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• At Shakespeare & Co. at 3pm an informal discussion on T.V. Reynolds and his book "High Lands: Stories of the Carolina Mountains" Free and open to the public.

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Fri., Aug. 29

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Sat., Aug. 30

• At Highlands Playhouse, Randall Atcheson in concert for the Highlands Literacy Council. Champagne reception, 3-4p and concert from 4-6p. General Admission \$50. Call the playhouse for tickets at 526-2695.

• Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Andrew Scotchie and The River Rats.

Mon., Sept. 1

• Live Birds of Prey at Cliffside Lake at 11 a.m., \$4 per vehicle. No pets. Arrive 15 minutes prior to show. No pets.

Fracking discussed at August meetings

By Brittany Burns and Kim Lewicki

When the conversation about hydraulic fracturing was first started in North Carolina, experts identified portions of the Pied-

mont as hot spots for the practice. But not long after the state legislation lifted the moratorium on the experimental search for natural gas, officials set their eyes on the mountains of western North

Carolina as a potential site for exploratory fracking. Not long after WNC counties were added to the list of potential areas, opposition from local residents surfaced.

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Those who have made Kelsey-Hutchinson Park a reality gathered at a dedication last Saturday. Pictured from left: Nick Bazan, Mayor Pat Taylor, pastor Don Mullen, U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows, MC Commissioner Ronnie Beale, benefactor Art Williams of OEI and Landscape Architect Hank Ross.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

Finally, Kelsey-Hutchinson Park is a go!

The Town Board and Appearance Commission gave their official OK and if the turnout at the dedication of Kelsey-Hutchin-

son Park this past Saturday is any indication, the public is ready for the park to finally become a reality in all its glory.

Speakers included U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows, of Highlands, who played a major role in help-

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Town projects and more

Two citizens outraged over Verizon extension on Big Bear Pen tower

At a Town Board meeting that lasted a little over three hours last Thursday night, commissioners discussed upcoming infrastructure projects and potential new construction projects.

New Fire Substation

A group of homeowner associations located on the Jackson County side of the fire district have purchased property at Cherrywood Drive and US 64 east to build a fire substation which will house two fire trucks and be manned by the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept.

Having a substation in the vicinity will dramatically cut the cost of fire insurance premiums for homeowners outside the 5-mile fire district. The groups who are footing the bill at no cost to the town are the Cullasaja Club, Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, the Cowee Mountain Home Owners Assn., Cowee Ridge Assn., Wildwood Mountain Home Owner's Assn., Wild-

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Military fly overs are about training



Tuesday evening, August 19, two helicopters flew over Highlands at a low altitude. I was having dinner, and while I heard them for a brief moment, I did not see them.

A few minutes later, I took a call on my cell phone from a resident who was asking about the flyover, and what I planned to do about it as mayor. My response to the resident was that I thought of it as an infrequent and isolated incident that required no action on my part. That was not a satisfactory response in the caller's estimation. I was informed that it was my duty as mayor to find out what happened, report it to the public, and then contact authorities, including the governor, to let them know this flyover was unacceptable.

I responded that if the choppers were military, I had no authority as mayor of Highlands to tell the US military where they could not fly. I went on to explain the army and air force both train in Western Carolina and occasionally a helicopter or C-130 will fly over the town, but I had not heard one in a while. The next day I learned these choppers were in fact military.

My position is that we will have training flights from time to time pass over our tranquil town. But, I know of no town in America that has the right to impose a no fly zone for military aircraft. If these flights became chronic on a daily or weekly basis, as mayor I would voice my concern about how constant flights and noise hurt our hospitality efforts.

On the other hand, I am a proud US Army veteran who appreciates what our military men and women do for our country. The helicopter crews could have been training for deployment overseas. The crewmen may already be veterans of the conflicts in the Middle East. With that said, if these servicemen need to train in our region and may inconvenience us for a minute or so, I think we should understand. Those chopper crews could be in harm's way overseas at any moment.

By the way, we live in an area designated as a Military Special Operations Area called Snowbird. The US military

has trained here for decades. They have standing federal authorization to conduct training exercises in Western Carolina.

As for this incident, the helicopters were from the Georgia National Guard. They were working with the Rabun County Georgia Sheriffs Department in a drug interdiction sweep. They were probably doing a low flying sweep over northern Rabun County and made a turn around maneuver that took them over Highlands.

My father-in-law, retired air force colonel Buck Trott, told me that for pilots flying over mountains covered with vegetation it could be difficult to see a small village like Highlands until they were directly over it. Buck said he would be happy to talk with anyone about this issue, since he used to conduct training missions over this area.

God bless members of our military and keep them safe, whether they be in combat on distant shores or training over our beautiful land.

Phone directory is fine

Dear Editor,

Referring to the letter in last week's edition about telephone directories, I don't know where Mrs. Nelson lives, but I, personally have a very nice telephone book provided by Frontier, with 66 pages of residential names and phone numbers in addition to the business listings Mrs. Nelson mentions.

Maybe she should try calling her carrier at 800-888-8448 to order a copy of this phone book before slamming them in her letter.

And, by the way, I am not even a Frontier customer but enjoy their book since my cable company does not provide one.

