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Thurs., Sept. 19

• Taize on the Mountain. A time of music, light, peace and beauty at 6 p.m. in K-H Park on Pine Street at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20

• Themed Dinner and Cooking Demonstration. Fundraiser for the Laurel Garden Club. "Mad Men Cocktail Party." \$60 per person. 50 guests max. Purchase tickets on line at www.Laurel-GardenClubHighlands.com

Saturday, Sept. 21

• Got bears? Come to the B.E.A.R. Task Force program Saturday at the Highlands Nature Center amphitheater at 4 p.m. Bear experts will provide helpful information on managing attractants along with demonstrations of an array of effective deterrents, including whistles, air horns, umbrellas and electric fencing. The Nature Center is on East Main St. (Horse Cove Rd.). In case of rain it will move to the Highlands Civic Center. For more info call (828) 526-9227.

• Gilliam's Promise annual 5K race at the Highlands Recreation Park. Registration begins at 8a, the race starts at 9a, and it is once again followed by our famous post race brunch. Runners and walkers are all welcome and can register at active.com, or call Gilliam's Promise office at 526-2220 for info.

• Easter Star Annual BBQ from 11a to 2p on the lawn of the Highlands United Methodist Church. Proceeds will go to the Highlands Rotary Scholarship Fund in memory of Walter and Albert Wilson. Plates are \$8.

• Fundraiser for the Laurel Garden Club. Kitchen Tour. 9a-1:30p. Includes tour of six homes and chef demonstrations. \$60 per person. Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets on line at www.Laurel-GardenClubHighlands.com

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will have its monthly work trip at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in participating, please register with Ran Shaffner by emailing highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leaving a message at 828-526-5622.

Changes coming to Sign Ordinance

Large venue off premise directional signs to be allowed & more

At a special called Planning Board meeting Monday night, members took a "walk-about" town to see how proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance might change the look of the business district.

The board has been going over the sign ordinance portion of the Unified Development Ordinance over the last few months tweaking and eliminating – and discussion will continue at the regular Planning

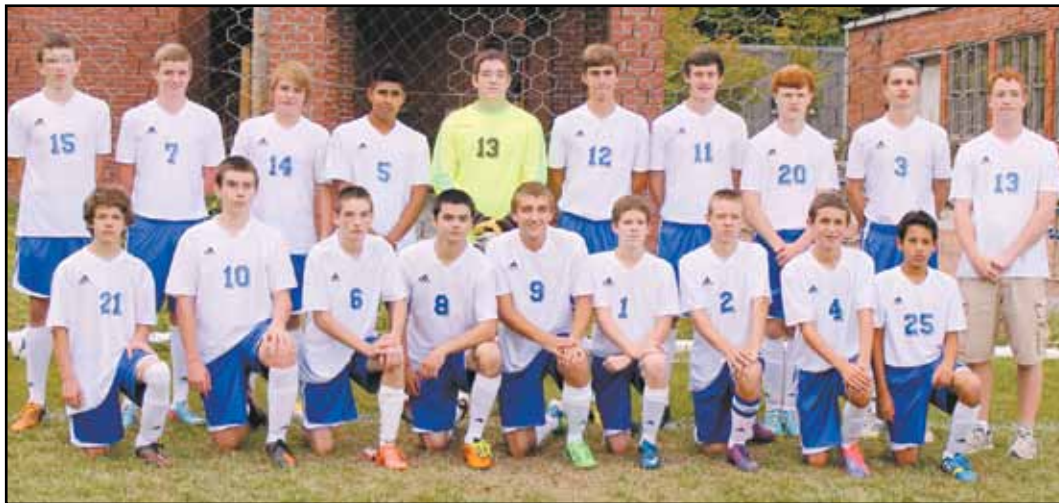
Board meeting, Monday, Sept. 23.

Though the Town Board will have the final say, so far recommendations are as follows:

No changes to Wall signage on

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HS Varsity Soccer Team – 2013



The Team: Tyler Munger, senior, Ryan Vinson, senior, Victor Lopez, senior, Matt Rodriguez, senior, Kenan Lewis, junior, Philip Murphy, junior, Davis Moore, junior, Jacob McElroy, junior, Colin Weller, sophomore, Dylan Vinson, sophomore, Austic Nichols, sophomore, Harrison Renfro, sophomore, Remy Adrian, sophomore, Andy Marquez, freshman, Tucker Johnson, freshman, John Murphy, freshman, Jody Thorske, freshman, Wesley Hedden, freshman, Benjamin Miller, freshman. Coach: Chris Green. The next home game at Highlands School is Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

Photo by Lisa Osteen

County agrees to start conversation about Nikwasi Indian Mound ownership

Last Tuesday, the Macon County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution in attempt to facilitate a conversation between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Town of Franklin regarding the Nikwasi Indian Mound. The mound legally belongs to the Town of Franklin.

The resolution, which states, "Whereas, Macon County has

enjoyed and materially benefitted from its positive and continuing relationship with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation and looks forward to continuing and increasing the same," is the result of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Principal Chief Michell Hicks visiting county commissioners in August to ask for help in "bringing the mound home."

Hicks went before commissioners in August pleading for the board's help in finding a way for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to obtain possession of the mound. As Hicks spoke to commissioners last month, he explained that the Nikwasi Mound is not the only property in Macon County which holds historical significance to the

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Work to begin on Parker Meadows rec complex

Last Tuesday night, in a split 3-2 decision, county commissioners voted to allocate \$21,000 from the county's fund balance to begin the process of developing the Parker Meadows property into a recreational facility. Commissioners Paul Higdon and Ron Haven voted against the motion.

While the county originally unanimously voted to purchase the 48-acre property for economic and recreational development, votes regarding the project that have occurred since commissioner Paul Higdon beat out former commissioner Bobby Kuppers last fall have been split 3-2.

"I voted for Parker Meadows, but voted against the money spent

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Public was grossly misled

Dear Editor,

A rally at Bridge Park in Sylva on August 28th attracted 300 – 500 people; the difference in the count is between organizer claims, 500 and media estimates. No matter whether 300 or 500 people they all were grossly misled by the speakers who wrongly trashed the work of the Republican led state legislature.

