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Thurs., Oct. 24 - Sun., Oct.

27 • HCP's "Murder Among Friends" at the PAC on Chestnut Street. Performances are at 7:30p and at 2:30p Sunday. For tickets call 526-8084.

Fri., Oct. 25

• At the Lost Hiker, live music with the Buchanan Boys from 9pm until close.

Sat., Oct. 26

• Scaly Mountain Womens Club Pancake Breakfast at the Old Scaly School House corner of 106 and Buck Knob Road, Scaly. 7:30 to 10:30. Price is \$5.50.

Mon., October 28

• Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. meeting at 6p in the Rec Park Civic Center.

• Eckerd Living Center first annual Fall Festival, 11a to 2p on the H-C Hospital campus. Costume Contest, Cake Walk, Hayrides, trick or treating, pumpkin decorating contest, face painting, llama petting zoo; games, music and food. Lunch plates \$5.

Tues., Oct. 29

• The Highlands Dialogue, Tuesday from 10a to 11:30p at Hudson Library. "Profiles of Resilience: Interviews With Atheistic Spinal Cord Injury Survivors" by Karen Hwang. (Handout is available at the Hudson Library). Our coordinator is Creighton Peden.

Wed., Oct. 30

• Halloween "Enchanted Forest" Trail at the Highlands Nature Center. Group tours leave every 15 minutes from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Bring a flashlight to go early trick-or-treating along the Botanical Garden trails. Encounter friendly forest creatures! Fun and educational for all ages; \$1 per person. Please call 526-2623 for more information.

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Citizens turn out to hear about PAB

Citizens turned out en masse to Thursday night's Town Board meeting to hear about the Performing Arts Building (PAB) being proposed on Rec Park property by Jane Woodruff.

Basically, she has offered to resurrect a gift to the town she

first made 18 years ago. Consequently, Thursday night citizens saw 18-year-old plans which will likely be re-engineered to comply with current building codes.

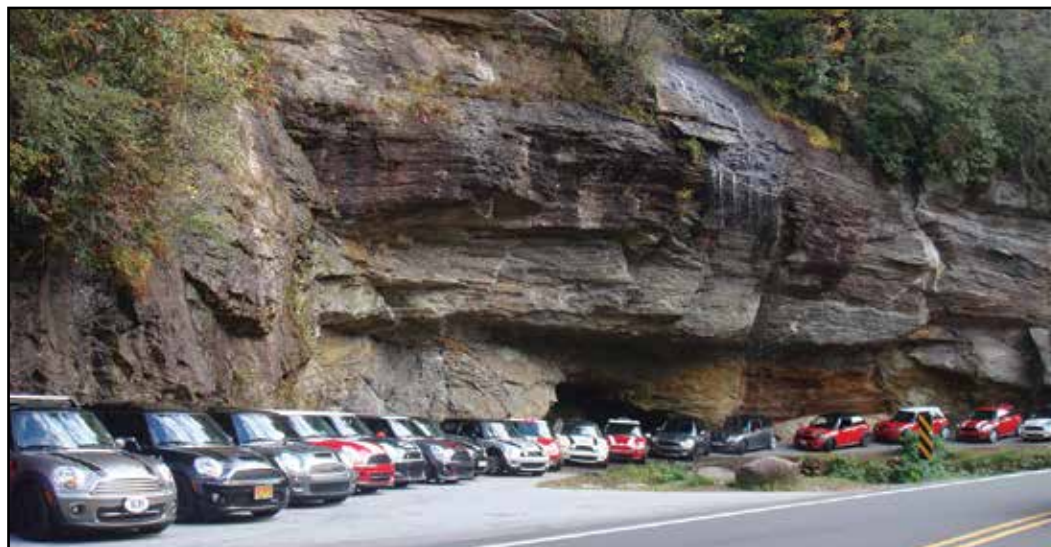
The original site, and presumably the proposed site now, is in the hollow below the front

parking lot between the playground and the pool where a covered picnic shelter now stands.

It will be a two-story, 16,000 sq. ft., 500-seat structure that steps down the hill with all the bells and whistles of a top-notch

•See PAB page 14

Mini-coopers on parade at Bridal Veil



Tooling through the mountains on a fall day was the perfect venue for a mini-cooper caravan recently. They parked at Bridal Veil Falls for a photo op.

Photo by Linda Barden

Question 4 in candidates' 5-question lineup leading to Nov. 5 election

This is the fourth week in a 5-week Q&A series with the candidates running for the Highlands Town Board.

The mayor's seat and two commission seats are open.

Commissioner Brian Stiehler and Pat Taylor are running for the Mayor's seat.

Commissioner Gary Drake's and Commissioner Amy Patterson's seats are open. They are both running as incumbents.

Vying for their seats are Donnie Calloway and Michael

"Bud" Rogers.

Commissioner Gary Drake said "thanks but no thanks" when asked to participate in the Q&A in Highlands Newspaper.

Question 4:

The music in K-H Park and the music in Town Square, where the majority of attendees were year-round citizens, exemplifies the need for more family-oriented activities - festivals, concerts, fairs - year-round in Highlands and not just during the summer

months. Do you support these types of activities and if you do, how would you expand options if elected?

Donnie Calloway

Bitsy & I have attended several of the events in town and have thoroughly enjoyed them all. It is great to see old familiar faces, renew acquaintances, and meet new people. It is the people that make Highlands unique and Highlands is the perfect setting for folks to mingle.

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Citizens rally against Jake brakes

Pushing for an ordinance

The issue of Jake brake noise in Highlands spurred a lively discussion at Thursday night's Town Board meeting - so much so, that Mayor David Wilkes said the issue, specifically the possibility of a noise abatement ordinance involving their use within the town limits, would be put on the next Town Board agenda.

Mike Little brought the issue to the forefront during the public comment period of the September Town Board meeting and he initiated it again last week - however, this time, he wasn't alone.

"People are using their Jake brake systems in the town of Highlands when there is no need and creating a noise problem we shouldn't have to put up with," he said. "There are federal statutory materials dealing with Jake

•See JAKE BRAKES page 10

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Drake won't get my vote!

Dear Editor,

I have been appalled, seeing in the last three issues of Highlands Newspaper, Gary Drake's response to the questions directed to candidates running for office, "Thanks, but no thanks."

It has been a time honored tradition in Highland's elections for Town Board and Mayoral candidates that all the candidates have been responsive to well thought out questions. The voters have an opportunity to learn how these candidates feel about important issues in the community.

What message is Gary Drake sending to voters like myself? That answering such questions is beneath his dignity? That he is too arrogant and assumes he will be elected anyway no matter what he does?

I don't know the answer but as an example let me acknowledge Dr. Amy Patterson, working full time, having served as a bright, truly dedicated Town Board member for more years than I can remember, is more than willing to take the time to deliver a thoughtful, intelligent answer to the questions being posed.

If Gary Drake is so insensitive as to refuse to participate in a forum as straight forward as this one, why should the voters consider him for re-election? As for me, he definitely won't be considered!

Bill Stiefel
Highlands

Feeding bears?

