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• EVENTS •

Sat., April 19

• Volunteer in the Botanical Garden to celebrate Earth Day 10a to 4p. We will provide lunch and tools. All skill levels are welcome. RSVP at highlandsbiological.org/earth-week/

• Easter Egg Hunt at the Highlands Rec Park at 10a for ages 0 to 10.

• Eggfest at the Community Bible Church 11a to 1p. Egg Hunt, Inflatables, face painting, balloon artists, food and more.

Sunday, April 20

• Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the churches of Highlands, at the Nature Center amphitheater. In case of rain, the service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

Mon., April 21

• Fundraiser for Cashiers Highlands Humane Society at the Ugly Dog Pub at 4 p.m. 100% of all tips will benefit CHHS Shelter Pets.

Tues. & Thurs., April 22 & 24

• The Center for Life Enrichment's iCloud and Computer Security from 6-8p. Cost \$70 Member/\$80 Nonmember. to register call CLE at 828-526-8811

Tuesday, April 22

• Highlands Dialogue meets at the Hudson Library at 10 a.m. "A Century Old Prediction about the End of the Internet."

• Highlands Nature Center presentation on the impact of discarded bottles along our mountain roads and the mortality of small mammals. 7-9p. Free and appropriate for all ages.

• Community Table supper at the Community Building at 6 p.m. It's free.

Rules change for Mountain Fresh Grocery

Mountain Fresh Grocery, initially considered a boutique grocery store, has evolved over the years into something much more ... so much so, that the town required it be labeled a restaurant, which in turn required a new

Special Use Permit (SUP) issued by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

At the Zoning Board's meeting last Wednesday, Planning Director Josh Ward explained that town staff and the Land Use Committee (made up of

Commissioners John Dotson and Eric Pierson) reviewed the building use, which includes the store, the old laundromat that will soon become a public part of the store and the County Club

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Easter egg hunt start of Easter for children



The town's annual Easter Egg hunt at the Rec Park is Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. for ages 0-10. Then at 11 a.m., Community Bible Church is holding its annual Egg Fest this year on the CBC campus. There will be inflatables, face painting, a balloon artist, food and more. On Sunday many churches will hold egg hunts between services.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Mission Health changes geared for rural areas

HCH CEO Craig James to become VP of Mission's western region

As part of a continuing effort to address the health care needs of its rural communities and to move toward new models of health care, Mission Health is realigning senior management across its member hospitals to streamline operations and expand its work on the management of health care needs in rural communities.

Bob Bednarek, 18-year President and CEO of Transylvania Regional Hospital (TRH) will assume the role of Vice President of Rural Health Planning and Development for Mission Health on May 19 so he can become more involved in rural health policy regionally and nationally.

With his experience serving a rural community, he brings unique qualifications to the new post. He is sensitive to and recognizes how Mission's system will effectively serve the rural communities of western North Carolina. Bednarek has also served on the

'League' sponsors candidate forum

This week's spotlight on Highlanders Shearl and Tate

By Brittany Burns

At the Thursday, April 10 League of Women Voters meeting, candidates for MC Commission District 1 and 2 answered questions posed by the League. Though only Republicans

John Shearl and Jim Tate are running in the upcoming primary on May 6, all six candidates participated in the forum – Democrat Ronnie Beale (District 1), Republicans Ron Haven and Gary Shields (District 2), Libertar-

ian John Martin (District 2) and Democrat Michael David "Bud" Rogers (District 1) as well as and Shearl and Tate.

With the primary coming up, in this issue, we will feature can-

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Tonight's Town Board agenda and issues

Mayor Pat Taylor

I was going to write a final article on our electric utility this week, but in reading it, I realized it was too long and complicated, aka, not very clear. I will revise the article for next week, but for now I want to review the agenda of tonight's Town Board meeting.

The board will review the final loan agreement for the Lake Sequoyah water intake project and dam repair. The town will allocate \$460,000 as a part of the 1.6 million dollar loan in order to convert the loan into a grant. We will also have to appropriate \$500,000 for the repair of the 80-year-old Lake Sequoyah dam. The dam repair money will come from an existing watershed improvement fund. Both projects need to be done simultaneously since they require the lake to be drained for as long as six months while the work is being done.

The board will also review and approve the recommendations that the parking committee that I chaired developed last month. I will ask the board for direction as to whether the committee should continue examining parking issues, and if they have specific issues for the committee to review.

Representatives of the town have been in discussion with a private citizen concerning a major donation to upgrade the facilities at the Highlands Civic Center and Recreation Department. The donation will bring about significant improvements and expand program offerings. The board will review the major components of the donation and decide whether to approve the initial project proposal. I hope and believe this generous offer will be enthusiastically accepted by the town board.

There are several other items of general interest on the agenda, such as a town policy on 5k road races for charity. The Greenway Committee will be presenting a proposal for developing the old sled run into a greenway trail. The sled run is on the town property on Oak Street across from Mountain High Motel. It is just

around the corner from the Chamber of Commerce office.

In the afternoon, prior to the Town board meeting, I will travel to Franklin to address the Macon County Planning Board. I will talk about how Highlands plays a key role in county economic development. I will stress that any plans for economic development should include Highlands and the surrounding plateau.

Tourism is a major component of the Macon County economy and the Highlands area is the primary tourist destination. While we are a small part of the population, this area generates approximately 40% of the county's sales and property tax revenue. I will emphasize that just like Franklin, Highlands and the surrounding area has infrastructure needs that should also be included in a county-wide development strategy.

Hope to see everyone tonight at 7 pm at the Highlands Conference Center.

• LETTERS •

Good Old Days

Dear Editor,

I was watching an old 1930 movie about people working on a railroad, the lives of the men who labored to maintain those huge steam locomotives and the men who drove them. Steam engines required lots of maintenance in those days and the manual labor was hot, dirty and exhausting, quite unlike the work done on modern diesel locomotives where the engineer sits in an air conditioned cab and operates computerized controls. If you lived within a couple of miles of a railroad or a coal fired power plant, you'd wake up in the morning to find coal ash on your windowsill.

In the past, a potato farmer with 500 acres needed a 100 workers to harvest his crop. Now days, it's done by machine

and two or three men can do the job in a couple of days. Migrant Mexican workers do the really hard work on farms because Americans won't do the hard labor.

Remember the old fashioned radio your grandparents had that took several minutes to warm up? It was built by people in America sitting at a bench soldering individual parts to a circuit board. Now days, it's done by robots in China.

Ships were built of steel and iron with the steel plates pounded and shaped by men using their hands, requiring hundreds of workers in large ship yards.

Life wasn't easy in those days and it makes you wonder if there was any such thing as the "good old days."

Life involved lots of hard manual labor and our life spans were somewhat shorter. There was no such thing as heart by-pass surgery and if you had a heart problem, you often died young. Before antibiotics, a simple infection could kill you.

