Highlands, Macon County, and private donations. A grant from the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is pending. Provided all funds are raised by

the end of 2024, the new Highlands Community Playground could open in the fall of 2025.

Shep Muir, 7, who attended the Rotary meeting, endorsed plans for the new playground, observing that it will be very large and lots of fun.

To help make playful adventures come true for all kids, contributions can be made at <https://highlandisplay.net>

Final 'Zahner Lecture' is Thursday, Aug. 15

The Highlands Biological Foundation (HBF) invites you to its final Zahner Conservation Lecture of the season on Thurs-

day, August 15 at 6 PM at the Nature Center.

Lori Williams, a Wildlife Diversity Biologist with the North

Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), will present "All About Hellbenders!"

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The event was orchestrated by Bodie Catlin, a Trump supporter and Republican who is often seen and heard around town telling people to stand with him.

He touted the arrival of a caravan of pickup trucks, cars, and motorcycles that would be driving up the Gorge Road from Franklin, through Highlands, Cashiers, Cullowhee, Sylva and back to Franklin.

The caravan was expected at 11a, then noon, and finally arrived at 1p led by Macon County Commissioner John Shearl in his pickup truck sporting U.S. flags and Trump banners.

Farther down the line was Jimmy Goodman in his pickup, also a Republican and Trump supporter from Franklin sporting flags and banners, as well as others from Franklin.

In the end about 10-12 vehicles caravanned through town on

their way to Cashiers and beyond.

"I was disappointed at the few number of vehicles and upset that they didn't slow down for the parade through town," said Catlin. "We did have people cruising through town yelling and honking though we did get flicked off about 20 times and got the thumbs down about 20 times, too. We challenged the guy holding the sign that said Trump took Christ out of Christians but he said we were nuts."

At one point Highlands police officers came by to instruct the people in front of Appalachian Harvest to stay off the sidewalk so as not to impede passers-by, to only congregate in the "no parking" space in front of the store and not to wander into the street.

Aside from some minimal taunting, there was very little action.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



Adjusting our perspective of one another

Ken Langsdorf
Lutheran Church of the Holy Family

It concerns me when I hear one person call another person evil. I am not denying that there is evil in the world and there are forces that are at work to promote evil, but it troubles me when a person is labeled as evil. What do we mean when we call someone evil?

In studying the ancient languages of the Bible, particularly Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, I have learned that there are different ways to interpret and understand the word evil.

What is called evil can be understood as being unripe, immature, unfortunate, ugly, cruel, malignant, rotten, wicked, diseased, incorrect, or a troublemaker.

For example, Jeremiah 24:3 in the King James Version of the Bible says, Then said the Lord unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

Are figs evil? A better translation may be that the figs are unripe, sour, or rotten, diseased.

How about other people? Are people purely evil? People can do evil things, but I prefer to see hope in people and see them as immature, ripening, growing. There is potential to move beyond this immaturity. Or they might be bitter or sour because of experiences in life, but they have potential to heal, recover, forgive and be lovely.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray, deliver us from evil. What comes to mind if we consider these other translations? Deliver us from immaturity. Deliver us from disease. Deliver us from bitterness. Deliver us from being wicked. Deliver us from people who cause us pain.

When we encounter other people who give us trouble, rather than labeling them as evil, we might first wonder how we can help them mature and heal. We see this in the ministry of Jesus. He met people who were "evil" with healing, hope, and grace. Jesus gave them an opportunity to be forgiven and loved. Jesus offered people the opportunity to repent, to turn from their cruel, immature, diseased, rotten ways and turn to a "Kingdom of God" life that is good, gracious, merciful, healed, whole, loved and a benefit to others. In Jesus we receive life that is forgiven, healed, whole and saved. From Jesus we hear the invitation to turn from evil, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are brought into life that is new, filled with undeserved love, and great potential to bring good to the world.

There is hope for all of us. There is grace for all of us. There is home for all of us in the goodness and mercy of God. The ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus defeats the power of evil and brings us new and eternal life in the power of God's love.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Aug. 7. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Aug. 7

• At 1 p.m., Marlena Beth Carlton, 52, of Cashiers, was arrested for trespassing. She was issued a \$500 unsecured bond. Her trial date is Sept. 26.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Aug. 7.

Aug. 7

• At 10:30 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Old Rock Road.

Aug. 8

• At 12:06 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Rhododendron Drive.

Aug. 9

• At 1:10 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106 (Dillard Road.).

• At 10:29 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Upper Brushy Face Road.

Aug. 10

• At 10:39 a.m., the dept. investigated the source of smoke at a residence on Cowee Ridge Road.

• At 1:06 p.m., the dept. investigated the cause of a possible gas leak at a residence on Biscuit Rock Road.

• At 5:52 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on North Drive.

• At 6:05 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Spruce Lane.

Aug. 11

• At 11:20 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Ridge Trail.

• At 9:15 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

Aug. 12

• At 6:21 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on BigView Drive.

• At 10:09 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Big Pine Lane.

NOTE:

"Public Assistance" responses can mean various things: keys locked in vehicles, batteries in a smoke detector and more.

• UPCOMING EVENT •

Last 1st Pres Interlude Concert

The Interlude Concert Series, which is sponsored by Highlands First Presbyterian Church, will wind up its season with a concert at 2pm on Wed., Aug. 21. Featured will be Georgia State University vocalists Isabella Chaney, Mezzo Soprano, and Maxwell Clements, Baritone; accompanied by Liubov Shrivastava, Pianist. Artistic Director for the concert is Richard Clement, Voice Area Coordinator in the School of Music at GSU. There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts. Dress is casual.



Isabella Chaney



Maxwell Clements

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Commissioner Hidgon said he didn't support the request because it was outside of the budget process and did not follow funding protocol.