**Ann Anderson Urbanski
Highlands**

P.S. To order a phone directory, call Frontier Communications at 1-800-888-8448.

Fracking isn't OK

Dear Editor,

In answer to Mr. Drummond's letter in

the Aug. 14 edition, I would like to make a few observations.

He says the people opposing fracking are using scare tactics. The facts are frightening enough. I do not know of any organization who are opposing fracking, as he says. I do know the oil and gas companies are proposing it.

He also states that fracking has been going on for years and why all the opposition now. The answer to that is simple – it has just been passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina. He also states that the opposition is because of environmental (green energy) proponents. This is a patently false statement. The opposition is because of the proven dangers to the health and welfare of the people of North Carolina.

Two professors, Robert Jackson and Avner Vengosh, of Duke University, did a study in Pennsylvania and New York State where fracking was being done. In 2011 they tested the water in private wells and found the water was contaminated with high levels of methane. The oil and gas companies denied their results so they did the tests again in 2013 with the same results. They found a river contaminated with radioactive material coming from the discharge from drilling. They also state that North Carolina would be more dangerous because the shale layers are closer to the water table.

The State is to begin testing for carbons in Western North Carolina in the near future. Senator Davis said on television that there would be no drilling in Western North Carolina, only in Central and Eastern areas. Does this mean that it is alright to poison people there, just not in his district. So far as I know, Davis contacted no one in his district before co-sponsoring the fracking bill. It was done with no discussion and allowing no amendments. It is also against the law to publicize any material they use in the fracking process. In the lawsuit in Pennsylvania it was proven that they had used cancer causing materials.

Mr. Drummond said that accidents happen. The time to stop this practice is now, before the accidents happen.

**Clayton Ramsey
Franklin**

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What if?

Dear Editor,

What if you're a police officer in the heartland of America and have a clean and sterling record for fairness and objectivity. And what if circumstances beyond your control force you into a confrontation with a young black man large enough to play linebacker for NFL? And what if this 270 lb. six-foot four black man with a history of violence fits the description of a strong armed robbery suspect that has just occurred? Would you take action?

Would you, as a police officer, be required under the law to take action?

And what if, during the course of your action, the black man overpowers you and hits you so hard, it breaks your eye socket, blurring your vision. What would you do? And what if this very strong young man continues to hit you so hard, you are in fear of your life. Would you pull your fire-arm and shoot him in order to save your life and make him stop hitting you?

And what if, in defense of your life, you kill the black man and the President of the United States and the Attorney General of the United States, both black men

and the most powerful men in our country, come out against you, condemning you for your actions and call for justice and your arrest. What would you do? Where would you run? Where would you hide?

And what if the governor of your state where you enforce the law joins with the President, the Attorney General, several black organizations and most all of the main stream media in calling for your arrest, what would you do? Where does a police officer run to when such awesome powers are against him?

Is this what America has become? Are we now a racist nation? Is this what happens to lowly police officers trying to enforce the law and keep Americans safe from criminals? Have we forgotten that police officers are our last line of defense between us and the criminals? And finally, what if the officer had killed a white man? Would there be such fury?

I think I'm going to be sick!

Fred Wooldridge
Highlands, NC

Retired Miami Beach Police Major

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ing acquire the park, Highlands Mayor Patrick Taylor, Art and Angela Williams who donated the bulk of the money for the infrastructure about to be added to the park, Nick Bazan with the Founders Park Coalition who was master of ceremonies and former mayor and pastor Dr. Donald C. Mullen who gave the invocation.

By now the plans for the one-third acre park have been given the once over at least three times with the general layout, design and purpose of the park agreed upon by all with minor tweaking.

At the Thursday, Aug. 21 Town Board meeting, commissioners expressed concern about the children's water feature which will be next to the entrance/bathroom pavilion near the corner of Fifth and Pine streets, the raised area planned on Pine Street from the edge of Fifth Street to the edge of the Bank of America property, and the load upon the stormwater infrastructure beneath the park.

Commissioner John Dotson expressed concern about the potential overuse of water in the interactive fountain area by children who could possibly fabricate a way to keep the water running. He was also concerned about there being too much grass protruding onto Pine Street.

Ross, who has worked on the park design for years, said the power mecha-

nism for the 10-ft diameter fountain with four or five jets with rock seating along the perimeter could be on a timer, or be a button situated away from "little hands." All that could be worked out, he said.

He also said the 27 parking spots will be 40% grass which will help to visibly pull the two sides of the park – now bisected by Pine Street – together to create a sense of place. The portion of Pine Street within the parameters of the park will be raised to meet the sidewalk and grass area across from the Macon Bank side so it will be one level area without tripping hazards.

Though commissioners expressed concern about vehicle access across that portion of the street, Ross said the ends of the raised area would be gradual and though it will not hinder vehicle ingress and egress, it will slow traffic down which is a good thing in a park area.

The "X," which designates the point where legend says Samuel Truman Kelsey and Clinton Carter Hutchinson determined Highlands to be – where the two lines from Chicago to Savannah and from New Orleans to New York bisected – will be concrete pavers level with the grass with stone seats at each end. A rock engraved with Highlands, NC will be set at the center.