But, surprisingly, people were happier and it gave them a sense of satisfaction to have put in a hard day's work, and in those days loafers were looked down on and weren't given special privileges. We took pride and satisfaction in hard work and we were happier.

But now one must wonder if our computer-driven robotic age is a good thing when you consider the number of people who need jobs, many of which don't exist anymore, those jobs having been replaced by robots.

Back in the 1950s prescient experts touted the future of robots in our world, even predicting that robots would do our housework and cooking for us thus leaving us more spare time to do the things we enjoy more than work. Somewhere along the way to the future, something went off the track. We expect the world to owe us a living and our young protest violently if they don't get free stuff. To make matters worse, we refuse to pay higher prices for American made products and buy things made in China. We continue to shoot ourselves in the foot and have the gall to complain about something we brought on ourselves.

**Bob Wilson
Franklin, NC**

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National Forests in NC announces changes for the 2014 season

The U.S. Forest Service National Forests in North Carolina are changing the fees at seven recreation sites in the Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests for the 2014 season.

The fee changes were approved in March, after careful consideration of public comments, including the recommendations of the Southern Region's Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC). All fees were evaluated to ensure that the level of benefits and services provided are commensurate with the fee and that fees are comparable to similar public and private sites. The Forest Service will implement most of the fee changes beginning May 7, 2014.

The National Forests in North Carolina are implementing the following change(s) to its current fee structure:

Nantahala National Forest

The fee increases will standardize rates between the three shooting ranges. The fees are critically needed to address the health, safety and resource damage needs at these ranges.

- Panther Top Shooting Range - The cost of the daily permit will increase from \$2 to \$3 per person. Annual fee would remain the same at \$25 per person. The last fee increase was in 2007.

- Dirty John Shooting Range - The cost of the daily permit increases from \$3 per vehicle to \$4 per person. The annual permit cost will increase from \$7 per vehicle to \$25 per person. The last fee increase was in 2004. *NOTE: Annual permits already sold in 2014 for Dirty John Shooting Range will be honored until their expiration. However, these permits will only be honored at that site.

- Moss Knob Shooting Range - This is a new fee at the range, and the only new fee across the four national forests. The cost of the daily permit will be \$3 per person, with the annual permit costing \$25 per person.

- Purchasing the \$25 annual permit will allow shooters to use all three ranges in Nantahala National Forest.

- Fee rules did not change for shooters under the age of 16. They are not required to have a permit, but must be accompanied by an adult and must provide identification, if asked.

Pisgah National Forest

- Sliding Rock Recreation Area - The daily fee increases from \$1 to \$2 per person. Annual passes remain at \$25. Additional revenue is required to operate this

extremely popular site, which often receives 1,000 or more people a day. Fee revenue will provide expanded hours for lifeguards and help pay for the maintenance at this highly used site. The last fee increase at this site was in 2001.

Croatan National Forest

- Cedar Point Campground - For single campsites per night, fees will incrementally increase from \$12 to \$15 in 2014 and \$20 in 2016. All sites have electrical hookups and the electrical surcharge at single sites will increase from \$5 to \$7 per site, with no price change in 2016. Double campsite fees per night will increase from \$24 to \$30 in 2014 and to \$40 in 2016. The electrical surcharge at double sites will increase from \$10 to \$14 per site, with no price change in 2016. Campsite fees have not increased since 1998, while operation and maintenance costs have risen.

Uwharrie National Forest

- Arrowhead Campground - Nightly camping fees for single campsites increase incrementally from \$12 to \$15 in 2014 and to \$18 in 2016. Fees for double sites will increase from \$24 to \$30 per night in 2014 and to \$36 in 2016. Thirty-three of the sites have electrical hookups and the electrical surcharge will increase incrementally from \$3 to \$5 in 2014 and to \$7 per night in 2016. Additional revenue will help defray the expense of electrical hookups as well as maintaining and operating water, sewage and other facilities and providing campground hosts. Campsite fees have not increased since 2001.

- Canebrake Horse Camp - Nightly camping fees for single and double campsites will be the same as Arrowhead Campground. All sites have electrical hookups; the electrical surcharge will increase to \$5 in May 2014 and to \$7 in 2016. Fee increases will be used to sustain the level of service and amenities that are available at this campground. Campsite fees have not increased since 2002.

The Forest Service recognizes how important these sites are to our local communities and those who use them. These fee changes will help the agency maintain the sites at the level and quality visitors have come to expect, especially at a time when the National Forests in North Carolina are experiencing tremendous increases in recreation uses. In addition, the agency has made improvements at select sites based on visitor desires and feedback. Fee changes will help to maintain these improvements as expected by those who use the sites.



Holy Week Events Episcopal Church of the Incarnation 520 Main Street Highlands, NC

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday Foot Washing – 7pm in the Chapel

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 noon Community Stations of the Cross at the Catholic Church followed by 1:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy in our Chapel

Saturday, April 19 – Great Vigil of Easter – 7 pm in the Chapel

Sunday, April 20 – Sunrise Service at Biological Center Amphitheater at 6:15 a.m. (If rain at the Episcopal Church)

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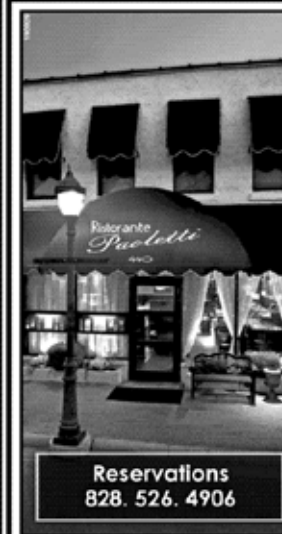
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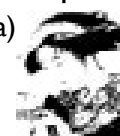
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didates Shearl and Tate – the only candidates at the forum who will be on the Primary ballot.

In a subsequent issue, we will feature the answers from the candidates who will be on November's ballot.

Question 1

Introduce yourself and focus on the ways you qualify for this office.

John Shearl

I am self-employed, I own and have operated J&J Lawn & Landscaping Services in Highlands since 1988; and in 2012 I opened Shearl Produce in Otto. I am a retired firefighter from Highlands Fire and Rescue. I have been very active with Highlands School. I am a former assistant Highlands high school baseball coach. I ran little league in Highlands for many years and was president of that. I was on the board of the Booster Club for Highlands and currently I am serving on Macon County Planning Board.

I have filed for the MC Commission District 1 seat because I have great concerns about government spending and government debt. We can't, in my opinion, do a lot about the financial nightmare in the federal and state governments, but we can in do something in our own county government. So I filed to take a stand against excessive spending and debt.