Dear Editor,

As an empathetic wildlife enthusiast, I especially enjoyed the article in your Thursday Oct.10th edition about Mr. Wilson, and his love for wildlife.

It is evident that he truly cares for God's creation, however, I wonder if it is safe for him to be feeding the bears?! I have been told to NEVER, under any circumstances feed the bears!

They could become dependent on human handouts. Not only is this dangerous for the bears, it could be dangerous for humans or domesticated animals that live in the Mirror Lake area, too.

I'm just wondering? Please set me straight.

L. Provchy, FL

• PHOTO OF THE WEEK •

Ghouls, ghosts and goblins will be dancing around the Harry Potter tree on Oak Lane come evening on Halloween.

Photo by
Ken
Kreutzer



More Medicaid lies from McCrory

Dear Editor,

In my business, I deal with many people who are at the bottom of the economic ladder. For them, one car breakdown or one illness can mean financial disaster. Often it means the loss of a job, and any hope of climbing out of poverty. When Rep. Jim Davis, R-Franklin, and Gov. Pat McCrory denied over half a million North Carolina citizens 100 percent federally paid for Medicaid coverage, they guaranteed that many of those 500,000 citizens would never climb out of poverty and that some of them would die.

When asked to justify this callous and spiteful act, they argued that it was necessary because of the terrible state of the existing Medicaid program in the state. As proof of this, they cited a state audit of the North Carolina Medicaid program. The governor claimed that the audit showed high administrative cost, management problems and serious budget overruns in past years. As a result, the governor said that the state was in no position to accept any more Medicaid recipients.

Nine months later, we now know that the governor lied about all of this. On taking office, McCrory appointed his own people to oversee the Department of Health and Human Services. They made strategic edits to the audit to produce the document that showed a department in crisis. None of the claims about mismanagement, high costs and budget overruns were true.

In fact, an innovative program to manage Medicaid costs started by Democratic Gov. Beverly Purdue, called "Community Care of North Carolina" had been studied by two national groups as a model for cost savings and care management. This program has been replicated in a number of states as a model of Medicaid delivery. All positive references to this program were edited out of the report by McCrory's appointees.

Republicans really don't believe in any form of public assistance. They have long opposed Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits and now the Affordable Care Act. They have a right to that belief, and they have a right to act on that belief when they are in power. They do not have a right to lie about facts to

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

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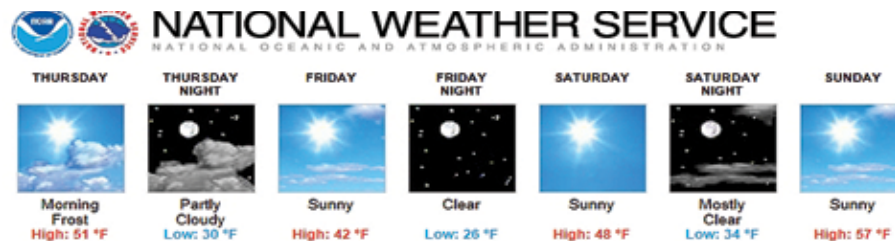
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• MILESTONE •

Cashiers man inducted into highschool's Hall of Fame



Local David Chambless was recently inducted into the Marietta High School Athletic Hall of Fame, in Marietta, GA. David dedicated this honor to his mother Penny Chambless who encouraged him to try out for the track team, and his father Bill Chambless who tragically died August 10th 2012. He was David's biggest fan and never missed a race or match.

David was given a plaque that read:
ATHLETE - David Russell Chambless

(M.H.S. Class of 1994)

- 3 sport letterman at M.H.S. in cross country, wrestling, and track
- MDJ All Cobb County- all three seasons- cross country, wrestling, and track
- MDJ Cobb County Athlete of the Year- 1994
- Atlanta Track Club Man of the year- 1994
- Regional Champion in wrestling (145 lbs.) and track (1600m and 800m)
- Received athletic scholarship to Western Carolina University
- All Southern Conference as member of the track team in the 800m

Marietta High School (MHS) hosted its 10th annual Marietta Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon to honor inductees Friday, Sept. 20. Inductees were also recognized during halftime at the MHS Blue Devils

football game against McEachern, Friday, Sept. 20, at Northcutt Stadium.

"The purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame is to honor and recognize athletes, teams, coaches, administrators and others who have brought recognition, honor and distinction to Marietta through outstanding contributions to the athletic program at Marietta High School, at the former Lemon Street High School, at the collegiate level or beyond," Paul Hall, MHS Athletic Director, said.

"Induction into the Marietta Athletic Hall of Fame is the highest honor that the athletic department can bestow upon an individual."

According to a write-up in the Marietta Daily Journal, Chambless was a three-sport letterman for the Blue Devils in cross country, wrestling and track and field before graduating in 1994. He won region championships in wrestling at 145 pounds and in track at the 800- and 1,600-meter runs.

Chambless' success on the track led to a scholarship at Western Carolina University, where he was an all-Southern Conference athlete.

"Being a student-athlete at Marietta High School is the greatest thing that ever happened to me," said Chambless, who owns Bella Vista, a window washing, business in Cashiers, N.C.

• OBITUARY •

Shelley Medlin Lockamy

Shelley Medlin Lockamy, 79, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013. She was born on November 19, 1933 in Macon County. She was preceded in death by her mother Ruby McCall and a brother, Cleo McCall.

She is survived by her husband, James Lockamy; daughters Angela Cartrette (Eric) and Dawn Lockamy; step-son Wayne Medlin; sisters, Loleatta Manning and Audrey Chambers (Marvin), four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and several brother and sister-in-laws.

A funeral service was held Oct. 2, 2013 at Cornerstone Funeral Home in Nashville, NC. Donations can be made in her memory to Church on the Rise, 3520 Bishop Road, Rocky Mount, NC, 27804.

Cornerstone Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

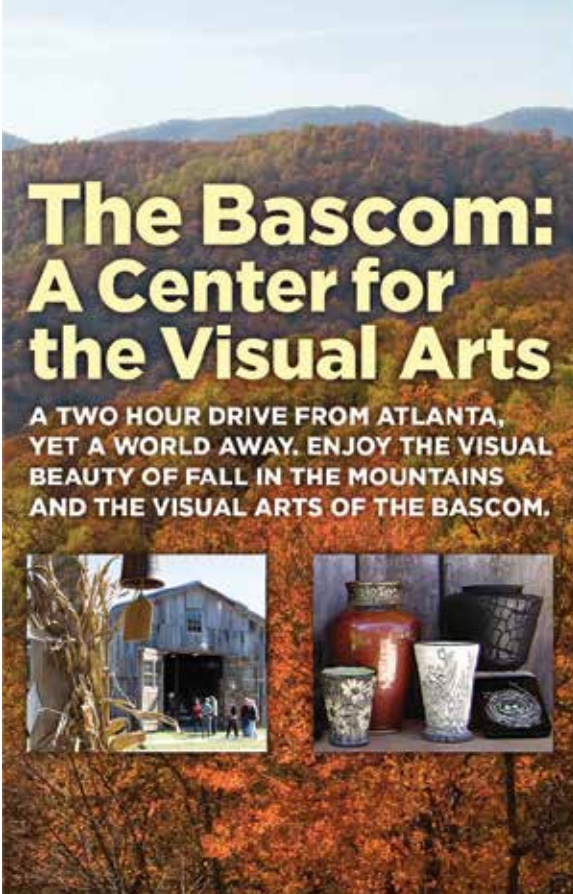


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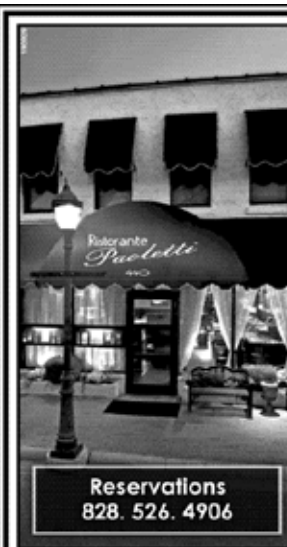
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...Q&A from page 1