A paver walkway will also serpen-

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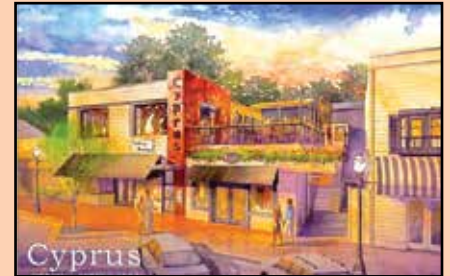
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tine around the park to access chess and checker tables, picnic tables, and seating areas. The park will be landscaped – with the help of the Audubon Society and a garden club – with hardy native plants and

trees as well as heirloom apple trees made famous in Highlands by Kelsey.

Architect Paul Schmitt answered questions about the two buildings and concerns about the load on the stormwater infra-

structure below the park.

Only one western corner of the main pavilion – to be set toward the back and center of the park – will sit on a part of the stormwater infrastructure whose load-bearing capacity is 2,000 pounds per sq. ft. Schmitt said that corner load is only

1,000 pounds per sq. ft., so there won't be any chance of damage. If the town ever needs to get to that specific portion of the stormwater infrastructure, that part of the pavilion would be compromised. All other elements in the park sitting over

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After watching this stupid, stupid program on the History channel about an average American family trying to exist after surviving the final "good over evil" battle, I came to realize something. The li'l missus and I aren't going to make it! And that's not a bad thing, especially if you believe there's life after death as we do.

But for reasons I don't fully understand, thousands upon thousands of



Fred Wooldridge

Americans are wadding their shorts about their personal survival. I say, "Relax, you're not going to make it anyway." It only takes another survivor with one bullet who pulls the trigger first. The skit I watched about Armageddon was outrageous. They tossed in some theatrics when the family stopped to give aid to an injured person who later came to their rescue when it was needed most. That's Hollywood theatrics at its best. When faced with certain death, it's everyone for himself. Shoot your neighbor before he shoots you!

An example of this Armageddon thingy was vividly pointed out to me when the li'l missus and I walked into a Gander Mountain Emporium just before coming to Highlands. We wanted to grab a bite to eat and buy some .223 mm steel jacketed bullets for my illegal fully automatic M16 Armageddon assault rifle. The salesman

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With towns and counties such as Swain, Sylva, and Franklin passing resolutions against fracking and Highlands crafting a letter outlining concerns, residents filled the Macon County courthouse during August's commission meeting to bring the conversation to the county level.

By definition, fracking is the process of extracting natural gas from shale rock layers deep within the earth. Fracking makes it possible to extract natural gas from shale in areas once unreachable with conventional

technologies. Both horizontal and vertical drills are sent thousands of feet below the surface to hunt for such deposits.

North Carolina Senator Jim Davis was a co-sponsor of the bill that paved the way for fracking in the state, but says the practice will not reach western North Carolina. "I think it is highly unlikely that fracking will occur in this part of the state," Davis said recently.

Despite assurances from the Senator, on Monday, Aug. 12, the Macon County Commission heard from more than a dozen citizens pleading for the local

board to take a stance against the practice.

"Fracking is a dangerous activity," John Gladden said. "You combine explosive gas, toxic chemicals, and heavy equipment — that's by definition a hazardous activity."

Gladden was followed by residents concerned about the hazardous nature of the practice, and the uncertainty of having their property rights infringed upon.

"What's scary to me as a homeowner is if you don't own the mineral rights on your property, then the fracking industry can come in and access your property," said Larry Stenger.

Although there were more than a dozen opponents willing to speak out against the practice, some residents encouraged the commission to support the state's decision.

"The industry is heavily regulated with strict precautions," Sonya Thompson said. "Shale gas will give us more jobs and more affordable energy."

Don Swanson also discussed the perceived economic benefit and possible job creation fracking could bring to the area. According to Swanson, instead of placing the economic future of the county in a recreation complex and ball fields, commissioners should consider fracking.

Some citizens argued that although the moratorium on the practice was just lifted in the state, the practice of fracking wells in North Carolina has occurred for years and is in fact feasible.

"It's apparent that many people do not know that we've had fracking in North Carolina and in Macon County for many years with no problem," said Gail Chapman. "We already frack the

wells, it is good for employment, the economy, and I'm in favor."

The decision to allow fracking throughout the state was a state decision, and leaves no room for local government input, which is something Commissioner Ronnie Beale said was the most alarming fact about the law.

"Something only a few people talked about tonight is the fact that the way the law is written, local governments have no say whatsoever," said Commissioner Beale. "As far as I know, this is the only time in history something like that has happened. That is something we need to be concerned about."

At the Aug. 21 Highlands Town Board meeting, Mayor Pat Taylor presented his letter to the N.C. Energy and Mining Commission which outlines concerns about the proposed permitting of fracking operations in Western N.C.

"Towns and counties won't be able to stop fracking, but I want to make sure there are rules

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in place to protect the interest of municipalities' water supplies and protect them from contamination," he said.

Taylor said Highlands has a strong tourist and resort economy. To serve its residents and visitors, the town has invested in a substantial public water system which depends on surface water from streams in the immediate area to supply the system.

"These sources originate well beyond the corporate limits of our town. Our Town Board, business leaders and residents are all very concerned that an accident where fracking waste water enters our water supply would have detrimental impact on the economy, as well as the health of our citizens," he said.