Jim Tate

I have been a constant volunteer advocate. From church, to hospice, to the fire department, to various board from the planning board to advisory boards, I have tried to get my hands dirty with it. I want to be a commissioner because I love this county. Out of all the places in the world I could live, I have chosen to put my roots down right here. I have chosen to watch my children grow up right here, just like the generations of my family who came before me. I want to do the best that I can to help improve this county and do what's right. I want to make common sense decisions and to be responsible and I think that is what you will find with me. I hope that my record so far will show that.

Question 2

Tell us what two or three issues that are most significant to you and what is different about your position or approach than the other candidate.

Jim Tate

I am very, very proud to call Macon County home and I hope you all are as well. If I am re-elected, I am going to do my best to make sure that we continue to

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national advisory boards on rural health issues.

Other changes across Mission's member hospitals

include changes for Craig James, currently President and CEO of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH). He will become vice

president for Mission's western region. He will retain his hospital president role, a post that he has held since June 1, 2010, and will become the interim leader of TRH. Angel Medical Center President and CEO Jim Bross will report to James.

"Our providers are placing great emphasis on population health management for chronic disease such as diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity," said Bednarek. "Those conditions are prevalent in rural communities in this region, and lead to a wide variety of other debilitating and expensive health issues. We want to serve our communities by helping our patients become well and remain healthy for life. By creating this department at a system level, we can develop innovative models of care to address the unique strengths and challenges that many rural communities face and more fully engage in policy discussions."

A search will be conducted to replace Bednarek as TRH president. The new leader there will serve in the combined role of President, CEO and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO).

"Our rural communities have a unique set of challenges, and we are committed to serving each community with a local focus," said Jill Hoggard Green, PhD, RN, Mission Health's Chief Operating Officer and President, Mission Hospital and Mission Medical Associates. "By working together and borrowing on the established strengths of Mission Health, we are building local capacity to recruit, retain and build access to primary care services. Refining and expanding our services as we move toward a population health model – where one of those important populations is the rural part of our service area – is critical to providing the best care to every patient."

Moving to a population health model is the most significant opportunity, but also a major challenge.

"Putting a seasoned leader such as Bob Bednarek in a role that can really impact policy in the rural areas of western North Carolina will help Mission lead into the future, while caring for

all patients, one at a time," said Ronald A. Paulus, MD, President and CEO, Mission Health. "The driving force behind all we do at Mission is our BIG(ER) Aim: to get each patient to the desired outcome, first without harm, also without waste and with an exceptional experience for the patient and family."

Given the current health care environment and scope of western North Carolina, flexibility and agility are absolutely essential.

"This new department will specifically address rural health needs. The new system model of grouping hospitals in geographic regions together, while still maintaining individual leaders who will comprehensively oversee each facility from a clinical and managerial perspective, will allow Mission to react appropriately and quickly to the many changes in our health care environment," said TRH Board Chairman John Holbrook. "Bob Bednarek, with his keen sense of day-to-day issues in a facility such as TRH, is a perfect fit for a leadership role. Our entire board is very excited about all of these changes, and we are looking forward to the future of our local health care delivery as an integral part of Mission Health."

The department will also be staffed by System Director Teresa Wall. Wall works with Mission Health and community leaders to bridge gaps, establish relationships, garner funding, and gather that work into a body of knowledge that can be used to improve care in our rural communities.

She has been successful in building a robust network of six Rural Health Care clinic sites throughout McDowell County over the past four years, creating access for the communities Mission serves.

About Mission Health

Mission Health, based in Asheville, N.C., is the state's sixth-largest health system and the region's only not-for-profit, independent community hospital system governed and managed exclusively in western North Carolina. Mission Health was recognized as one of the nation's Top 15 Health Systems in 2012 and 2013 by Thomson Reuters

and Truven Health Analytics, respectively. Mission Health is one of only two medium-sized health systems to receive this recognition in 2012 and 2013, and the only health system in North Carolina to achieve that distinction.

Mission Health, which traces its roots in the region back to 1885, operates six hospitals, numerous outpatient and surgery centers, post-acute care provider CarePartners, and the region's only dedicated Level II trauma center. Its medical staff consists of more than 1,000 physicians and is certified in more than 50 medical specialties and sub-specialties. Mission Health has seven Centers of Excellence: Cancer, Heart, Mission Children's Hospital, Neurosciences, Orthopedics, Trauma and Women's Health. Mission Hospital, located in Asheville, is the system's flagship hospital and is licensed for 730 beds. It is the regional referral center for tertiary and quaternary care. It also includes Mission Children's Hospital – the region's only children's hospital. Other Mission Health member hospitals include Angel Medical Center in Franklin, Blue Ridge Regional Hospital in Spruce Pine, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital in Highlands, McDowell Hospital in Marion and Transylvania Regional Hospital in Brevard. With approximately 10,600 employees and 2,000 volunteers, Mission Health is dedicated to improving the health and wellness of the people of western North Carolina. For more information, please visit mission-health.org.

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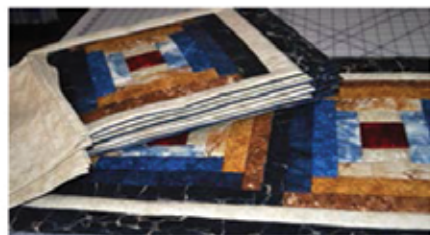
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DEBT - Since I took office, and even with the Highlands School capital project and the recreation enhancements, the County's overall debt has DECREASED by almost 20 million.

TAXES - We still have the LOWEST property tax rate in North Carolina.

RECREATION - Since I took office, we have made much needed improvements to our existing facilities and we have acquired property in both Highlands and Franklin for new facilities WITHOUT raising taxes.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES - Since I took office, the total number of County employees has DECREASED and I was able to support the remaining employees who picked up the additional duties with a raise WITHOUT raising taxes.

SCHOOLS - I have supported every capital project, every improvement item and kept our teachers in the class rooms WITHOUT raising taxes.

PUBLIC SAFETY - I have supported our Sheriff and his recommendations to improve our schools safety and our County's safety WITHOUT increasing taxes.

JOBS - Since I took office, the County's unemployment rate has DROPPED by over 20%.

ECONOMY - Since I took office, home sales and building permits have INCREASED, and sales tax and occupancy tax receipts have INCREASED. All are signs of economic IMPROVEMENT.

REGULATIONS - Since I took office, and as liaison to the Planning Board, more rules and regulations have been REMOVED than added.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS - As a current Highlands fireman and as a Commissioner, I have worked diligently to ensure that all of our fire departments have the SUPPORT that they need.



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be proud to call Macon County home. I am going to do my best to help keep our taxes not only the lowest in the state, but if you look at the 3,100 plus counties in the entire United States, we have some of the lowest. And for us to be able to offer the quality of services that we all need, expect, and want, I am pretty proud of that. If I am re-elected, I am going to do my best to continue to do that and offer things in as an efficient manner as possible.