I feel the craft shows and other events can be coordinated with the recreation park and other organizations that want to use the different areas. Dates and times can easily be planned so as not to compete with the already established businesses in town. People in town look forward to the different events. So lets put our heads together and work to make this happen.

I am all for a place where people can gather, visit, enjoy and feel safe. If elected or not I would gladly serve on any committee to help coordinate or organize future events. Who knows maybe one day we can even have a dance floor put down for us cloggers!

Amy Patterson

I do not agree with the phrase "...exemplifies the need for more ..." People may attend and enjoy entertainment and activities going on in town, but that does not elevate those activities to the level of "need" or prove that there should be "more." One of the great things about Highlands is that its citizens and citizen groups are doers. Someone or some group is always sponsoring a hike, lecture, class, program, concert, play, movie, craft show, art show, supper, pancake breakfast or plant, flower, or pumpkin sale. And the list goes on. Many of these are family-friendly activities and most are organized by volunteers.

Providing entertainment and activities

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is not a primary role of government. A community's government can do collectively that which cannot be accomplished by individuals. Specific to this issue, it can provide and/or support facilities or venues like the PAC, Playhouse, K-H Park and Rec Center. It may partner with or support community groups that provide entertainment and activities. It might even solely sponsor special events. The role of government is to support the community's activities. It is not to pay someone to plan and then finance activities to make sure folks have things to do with their spare time. (The town once had an individual offer to organize a concert series for a fee of \$30,000.)

I believe in being fiscally responsible with taxpayer money. I find it difficult to justify reaching deeper into the taxpayers' pockets to satisfy folks who think there should be more entertainment.

Michael "Bud" Rogers

I support them all. My goal is to expand those events through our winter months because I see the shops on Main Street make a good living in the summer but struggle during the winter months. I want to see more winter festivities so the merchants can prosper and the Town of Highlands can be alive for the year round residents as well. If elected I have a plan that I will work with the other commissioners and the Mayor that will bring the right type of people and the right type of events to Highlands that we will all prosper from ... ALL OF US.

Highlands is a seasonal town and we need to offer more appealing things for each season to expand our seasons. I feel we have a great town and love our Christmas season but we need to put more effort into our other holidays so we can all benefit from the tourists who also come to enjoy each season. All those tourists walking around on Main Street is what I call revenue and we need to make the best of this while they are here. The winter weekends seem to be busier with each passing year and we need to capitalize on those weekends with events for all of us. It is a win win situation in my opinion. It is my goal to see all the merchants on Main Street busy year around. As we all know Greenville and Atlanta are close when we have events lined up through the winter months they will come because it is a short drive and a weekend get away and something for them to do and we need to make the best of every situation so we can all prosper. My goal is bring fairness across the board so everyone has a shot at making a good and decent living in Highlands, NC. I need your votes and a chance

to bring what I offer to the Town and I am looking forward to working with the Mayor and other Commissioners to make the Town of Highlands the best it can be for all of us. We have fought and argued over everything and I am all about unity to bring us together for the good of everyone not just a select few.

Brian Stiehler

I am in total support of better use of Kelsey Hutchinson Park. In fact, as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, I worked with Thomas Craig to help get the Saturday night music events established in the park. The Town can do a better job working with the Chamber of Commerce to help get events like these off the ground. They give residents and visitors another option for entertainment and help support our businesses on Main Street. I have also supported and been involved in the Friday Night Live events in Town Square. I am grateful for the support of John Lupoli and the businesses within that beautiful addition to Main Street. Of course, all of this is a balancing act in Highlands. As Mayor, I want to promote a vibrant atmosphere downtown while keeping the charm and character of Highlands that we all love and appreciate. I admire all the local businesses

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that are at the mercy of numerous factors; many of which are out of their control. Our local businesses contribute a lot to this town. The sales tax alone, contributes 20% of our revenue. Anythin the town can do to encourage people to get into town and support our local businesses will benefit all of us. My background and support of the Chamber of Commerce will be a great resource for ideas. I have worked to create winter business through the Chamber as well. If we all work together, the possibilities are endless! I would also like to see the completion of Pine Street Park as Mayor with use of private funds and have presented the idea to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, who were instrumental in the initial purchase of the park. At the same time, I will not lose sight of our residents and will work to the benefit of everyday life. Infrastructure improvements around town will always be a priority for me as Mayor.

Pat Taylor

I am for the full use of Kelsey Hutchinson Park for the benefit of Highlands' citizens and for strategic economic reasons. The park needs to be fully developed which includes permanent restrooms to serve park events and for town shoppers on the east side of the business district. Over \$300,000 in private funds went to the purchase and development of the

park. Contributors expect the park to be completed. The final landscaping and facility improvements can be achieved with a similar partnership between private and public resources.

Highlands needs to be competitive with surrounding communities that have music and art events in their parks and downtown areas. The town should promote, but not directly fund, public events in the park. Town government can provide indirect support to events, such as park schedule coordination, traffic and parking management, bathroom maintenance, etc., but it is not the responsibility of the town to put on such events. As we have seen with this inaugural concert season, procuring and supporting performances is best achieved by private business partnerships with backing from the Chamber of Commerce.

Our downtown district should be a public gathering place for the entire plateau. The concerts, art shows and farmers market bring people downtown. I support these kinds of open, free events in the park. I am against ticketed events that bar public access to the park.

While I am supportive of events being scheduled during the summer, spring and fall, I can't see many events being well attended during the winter months. I am open to creative ideas on how events can be staged in the park during the winter.

I was on the Appearance Commission and Planning Board prior to the creation of the park. A request was made to rezone the property for a storage building complex.

I provided leadership in maintaining the proposed storage facility was not in keeping with the aesthetic appearance of the area and was not compatible with other nearby businesses. The request was denied, and shortly thereafter the property was purchased with public and private funds to become what is now Kelsey Hutchinson Park. The park is a very good use of the property.