The legislation calls for companies that contaminate water sources to pay for damages and reclamation efforts, but Taylor said if a town suffers a contamination breach to its water system, the costs would be immeasurable and possibly irretrievable.

"In addition, there would be a lingering stigma of a compromised water system for years to come. For a community with a strong hospitality and tourist economy, the effects would be disastrous," he said. "For instance, in a municipality that has had long standing residential zones, drilling operations would not be appropriate in these areas. On the other hand,

industrial zones with adequate space and setbacks may be acceptable drilling areas.

Taylor said he knows North Carolina adheres to Dillon's Rules which prevent a municipality from adopting an ordinance that negates State Statute law.

"However, Highlands has had comprehensive zoning guided by a comprehensive land use plan for 40 years. Our citizens and businesses have invested in property based on our plan that permits specific uses in clearly designated zones. I urge the adoption of regulations that will recognize municipal development zones that are grounded in years of established land use policy," he said.

Furthermore, he said municipalities should be informed of any fracking plans.

"Finally, communication with municipalities will be essential as this legislation is implemented," he said. "I urge your commission to develop procedures that will keep local governments informed of any planned drilling operations within their corporate limits or near critical water resources," he wrote.

Commissioner Amy Patterson agreed saying Highlands needs to be informed even if fracking exploration or mining is planned outside the town limits.

"We need to know if it is happening within our drinking water watershed because most of that isn't in the town," she

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said.

Senator Davis said that even though he doesn't believe the practice will reach the mountains, he is certain that a lot of the opposition across the state comes from people not being informed on the matter, which is why he is holding a public information session on September 2 at the Franklin High School Fine Arts Center.

"We are going to have a panel of experts and people will have the opportunity to ask questions," said Davis. "The first 40 minutes of the meeting will be a presentation on what fracking is, because I think people who are most concerned about it are not informed about what it actually is."

Commissioner Paul Higdon spoke out in favor of fracking during the commissioner's meeting but shared the same senti-

ment as Davis regarding the public being as informed and educated on the matter as possible.

Commissioners took no action during the meeting but encouraged residents to attend the September 12 meeting of The Mining and Energy Commission scheduled for 5 p.m. at WCU Bardo Arts Center to express their concerns or support in front of the state board in charge of the practice.

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cat Ridge Home Owners Assn., and the Whiteside Mountain Road Assn.

The town will be responsible for utilities and building maintenance which will be paid for with fire tax money.

Two of the department's four trucks will be stationed there. There are 28 volunteers in the department and by law the main station must have 20 volunteers and the substation must have eight, so guidelines have been met. An agreement between the homeowners' attorney and the town will be presented at the Sept. 18 Town Board meeting.

Culvert Replacement

Bryson Grading and Paving was awarded the Mill Creek culvert replacement job at creek crossings on Fifth, Laurel and Spruce streets.

The town was awarded \$666,000 from state agencies and after engineering and design costs has about \$525,000 left. Two of the three bids were over the allotted amount; Bryson's came in at \$455,000.

Commissioners voted unanimously to award the bid to Bryson but Commissioner Amy Patterson said since the com-

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pany has never done work like this before and doesn't have a lot of experience in this particular area, the town needs to keep an eye on the job and make sure it is done correctly.

"It's not our money but we have to be sure this is done correctly," she said.

The numerous circular culverts under each crossing will be replaced with one large square culvert each.

New Intake Project

Mike Waresak from McGill and Associates discussed the timeline for the Lake Sequoyah Project.

Bids will be opened Sept. 4 and awarded at the September Town Board meeting. The lake will be drained starting early October and continue through Feb. 2015 and intake and dam work will coincide with the draining. Waresak said weather may affect the draining and construction schedule.

The raw water main line, which will require one lane of US 64 west to be closed, will be laid Dec. 2014-Feb. 2015.

The lake will be refilled by Feb. 2015. The building for the equipment can be constructed Feb. 2015-June 2015 and then US 64 west will be paved in May or June.

The intake pump station will start up July through Aug. 2015 with the entire job completed, weather permitting, Oct. 2015.

Once the lake is drained, property owners on the lake – not general citizens – may manually remove debris, minor sediment, and even mechanically remove debris and sediment for maintenance purposes (not excavation) as long as the equipment used is set above the normal lake elevation with the bucket reaching out into the lake.

All this can be done by property owners without a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Permits are necessary for new excavation, new fill, new piers, new docks and sediment or debris removal by mechanical means when equipment is set below the normal lake elevation.

New Ball Park Facility


Jeff Weller of Summit Architects presented a plan to build a new ball park pavilion with bathrooms, a concession stand, dugouts and seating areas.

Since it wasn't included in the 2014-'15 budget, Town Manager Bob Frye suggested bidding out the project to see how much it would cost in case there are offsetting funds from the Founders Park Coalition.

Cell Tower Expansion



Commissioners voted unanimously to extend the 80-ft. Big Bearpen Tower on town property at the water tank by 20

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Tuesdays

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

Tues. & Thurs.

• Aerobics at the Rec Park with Tina Rogers 5:15. \$5.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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• Zumba at the Rec Park at 9:05a. \$5.