I have heard this idea bounced around of wasteful spending. I do not know of a single thing I have voted for that would be considered wasteful. I can honestly tell you that every decision that I have made, I have been able to sleep well at night and I will continue to do that.

I will continue to be responsible; I will offer civil discourse to you which means I am going to have open ears, an open mind and an open heart. I am going to listen respectfully. I am going to pool all

that information and I am going to make an informed decision. I am going to do the best, not for me, not for a group over here, but for the whole county and that is my promise to you.

Since I have taken office, some points of pride for me include: our unemployment rates have gone down, our sales tax revenue has gone up and our TDC revenue has been going up. I think that is a indication that we are doing something right. I am proud that we have been able to improve a lot of areas without raising our taxes. We have been able to do some significant improvements to all our schools, Sheriff Department, and our most recent recreation enhancements.

The biggest thing I am concerned with is the revaluation. I think we need to hold the line. We need to hold our spending constant until we get through this revaluation and see exactly

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where we are going to end up.

John Shearl

The reason I have filed for county commissioner is the fact that there is no doubt in my mind that Commissioner Tate, in his heart, he has voted for everything in the right way. But when it comes to me, I disagree with some of his voting records of all this spending and borrowing money.

I don't believe in all the government control, government regulations and wasteful spending. We do not have much control over the federal level and the state level, but we do have control over the county level. In my opinion, I would rather this lady right here have her hard earned money in her pocket than sitting in the Macon County fund balance for when someone decides they want to spend a little bit of money on whatever the case may be. If we need to give money to some organization or whatever. We have no control over that, but I would rather you be in control of your life and your finances.

Since Commissioner Tate was appointed in 2011 and elected in 2012, Macon County's budget has increased by millions of dollars. The borrowing has continued and we still have this enormous fund balance, and I have said before, that money does not belong to Macon County, it belongs to the taxpayers of Macon County and it should be given back to the owners of that money.

With all due respect to Commissioner Tate and the other commissioners, this is the differences between Commissioner Tate and myself: I don't believe in all the government spending and government control. I just don't believe this is the proper way our government needs to be operated. We need better leadership in there that will be better stewards of the taxpayers' money. If elected to this board, I plan on watching over your money better than I will ever look after mine.

• See answers from other candidates next week.



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Tues. & Thurs.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 5:15 to 6:15p.

Last Friday of Each Month

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11a to noon in the Hudson Library.

Sat., April 19

• Volunteer in the Botanical Garden to celebrate Earth Day 10a to 4p. We will provide lunch and tools. All skill levels are welcome. Please let us know if you wish to attend. Visit highlandsbiological.org/earth-week/ for more information.

• Easter Egg Hunt at the Highlands Rec Park at 10a for ages 0 to 10.

• Eggfest at the Community Bible Church 11a to 1p. Egg Hunt, Inflatables, face painting, balloon artists, food and more.

Sunday, April 20

• Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the churches of Highlands, at the Nature Center amphitheater. In case of rain, the service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

Mon., April 21

• The Affordable Healthcare Act and what it means to employers will be the featured topic at the BizWeek 2014 Industry Roundtable to be held Monday, in the boardroom of the Cecil L. Groves Center at Southwestern Community College's Macon campus at 2pm. Presenting the program will be Gary Simmons, Senior Vice President and the Health and markets leader for the Aon Hewitt's Carolinas and Southern Virginia region. Aon is the leading global provider of risk management, insurance and reinsurance brokerage and human resources solutions and outsourcing services.

• Fundraiser for Cashiers Highlands Humane Society: Our good friends at the Ugly Dog Pub are taking a much-deserved break from behind the bar, and another "pack" of great CHHS friends – Richard Delaney and the crew from Old Edwards Inn – are taking over. Join the fun this Monday, beginning at 4pm for the 2nd annual Old Edwards Ugly Dog Pub Takeover. Best of all, 100% of all tips



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Tues. & Thurs., April 22 & 24

- The Center for Life Enrichment's ICloud and Computer Security from 6-8p. Cost \$70 Member/\$80 Nonmember. to register call CLE at 828-526-8811

Tuesday, April 22

- Highlands Dialogue meets at the Hudson Library at 10 a.m. "A Century Old Prediction about the End of the Internet" based on The Machine Stops by E. M. Forrester. A copy of this novella (as a PDF) is attached. As you read this 1909 short story, make a list of today's technology that has an analogue in Forrester's story—for example, the woman is listening to music which could have been delivered by Pandora, she sees and talks with her son using something like Skype. Then imagine what would happen to our society if the Internet suddenly stopped working. Coordinator: John Gaston

- Highlands Nature Center director Patrick Brannon will present a talk on the impact of discarded bottles along our mountain roads on the mortality of small mammals 7-9p. Free and appropriate for all ages. Visit highlandsbiological.org/earth-week/ for more information.

- Community Table supper at the Community Building at 6 p.m. It's free.

Thursday, April 24

- Highlands School Kindergarten Registration for Class of 2027 is on Thursday at 10 a.m. For information, call 526-2147

- Dining Out for Life Benefit at Cyprus, On the Veranda, The Ugly Dog and the Doghouse will contribute 20% of your bill to support WNCAP, the AIDS Service organization for WNC.

Thurs. – Sun., April 24, 25, 26, 27

- A PAC Youth Theater production of "Little Women." Tickets available online: highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands.

Fri., April 25

- Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library. The subject: The Town Budget, \$13.1 Million: Where does it come from & where does it go? Refreshments provided by Mountain Top Rotary Club.

- Celebrate Arbor Day at the Botanical Garden with a "Living with Trees" guided tour 2-4p. We will discuss noteworthy trees of the Highlands Plateau, as well as their identification, residential use and care. In the spirit of Arbor Day, visitors will leave with a native tree to take home and plant. Visit highlandsbiological.org/earth-week/ for more information.

- An Informal meeting to learn about Big Brother Big Sisters program in Highlands at Buck's Cafe at 5:30p. Come by and enjoy a complimentary refreshment and learn everything you wanted to know about Big Brothers

Big Sisters.

Sat., April 26

- Educators are invited to a "Project Wild Workshop at Highlands School from 8:30a to 3:30p in the school's outdoor classroom between the shops and middle school building. It is free. To sign up contact Science teacher Stephanie Smathers at 526-2147 or Stephanie. smathers@macon.k12.nc.us.

- Join Macon County Public Health's Healthy Carolinians Coalition for a new community walking program called "Leading the Way to Wellness". Mayor Pat Taylor and Commissioner Jim Tate will lead walks through downtown Highlands in an effort to improve fitness and encourage healthy lifestyles. The kick-off event will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Highlands Town Hall. Join us for registration, free pedometers, a group walk, and the chance for door prizes; then join us for weekly fitness walks. To learn more, call 349-2426.