• Next week in the Oct. 31 edition, candidates will answer the final question in the 5-question series: Many citizens feel that the recent decision to give away free utilities to the ABC Store, The Chamber of Commerce and The Highlands Playhouse is not fair because it does not benefit the average voter/taxpayer. The consensus is that everyone should pay equally and the money collected by the town better used to serve the voter/taxpayers – such as in sidewalk expansion outside the downtown business district and Rec Park (pool) improvements, etc. Do you believe this new policy should be readdressed, if not why not, if so, why?

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justify their actions. It is clear they wish to hide their real beliefs from the voters.

The denial of Medicaid to over 500,000 low-income and uninsured North Carolina citizens will go down as one of the most fiscally irresponsible and deplorable acts of this legislature. Our federal tax dollars already paid for this Medicaid expansion which will now go to other states. Every emergency room visit by one of those 500,000 people will cost each of us more money in higher health insurance premiums. The cost in human suffering cannot be calculated.

Louis Vitale
Franklin

A way to bend 'Jane's' ear

Dear Editor,

I suggest that the Highlands Playhouse schedule several showings of Ron Howard's 1985 film Cocoon. Then, perhaps, Jane Woodruff would be more amenable to the idea of an indoor swimming pool. Just Sayin'.

John Gaston
Highlands

• THANKS •

Highlands F&R; MC EMS & Highlands First Responders rock

Dear Editor

We really want to express our thanks and appreciation for the quick and deft response of Ryan and Robbie and the rest of our Highlands Fire and Rescue and Macon County EMS team. Last Friday we witnessed first-hand how fortunate we are to live in a town where emergency response comes so quickly. One of our employees suffered a bad seizure right in the middle of our lobby and was terrified, as were we. I can honestly say I do not think more than 30 to 60 seconds had passed before the four of them were in our lobby skillfully handling the situation. They were so great with our employee who was obviously upset and unaware of her surroundings. It is comforting to know that in an emergency situation like that such quality help is so close. This is a credit to our emergency services team and the town.

Richard Delany
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brakes and local political subdivisions, like Highlands, have the right to regulate Jake brakes on a noise abatement issue.”

Nearby Fletcher, NC, has adopted an ordinance governing the use of Jake brakes on one of their streets as has Park City, UT, and even the state of New Jersey has a model noise abatement ordinance

which it has provided all its municipalities if they want to address noise pollution.

According to Little, Highlands’ noise abatement ordinance, which basically addresses dog barking, loud music and construction noise, doesn’t conform to the minimum statutory regulation requirements of NC and the EPA.

“But if we can construct an ordinance to stop construction noise – if we have time to enforce that, certainly we can find time to enforce a noise ordinance for abusive Jake braking,” he said.

When asked if ownership of the road is an issue – US 64 (Main Street) compared to Oak Street, for instance, he said it has nothing to do with the nature of the road or highway, only the nature of the vehicle and whether the vehicle is engaged in inter-

state commerce.

“The bottom line is all vehicles are engaged in interstate commerce whether a car or diesel-powered truck,” he said.

Citizen Charles Wolfe said Jake braking and motorcycle noise is a problem and would support a movement and the enforcement of a noise ordinance as it applies to Jake brakes and motorcycles.

“I just spent \$3,000 on a deck and due to the rain and motorcycle and Jake brake noise I have had to stay in the house. I can do that somewhere else; I don’t have to come to Highlands for that,” he said.

Mike Bryson, owner of Bryson Grading and Paving, said he was a minority in the group Thursday night, because he has driven a dump truck and knows what it’s like to lose brakes with a load coming off Satulah Mountain.

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Community made HS Fall Festival a success

Dear Editor,

The Highlands School Fall Festival began over fifty years ago as a Senior Trip fundraiser. Over the years it has evolved into the PTO's largest fundraiser and all the proceeds go directly back into every classroom at Highlands School.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following; all the Seniors, staff, PTO board members and parents, and students who volunteered, all parents, children and community members who attended the festival, the Highlands Rotary Club for providing Bingo, David Bee, Ashly Coppage and volunteers from the Mountain Top Rotary for the fabulous meal, Christy Weller and her clever mind for supervising the Haunted House, The Shuler family for operating the hay ride, Pastor Paul Christy and Mike Murphy for entertaining the crowd during the

cake walk, the Highlands United Methodist Church for use of their sound system, the Highlands Civic Center for the use of the cotton candy machine, the Highlands Booster Club for use of the popcorn machine, Jerry Moore and Kilwin's for the caramel apples, Bryson's Food Store, Reeves Hardware, The DogHouse, Wolfgang's Bistro and Highlands Smokehouse for their donation of wonderful raffle prizes, and all the individual and business sponsors for PTO.

Each year I am overwhelmed by the generosity and support that surrounds our school. As a parent and a teacher I am blessed to see both sides of the benefits of our community working together and I would not choose anywhere else to raise my children.

Andrea L. Chalker
Fall Festival Chairperson

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

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Through Tues., Dec. 3

Bosnia Mission Fundraiser. Help build Barns in Bosnia. \$10 per ticket and win an iPad and more! A 32GB Wifi + Cellular iPad: Value \$729, a 32GB iPod Touch: Value \$299, an iTunes Gift Card: Value \$100. All proceeds to fund the Highlands United Methodist Church Bosnian Mission Trip scheduled for May

'Murder' at PAC through Sunday



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2014. Limited to only 1000 tickets sold. You do not have to be present to win. All items shipped directly to you. Tickets can be purchased at the Methodist Church Office at 315 Main Street.

Ongoing

Macon County Public Health is now giving flu shots on a walk in basis, with no appointment necessary, at the health and human services building located at 1830 Lakeside Drive in Franklin. Flu shots will be given from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday while supplies last. Flu shots are recommended for everyone age 6 months and older. The cost for regular vaccine is \$25 and high dose vaccine is \$45. Insurance may be filed, so bring your card. Please call 349-2081 for more information.

Mon/Thurs.

Hatha Yoga. 10:45a at the Episcopal Church. 828-482-2128. RYT, YA

Wed.

Hatha Daybreak Yoga. 7:45a. Coleman Hall in the First Presbyterian Church. 828-482-2128. RYT, YA.

Thurs., Oct. 24 - Sun. Oct. 27

HCP's Murder Among Friends" at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Performances are at 7:30p and at 2:30p Sunday. For tickets call 526-8084.

Thurs., Oct. 24

"Adventures in Bear Country" program at Sapphire Valley Community Center featuring Joel Zachry, author of Bears We've Met, with stories of bear encounters at 7 p.m. Music by the Grateful Dudes Trio. Admission \$5, kids 12 and under are free. Contact B.E.A.R. Task Force (828) 526-9227 or 743-7663 for info.

Sat., Oct. 26

Scaly Mountain Womens Club pancake Breakfast at Old Scaly School House corner of 106 and Buck Knob road, Scaly. 7:30 to 10:30. Price is \$5.50.

A Fundraiser for Special Olympics at Parker Meadows from 4-6pm, "Not so Scary" Hayrides and from 7-9pm, Haunted Hayrides. \$2 per Person Children 5 and under free! Concession stand will be available. Directions: Take 64 West to Patton Road (beside Mount Hope Church). Take Patton Road to Maxwell Home Road. Take Right on Maxwell Home Road and follow signs to Hayride! Call Jennifer Garrett, Local Coordinator for Special Olympics at 349-2454 for more information!