No mention was made of the conditions Republicans inherited from years of Democrat control – a \$2.5 billion budget deficit, billions of dollars in unfunded pension plans, \$2.6 billion debt owed to US Treasury for money borrowed for unemployment, \$400 billion in debt owed to US Treasury for improper Medicaid billing and underfunded

transportation maintenance leaving our state in a \$2 billion hole because the highway trust fund was raided for years to pay other bills.

No credit was given to the Republican legislature for passing a balanced budget that cuts excessive spending and reduces corporate and personal income taxes, eliminates excessive regulations thereby creating jobs and bringing industry to North Carolina.

Speakers decried education reform even though there has been no decreased funding for public schools. It seems that when education records in North Carolina show that the state spends \$9,000 per student but 40% of third graders can't read at grade level and nearly one in four students do not graduate from high school it is time for a change in direction and that is what this legislature did.

The legislature increased appropriations funding for K-12 public schools. School dis-

tricts are now able to renew teacher contracts based on performance -- imagine that -- just like any business does with employees. Scholarships, grants and vouchers to fund free and reduced lunch programs, special needs students and public school student's tuition and expenses for private school -- parental choice, a novel idea to some. \$5.1 million dollars is there to attract, hire and train more teachers in high need districts.

While the protest crowd supposedly promoted equality, they evidently did not mean voter equality. The North Carolina Voter Information Verification Act essentially ensures all voters are treated the same when the votes are counted by requiring photo ID for everyone who wishes to vote. One speaker stated that everyone is equal at the ballot box and how true that is but not so true if some voters are not who they are supposed to be. If anyone thinks there is no voter fraud, then there should be no objection to requiring voter ID at the polls.

Rally protesters support women's rights yet they reject a basic right that creates safer standards for abortion facilities. Protesters support healthcare for all yet reject Medicaid reform made more patient oriented and fiscally responsible by Governor McCrory's office.

The rally chant "Forward together, not one step back" is appropriate for this state... we sure do not want to go any steps back to the mismanagement and fiscal irresponsibility of a Democrat majority legislature.

**Carol Adams
Glenville, NC**

Dear Editor,

There are several interesting exhibits currently showing at The Bascom well worth spending time to enjoy.

The Members Show, an annual event to showcase the artists membership of The Bascom, and their creative way of dealing with a theme given them, (this year's theme is Whimsy) is hanging throughout the whole building.

A juried exhibition of works entitled "Figures" showcases works of artists working in various mediums from throughout the United States is on display in the Buntzl Gallery on the main floor, along with craft pieces in the Atrium.

The featured exhibit in the Loft Gallery is a site specific installation by Caroline Lathan-Stiefel in which I have more than a passing interest. But what I really want to say about it, is not just how great the creativity of the art work is, but also sing the praises of the Bascom staff that helped Caroline daily for over a week in the installation and lighting of the finished work.

Sallie Taylor and Bo Sweeny of the Curatorial Staff of the Bascom are absolutely without equal! The people of this community are so fortunate to have such a talented staff dedicated to not only bringing art to the Bascom, but presenting it in such a highly professional way. I was able to witness first hand how hard Sallie, Bo, and Caroline worked on every little detail and nuance of the installation, and as an artist and a part of the viewing public, I want to thank each one of them.

But I especially want to thank Bo Sweeny who will be leaving us soon for a new adventure in his life. Bo is a very gifted artist and will find new inspiration in new places and I wish him well, though with a touch of sadness because we will all miss him and his great artistic eye.

Bon Voyage, Bo, and again thanks to Sallie and Caroline.

**Rosemary Stiefel
Highlands**

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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New Gateway signs are great

Dear Editor,

I noticed the new gateway signs and I think they are very attractive. Nothing against the old signs, but they were a little dated and out of character for the town. I'm new to Highlands, but immediately noticed the difference and want to commend those who made the decision and the tasteful design. Nice work!

**Gray Erlacher
Highlands**



• OBITUARY •

Delia Zapata



Abuela with two of her 11 great-grandchildren, Harper and Jackson Fairchild

She was “Abuela” to literally thousands – from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren’s many friends, to the countless young students who passed through St. Michael’s school cafeteria where she served for almost three generations, and Little Havana’s Social Security office, where she enjoyed working well into her 70s and was known by all for her warm heart and genuine desire to help.

Abuela’s passions were family and travel, and she will be especially missed by those she touched in Spain, North Carolina, New Orleans, Cuba, Isla Mujeres and Tobago, where she visited as recently as last year.

Born in Matanzas, Cuba, April 12, 1914, she came to the United States with her two small children in 1956, shortly after being widowed by the love of her life, Fidencio. She was fiercely proud of her Cuban heritage and equally proud of her many years as an American citizen.

Abuela died September 10, 2013.

Predeceased by her beloved husband Fide and son, Jorge, she is survived by her daughter Marta Figel (Alan); granddaughters Martha Limner (Nick), Marlene Fairchild (John), and Janean Barroso (Brian); grandsons Jorge Zapata (Jennifer), Andrew Figel (Suzanne) and Nick Figel; and 11 great-grandchildren – Nicholas, Andrew, Jordan, Remy, Sydney, Kai, Dawson, Isabella, Levi, Harper & Jackson – who she enjoyed well into her 99th year.

A service was held in her honor on Saturday, September 14 at 6:30 pm at Stanfill Funeral Home, 10545 South Dixie Highway, Fla. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity.

Zoning Board UPDATE

At the Wednesday, Sept. 11 Zoning Board meeting, a Special Use Permit for the Satulah Mountain Brewing Company was issued with a unanimous vote.

Dale Heinlein of the Satulah Mountain Brewing Company will now open a brew pub on 454 Carolina Way this fall.

According to the SUP application, Satulah Mountain Brewing Company will offer locally sourced and hand-crafted brews and will produce under 500 barrels a year for both wholesale distribution to local establishments and for retail sale on site.

Initial operating hours will be 2-9 p.m. daily.

The craft beer will be on tap and local wine and snacks might also be available.

The brewpub is permitted in the B-3 zoning district and one parking space for each 250 sq. ft. of gross floor space is required. There will be three parking spaces in front and three in back of the building.

Three citizens spoke during the hearing – two who spoke in favor of the business and one business owner on Carolina Way

who didn’t speak against the business but expressed concerns about Carolina Way turning into a “street full of bars.”