Sunday, April 27

- North Georgia Children's Chorus offers public concert at 3 p.m. Come; be inspired as you hear some beautiful voices sing songs of inspiration. For more information please call the Highlands United Methodist Church Office at 828-526-3376.

- Friends of Israel presents "EHAD" in concert Sunday at 10:45 am at Christ Church of the Valley in Cashiers N.C. For info, call 828-743-5470.

Tues. & Thurs., April 28 & May 1

- The Center for Life Enrichment's A Fun Guide to the Best IPAD Applications. 6-8p. Cost is \$70 Members/ \$80 Nonmember. Call CLE at 828-526-8811 to register.

Tues., April 29

- Highlands Dialogue meets at the Hudson Library. Season Wrap-up, Social Gathering, and Conversation about the future of the Dialogue.

Thurs.-Sat. May, 1-3

- Highlands Annual Three River Fly Fishing Tournament. For information call Town Hall at 526-2118.

Fri. & Sat., May 2-3

- The Highlands Biological Foundation is celebrating the emergence of spring ephemerals in the southern Appalachians with their event "Wildflower Whimsy," guided garden tours, a lecture, live plant auction and reception (with live music), and guided wildflower walks. The event will be held Friday from 5pm until 8pm, and Saturday from 10am until 2pm.

Mon., May 5

- Rotary Golf Tournament

Sat., May 10

- Hike the Historic Kelsey Trail from Whiteside Mountain to Highlands. Along the way, small groups will be led to Leila's Rock, Garnet Rock, Highlands Falls and Soldier's Cave. You may see some very interesting characters from the past as you go.

The first group will leave from Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street at 8 AM. Another group will leave at 8:15 AM and if

demand dictates a third group at 8:30 AM. You will be shuttled to Whiteside Mountain to start the hike. The hike will take about 4 hours. A picnic lunch at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park will follow. The shuttle, hike and lunch are all included in the donation of \$50. Space is limited, and the choice of starting time will go to the first people to register. You may register at the Greenway website at www.highlandsgreenway.com. Follow the link for the Kelsey Trail Hike and purchase tickets by check or credit card online. More detail about the hike is provided under the Event Calendar tab.

Sat., May 3

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. Beginners' Walk in Highlands to Edwin and Kay Poole's home and lovely native garden. Russ Regnery (HPAS President) will lead. If questions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

Thurs., May 6

- The Center for Life Enrichment's FaceBook for the Absolute Beginner , 6-8p . \$35 member, /\$50 nonmember. Call 828-526-8811 to register .

Sat., May 10

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. Trip down the mountain to Horse Cove and Chattooga River area to try to find the rarely seen Swainson's Warbler. Brock Hutchins will lead. If questions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

Sat., May 17

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. Guest leader Rob Bierregaard will join Russ Regnery and Avary Doubleday for a trip to Flatter Mountain Road and the area near the Ranger Falls trailhead. Rob is a well-known Ornithologist and lecturer. If questions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

Sat., May 24

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. Joint trip with the Franklin Bird Club to the neighborhood of Ellen and Jim Shelton, where last year the group saw a Red-headed Woodpecker, not a common bird in Western NC, along with numerous Scarlet Tanagers, many warblers and other species. Ellen and Jim will lead. If ques-

tions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

Wed., May 28

- The Highlands-Cashiers Annual screening will take place in Highlands on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic Wednesday. Those wishing to take advantage of either screening MUST register by calling (828) 526-1435 or visiting the Hospital's website at www.highlandscashiershospital.org

Sat., May 31

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. HPAS will join the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Eco Tour to High Hampton Resort in Cashiers. Highlands's participants will carpool as usual while Cashiers residents and others may gather in the parking area of the New Cashiers Rec Center where the Highlands group will rendezvous with them. NOTE: HCLT members are free of charge; others may either join HCLT or pay a minimal fee for this one walk. Watch the web site or call Julie, at 526-1111 for specifics. All participants must register in advance with HCLT so that lunches can be properly planned, so be sure to call Julie if you want to go. Romney Bathurst and Kyle Pursel will lead.

Sat., June 7

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. Beginners' Walk to the Highlands Biological Station with Brock Hutchins leading. If questions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

Thurs., June 12

- The annual Owl Prowl in cooperation with the Highlands Nature Center starts at 7:30 pm. Donations to the Carolina Raptor Rehab Center will be appreciated but not required. Bring a flashlight and plan to stay after dark as we hunt for owls in the area. If questions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

Sat., June 14

- Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Bring binoculars if you have them, good walking shoes, a water bottle, and wet weather gear. Back by popular demand, an outing to Lonesome Valley in Sapphire, with Romney Bathurst leading. This is a beautiful wooded canyon being sensitively developed by the Jennings family with conservation interests high on the priority list. The result is some fine habitat for migrant wood warblers which breed in our area, including the stunning Blackburnian Warbler. Carpool from the parking area of the new Cashiers Rec. Center at 7:30 AM sharp. If questions, call Michelle at 828-743-9670.

- Highlands School Graduation at 7p in the new gym.

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Properties Real Estate office, and concluded that the majority of the building – used by Mountain Fresh Grocery – is now primarily a restaurant.

Parking requirements associated with a restaurant in every zoning district except B1, is considered the most stringent

in the Unified Development Ordinance, and the number of parking spaces required is related to the number of seats in the restaurant.

According to the UDO Parking Schedule, restaurants require one space for every three seats, plus one space for each two

employees on shift of greatest employment. An office, which is part of the Mountain Fresh Grocery shopping center, requires one space for each 250 sq. ft. of gross floor space. In addition, according to the UDO restaurants can share up to 12 public parking spaces if those spaces are within 300 feet of the restaurant.

JT Fields, owner of Mountain Fresh Grocery, admits the store, which was originally considered retail, has been evolving since it opened in 2008 and food service has become a big part of the business.

“Since we tend to evolve, we wanted to go after the greatest number of seats possible so we don’t have to come back to the town should we want more seats,” he said. “With all our changes we’ve been a moving target, so this is a way it will be clear as to what’s allowed.”

Currently there are 102 seats in the store where people can have breakfast, lunch or dinner. But Fields said they wanted to delineate as many parking spaces on the site as possible.

The number of parking spaces on the site will max out at 47 which means Mountain Fresh can have up to 138 seats.

Ward said for a 138-seat restaurant in the B2 district with the greatest shift employment of 20 employees – including the 12 shared public spaces and the office space of 635 sq. ft, the number required parking spaces on the site is 47.

The Zoning Board unanimously granted the SUP but did discuss traffic flow since it’s likely the public will use spaces in the back of the building more now in than in the past, but in the end members agreed that the flow would work itself out. There are two ingress and two egress avenues on the site – one set off Main Street and one set off Fifth Street and Smallwood Ave. in the back of the complex.