1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

• General Audience Movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

Thursdays beg. Sept. 4

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

Thursdays

• Highlands Writer's Group

meets every Thursday from 1-3:30 pm at Hudson Library. Writers of all genres welcome. For info call 526-8009 or 526-2295.

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

• Free wine tastings from 5-7p at MountainTop Wine Shoppe.

2nd Thursdays

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

Fri.-Sun.

• Hal Phillips on the piano at Skyline Lodge during dinner and Sunday brunch.

Fri. & Sat.

• The Historical Society Museum is open.

Saturdays

• The Farmers Market, 9a-1p in K-H Park. Organic vegetables, eggs, honey, cheeses. home-made food and hand-made items. For information call 482-0555 Maxine Davidoff.

• Cashiers Local Farmers tailgate market through October at the

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Thurs.-Sun. Aug. 28-31

• HCP presents "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers: at the Highlands Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 828-526-8084.

Thurs., Aug. 28

• At Shakespeare & Co. at 3pm an informal discussion on T.W. Reynolds and his book "High Lands: Stories of the Carolina Mountains" which was published 50 years ago this summer. Free and open to the public. Donations will go to the Highlands Historical Society.

• At the Hudson Library, author presentation of "Cherokee Little People Were Real" at 4 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 29

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room 11a to noon. Mayor Patrick Taylor and Chief Bill Harrell will discuss the Highlands Police Department. Refreshments provided

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring Mountain Dulcimer Group.

• Bubbles & Big Band at the Highlands Playhouse at 7 p.m. Champagne and all you can eat Low Country Boil. Concert begins at 8 p.m. featuring Asheville Jazz Orchestra. Tickets are \$85 per person and includes dinner and a cash bar. For tickets to the H-C Hospital Foundation fundraiser call 828-526-2695.

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Black and White Dance," Friday night at the Macon County Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:30 to 9 PM. Ace McGee from Anderson, SC will be the caller. Mike McDonald and Debbie McClain from Clayton GA will cue rounds and lines. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 30 & 31

• Cashiers Arts & Crafts Fair on the Village Green. 10a to 5p both days. A donation of \$3-\$5 per adult is encouraged. Sponsored by the Cashier Rotary.

Sat., Aug. 30

• At Highlands Playhouse, Randall Atcheson in concert for the Highlands Literacy Council. Champagne reception, 3-4p and concert from 4-6p. General Admission \$50. Call the playhouse for tickets at



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Mon., Sept. 1

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Thurs., Sept. 4

• Macon County Public Health presents "The Bedroom Project" 10a and 6:30p at the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin's Tartan Hall. Adults only, must be 18 or older. Call 349-2426.

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• The Highlands Male Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The chorus will perform songs from The Music Man, Man of LaMancha and Oklahoma. It will also take the audience back to the 50s and 60s with a variety of songs. Advance tickets are \$15. Call PAC at 828-526-9047. They are also available at the door.

Sat., Sept. 6

• This beginner's bird walk will explore Turtle Pond Road in Highlands. Meet in the parking lot behind the Highlands Town Hall near the public restrooms off Highway 64 at 7:30 am to carpool. The Franklin Bird Club will be joining HPAS and will meet at Bi-Lo parking area at 7:30 am to carpool from Franklin. Binoculars will be available. For more information, visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org.

• Highlands Nature Center is looking for children ages 9 to 14 to participate in a student volunteer docent program on some Saturdays during the fall season. Students will learn about regional plants and wildlife and the Nature Center's related exhibits, and to communicate this information to visitors as a museum interpretive guide. Interested students (with parent) should come to the Nature Center for an orientation meeting 1-3 pm for further details. To enroll, call Patrick Brannon at 828-526-2623.

Sun.-Wed., Sept 7-10

• Shortoff Baptist Church Community Crusade/Revival 7PM each night. Everyone is welcome, so come out to Shortoff Baptist Church at the intersection of High-

way 64 and Buck Creek Road and worship and fellowship with us.

Sun., Sept. 7

• Bel Canto performance at PAC followed by dinner at Highlands Country Club. Opera 4 p.m., doors open at 3:30p.

Mon., Sept. 8

• Highlands Plateau Audubon Society in cooperation with the Hudson Library will present a pro-

gram by Dr. Barbara Ballentine, of WCU at 7 pm a Hudson Library. The program is entitled: "Animal Communication: Tales of Sex and Violence from the Swamp." This is free and open to the public. For more information, call 828-743-9670.

• The Highlands Christian Chorus will begin rehearsals for the annual Christmas concerts in the sanctuary of Highlands First Baptist

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Wed., Sept. 10

• At PAC, the Live in HD Series featuring an Encore MET performance of **Otello**. Call 828.526.9047 for info and tickets.

Thurs., Sept. 11

• Rotary Bingo will benefit the Highlands Historical Society Bingo will be from 6:30-8:30p at the Com-

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Fri., Sept 12

• Lunch and Learn at the H-C Hospital. "Estate Planning and Health Care Directives" 11:30a to 1p. Registration is at 11:30a in the ELC Conference Room. Lunch and presentation is at noon in the ELC activities room. Please RSVP Pamela Harris at 828-526-1325.