The other bar on the street is The Lost Hiker.

– Kim Lewicki

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the exterior of buildings.

No changes to signage displays on the inside of buildings.

No changes to temporary signs can be affixed to the interior which can't exceed 20% of the window space.

One "Open" sign -- which falls under the Temporary Regulated Signs without a permit category -- is allowed per public entrance of a business. Some businesses have two or more public entrances -- not to be confused with a delivery entrance. These signs can be flags, wall signs or "open" signs attached to permitted free-standing signs (currently only allowed in the B3 district.) Monday night, the board discussed how to handle sandwich boards with the word "closed" on them. This will be discussed further.

None of the "open" signs can intrude into the right-of-way and they must be removed at closing time. Rear entrances that are used for deliveries but not the public in the B1 district can have the name of the business on a sign on the building not to exceed 2 sq. ft. of surface area per sign face.

Animated and moving signs are still prohibited except for "open" flags as referred to above.

In the electric sign category, message board signs are still prohibited except for church signs, service station signs, and restaurant message boards which are allowed without a permit. However, if restaurant message signs are electric, the display must be four changes per minute and can't exceed 2 foot candles at 12 inches from the screen.

Internally illuminated signs are still prohibited except for restaurant message boards and real estate listings within a commercial window.

There was much talk about the use of computer monitors or flat screen TV monitors to display real estate listing. The same rate of exchange as electronic messaging boards is required -- four changes per minute and 2 foot candles at 12 inches from the screen. Monitors six feet or less from the window can't exceed 32 inches in size (measured diagonally); monitors beyond 6 feet from the window can't exceed 42 inches in size.

This issue in particular will be discussed more next Monday.

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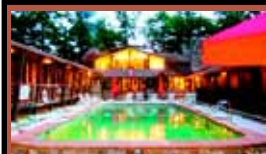
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Some issues to be considered at the Sept. 19 Town Board...

7 p.m. at the Community Building next to the Ballpark

Among other items, the Thursday, Sept. 19 Town Board meeting will consider bids for the new pool, bids for Civic Center upgrades and whether to hire a full-time Main Street Coordinator.

So far all three bids that have come in to build the new pool have put the project over budget: Augusta Aquatics, \$713,850; Paddock Construction, \$744,860; and Conner Construction, \$689,700

The budget for the new pool is \$450,000 with the county footing half of the bill.

"At this time we are approximately \$360,000 over budget," said Town Manager Bob Frye. "We are currently reviewing the bids and assessing our options and will report in more detail at the board meeting."

Meanwhile the FY 2013-'14 budget includes funds for upgrades to the Civic Center: the HVAC system; the replacement of all exterior doors; and the upgrade of the main entryway with electric sliding doors.

The amount budgeted for all three projects is \$199,975. The lowest bids for all three jobs have put the upgrades over budget at a total of \$206,485.

Staff is recommending that Northeast Georgia Heating and Air be awarded the \$127,393 bid for the HVAC upgrade; Highlands Construction be awarded the exterior door upgrade \$26,392 bid; and Franklin Glass Service be awarded the \$52,700 bid for the electric door upgrade.

To make up the deficit, staff is suggesting \$6,814 be shifted from the fuel oil line item in the Parks and Recreation's budget to cover the project particularly because the new heating system will be electric rather than fuel oil.

Thursday night the board will consider allocating \$64,129.37 in an employment package (including insurance, workmen's comp and a 2.5% raise after six months) for a Main Street Coordinator Position.

Mayor Wilkes asked that this item be placed on the agenda for consideration. There has been talk among the Main Street

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• THE FREDSTER •

Billy-Bob's mountain trout



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fisheries all over the world. You would be a great asset to my company and you would soon become rich."

That evening Billy-Bob told his wife about the man he had met. After hearing the man's offer, she showed Billy several unpaid doctor's bills and a dental estimate for their kid's braces. "With a better job, we could pay off these bills and have a better life," she said.

The next morning Billy-Bob called the man and took the job. Moving his family to

Atlanta, he rose up in the company and after 20 years of hard work, he was the chief CEO of the fisheries.

At his retirement dinner, a junior executive called out to Billy-Bob and asked what he would do in retirement now that he was a millionaire.

Billy-Bob rose from his chair, pulled the microphone to his mouth, cleared his throat and said, "I'm going to a place called Highlands where I can catch trout from a secret place, throwing back the small ones which I'll catch later. In the afternoon I'll play my banjo with friends, eat my trout, and make love to my wife before going to sleep early."

A Highlands mountain man named Billy-Bob was returning home carrying a sizable string of mountain trout when he happened upon a wealthy Atlanta man hiking in the forest. The two stopped to chat.

"That's a handsome string of trout you have there, young man. Where did you catch them?" the man asked.

"I can't tell you that, sir, but I would be willing to give you one trout so you can see how tasty they are," Billy-Bob responded.

"Well, that's mighty generous of you. I consider myself a good judge of character and because you didn't reveal your fishing spot but offered one of your fish to a total stranger, I would like to offer you a job."

Billy-Bob responded, "Thank you, sir, but I'm pretty happy in what I do. I fish in the morning, throwing back the small ones to be caught later. Then in the afternoon, I play my banjo with my friends, eat my trout, and make love to my wife before going to sleep early."

The wealthy man held out his business card. "Take my card. I'm the CEO of a national fishery conglomerate. We own

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There is talk about giving real estate businesses a choice of covering their windows with paper listings or using a monitor/flat screen to display listings. Real estate offices are exempt from the 20% rule when it comes to affixing "signage" on the inside of windows.

String and tube lighting isn't allowed except for restaurants to illuminate an outside dining area. However, such lighting is allowed throughout the business districts Nov. 15 to Jan. 15.

Outdoor display of merchandise is only allowed on private property; and currently no clothing or other wearing apparel is allowed nor is merchandise with wind movable parts – however, the board is recommending doing away with those stipulations.

Political signs, which are considered temporary regulated signs allowed without

a permit, can only be displayed on private property, not in the public right-of-way and must be removed seven days after the election.