Though Fields said he aimed high concerning the seats and therefore the parking spaces, the possibility of needing the spaces may come to fruition. Soon the

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- Commissioner **JIM TATE (R)** has consistently voted with **RONNIE BEALE (D)** and **KEVIN CORBIN (R)** on their spending spree.

Another Choice?

JOHN SHEARL (R), a self-proclaimed fiscal conservative, is running against **JIM TATE** in the Republican Primary. **JOHN SHEARL** has indicated he will not vote to continue these spendthrift policies.



John Shearl

"As appointed commissioner and then as an elected commissioner, (to my knowledge) my opponent has not voted against any spending measures since his time as a county commissioner. The budget has increased and county borrowing has continued on the back of the taxpayers when a lot of our citizens are struggling to pay their own bills. **I completely disagree with this philosophy.**"

John Shearl - The Macon County News - March 20, 2014

Commissioners **HAVEN (R)** and **HIGDON (R)** have consistently voted **AGAINST** excessive spending and support John Shearl's candidacy.

Will Your Property Taxes Go Up?

- Over half the money Macon County spends in the general fund comes from property taxes.
- The County's "piggy bank" is nearly empty. How will Beale, Tate, and Corbin continue to support their spending habit without raising property taxes?
- **It is VERY IMPORTANT that Republican and Unaffiliated (Independent) voters turn out for the May 6 primary.** This election will have a **HUGE** impact on the direction Macon County takes in the future.

To Spend or Not to Spend - It's YOUR Choice!

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MGC honors local members, Ann & Luther Turner



The Mountain Garden Club (MGC) recently bestowed Honorary Memberships on Ann and Luther Turner. Their energy and assistance are invaluable to the success of the annual MGC Plant Sale. Luther is the club's first male member in its 35 year history. MGC thanks Ann and Luther for their dedication. Please mark your calendars for this year's MGC Plant Sale, Saturday, May 24 from 9 a.m. - noon.

Photo by Wanda Klodosky.

Join us this Easter celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Highlands United Methodist Church 315 Main Street with Pastors Paul Christy & Beth Bowser

April 17

Maundy Thursday Service at 5 pm

April 18

Good Friday Service at 5pm

April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:15 am – Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

Join us and other churches at the amphitheater at the Nature Center.
(If rain, at the Episcopal Church)

- Worship Services / The Living Cross

Join us as we celebrate at **8:30, 9:09 and 10:50 am**

Bring a flower to place on the outside living cross before each service.

- 9:45 am – Easter Coffee Break

Bring a coffee cake, muffins, bagels, croissants or danish to share as we have fellowship time together

- 10 am – Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Storytime

The children will be off to hunt eggs immediately after breakfast.

For more information, please call 828-526-3376

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Grace that Saves



Sam Forrester
Pastor
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“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Galatians 1:3-4

Paul was upset with these Galatians. They were listening to a group of false teachers and were confused and disturbed. They were not sure who was right, their peace was shattered. But even more dangerous, their confidence in grace was injured.

The grace Paul speaks of is God's spontaneous unmerited favor. This grace is the giving of his loving kindness, the bestowing of salvation on a bunch of guilt-laden sinners who come to him for rescue. This grace is that part of God's wonderful character from which comes the canceling of sins, the remitting of penalties and even the adoption of sinners as sons. This wonderful grace is the faucet through which the peace of God flows into the lives of his people.

Peace is the state of reconciliation with God. It is the inner conviction that all is well with your soul. It is the great blessing of Jesus Christ. He gave it to his people through his atoning sacrifice. John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” This peace passes all understanding. You cannot comprehend it, unless you have first been given grace.

When grace comes, Paul says in Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Peace is not some beautiful picture where everything looks so calm and tranquil. It is a place of strength and might. It is like the great cliff with its cave. Like the foreboding

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Holy Family Lutheran Church Easter Service

10:30 a.m. - Communion

10 a.m. – Fellowship and Egg Hunt

2152 Dillard Road (across from Longs Storage)

Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP • John 3:16

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Sun.: Chirstian Education, 9 a.m.(Bucks in Cashiers)

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Wed.: Men's Bible Study -8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church

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Sundays: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11

Wednesdays -7 p.m.

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10:30am: Middle & High School; 10:45am: Children's

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10: 45am: Worship Service

Wed.: 5pm Dinner (\$7 adult, \$2 child), 6pm CBC

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Thursdays: Holy Eucharist, (chapel), 10 am

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Dr. Mark Ford, Pastor

220 Main Street, Highlands NC 28741

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Sun.: Worship 10:45 am; Sun.: Bible Study 9:30 am

Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 am; Prayer Meeting 6:15

pm; Choir 5 pm

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Wednesdays: Choir: 7

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Bible Study 6p

Wed. Kidsquest 6p.; Worship 7p.

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Randy Reed, Pastor

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Sundays: Worship: 11

HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Dan Robinson

670 N. 4th Street (next to the Highlands Civic Center)

Sun.: Morning Worship 10:45 a., Evening Worship, 6:30 p.

Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376

Sun: School 9:45a.; Worship 9:09 & 10:50.; Youth 5:30 p.

Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15: children, youth, & adults

studies; 6:15: Adult choir (nursery provided)

Thurs: 12:30: Women's Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH: ELCA

Chaplain Margaret Howell

2152 Dillard Road: 526-9741

Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group 9:30

a.m.; Worship/Communion: 10:30

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Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg.: 7 p.m.

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Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth: 7 p.m.

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old laundromat space, previously used to store and pack coffee beans, will become a public space with access from both inside the store and from the sidewalk.

"We aren't expanding to generate more business per se, but rather to accommodate the business we already have," he said.

The wood-fire pizza oven and the coffee roaster will be

moved next door to join a full-service bakery for which a Master Baker has been hired. The area in the center of the store that used to house the coffee roaster will now be a coffee station where customers can order coffee on one side and pick up pre-made sandwiches on the other side. Fields said they plan to have about six seats around the coffee/deli configuration.

Concerning the bakery, Fields said Mountain Fresh Grocery will be the bakery's biggest customer. "The business model suggests that just by supplying the baked goods we need for our food service operation, this will work," he said.

Customers can also buy fresh baked goods to take out or to eat in on that side of the store where a few seats will be available.

— Kim Lewicki

PAC Youth Theater- First Impression

By Tiffany Preda

I am in the 9th grade and I go to Highlands School. This year I decided to audition for a play and I couldn't have imagined it turning out any better.

The first impression always stays with you. My first impression of acting, let alone acting with this group of people, was absolutely flawless. From the first day of auditions, I knew it would be amazing to be a part of something so special.