UPCOMING EVENTS •

• Family of the Stars Relay for Life Golf Tournament at Franklin Golf Course. Start time will be 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. This will be a 4-man captain's choice. Call Franklin Golf Course to sign up a team up or Toby Blanton at 828-347-5110. Cost is \$40 per person. Prize money will be determined on the number of teams participating. There will be a longest drive contest and a closest to the pin contest. There will also be a putting contest for \$5 a person. The winner of the putting contest will win half the money brought in by the contest. Lunch will be sold for \$5. There is only space for 12 teams so please get your teams signed up soon. Tee Sponsors are needed for \$50 each. Please help finish the fight against cancer.

Mon., October 28

• Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. meeting at 6p in the Rec Park Civic Center.

• Eckerd Living Center first annual Fall Festival, 11a to 2p on the H-C Hospital campus. Costume Contest, Cake Walk, Hayrides, trick or treating, pumpkin decorating contest, face painting, llama petting zoo; games, music and food. Lunch plates \$5.

• North and South Jackson County Republican Monthly Meeting will be held Monday evening at Ryan's in Sylva, 6p.m. to eat., 6:30 p.m. to meet. The featured speaker is Matthew Hoagland, President of the North Carolina Young Republicans. All Republicans, voters, others interested and especially young people are invited to the meeting which is focused on this important segment of the Republican base. For Jackson County GOP information call Ralph Slaughter @ 828 743-6491, email: jacksonctygop@yahoo.com or go to the website jacksoncountygop.com where news items, email and phone numbers for elected officials and announcements of coming events are covered.

Tues., Oct. 29

• The Highlands Dialogue, Tuesday from 10a to 11:30p at Hudson Library. "Profiles of Resilience: Interviews With Atheistic Spinal Cord Injury Survivors" by Karen Hwang. Free Inquiry, August/September 2013. (Handout is available at the Hudson Library). Our coordinator is Creighton Peden.

Wed., Oct. 30

• Halloween "Enchanted Forest" Na-

ture Trail at the Highlands Nature Center. Group tours leave every 15 minutes from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Bring a flashlight to go early trick-or-treating along the Botanical Garden trails. Encounter friendly forest creatures (portrayed by students of the UNC Institute for the Environment) and learn interesting nature facts about each one! Fun and educational for all ages; \$1 per person. Please call 526-2623 for more information.

Fri., Nov. 1

• Weekly movies begin at the Highlands Playhouse. Showings are at 4 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8. First show is "Captain Philips."

• Angel Medial Center Blood Drive. 8a-5p. Call Barbara Hall at 369-4166 for more info or to schedule an appt.

Sat., Nov. 2

• Come to the Mountains for HomeTown Day. The Town of Highlands will be hosting HomeTown Day on Saturday in Pine Street Park from 11am until 3pm. There will be live music, clogging, farmer's market and craft vendors, tractor hay rides, inflatables for children, a bake contest, greased pumpkins relays, pinto beans and cornbread for dinner and much more. Lonesome Sound will be performing traditional mountain, gospel, country, folk and Americana music from 1pm until 3pm. The Southern Appalachian Cloggers will be performing throughout the day as well. All activities are free except items purchased from farmer market and craft vendors. All donation proceeds will benefit the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. For more information or to register for the bake contest or as a farmer market/craft vendor, please call Town Hall at (828)526.2118, go to www.highlandsnc.org, or email rebecca.shuler@highlandsnc.org. Pine Street Park is located at 441 Pine Street in Highlands, NC. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Highlands Civic Center, 600 N. 4th Street, Highlands, NC.

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• Culinary Festival Opening Night Gala at Highlands Country Club Clubhouse Thursday, November 7 at 7pm. Tickets are \$75 You can order online at www.highlandsculinaryweekend.com via PayPal or call 828-526-2112 to order via Visa/MC over the phone.

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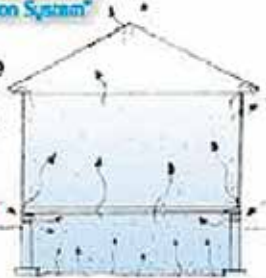
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downstairs.

According to Mayor David Wilkes, who first announced the resurrection at the August Town Board meeting, a PAB on Rec Park property was permitted 18 years ago and the permit still stands; there are no up-front costs to the town, and there is enough parking as per town code.

Now that the town knows this is allowed, Wilkes said the questions are: Do we need this? What will it be used for? Who is going to operate and run it?

“This would be an ongoing discussion,” he said. “Everyone is concerned about either what it will do to them or what it will do for them.”

A number of citizens were concerned about what the cause and effect such a facility would have on existing performing arts entities in town – namely the PAC and the Playhouse – even asking if there is something else Woodruff might consider building. To that Wilkes said “No.”

One 6-month resident said when Tampa built its new Performing Arts Center, two performing groups that had been in existence 100 years, folded in one year; another asked for a demographic study to see if Highlands could support such a facility.

She also said that the performing arts center in Hilton Head costs \$1,200 a day to maintain and operate and it has asked its town to help support it financially.

Wilkes did verify that the town would be responsible for utilities, maintenance and cleaning and that Woodruff builds buildings so an endowment to support op-

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Donnie Calloway for Town Board



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"Jake brakes are a safety item. We have them on all our trucks for safety reasons. Are they abused by some people, sometimes, yes, but there are roads steep enough to need Jake brakes in Highlands," he said. "Jake brakes save brakes. If you have ever lost brakes it's a bad feeling to step on brakes and have none. Jake brakes save brakes. That's what they are for -- 100% safety."

Basically, a Jake brake is a unit put into an engine that costs several thousand dollars, he said, that takes the compression of the engine and holds it so the engine slows down and the vehicle is held back as opposed to using brakes -- similar to down-shifting a car.

"Jake brakes are a safety option particularly in this area. Please take the safety issue into consideration," he asked the board, when considering an ordinance against using Jake brakes.

One person said they make a horrible racket that everyone has to suffer through.

Bryson said his don't and he shouldn't be penalized because someone else's do.

"If we outlaw Jake brakes then I will be affected," he said.

But Little said if there is a noise abatement ordinance, if people have brakes that don't make a noise, then they be all right.

"The Issue isn't Jake brakes, per se, the issue is outlawing excessive noise. If Jake brakes are being properly used and maintained, no one will fault you for that," he said.

The discussion will continue at subsequent Town Board meetings.