Off premise signs for large venues on non-residential venues, which are considered to be permanent regulated signs requiring a permit, are allowed with the following stipulations:

Only properties used for holding venues within the town limits which create large numbers of vehicular traffic are allowed one sign at the entrance of the roadway. The signs must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Town Board and must match the colors and design of the new wayfaring program.

Once the Planning Board completes amendments to the Sign Ordinance, Interim Planning Director Josh Ward will present the revisions to the Town Board for consideration.

– Kim Lewicki

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Cherokee Nation, but if an agreement between Franklin and the Tribe is able to be worked out, Hicks hopes it will open doors for future cooperative preservation projects. "Macon County used to be Cherokee lands so you all have a lot of our history here," said Hicks. "We would like to work to start some sort of historical fund or foundation to raise money, not just for the mound, but for other properties in Macon County of mutual interest."

The Eastern Band has been working to ensure the preservation and protection of the mound since 2012 when a pesticide was sprayed on the mound that resulted in patches of dead grass. Despite the bumpy past regarding the mound, Hicks said he wanted to move forward in pursuing avenues that would be mutually advantageous for all parties involved. "Regardless what has happened in the past and the history of the mound, that is all water under the bridge now," said Hicks. "I just want to bring the mound home."

Hicks told commissioners that the Tribe is not just seeking sole possession of the mound, but would be interested in

working out a memorandum of agreement or some other understanding with the Town of Franklin to ensure the mound is well taken care of.

To date, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have not contacted the Town of Franklin regarding reaching an agreement. Commissioners continually reiterated last week that they are not taking a stance on who should have ownership of the mound one way or the other, but their sole reason in being involved is to ensure that an opportunity exists for the Tribe and town officials to open a conversation about the property.

The resolution states such purpose in the closing paragraph, "Resolved, that Macon County, by and through its County Manager will attempt to schedule a joint meeting of representatives of the County, the Town of Franklin and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation to commence some dialogue regarding this important matter," concludes the resolution.

Town of Franklin Alderman Bob Scott released a statement regarding the possibility of a conversation with the tribe, "I do not want to see the mound deeded to the



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tribe," said Scott. "I am, however, open to exploring ways that would benefit the town, the tribe and the protection of the mound. I think there is room for all parties to come to the table including the public and develop a plan that would provide for the preservation and maintenance of the mound. I think this is only right to do so. One possibility would be for the town and the tribe to enter into a trust agreement that would protect the mound from now on for everyone's benefit."

Sitting in the center of Franklin, the Nikwasi Indian Mound is an archaeological site that dates back to 1000 CE to the history of the Mississippian culture people, with dates as far back as 1730 citing a council being held at the town of the Nikwasi.

The Nikwasi Indian Mound was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and has been preserved to be near to its original height but only half of its original size in area.

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during the due diligence portion," said Haven, saying the cost for the project is more than he originally thought. "I am all for it. I am all for us having ballfields, but I think we should look around and see what other people charge for these services."

The service Haven referred to is \$17,000 to cover the cost of contracting with Engineer Mike LoVoy to complete a topographical map and additional engineering services. "We need the topographical information to be able to do detailed design, and to determine our cut and fill numbers for the earth works that will be done with the grading, so we can properly bid the project out to contractors," explained LoVoy last Tuesday.

LoVoy has been the engineer on the Parker Meadows project since the beginning. County Manager Jack Horton encouraged commissioners to continue working with LoVoy because of his expertise and knowledge of the project. "In my opinion, Mike has been dedicated and reliable so far and he probably knows more about the property than anyone else," said Horton. "I do not think we can find a better deal than what he is offering us."

Of the \$17,000, \$6,000 is earmarked for the grading and erosion control design and permitting, \$3,000 is allocated for the storm drainage design, \$3,000 identified for LoVoy's service in aiding the county in the process for bidding and awarding contracts for big packages for the grading, erosion control and storm drainage projects, and \$5,000 for the construction observation and administration of the project once the bids are awarded to contractors.

An additional \$4,000 will be designated to Lamar Sprinkle to survey the property, bringing the total investment from the county to \$21,000.

Commissioners explained that while the \$21,000 will be taken from the county's fund balance, the full amount will be repaid contingent upon the county's approval for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant from the state. According to Commission Chair Kevin Corbin, Macon County has been identified as first in line to receive a \$500,000 from the state for recreational opportunities.

In the past, the project applying for
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Advisory Group and the Planning Liaison Group about the town hiring a full-time Main Street Program Coordinator to oversee the town's activities on Main Street.

Frye said the town can use funds in the Planning and Development FY 2013-'14 budget that were supposed to cover two positions in the Planning Department.

"As we are not looking to fill the currently vacant position, these funds could be allocated to this position," said Frye.

If the board wants to move ahead, Frye said the position should be listed as Grade 18, Level 1 with a starting salary of \$41,017.60 (\$64,129.37 for the complete package) which is available in the Planning and Development Dept. budget.

The Town Board meeting is Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Community Building by the ballpark.

— Kim Lewicki

Golf tourney to benefit SOAR and others

Mountaintop Rotary Club and organizers of the Special Operations Adventure Race are combining forces to revive a benefit golf tournament to raise money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

The tournament will be held Friday Oct. 4 at Highlands Falls Country Club with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$150 per person.

For more information call Bill Zoellner at (828) 787-2323 or toll free at 888-489-2323 or by email at bill.zoellner@wfadvisors.com.

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a PARTF grant that has been identified as the number one project in the state, has always received the funding. "We are pretty hopeful that we are going to receive the full \$500,000," said Commissioner Ronnie Beale. "I think the sooner we can get this work done, the better off we will be when we are approved for the PARTF grant. This work will let us get started right away."

Due to the uncertainty in receiving the PARTF monies, Commissioner Paul Higdon voted against the project. "It is nothing against Mike personally,

I think he does great work, but I am opposed to spending money, especially before the PARTF grant is approved," said Higdon.

Higdon also informed the board, that he would like to see the bidding process for the work be offered to local contractors.

On a motion made Commissioner Beale and seconded by Jimmy Tate, the board approved moving forward in a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Haven and Higdon voted no.

— Brittany Burns

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ladeer. People are drawn to him like magnets to a refrigerator. And inside, it's all Mountain Dew and Jolt Cola.