"We toss the word "free" around like it's nothing, but nothing is free," said Commissioner Shearl. "It is costing someone, somewhere."

School nutrition in the Macon County School district operates solely on government reimbursements, grants and food sales. The self-sufficient program does not require any additional local funding to operate; the only funding school nutrition re-

ceives locally is for capital outlay requests.

Lighter assured the board that the school system will continue to do the free and reduced lunch application process to help fund the nutrition program. In addition, he said he will continue to do everything within the system's means to look at data every year to provide free lunches to Highlands School and Franklin High School through the CEP program.

Neighboring counties have approved allocating funding to offer free lunches to all students including Jackson, Transylvania, Swain and Cherokee Counties.

Free Hymn Festival & Organ Dedication

Sunday, August 25, 6 p.m.

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Dr. Albin Whitworth

Professor of Church Music at Asbury Theological Seminary for 37 years. Dr. Whitworth has performed around the world, including a Christmas performance at the White House. He has published more than 200 compositions, including 19 books of keyboard arrangements for church musicians as well as for hand bells and mixed voices.



Dr. Bill Goold

Taught for 27 years at Asbury Theological Seminary as Professor of Church Music and Christian Worship. For several decades he has directed church choirs, organized choral activities and led church choral clinics. He also dedicates time ministering to the Samburu tribe in Northern Kenya.

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'Dictator for a Day' or President for life?

Dear Editor,

Former President Trump is known to be an admirer of autocratic rulers, particularly President Xi Jinping of China. According to CNN when Trump heard that Xi was about to be gifted a constitutional amendment that would eliminate term limits for the president, Trump was reported to have said "He's now president for life, and he's great. I think it's great. Maybe we'll give that a shot someday." This is the same man who recently said he would like to be "Dictator for a Day," can you imagine anyone giving up that kind of power after a day, let alone Trump?

Recent changes in our law, a gift of our politicized Supreme Court, renders our president bullet proof by making him/her immune from prosecution for official acts. With the Project 2025 agenda enacted by a president where absolute power is bestowed on the executive branch, one can only imagine what life could be like for the average citizen.

If the justice department comes under the control of the white house citizen arrests could become common. Anyone could be conceived as an enemy of the state, and like Russian citizens, find themselves at the mercy of the courts without due process. Writing a letter such as this could be a crime, printing also a crime. Freedom of Speech could be a thing of the past. We have only to look at Hungary and how the free press has become less than free under the autocratic rule of Victor

Orbon to see the future.

If a president decides to round up and detain illegals until they can be shipped out of the country, we could all have reason to fear. While federal law known as the Posse Comitatus Act generally forbids the use of the armed forces for law enforcement purposes, another law called the Insurrection Act creates an exception. This could enable the president to mobilize Federal troops to build detention camps and apprehend illegal residents. Much of this is laid out in Project 2025. And it is not a leap to imagine American citizens having to carry their birth certificate as proof of citizenship, running the risk of that document being declared fake. Citizens could be denied legal counsel and held against their will with no legal recourse. When one thinks about how power corrupts it is not hard to imagine how the power to arrest illegals could be abused.

And if the president decides to close the borders of the country to keep illegals out who is to say that effort won't be used to detain citizens in the country. Freedom to travel out of the country for work or pleasure could be curtailed and only granted at the behest of the government. Interstate travel could be limited just as easily. Since there is already discussion of tracking women seeking reproductive care outside of their state of residence it is not difficult to imagine.

There are so many ways the government under a dictator could

eliminate the freedoms we take for granted that it is impossible to enumerate them here. If we look to current and recent countries under autocratic rule, we know that the availability of goods and services under government control can be severely limited, to include health-care, education, housing, food, transportation or as the case of China the right to procreate.

At this moment in time our rights are protected by the rule of law. If it continues to be undermined by the present Supreme Court in conjunction with the Executive Branch our way of life could erode and become recognizable only in books. Except those could be banned and the teaching of history could be forbidden. Isn't that already being attempted?

We the people have served our country in many ways, including military service. Many have sacrificed their lives to save our democracy, however imperfect. It is our duty to follow their lead and fight with our votes to protect the freedoms we have enjoyed and taken for granted. Going back to a time when power was in the hands of the few is not an option. As a veteran myself, I hope not to see over 200 years of service and sacrifice thrown away to serve the vain, grandiose, and dictatorial ambition of one man, one political faction, or one religious sect.

**Robert G. Wertzler
Franklin, NC**

Bountiful Cornucopia

Dear Editor,

Over many summers, including this one, I have had the pleasure and the privilege of attending numerous lectures and programs presented by the Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) at the Crosby Center and elsewhere in town.

The programs they offer cover a broad spectrum of interests, a veritable cornucopia of any and every thing you could possibly imagine, much less desire. To quote their current catalog, they have been providing "...life enrichment opportunities through educational lectures, art workshops, culinary and nature

programs for over 30 years." These include subjects on history, movies and music, law and politics, technology, sports, gardening, literature, current affairs to name but a few. Their roster of presenters and lecturers, coming from diverse backgrounds in education and experience, is impressive. The programs often pair with the Land Trust and/or the Biological Station for outdoor adventures, or with the Chamber Music Festival for more personal, in depth musical experiences.

I have benefited from many of these programs and would like to thank and to salute the people

who are currently responsible for this bountiful cornucopia right here in our midst, while also acknowledging all of the good people who preceded them. Today, they are the CLE Board of Directors Lee Garrett, Martha and Al Pearson and Bill McMillan; they are the general Members of the Board; they are the excellent and hardworking staff Fallon Hovis and Audra Bullard; and they are all of the people who support the CLE through their participation in attending all of these life enriching programs all season long. Thank you.

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