— Kim Lewicki

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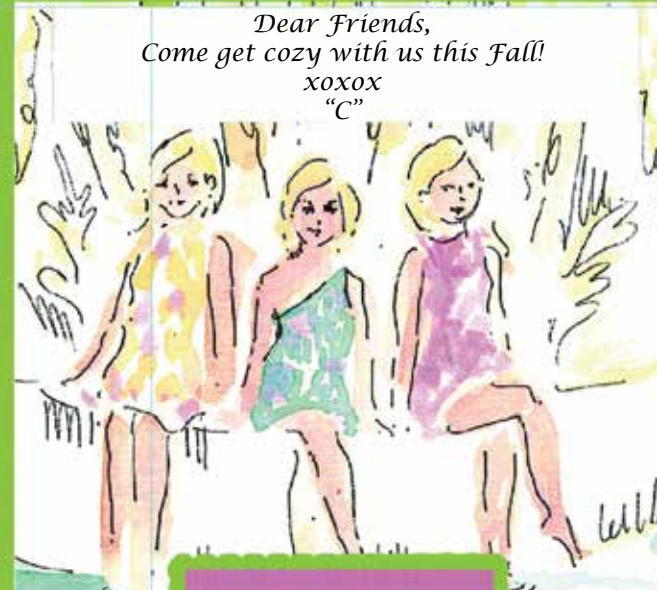


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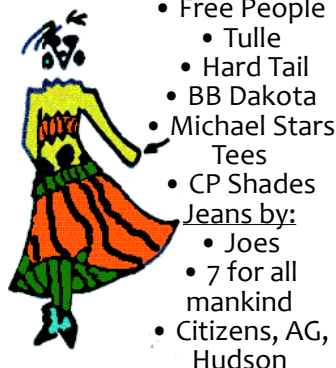
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Just outside city limits, this 1947 Log Cabin on 2.84 acres has 3br/3ba, 2 lofts, sunroom and stone patio. \$295,000. MLS# 76384



4br/5ba home next to Highlands Falls Country Club with lower level family room, bonus room, 2 fireplaces, granite kitchen, wood floors. \$627,000. MLS# 76569



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Seasons of our Lives

What a glorious leaf season we are having in Highlands and Cashiers! We are ablaze with flaming reds that give way to luscious orange hues, and golds and yellows that are mesmerizing. Every year it is always a guess when my real estate clients ask, "When is the peak?"

If you are fortunate to be here in Highlands this week, the phenomenon of the shadow of the bear can be seen at the overlook on the right just past Wildcat Cliffs Country Club going toward Cashiers.

Just look for all the cars! Around 5:30-6 p.m. in the afternoon a shadow emerges to the left of Whiteside Mountain and slowly a dark and perfectly shaped bear figure emerges from a canvas of reds and golds. It is truly amazing! I often wonder what the Indians thought of this.

If you are fortunate to call Highlands or Cashiers home, we get excited about the little things that nature graces us with.

The first snowfall is always exciting as the glistening white flakes fall onto the barren tree branches with a silence like no other. Fireplaces are aglow and boots are left outside the front door.

Spring brings excitement as the first wildflowers peek their heads to see if the time is right. And then summer emerges with temperatures that are the envy of all hot and humid states – hence the cars with Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, and Texas – to name a few.

And then once more we enter into a glorious fall surrounded by nature's gift of crisp days and a glorious palate that differs each year.

This changing of seasons parallels the changes in our lives. Spring is when marriage and families begin, summer is time to enjoy and nurture teenagers as they transform into young adults,



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fall is the time we step back and watch the adults we created find their way in the business world, and winter allows a respite as we observe our adored grandchildren repeat the cycle once more.

Memories are the one thing that don't fade as we grow older.

I came across a picture of me after my mom died a few years ago that shows a skinny little girl in a cowboy hat standing under a waterfall that must have seemed huge to me. I always knew we went to "the mountains" in the fall, never knowing where exactly. What a surprise when I realized that I was standing under Bridal Veil Falls! Every time I pass by there now I am filled with love and memories of a family who were 'leaf lookers' – every October and held up traffic – not knowing to pull over and let cars pass!

How lovely it would have been to have had a second home here to really experience Highlands to its fullest.

If you are looking for a place to build life-long memories let us find your place to begin that will be treasured until winter's end.

Nature treats us pretty special here – come and experience first hand.

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This Highlands Cottage was featured in Veranda Magazine as a perfect example of true mountain charm. With designer touches including painted wooden walls and a native stone fireplace, this 3BR home is close to town. A large, covered outdoor dining pavillion for entertaining. Value priced at \$325,000! MLS# 76151



This custom home located behind the gates of Wildcat Cliffs Country Club allows you to walk to the club for bridge, lunch or dinner. A short golf cart ride to one of the best golf courses around! With 3 spacious bedrooms, great room with soaring fireplace, a stone encased unique bar, man cave, and updated kitchen, this A must see. MLS 77528



This lovely home on the 10th green of Wildcat Cliff Country Club has 2 large fireplaces, wood flooring, updated kitchen, a loft on the upper floor with a second living area in the lower living area. Offered for \$685,000 MLS# 77727



Bear shadow incredible view home with a screened porch in the clouds! Old and new charm with a new roof, freshly painted exterior and spa area make this a dream home! A native stone fireplace and 2 decks plus a 2 car garage make this a true mountain bargain at \$699,000! MLS# 74433



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erations of the building isn't part of the gift.

He also said this would be the third performing arts building owned by the town and admitted the current facilities are under-utilized and it's likely the new PAB would be under-utilized, too.

"Everyone wants Saturdays in June, July and August. The building probably won't be used in December, January, February, March and April," he said.

Another citizen said the PAC and the Playhouse struggle financially and operate thanks to Highlands' taxpayers and donations.

"Do we need another building that has to be funded by private philanthropy and the generosity of the people of Highlands?" he asked.

Wilkes said that's something he doesn't want.

"The last thing we want is for this to become another fundraiser. Everyone is vying for the same dollars in Highlands," he said.

Asked why the building wasn't built 18 years ago, Wilkes said from talking to Woodruff — who is the only person he queried — she pulled out because she couldn't get a commitment from the town concerning ongoing programming.

"The project was down to letting bids; and according to Jane, she couldn't get a commitment from the town about programming and how the facility was going to be funded," said Wilkes. "She didn't want to build a white elephant and she still doesn't want to build a shell of a building that isn't going to be used; nor are we interested in having that. She is most interested in providing something that is a service to the

community and has programming and so on."

However, according to past board members, a majority vote from the Town Board nixed the plan particularly due to funding issues.

Wilkes said answers to all the questions raised Thursday night were part of the due diligence the Town Board owed citizens and Jane Woodruff.

"I think we owe someone who is willing to give the town a gift of this magnitude a serious business plan by looking at other venues such as this — both successful and unsuccessful — and see what the expenses are and how they are run," he said. "Then we have to look at the existing performing arts groups and see what their needs are now and will be in the future. We shouldn't accept or reject out of hand until we do those things."

In answer to Treasurer of the Highlands Playhouse Wanda Drake's comment about the town's involvement in the day-to-day operation of a performing arts building, Wilkes said another entity would be responsible. Exactly who, wasn't discussed.

Wilkes said it will likely be 3-6 months before a decision is made and a vote taken. Meanwhile, he asked citizens to write Jane Woodruff and express their interest and/or requests about the PAB; even to tell her what they would like instead.

"This will be an ongoing process. We want everyone's input," he said.