A native of Covington, GA, Andy is a storyteller, humorist, singer, songwriter, musician, whistler, walking menagerie of sound effects and dialects, and so much more; some of his talents are hard to categorize.

In storytelling circles, he is especially known for relating the adventures of his eighty-five-year-old-widowed-newly-minted-physician-aunt, Dr. Marguerite Van Camp, a woman who avoids curmudgeonship by keeping her finger on the pulse of... well herself, but also the changing world around her. She steps lively through it, loving as many people as she can.

As a result, many people love Andy. Irwin was awarded the 2013 National Storytelling Network Circle of Excellence Award,

and all five of his storytelling CDs have won Storytelling Word Awards. He has appeared five times at the National Storytelling Festival, and July of 2103 will mark his seventh year as a Teller in Residence at International Storytelling Center; he has been a Guest Artist at La Guardia High School of Art, Music, and Performing Arts in New York (The "FAME!" School); and he has been a Keynote Speaker/Performer at the Library of Congress-Virburnum Foundation Conference on Family Literacy.

Andy also does occasional theatrical projects for Oxford College of Emory University where he was Artist in Residence, 1991-2007. (He is now an Artist-in-Just-Passing-Through).

Early in his career, Andy performed with the comedic troupe, SAK Theatre at Walt Disney World, 1984-1989. These days, he tours with Cathy Fink, Suzi Whaples and Brent Holmes as the "Southern Comedy

Tour." Also with the Kandinsky Trio, Bill Lepp and Kim Weitkamp as the "Uncalled for Tour." And, of course, he tours alone with his one-man show extravaganza.

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Ongoing

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Through Oct. 15

• Join the "Winkler Challenge" for Hudson Library. Horst and Margaret Winkler are offering the library \$35,000 if it can collect a matching amount. Donations will be accepted July 15-October 15.

Thurs., Sept. 19

• Taize on the Mountain. A time of music, light, peace and beauty at 6 p.m. in K-H Park on Pine Street at 6 p.m.

• Franklin Community Blood Drive at the First Baptist Church of Franklin from 12:30-5p. Please contact Joe Sustarsic at (828) 369-9559 for further information or to schedule your appointment.

Friday, Sept. 20

• Themed Dinner and Cooking Demonstration. Fundraiser for the Laurel Garden Club. "Mad Men Cocktail Party." \$60 per person. 50 guests max. Purchase tickets on line at www.LaurelGardenClub-Highlands.com

Saturday, Sept. 21

• Got bears? Come to the B.E.A.R. Task Force program Saturday at the Highlands Nature Center amphitheater at 4 p.m. Bear experts will provide helpful information on managing attractants along with demonstrations of an array of effective deterrents, including whistles, air horns, umbrellas and electric fencing. Also learn about recommended behavior to discourage bears. The program is free to the public.

Children are encouraged. The Nature Center is on East Main St. (Horse Cove Rd.). In case of rain it will move to the Highlands Civic Center. For more info call (828) 526-9227.

• Gilliam's Promise annual 5K race at the Highlands Recreation Park. Registration begins at 8a, the race starts at 9a, and it is once again followed by our famous post race brunch. Runners and walkers are all welcome and can register at active.com, or call Gilliam's Promise office at 526-2220 for more info.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4-mile moderate hike from Jones Gap to Jones Knob on the Bartram Trail, then hike south to a rock face overlook. Meet in Franklin at the Bi-Lo parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Drive 28 miles round trip. Call leader Joyce Jacques, 1-410-852-7510, for reservations. Visitors welcome, but no pets please.

• Easter Star Annual BBQ from 11a to 2p on the lawn of the Highlands United Methodist Church. Proceeds will go to the Highlands Rotary Scholarship Fund in memory of Walter and Albert Wilson. Plates are \$8. • Fundraiser for the Laurel Garden Club. Kitchen Tour. 9a-1:30p. Includes tour of six homes and chef demonstrations. \$60 per person. Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets on line at www.Laurel-

GardenClubHighlands.com

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will have its monthly work trip. Anyone interested in participating, please register with Ran Shaffner by emailing highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leaving a message at 828-526-5622. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot (near the pool entrance) behind the Rec Park at 9 AM for a brief orientation session for work on the 3rd Mill Creek Trail bridge. Participants will be furnished the necessary tools and safety equipment. Participants should bring water, rain gear, and a day pack to hold them. Wearing clothes that can get dirty is advised. Lunch will be provided courtesy of funding from the Cullasaja Women's Outreach.

Sun., Sept. 22

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4.2 mile moderate hike on the Appalachian Trail from Wayah Bald tower, over Wine Spring Bald, and downhill to Wayah Crest picnic area with a 1200 ft. elevation change and a car shuttle. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 2 p.m. Drive 35 miles round trip. Call leader Mary Stone, 369-7352, for reservations.

Thurs., Sept. 26

• The Highlands Male Chorus directed by Joe

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The MET Opera Live in HD at PAC



A project that started nearly two years ago is coming to fruition: Beginning Saturday afternoon, October 12 the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center will be presenting the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD. All operas will be steamed live during the Saturday afternoon MET

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Met opera stars serve as hosts for the HD series, conducting live interviews with cast, crew, and production teams, and introducing the popular behind-the-scenes features; altogether the worldwide HD audience is given an unprecedented look at what goes into the staging of an opera at one of the world's great houses.

The Met: Live in HD series is made possible by a generous grant from its founding sponsor, The Neubauer Family Foundation. Global corporate sponsorship of The Met: Live in HD is provided by Bloomberg. HD Broadcasts are supported by Toll Brothers.

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The six characters struggling to grab the gun are the "friends" in the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of the comedy thriller "Murder Among Friends," scheduled for October 17 - 24 at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. From left: The actors are Bonnie Cushman Earman, Lance Trudel, Kevin Murphey, Ken Knight, Stuart Armor and Megan McLean in the center struggling to hold onto her gun. The Box Office will open Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11 for Season Subscribers and Saturday, October 12 for the general public. Check the HCP website for more information: highlandscashiersplayers.org



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"Quality is crucial to lasting curb appeal and structural integrity," says Mark Clement, a professional contractor and host of the MyFixitUpLife home improvement radio show. "Spend time reviewing your options."