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3/3 Old Highlands Park, In town luxury first floor condo with private garden and two fireplaces at Harris Lake. \$839,900 MLS# 77670



4/4 elegant Lupoli home in Old Edwards Club, with long range mtn views, elevator and 2 car garage. \$1,395,000 MLS# 80179



Beautifully designed 3 br/4 ba home with a 4 car garage and workshop with guest house above. On the golf course in Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. \$1,200,000. MLS #80110



Outstanding mountain view from the walk-to-town 3br/2.5ba home on Holt Knob. Wonderful deck and lots of glass to enjoy the sweeping views. \$579,000. MLS #78446



3/3 Village Walk in town luxury upper level condo with luxury finishes and vaulted ceiling. \$797,000 MLS# 79900



Koenig Built 2/2 town house style cottage on Atlanta side of Highlands. Builder's home with fabulous finishes. \$450,000 MLS# 80251



Foreclosed property opportunity. Lovely 4br/6.5ba home in Viewpoint. Guest suite over garage, Thermador appliances, wood floors, 2 fireplaces. \$635,000. MLS #80119



Highlands Falls Country Club condo. 2/2 with fabulous view of the golf course! Eat-in kitchen, stone fireplace, 2 porches. \$249,900. MLS# 79399.



Village Walk condo with vaulted ceilings, 2 fireplaces, granite throughout, 3br/3ba, like new. Furnished. \$725,000 MLS#80289



Walk to town cottage with 2/2, fully furnished, cute and cozy \$259,000 MLS# 80142



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Wonderful mountain views from this 3br/3.5ba home close to town. Upscale kitchen and baths, 2 living areas with exceptional stone fireplaces. \$725,000. MLS #80258



4/4 in Highlands Gap offering serenity, natural beauty, long range mtn views and 2 car garage. \$897,000 MLS# 79031



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This 2BR/2BA cottage is in one of Highlands' most desired neighborhoods. Hardwood and tile flooring, stone fireplace, single garage, wrap-around decking, and generator. Professional landscaping highlights the gorgeous pond, waterfall and stream; covered porch and gazebo. Easy walk to The Bascom or to town. Terrific rental history and offered furnished.

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Close to town, in the woods, charming and comfortable 3BD with fireplace in the master bedroom. Owner wants to sell. MLS# 63260, Offered at \$399,000



Craftsman home on 7 acres close to town. Fully furnished. Views and large deck Master and second bedroom on main floor. 2BD and bath on upper level. with studio or family living area Private setting. Tennis court. Priced to sell at \$595,000. mls #79549



On Moon Mountain this 3BD/3BA home has a screened porch with view. Completely furnished. Offered at \$389,000. mls #78606



3BD/2BA one level home with 2-car garage in a quiet neighborhood with community pond, tennis courts and picnic area. Well maintained and move in ready. Offered at \$335,000. mls #78785



Just listed at HCC. Lovely 4BD/4BA home on almost an acre. Near golf course, with private buffer lot. Furnishings are negotiable. Great grounds as well as access by canoe to Lake Sequoyah. Priced well under the tax appraised value, and offered at \$585,000. mls #78368



Highlands Falls Country Club. 5BD/3BA. Living room/dining room and kitchen and laundry. Family room and partial kitchen below. Beautiful lake and mountain view. Offered at \$297,000. mls #78947



Dillard Road. 20 plus acres. Private drive, easy access, 2BD/2BA guest cottage flat building site with a spectacular mountain view of the layers of Blue Valley and beyond. Offered at \$995,000. mls #78135



1BR/2BA historic real log cabin with barn on almost 3.5+/acres. Real stone fireplae, wood floors, tile bath, laundry hookup. Offered at \$325,000. MLS #75551



Laurel Falls at Skyline. Great cottage. Huge wrap around porch. Main floor has 2BD/2BA with open kitchen/great room. Large stone fireplace. Spacious loft upstairs, master bedroom with en-suite bath. Lower level has family room with guest room/sitting area and bath. One car garage. \$575,000. mls #77615



Wonderful starter home. 3BD/2BA open floor plan w/fireplace in the living room. Wood floors in main area that opens onto large covered porch with great mountain views. Southern exposure. Furnishings are negotiable. Offered at \$419,000. mls #77660



Darling 2BD/2BA log cabin on a large private lot on Blackberry Lane. Move in condition. Loft, workshop. Glassed in porch overlooks private wooded area. Room for a workshop downstairs. Offered mostly furnished at \$410,000. mls #76607



Wildwood Charmer. Very cute 2BD/2BA mountain cottage. Large living room with fireplace, kitchen opens to dining room with airy den. Huge deck. 2 car garage. Offered at \$299,000. mls #77235



Highlands Country Club - Breathtaking long-range views atop Sasfras Knob on quiet cul-de-sac. 4BD/4.5BA, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, wet bar, huge deck, dining porch, 2-car garage, poured concrete foundation, loads of storage, and easy care landscaping. Furnishings negotiable. Offered at \$1,150,000. MLS# 74694.