Her address is: Ms. Jane Woodruff, P.O. Box 2837, Highlands, NC, 28741

— Kim Lewicki



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• HS SCHOOL NEWS •

'Out of Africa' with author Patsy Smith Roberts

Highlands School Media Center recently hosted author Patsy Smith Roberts. She spoke to the Kindergarten through Fifth graders about her experiences photographing animals in Africa and the books she has written and illustrated with her photographs.

Roberts has been to Africa 23 times and taken thousands of photographs of animals in the bush. Using some of her photographs as inspiration, she began to write stories about the animals. To date, she has written five books – the latest is about a monkey named Billy Ray which is coming out in December.

Roberts thrilled the students with stories about the animals she has met and followed over the years, and she shared her story about Willis the Warthog and how he lost his tail. She showed the students pictures of bare-footed chil-



dren in a village she visits and told of how individuals and schools have donated shoes for her to take back to the children. She also showed the student artifacts she has acquired from Africa, including a headdress of feathers, tusks from a warthog, and a lion's claw.

Learn more about Patsy Smith Roberts from her website, www.patsysmithroberts.com or her FaceBook page.

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Highgate – Reminiscent of an Australian Farmhouse with 4 bedroom suites and multiple living areas. Designer furnished, on a level lot bordering a stream and pond. 4/4 MLS# 75045 \$2,150,000



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Highlands Falls CC – Oversized deck with Whiteside Mtn. Lots of glass, open floor plan, lower level family room, workshop. 5/4 MLS# 73335 \$1,127,000



Highlands Point – Panoramic views from this immaculate 4/4.5 bath home in a gated subdivision. Private screened porch & stone patio. Media room. MLS # 78372 \$1,195,000



Highlands Falls CC - Largest lot in club with 3.6 acres and a bold stream that goes right past the house. Keeping room, sun room, office 4/4.5 MLS# 76840 \$1,695,000



Highlands Falls CC – Mountain Contemporary home with Whiteside Mtn views. Multiple living areas. Stone patio next to a stream. 3/3/2 MLS#76535 \$1,350,000



Bowery Road – Southern Living floorplan with wood walls, custom cabinetry, bonus room over the garage. 3/4.5 baths. MLS #73191 \$1,250,000



Holt Knob – Luxury custom home within walking distance to town. Great mountain view, deck with fireplace, designer inspired. 3/3 MLS# 76600 \$990,000



In town – The quintessential mountain home in a “park like” setting on 1.8 acres with a bold stream and trails. 3/3 Great outdoor spaces. 3 fireplaces. MLS#78007 \$1,050,000



MountainTop Golf Club – Designed by Keith Summerour on 1.8 acres adjacent to a conservation easement of 6 acres. 5/4.5 with 3 fireplaces. MLS# 68782 \$2,295,000



Old Edwards Club – Thomas Craig built with 3/3 in main house and a guest house above the 4 stall garage. Broker/owner MLS#77606 \$1,195,000



Highlands Falls CC – located at the end of a cul de sac with National Forest on two sides. 3/3 with beautiful, easy care landscaping. MLS#67817 \$795,000



In town – New historic listing – walk to everything. Great level yard for kids and pets. 4/2.5 with a remodeled kitchen. MLS# 78370 \$840,000



Riverwalk – Only one mile from Main Street, this stylish 3/3.5 cottage boasts a covered porch with fireplace. Community ponds, firepit and canoe launch into Mirror Lake. MLS# 78119 \$845,000



Old Edwards Club - Koenig built golf front home in immaculate condition. Timber frame construction with an open floor plan. Large covered deck with fireplace. Mtn view also. 3/3.5 MLS# 77338 \$895,000



Big Bearpen Mountain – Old Highlands Charm with a mountain view. Vaulted living room ceiling with pine walls – opens to screened porch and sun room. 4/4 MLS#71520



Broadview Acres – the perfect family home with four en suite bedrooms plus a loft. Great covered deck with a winter view. 4/4.5 MLS #70840 \$637,000



Highway 28 South - Wonderful Equestrian Retreat on 26 acres offering pristine rolling pastures, pond, creeks and mountain views bordering USFS. MLS#75875 \$537,000



In Town - This charming updated cottage is situated down a lovely garden path bordered by lush ivy and pachysandra and a small stream. 2/2 Move in ready. MLS#78186 \$435,000

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Log-sided home near Mirror Lake. Completely remodeled. 2BR/2BA. Granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Wide-plank wood floors. HVAC, large deck. Some ridgeline view. Furnished with American antiques. Priced at \$395,000. MLS# 77422



Inviting 4BR/2BA cottage in town. Additional cabin with 1/2 bath. Stone fireplace, high ceilings. Near Lower Lake/Biological gardens. Selling furnished. Priced for quick sale. \$399,000. MLS# 75031



Quality construction with 6-inch walls and Anderson windows, 2 fireplaces, wood floors and wormy chestnut paneling. 2-car garage on main level and a one-car garage on patio level. Large private lot. Offered at \$1,200,000. MLS# 71823



Quaint cottage in Mirror Lake Area on Wingina Place. Hand-crafted in 1937 with wood floors, 3BR/3BA, wood burning fireplace in living room, separate formal dining room. Carport. Quiet dead-end street on cul de sac. Offered at \$349,000. MLS # 77292



Year-round 3BR/3BA home on private lot with community water. Large deck. Priced to sell at \$395,000. MLS #75550



Waterfront cabin on Big Creek with private dock. Remodeled inside and out. 3BD/2BA. Wood floors, walls and ceilings. Granite tile kitchen countertops, new stainless steel appliances. Wrap-around porch. Single-car garage. Basement. Priced at \$399,000. MLS# 76808



Great VZ Top Townhouse. Master bedroom upstairs. Excellent view. Offered at \$240,000 MLS# 73112



In Wildwood. Open plan with passive solar heating, large stone fireplace, and native landscaping. Kitchen and master suite totally renovated in 1999. 3BR/2.5BA with a wrap-around deck. Garage has workshop; lots of storage. Within walking distance to lake and tennis courts. Offered at \$365,000. MLS# 74035.



In town 2BR/2BA, old Highlands charm. Wood floors and walls, upgraded kitchen and new covered screened porch with ridgeline views. Offered at \$389,000. MLS# 76874



1BR/2BA historic log cabin with barn on almost 3.5+/acres. Real stone fireplace, wood floors, tile bath. Offered at \$400,000. MLS #75551



In town commercial or residential. 5BD/2BA. Would make great office or retail. Flat lot with good parking and frontage on US 64 west and Oak Street. Call for details. MLS #76831



Almost-new 5BR/3BA, living room, family room, dining room, kitchen with eat-in area and loads of storage. 2-car garage. Move in condition. Offered below appraisal. \$399,000. MLS #76051



Four bedroom home in Webbmont. Cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, well equipped kitchen. Two large decks, a two-car heated garage as well as a free-standing workshop and greenhouse. On over an acre in a wonderful neighborhood. Offered at \$385,000. MLS #77196



Darling log cabin on large private lot. 2BR/2BA, loft, workshop. Glassed-in porch overlooks private wooded area. Storage and workshop downstairs. Offered mostly furnished at \$410,000. MLS #76607



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Cute log home near town on a wooded lot with extra lot. Living room has high ceilings and a great stone fireplace. Large decks. Highlands Hills residents have deeded access to Apple Lake. Offered at \$449,000 MLS# 68425

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

'Shadowlands, continued'



By Pastor Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran Church

An often misquoted passage 1 Corinthians 10:13, 15-17 states: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

(NRSV)

Things have happened quickly since my last article. My dear mother-in-law's illness (Alzheimer's) is progressing and life has changed drastically. She needs round the clock supervision and care now, having had a fall a few weeks ago. Hospice helps, but I, my husband Jon and his sister, Judy, are the ones who sit with her day after day, doing all the things that you do as a caretaker even when you've sworn up and down "I ain't doin' THAT!"