How do you know it's time for a new roof? Using a ladder, or observing your roof with binoculars from across the street, look for problem areas, such as missing or broken shingles, or tiles that are "flapping" in the wind. These are indications it's time for a new roof.

When replacing your roof, here are some things to consider:

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- **Color:** Enhancing a home's exterior with a burst of color is currently a hot trend. Homeowners and contractors now can consult with online tools to find colors that match the rest of their homes' exteriors. For example, the DaVinci Color Studio has a free online tool that allows you to create your own custom color blend of roofing using any of 49 standard colors. Visit www.DaVinciRoofscapes.com/color-studio.php to get started

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Fall Home Improvement

Smart Home Improvements Can Save You Money

(StatePoint) During fall, many homeowners focus on small upgrades and improvements. The turning season is the perfect time to find and correct potential compromises in your home before they become larger, and more costly, renovation issues.

"Whether it is routine home exterior checks or appliances purchases, there are many ways homeowners can conduct basic, inexpensive home maintenance," said Harold "Bud" Dietrich, member of the American Institute of Architects Custom Residential Architecture Network.

DIY Home Inspection

Many people don't know that they should perform twice-a-year home inspections. The prime time for these inspections is in the spring and fall. Take the time to give your house a thorough review.

Start by walking the perimeter of your property to see if there is any rotting wood, mold, loose gutters or shingles. Then check for any cracks that have settled or work that could be done to siding, roofing or windows.

Inspect the bathroom

and kitchen for loose or missing tiles and leaks in sinks and faucets. Ensure that appliances are working at maximum capacity.

Although these may not seem like major issues, it is much easier to tackle them during milder seasons so potential problems aren't made worse by extreme weather.

Exterior Updates

Many people underestimate the seriousness of dirt and mulch covering the siding of a home. Most building codes actually require at least six inches of the foundation to be exposed.

Beyond breaking these codes, dirt and mulch buildup pulls moisture from the ground and causes it to develop in the walls. Eventually mold will start to grow, which can lead to a variety of indoor air quality and structural problems. Raking around the foundation of your home regularly can help combat this problem.

Another area to consider for easy updates is exterior paint. Peeling paint isn't only unattractive; it also exposes the siding of your home to the elements. Regular maintenance of areas that need re-painting can save major headaches down the line.



Updating Appliances

Buying new appliances can be an investment, and, as such, paying a higher price upfront can actually save you money in the long run. The right appliances can last for 20 years or more, while more inexpensive models often break down after a few years. Newer models are also often more energy efficient. If cost or budget is an issue, store display models are often offered at extremely discounted prices.

Also make an investment in flooring and countertops. Buying laminate countertops

will initially be cheaper than granite countertops, but in ten years the granite countertops will still look brand new, while the laminate will be worn out and need to be replaced.

An architect can help homeowners apply many of these cost-saving home improvements in smart and strategic ways. To find one in your area, visit: <http://architectfinder.aia.org>.

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• Healthy Living Expro at the Highlands Civic Center from 10a to 2p.

Sat., Sept. 28

• A Combination Yard/Bake Sale with luncheon plates at the Cashiers Methodist Church on NC 107 in Cashiers from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is seeking donations of gently used household items and baked goods. Donated items can be dropped off at the church, or large items will be picked up at donors' homes. Please call Sue Jones at 828-226-4352 to arrange for pick-up.

• 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.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile easy-to-moderate hike to Yellow Branch Falls in South Carolina off hwy 28. Meet at Cashier Rec Center parking lot at 10 am. Drive 50 miles round trip. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079 for reservations.

• At PAC, Andy Offutt Irwin at 8 p.m. Tickets (\$25) are available online highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands

Sun., Sept. 29

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a four-mile moderate-to-strenuous hike from Rock Gap to Wind-ing Stair Gap on the Appalachian Trail with elevation change of 700 feet and car shuttle. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 2 pm. Drive 28 miles round trip. Call leader Mary Stone, 369-7352, for reservations. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

Monday, Sept. 30

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society's final program for 2013 will be presented by Ed and Cindy Boos on Monday, September 30 at the Hudson Library in Highlands. with a social at 7 pm, followed by the presentation at 7:30 pm. The Booses are local Audubon Chapter members who reside in Scaly Mountain during the summer and spend their winters in Florida. Their presentation will center on "Avian Courtship and Breeding Behavior: Photographic Observations.

Wed., Oct. 2

• The 2nd Annual HUMC Youth Pumpkin Patch begins. The youth will be selling pumpkins all month. All money raised goes to youth ministries.

Thurs., Oct 3

• Join your friends for an exciting night of Bingo to support the Highlands Historical Society (HHS). This event will be on Thursday at 6:30 P.M. at the Highlands Community Building located at the corner of Poplar Street and Highway 64-next door to the ball park. Bingo games cost \$1 per card per game. The night consists of 15 games of Bingo with the last game being a surprise cash prize. Each month half of all money paid to play Bingo goes to the non-profit partner and the other half goes to lucky winners. Players enjoy one hundred per cent of the fun to play generated by the game. Supporters of the Historical Society can go the "extra mile" to show their support through being a table sponsor. Sponsors buy a full page table ad for \$50.00. All of the money paid for sponsorships/ads goes to the Historical Society to support the preservation of the Historic Village and underwrite the outreach programs which share Highlands's history throughout our community. Checks for table ads should be made out to the Rotary Club of Highlands. They can be mailed to HHS at P. O. Box 670, Highlands 28741. Call HHS at (828)787-1050.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 4-5

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Fri., Oct 4

• SOAR and MountainTop Rotary Golf Tournament at Highlands Falls Country Club. Those interested in playing or who would like more information should contact Bill Zoellner at (828) 787-2323 or call toll free at 888-489-2323, or forms may be mailed to P.O. Box 2584, Highlands, NC 28741. Tournament registration forms are available on the club website at mountaintoprotary.net

Sat., Oct. 5

• A pumpkin festival at Highlands United

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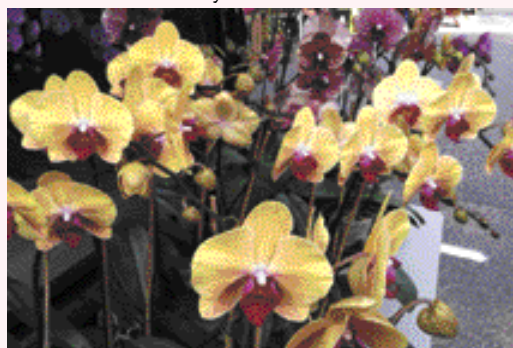
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAK-

God, The 10 Suggestions & the U. S. of A.