Highlands Country Club. Level with good parking. Main floor is open with walnut floors and a wall of glass that opens onto the large porch with layered views. Kitchen, opens to the living/dining rooms with stone fireplace. Master bedroom with huge bath. 2 car garage. Lower level has 3BD with family room. Offered at \$1,295,000. mls #78070



Large rooms, open plan, great deck, 2 fireplaces and walk to the lake! Main floor 2BD/2BA, lower level family room with fireplace, 1BD/1BA and large workshop. Offered at \$399,900. MLS#69909



The very best unit in Highlands Manor. 3BD/2BA. Totally upgraded with cathedral ceilings. Easy walk to downtown. Offered at \$375,000. mls #79215



Recently reconstructed mountain cabin with separate guest house (1/1) just across the stream. Secluded location on Hicks Rd. near Flat Mountain Rd. Indoor and outdoor stone fireplaces, stainless steel appliances. Stream flows through property. Offered at \$559,000. mls #76809



This 3BD/3BA home at WCCC with open great room with covered screened porch and open deck. Excellent condition and move in ready at a great price. Offered at \$620,000. mls #78697



Whiteside Mountain View. Charming cabin is comfortable and functional with 4BD/3BA. Woodburning fireplace. Walls of glass. Offered at \$885,000. mls #78695

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Today the trend has changed and the reason (and my assumption) is the age bracket of our buyers and a slowing economy. Baby boomers have "been there and done that," as the old saying goes.

They have, and many still do, belonged to the best clubs in the southeast where their primary home is and now with health issues of bad knees, backs, and hips they no longer choose or are able

to swing a club. Hence, the memberships are down in most clubs. Incentives are now made to entice younger members making them affordable. If you want to belong to a club it is a GREAT time to join.

What are buyers looking for these days in Highlands? A walk-to-town location with a house or condo that doesn't need a lot of work. For the most part, we don't have it in our current market.



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In-town Turn Key Gem



\$575,000 • MLS 80187

Renovated & updated, this intown retreat sits atop the special enclave of Little Bear Pen, Cashiers Rd. With 2 lots, multiple range views from every room, this no apology gem demands attention. Wood floors, cathedral ceilings, screened porch, garage, commanding stone fireplace, built-in sound/TV system, open floor plan & upscale Chef's kitchen. 2 independent bdrm/ba suites give coveted privacy. Garden-like setting, beautifully landscaped. Wonderful walking neighborhood with the nicest people!

Beats Money in the Bank or Any Where Else!

Investors don't miss this opportunity to invest in a commercial property on what is becoming Highland's Rodeo Drive! Located on S. 4th Street, within a short block of Main St and within Highlands main business district. Across from Old Edwards Inn, a resort & spa rated as no. 4 in the nation by TripAdvisor. Great street presence with 27.15 ft of road frontage. In pristine condition and leased to a great tenant.



\$418,000 • MLS 80236

Beautifully maintained, lightly updated, this quintessential Highlands cottage has 4 bdrms/two ba, a classic stone fireplace that begs to be lit, large rooms, including the kitchen, that flow beautifully, all in an oasis garden setting that includes grassy space where croquet has been played for years - no white ever allowed! Garage & gardening shed complete the peaceful existence enjoyed from generation to generation. A short walk to Mirror Lake completes the experience of old world Highlands!



\$724,000 • MLS 80237

Real estate investments of this caliber don't come up often in Highlands. Grab it!

Town Place is the latest development and offers gorgeous townhomes with all the bells and whistles and a walk-to-town location. Several homes have been bought in town due to the desirable location and have been torn down allowing a new home/cottage to be built. This is the new trend. Highlands' downtown offers fabulous dining, great shopping, lively bars, galleries, two playhouses and a movie theatre at the Highlands Playhouse. These are now the interest of our buyers.

To some locals and other Highlanders, the purchase of the Edwards property on Harris Lake

that sat in disarray for years was controversial when it was purchased to build a condominium project and other lots were sold for homes. If you drive by today beauty surrounds you, the lake is glistening, the homes are lovely, and the ducks and geese are happy!

A problem does exist with supply and demand and many sellers feel their homes in town are worth more than they are and second homebuyers are not willing to overpay and will rent instead. To have a win-win situation, sellers who have had their homes for many years and want to

sell need to evaluate their goals at this stage in their lives and price to sell. If not they need to do updating to have a more sellable property in the future.

If you have a downtown location and are considering selling I will be glad to do a free marketing analysis for you and guide you with pricing, ideas on updating, and staging tips. This will allow you to make the decision to SELL or NOT. I used to live in a beautiful gated golf community and chose to move to town four years ago...I love being in town and know I made the right choice!

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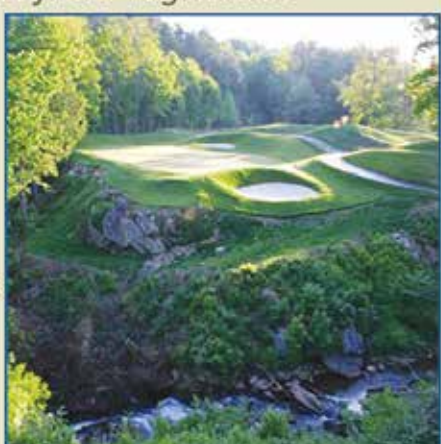


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OEI to begin construction on Cottages on 5th

Old Edwards Hospitality Group announces its newest real estate offering — six private residences on 5th Street in downtown Highlands, NC. The Cottages on 5th will be constructed by John Lupoli Builders, Inc., in the rustic-elegant style of Satulah, Old Edwards Private Residences. This site is an easy walk to all that Highlands has to offer with the Performing Arts Center and the Highlands Biological Station just around the corner plus the start of the Kelsey Trail at the end of the street.