For auditions we were asked to prepare a monologue. After I found one, the first thing I did was perform it in front of my Dad. He ended up giving me some advice I now live by "You have to act, not just read. You have to be your character if you want to be amazing." The next day at auditions, I was my character; and this landed me the role of Beth in the play "Little Women." The first day of rehearsal, I was terrified and nervous about acting with people I'd never met. I was also anxious to see how rehearsal would go. It turns out I was nervous for no reason. The girls

were wonderful and extremely nice. I am lucky to be working with a very talented and experienced group of people. I am a newcomer, so being around people like this has taught me a lot. And I am continuing to learn from everybody every day. Just by seeing the way other people act has given me confidence, and I realized that I love acting. I love portraying characters and working with new people.

I am very happy to be here, doing what I love and being with a group of people I adore.



"Little Women" runs April 24-27 at PAC on Chestnut Street. 7:30p and 2:30p on Sunday. Call 526-9047 for tickets.

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Negotiations Involve Compromise

When it comes to buying and selling property it is important to remember that negotiations involve compromise. When a seller draws a hard line in the sand it shows an unwillingness to want to sell and when a buyer holds firm we question how much he wants to buy a particular property.



Lynn Kimball
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For success, it is essential to separate emotions from the negotiations in order for both parties to have the opportunity to win.

Recent economic reports indicate that real estate sales are on the increase, especially since mortgage interest rates are still very low. While the areas where most of our buyers come from are booming, it still is a "buyer's market" in our area, as there is still too much inventory and not enough buyers.

Although our market prices are at an all-time low, at least it is stabilizing. Given time we should see improvement, but we don't yet know how long this will take.

Although there were more buyers in the past year, they came with high expectations of low prices. With over 499 residential/condo and 240 vacant land listings in Highlands, there have been 170 residential/condo sales and 20 land sales over the past 12

months. (statistics from the Highlands-Cashiers Multiple Listing Service). As a property owner, the market dictates that unless you are willing to sell at these current all-time low prices, then you are in a holding pattern of waiting to sell. During the first four years of the recession, I suggested

to sellers to wait until the market improved. After a few years, I have realized that many sellers are tired of waiting, mostly for personal reasons. The ones who have considerably lowered their prices or have initially listed based on current comparable sales have a much better chance to sell. If you decide for whatever your reasons that it is time to sell, it is important to realize the value of a buyer. If you were buying right now, wouldn't you want the best deal you could find? You can consider it an honor when your property has attracted one of the few buyers who have such a large variety of properties to choose from. In all my years of experience, I have found that the best time to sell is when you have a buyer.

For today's buyer, a little sensitivity goes a long way. If the timing is important for them to sell, it can also be an emotionally draining experience. Instead of add-

ing insult to injury, try allowing a seller to maintain some dignity. For instance, if a home is being sold furnished, allow the owner some leeway with items they'd like to keep. Give them some flexibility with moving dates. Don't pick apart the home inspection asking for insignificant repairs. Put your-

self in their place. Kindness goes a long way.

If you are a buyer or seller and find yourself dealing with a difficult personality in a sales transaction, keep your eye on the prize. The truth is, each needs the other in order to accomplish their goals. When a person acts mean spirited

or inflexible, it is usually a result of fear that someone is taking advantage of them. In this day and time when most of us have been rattled by the effects of the economy, some understanding and compassion goes a long way.

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• REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOTS •

The Ultimate Lake Cottage



Situated on a wooded lot with a winter view of Lake Sequoyah, this cozy and very chic 3BR/3BA mountain cottage is a delight. The main level features a charming master suite; a well-designed, open kitchen, dining and living space with a fireplace; vaulted ceilings; and easy flow to the covered porch. Lower level offers additional bedrooms and fun living space. \$328,000, MLS #79157. Contact Susie deVille at (828) 371-2079.

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Quality built family home on over an acre of low maintenance property. 2 master suites, plus a guest room, 3.5 baths, wrap-around deck, handicap accessible, Open plan with fireplace, granite kitchen counters, and loads of charm. Offered at \$495,000. mls #78752



One bed/one bath home just a couple miles from town. Sunroom opens to a deck off the back of the house with access to a fenced, level yard. Priced to sell at \$140,000. mls #78790



Great home with screened and open porches. 3BD/2BA on the main level. 2 car garage. Family room with fireplace and office with full bath. Main level features great room with fireplace, custom kitchen and split bedroom plan. \$695,000. mls #78918



4BD/2BA rustic family cabin walking distance to town. Has older home quirkiness and great charm. Updated kitchen and great covered porch. Large private lot, small stream. Offered at \$489,000. mls #79147



3BD/2BA easy living in good condition. This one level home with 2 car garage is located in a quiet neighborhood with community pond, tennis courts and picnic area. Offered at \$335,000. mls #78785



Old Edwards Club. Get in on the ground floor with the best buy at Turning Leaf! 3BD/3BA. Quality finishes with screen porch with gas fireplace. Living room with fireplace, high ceilings, almost new. Spectacular view of the golfcourse, lake, and mountains. A great value at \$398,000! Owner wants an offer! mls #78862



Highlands Manor. 3BD/2BA. Upgraded with cathedral ceilings. Upper level unit. Easy walk to downtown access. Offered at \$375,000



Immaculate Log Home on 3.5 acre private setting in Rocky Knob, surrounded by National Forest. 3BD/3BA, vaulted ceilings, massive great room, with fireplace, dining area and large kitchen. Decks and porches wrap around 3 sides. Lots of extra features. \$499,000. mls #78885



Cabin on the Atlanta side of Highlands. Bedroom wing design with master and guest bedrooms on main level. Living room, kitchen, and dining in a great room. design. Lower level has recreation room, laundry and guestroom/storage. Large deck Offered at \$210,000. mls #78847



One level, 3BD/3BA with end of the road privacy. One of the most popular plans in HFCC, this home has additional office/reading area. Huge porch and decks with winter view. Large 2 car garage. 2 water features. Offered at \$545,000. mls #78544



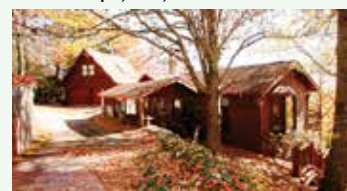
3 bedroom, 1-1/2 BATH. Great starter home or quiet getaway. Needs some TLC. Offered at \$199,000. MLS #74462



5BD/3BA. Main level with master bedroom and bath on one side with living room/dining room and kitchen in between and 2 additional bedrooms with bath and laundry on the other side. 2BD and bath downstairs. Lake and mountain view. Offered at \$297,000. mls #78947



Located on its own private pond. Great living floor plan that features a custom kitchen. Formal dining room off living room, Master bedroom with en-suite bath. Upstairs has 3BD/2BA and a huge family room with morning kitchen. Three car garage, a huge stone patio. Offered at \$1,350,000. mls #78850