Father Jim Murphy
Christ Anglican Church
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I'm regularly amazed by the reactions of some folks when I write about Christian faith and the simple, elegant Truth thereof. I'm amazed because of something that is easily discerned in the rather vituperative reactions, namely: an inability or an unwillingness to think or to honestly engage the issue at hand.

During a roundtable discussion of recent vintage, among a bevy of highly educated men and women of faith, the subject turned to "teaching young people to think." It was generally agreed that the average student in 21st century America will graduate from both high school and college, if they pursue their education that far, without a well-informed, well-tuned ability to think critically or with an unwillingness or laziness to investigate just about any topic or assertion before drawing a conclusion. Students and society at-large are more often than not told what to think by the pundits or media or intelligentsia of the day. We tend to resist true "thinking" as a nation.

Evidence bears this out. How else could we, as a nation, generally speaking, eschew the age-old wisdom of God, such as has been consistently proven to be beneficial for individuals, communities, and societies over the course of better than 4,000 years? Throughout recorded human history, God's grace, principally because of his authorship of creation, has been enjoyed most often by those who have critically thought about what is best in any given situation, and decided that obedience to the Father's will is the best course of action. As the 1960's TV series put it, "Father Knows Best."

As a nation, we continually push God and faith to the margins, installing the religion of "self" as the reigning theology. If we were to honestly think about the last national election and critically review platforms, platitudes and results, we would have to draw the conclusion that we, at least more than 50% percent of us, voted against our own self-interest and that of our society.

Viewing American society through the prism of the Ten Commandments brings this into specific relief. Commandment #1 (regard no other gods above Him), we consciously promote so many gods as to make our heads spin. The regnant theory of "relativity of truth" has issued forth in a pantheon of demi-gods. Commandment #2 (have no images or likenesses of gods to worship), we honor and deify politicians and celebrities with regularity. We worship by spending 100's of billions upon ourselves and sporting events while much of the world goes to bed hungry. Commandment #3 (don't take the name of the Lord in vain), with impunity we slander the name, reputation and truth of God. Do you remember the Crucifix in a jar of urine,

•See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page

John 3:16

• PLACES TO WORSHIP • Proverbs 3:5

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• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

Methodist Church. There will be face painting, pumpkin carving, a bake sale, hot apple cider, food and a 50% coupon for anything "pumpkin" at Kilwin's with the purchase of a pumpkin. All money raised goes to youth ministries.

• Macon County Public Health will sponsor Rabies Vaccination Clinics throughout the Franklin and Highlands area on Saturday. Area veterinarians will vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months of age, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5 (cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes, or in carriers. Call 349-2081. for a recorded schedule of specific locations and times.

• Pour le Pink 5K Walk/Run for Breast Health

and Women's Services – organized by the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation, a 5K beginning and ending on the campus of the hospital. Funds raised will go toward maintaining HCH's state-of-the-art equipment as well as breast health and women's services. The event begins at 9am and is open to male/female walkers and runners, all ages. Pre-registration is \$20, if received by September 23rd, and \$30 thereafter. Registration includes an event t-shirt. To register, become a sponsor, or for additional race details, please visit www.highlandscashiershospital.org or call Callie Calloway at 828-526-1313. The race is being organized with assistance by the Highlands Roadrunners Club.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 7.9 mile strenuous Challenge Hike for experienced hikers only from Tellico to Wesser Gap with elevation change of 3350 and 1200 feet. Group splits with half starting at each end and exchanging car keys mid-hike to eliminate shuttles. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 8:30 am. Drive 80 miles round trip. Call leaders Bill and Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. Rain date: Oct 19

Sun. Oct. 6

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a one-mile easy level hike around Black Rock Mt. Lake near Clayton, GA, then drive to the top of Black Rock Mtn. to see the view and visit the small nature museum at the Ranger station. \$3.00 parking fee per car. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center near Otto at 2 p.m. Drive 8 miles round trip in car pool. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no pets please.

Sat., Oct. 12

• Highlands Arts & Crafts Show, 9a to 5p at the Highlands Civic Center Rec Park. Fressers Eatery is selling breakfast and lunch. Free admission and parking.

Sun., Oct. 13

• The Cashiers Methodist Church's group Love Out Loud will serve free dinners from 4-6pm at the VFW Post on NC 107 in Glenville, NC.

Rec Park After-School program for ages 5-12; M-F

The Recreation Department after school program is offered for children from the age 5 thru 12 years old. A bus is available to bring them from school each day. The program runs each school day from 3 to 5:30. If school is dismissed early due to weather conditions there will be no after school that day. Each child must have a completed registration from before they come to camp the first day.

How to manage your bears ... Sat., Sept. 21 at the Nature Center



Photo by Matthew Smith

Got bears? Come to the B.E.A.R. Task Force program Sat. Sept. 21 at the Highlands Nature Center amphitheater at 4 p.m. Bear experts will provide helpful information on managing attractants along with demonstrations of an array of effective deterrents, including whistles, air horns, umbrellas and electric fencing. Also learn about recommended behavior to discourage bears. The program is free to the public. Children are encouraged. The Nature Center is on East Main St. (Horse Cove Rd.). In case of rain it will move to the Highlands Civic Center. For more info call (828) 526-9227.



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Rotary bingo benefits the Interact Club



On Thursday, September 12, the Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with the Interact Club at Highlands School to sponsor Rotary Bingo. All proceeds went to support the service projects of the Interact Club. Kelly Davenport (center) won the final Super Bingo game and is pictured with Rotarian Cynthia Dendy and Rotary President Rick Reid.