Oh yes, you must and you do, and in the doing of even the most noisome tasks, you find that you don't mind as much as you thought you would.

It's that touch of love that makes it bearable. These acts of love aren't roses and chocolates -- they are the actions that really cost you. You give up a lot for someone you really love -- your time, your energy, your patience. Oh yes, true love is very costly. The truest sacrificial love was already made for us by our brother, Jesus Christ. He endured the most horrific, torturous death for our sakes. Christ knows suffering. In our suffering or testing or whatever translation you prefer, we are promised. The promise is not that we will not be tried beyond our endurance, but that in that trial Christ walks with us, and shares our suffering as if it were his own. That's the "way out."

It all boils down to love....It is through our faith in a loving God and a sacrificial Christ that we plumb the depths of love. Look what was done for our sakes!

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Sept. 26

• At 3:12 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at 5th and Main streets.

Oct. 4

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and S. 3rd streets.

Oct. 5

• At 11:44 p.m., Brian N. Randall, 41 of Calhoun, GA, was arrested for DWI when he failed to stop at a stop light. He was issued a \$500 bond. His trial date is Nov. 6, 2013.

• At 8:20 p.m., officers responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle parked on open lands area of Highlands Country Club.

Oct. 12

• At 11:01 p.m., officers responded to a call of a bear on Main Street.

• At 3:55 p.m., officers responded to a call of shoplifting at Potpourri 2 on Main Street where eye glasses valued at \$500 were taken.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Oct. 11

Oct. 11

• At 4:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 12:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about the contents of a dumpster on fire on Cheney Lane. It was extinguished.

Oct. 12

• At 2:05 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street where a pregnant woman was experiencing labor pains. EMS transported to the hospital.

Oct. 13

• At 8:11 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Laurel Street.

Oct. 17

• At 7:59 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Dogwood Drive. EMS transported.

• At 8:22 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by workers at a residence on Highgate Drive.

• At 9:42 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at OEI. EMS transported.

• At 12:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Highlands School where a 13-year-old girl had fainted. EMS transported.

Oct. 18

• At 7:59 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on US 64 west. There were no injuries.

Oct. 19

• At 5:40 p.m., the dept. responded to the smell of propane. It was due to a faulty furnace.



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The Bel Canto Committee has added the Gordon Center for Children, Inc. to its list of beneficiaries with an initial grant of \$4,000. Bel Canto annually brings world class opera singers to Highlands for a gala performance at the Performing Arts Center and dinner at the Highlands Country Club. Proceeds from the event benefit the music programs at The Highlands School and The

Highlands Community Child Development Center and also provide funds for the permanent collection of The Bascom. This year The Gordon Center, which has combined the preschool programs of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation and The Highlands United Methodist Church, will also benefit.

Stell Huie, Chairman of Bel Canto said "the addition of the

Gordon Center to our beneficiaries means that Bel Canto will fund music programs for all the children in the Highlands area who are enrolled in a preschool program or the school. We are very pleased that the generosity of music lovers in our community makes this possible. We look forward to a continuing relationship with The Gordon Center as well as our other beneficiaries."

• BIZ/ORG. NEWS •

Old Kelsey-Hutchinson Park plans resurrected at MountainTop Rotary meeting



Pictured above are Hillrie Quin, President of MountainTop Rotary Club and local landscape architect Hank Ross. Hank has been in part responsible over the last 13 years for bringing some of the wonderful improvements which have been made to Kelsey-Hutchinson Park, also known as Pine Street Park. Hank informed club members that over a two year period of time the Pine Street Park Committee raised money coming from donors including the Land Trust, both Rotary Clubs and over 300 individual and corporate donors. The Town of Highlands and Macon County also provided public funding. Hank also shared with Rotary Club members some of the improvements which are still planned for the Park. These include replacement of the existing Gazebo to accommodate musicians, stage acting and storage as well as an interactive play water feature, picnic tables, restrooms and concrete pavers for Pine Street. As always please join us at our Wednesday weekly MountainTop Rotary meeting beginning at 7:30 am in the Highlands Hospital's cafeteria dining room (breakfast available).

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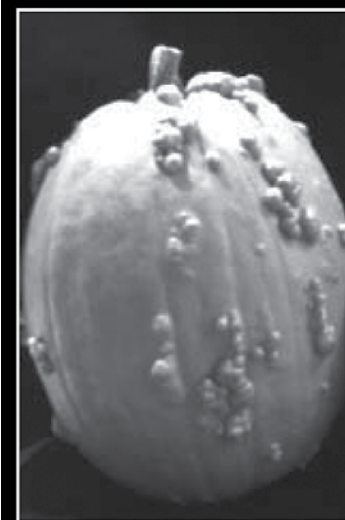
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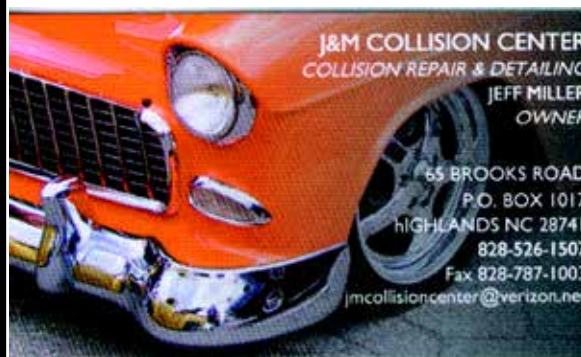
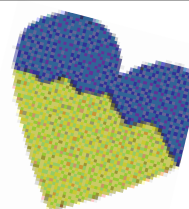
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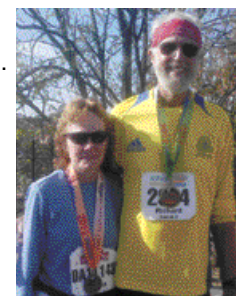
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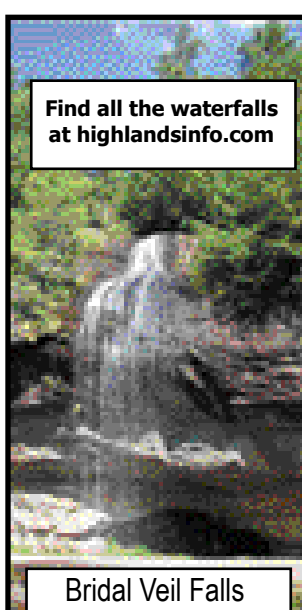
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