This 3BD/2BA plus a guest apartment over the garage. This wonderful home is located on popular Big Bear Pen Mountain and has one of the most spectacular views in this area Bar None! Offered at \$865,000. mls #76888



Great In town location. Excellent rental potential for wedding parties and family reunions. Split floor plan excellent for two family vacations. New kitchen appliances. Outdoor campfire pit. \$489,000. mls #69499



End of street privacy. 3BD/3BA home that features an open great room concept with covered screened porch and open deck. Views of the mountain, golf course and lake at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Excellent condition and move in ready at a great price. Offered at \$620,000. mls #78697



Historic home built around 1940 and sits on 5 acres of terraced gardens with stunning views of Blue Valley, Rabun Bald, and SC and GA. Dwelling features a sunny environment with large windows.. Main floor bedroom and bath with 2 guest bedrooms upstairs. Garage. Additional View lots possible. Offered at \$1,200,000. mls #78884



Great cabin off Turtle Pond Road completely renovated 2BD/2BA, fireplace. Beautiful cook's kitchen! Large lot with outbuilding and slab for a garage or carport. Offered at \$625,000. mls #77288



Gardeners paradise on in the Flat Mountain area. 3 plus bedrooms 3 1/2 baths. 2 car garage. Cedar interior, spacious kitchen, airy mountain contemporary feel. Huge porch for outdoor living. Offered at \$599,000. mls #73859

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castle with its mighty ramparts. It is a secure hiding place. Like the wings of the mother hen. When the storm comes she gathers her chicks under her wings and takes the full fury of the storm to keep them safe. She gives them security. She gives them peace and so God hides his children under his mighty wings of grace and peace.

The origin of grace and peace is God. Paul's explanation is interesting. He says "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." The word "our" is the important word. Paul has not written these people off as Christians. He still holds, he delivered to them the true gospel and they accepted it. He knows they are confused and only need to be counseled to be brought back to the truth. He adds to this "and the Lord Jesus Christ." He adds this, for it is by the merits of Jesus, this One who is Lord, master-owner-conqueror, this Jesus, Savior, this Christ, the Anointed One, the office bearer that because of this three fold anointing as prophet, priest and king is able to save to the uttermost all who draw

near to God through him. The purpose of his writing this letter is to reestablish those who are Christ's into a proper understanding of this glorious gospel of grace.

Paul, then, makes it clear how this grace comes to the believer. In verse 4, he adds "...who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age." Grace, salvation of the soul, can only come through Jesus Christ. To add to the works of Christ, other requirements for salvation, is to destroy the heart of the gospel. It is to remove the great act of Christ's self surrender. Christ surrendered himself to sorrow, pain, ridicule and the curse of eternal death. He did this throughout his earthly life. We see it clearest in the last days of his life from Gethsemane to Calvary. He laid down his life for his lost sheep. John 10:11,17,18 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. . . . The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from

my Father." He does all of this, motivated by love, incomprehensible, unbelievable love. He does it to deliver you from the many ways in which you miss the mark of his glory, be it in thought, word or deed. It is only through the work of Jesus Christ that you can be saved. It is not because of something in you that salvation has come. Jesus Christ came to fulfill all the requirements of the law on behalf of his people. All men are in slavery to sin, in bondage to the powers of darkness. Jesus Christ came to deliver men from this slavery, from this bondage. Christ has given himself to rescue you from this present evil age. You have no right to such a gift because of your sin. The only One worthy of this is the One who rescued you from eternal death. He did that, by taking your sin upon him-

self and giving you his perfect life. Herein, is what the Galatians were struggling with because of the false teachers in their midst.

Salvation is given through Jesus Christ to everyone who will open their ears and hear and their hearts and believe. This is the work of God's unmerited favor. He does not give this grace to anyone based on who they are, what they have or what they will have. It comes from, as Ephesians 1:5 says, according to "his pleasure and will." The message of this glorious grace is in the world today. Please, hear it and believe, for it is only through faith (belief in Jesus) that grace can change your life. That it will give you confidence in your salvation.

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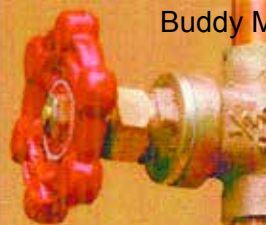
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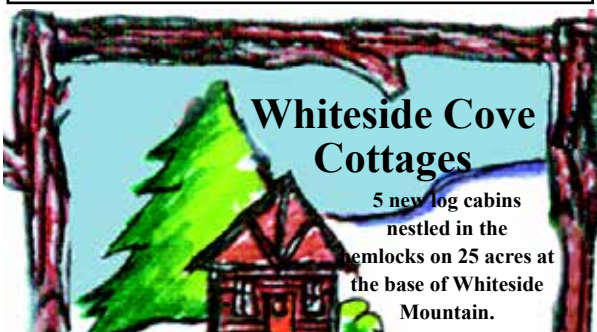
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Highlands PD log entries from March 24. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

March 24

• At 3:11 p.m., Nicholas Shane Thomas, 28, of Highlands, was arrested for shoplifting. A \$2,000 unsecured bond was issued. His trial date was April 10.

April 3

• At 6:07 p.m., an incidence of trespassing was reported by a residence on Spruce Street where someone was camping on the deck.

April 5

• At 9:35 a.m., Isaias Ramirez, 45, of Franklin, was arrested for driving with a revoked license. He is being held at the MC Detention Center. His trial date is May 28.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from April 2.

April 4

• At 8:06 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at Chestnut Hill due to a system malfunction.

April 8

• At 5:51 p.m., the dept. responded to a false fire alarm at

a residence on Bowery Road.

April 9

• At 3:33 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Jackson County on a structure fire on Morton Road.

• At 7:57 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106. EMS transported to the hospital.

• At 11:12 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at Chestnut Hill due to a system malfunction.

April 11

• At 6:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about smoke at a residence on Oak Street.

April 12

• At 3:57 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Edwards Creek.

April 13

• At 11:42 a.m., the dept. responded to a medical alarm at a residence on Sassafras Gap Road.

• 8:32 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street.

• At 11:48 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Queen Mountain.

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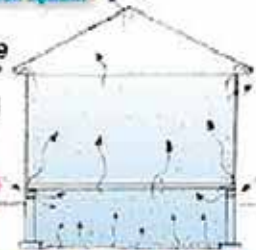
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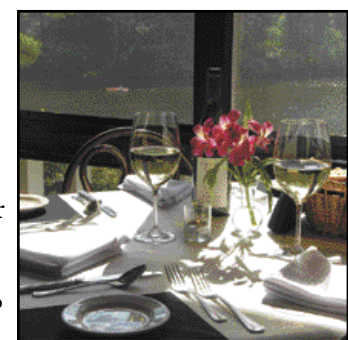
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