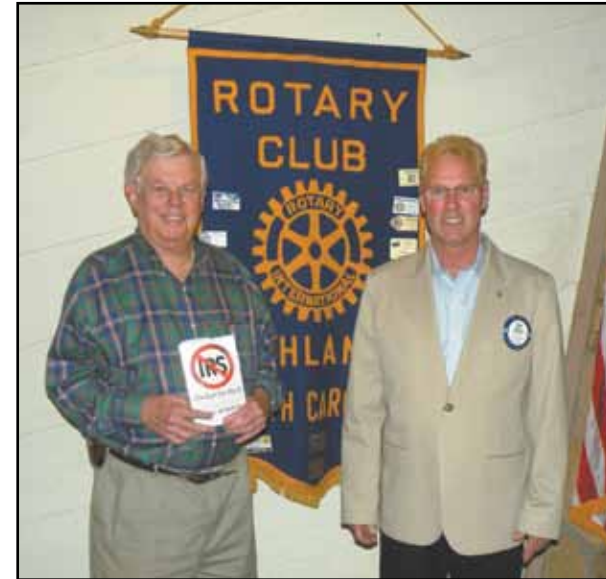
Peter Kipp-duPont and his falcons captivated garden club members August 5

Kipp-duPont has been training birds of prey for more than 40 years and received his master class falconry license in 1981. You only have to hear his presentation to realize his passion. He helped re-establish peregrine falcons on Whiteside Mountain in the 1980s. Mountain Garden Club and Laurel Garden Club, which are dedicated to aiding the protection and conservation of natural resources, were fortunate to hear Kipp-duPont's Birds of Prey presentation during a joint meeting at Community Bible Church. Kipp-duPont is an environmental educator and works with The QUEST FOUNDATION (www.questfoundation.org). Kipp-DuPont is also Director of the WNC Environmental Appreciation and Awareness Project, which promotes environmental education, preservation and conservation. For more information please write info@questfoundation.org OR pete@questfoundation.org.

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Rotary Club hears 'fair tax' proposal



Amidst a spirited Q and A session, Noon Rotary heard a presentation on the Fair Tax by Billy Bruce of Houston, Texas. The Fair Tax is a plan to simplify the federal tax code by eliminating all income and wealth-based taxes and replace them with a flat tax based only on spending. Seen as revenue-neutral, the chief value as claimed by its proponents would be to end the complexity of the current tax rules.



From left: Mountain Garden Club President Caroline Cook and Laurel Garden Club President Nancy Nichols, with Peter Kipp-duPont and his falcons. Photos by Bill Rethorst.

• FIRE & RESCUE REPORT •

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug.31

Aug. 31

• At 9:56 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Mirror Lake Road. It was caused by burning food.

• At 4:46 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Satulah Ridge Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 7:21 p.m., the dept. was called to H-C Hospital to set up for a MAMA helicopter arrival.

Sept. 1

• At 8:33 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. There was no transport.

• At 7 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Harbison Orchard Road where a 77 year old woman had fallen. There was no transport.

Sept. 2

• At 4:28 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Old Walhalla Road. It was false.

• At 7:08 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Old Walhalla Road. It was false.

• At 2:40 p.m., the dept. was called to H-C Hospital for a MAMA helicopter arrival.

• At 7:59 p.m., the dept. was called to H-C Hospital to set up for a MAMA helicopter arrival.

Sept. 3

• At 7:22 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Satolah Fire Dept. for a structure fire, but the call was cancelled en route.

• At 10:53 a.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle rollover on Skylake Drive. There was no transport to the hospital.

• At 5:17 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Chowan Drive where a 70-year-old woman had fallen and hit her head. EMS transported to the hospital.

Sept. 6

• At 6:09 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Harris Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 9:15 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Apple Lake Lane.

Sept. 7

• At 8:30 a.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident where a small truck went over the embankment. No one was around. Provided traffic control.

• At 6:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Clear Creek Road. CPR was administered and EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 9:03 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Glenville-Cashiers Rescue to carry a subject from the Chattooga River Trail to the road.

Sept. 10

• At 3:33 a.m., the dept. responded to a water flow alarm at a residence on Falls Drive West. A worker had failed to reset the system. There was no damage

Sept. 11

• At 6:24 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cullasaja Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 7:05 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Clear Creek Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 9:18 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on NC 28 South. There were no injuries.

Sept. 12

• At 6:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Mountain Ashe Lane.

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... SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from page 16

underwritten by you, the American taxpayer? Where is the thinking behind that?

Need I go on? #4 (keep holy the Sabbath) lost its panache a long time ago. #5 (honor mom and dad), the responsibilities and prerogatives of parents are consistently usurped by the state. #6 (no murder), we kill the most vulnerable among us and call it choice. #7 (no adultery), we legislate sexual immorality in service to the god of self and to the detriment of all (when you critically think about it!). #8 (don't steal), we have unwittingly become modern day Robin Hoods as we steal from the haves and give to the have nots, thereby stealing the dignity of the least among us and leading them into bondage in countless instances. #9 (no lying or deceptive practices), we enshrine the practice of deception and venerate someone who once famously lied, "I did not have sex with that woman." #10 (no coveting), we build much of our lives upon our wants and our desires with little or not concern (thinking) about what is really in the best interest of all.

If we will take the time to honestly think about the rudiments, the genesis of each of our societal quagmires, you can soon come to understand that not teaching our young people to think (and not thinking much ourselves), that not equipping them with the critical tools to make well-informed decisions, has led to the overall deterioration of our great country. If we continue our unthinking ways, relegating the Wisdom of God to the dustbin of history, then we'll have only ourselves to blame for the lack of the enjoyment of God's grace.

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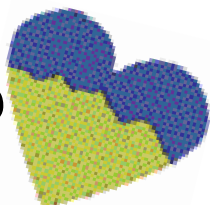
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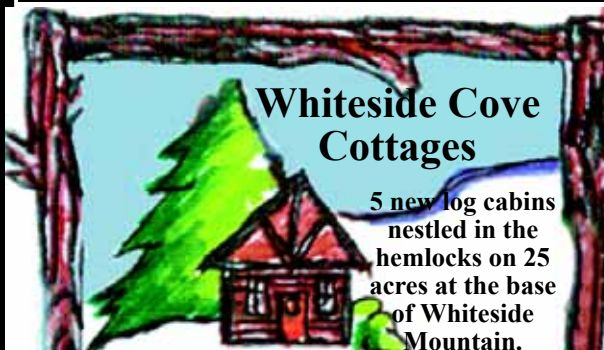
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