Two available floor plans that were designed by C. Allen Brown AIA, will offer the option of one or two levels. Each plan features three bedrooms with private baths, a covered porch with a woodburning fireplace, and a one-car carport. Finishing touches include wood floors, marble or travertine baths, custom cabinetry, Kohler fixtures, granite surfaces and premium appliances. Each cottage is sited on half an acre among native trees and flora.



On site pictured from left is Realtor Judy Michaud of Meadows Mountain Realty, OEI President and Director, Richard Delany, OEI owner Art Williams and builder John Lupoli of Lupoli Construction.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

The community will be beautifully landscaped and maintained by Tates Landscaping, and like Satulah will be gated. Prices start at \$1,097,000. Five of the six homes have been sold and construction will begin this week with completion set for the fall of 2015.

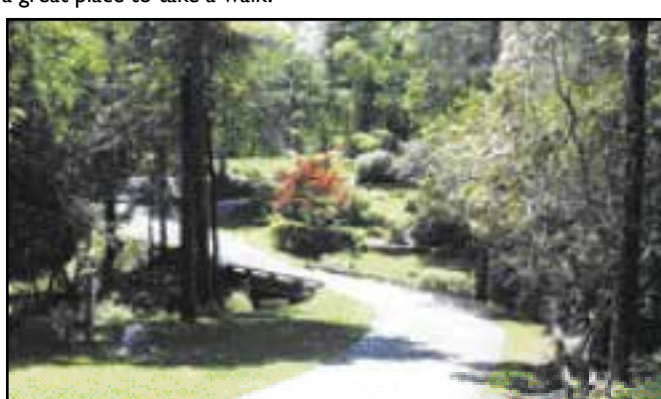
Ownership at Cottages on 5th comes with an Old Edwards Club membership, which includes:

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'The Last of the Red Hot Lovers' on stage Thurs., Aug. 28 through Sun., Aug. 31

"Never have I had so many compliments on a play all my 20 years of directing for HCP," says Virginia Talbot, director of the Highlands Cashiers Players production of Neil Simon's *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*. "The uproarious laughter of the audience in all the right places, their raves about the performances of the four actors in the cast, their appreciation of our set and other elements of production made all those long weeks of rehearsal entirely worthwhile."

Those four actors are Lance Trudel, who plays Barney Cashman, the inexperienced and sometimes bungling "red hot lover;" Jennifer Royce as Elaine, a wise-cracking woman, veteran of many affairs; Adair Simon as the kooky wanna-be night club singer, and Lee Lyons, friend of the family suffering from melancholia which she describes in hilarious detail. Set in the 1960's, Barney, a devoted husband of 23 years, hopes to have one beautiful and satisfying sexual fling during the permissive times of the decade. He arranges three liaisons with the three very different women, but each of his attempts at seduction proves funnier and more frustrating than the last.

But this is Neil Simon, considered by

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feet, plus a 10-foot lightning rod so Verizon Wireless can attach 12 wireless antennas to offer better coverage. This will eliminate the need for a new cell tower in the Highlands area.

Though commissioners agreed to allow the extension, they didn't agree to Verizon's terms of free rent for two years to offset their cost to extend the tower. The rent is \$1,800 a month.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said she would agree to allow

them to build the extension but not to free rent.

"Why should we abate rent for two years?" she asked. "If they had to erect a tower themselves they would be paying for it."

Meanwhile there were two residents from the Big Bearpen area who commandeered the meeting demanding to know why they weren't notified of Verizon's plans.

"No one on the mountain

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Quotes to live by

By Steve Kerhoulas

Pastor, Christ Church of the Valley, Cashiers

For years I have written down meaningful quotes from the books I've read. So instead of writing an article I thought you might enjoy reading a few of my favorite quotes from some really insightful people.

Here's one from Coach John Wooden, who won 10 NCAA championships and during one winning streak defeated 88 teams in a row. In an interview he was asked for his secret to success:

"I made up my mind in 1935 to live by a set of principles, and I never wavered from them. They are based on the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. Principles like courage, and honesty and hard work, character, and loyalty, and virtue and honor, these are what constitute a good life."

Elisabeth Elliot, the missionary whose husband Jim, along with others, was speared to death in South America said:

"God is God. If He is God, He is worthy of my worship and my service. I will find rest nowhere but in His will, and that will is infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably, unspeakably beyond my largest notion of what He is up to."

Speaking about national debt, President Thomas Jefferson said:

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues and public debt as the greatest of dangers to preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt ... the principle of spending money to be paid by future generations, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale."

President J.F. Kennedy said about other Presidents:

"No man who enters upon the office to which I have succeeded can fail to recognize how every President of the U.S. has placed special reliance upon his faith in God. Those who were strongest intellectually were also strongest spiritually."

President John Adams said: "...our constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

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the stormwater infrastructure – pavers, grass – could be easily picked up and replaced if needed.

The main entrance to the park will be through the bathroom pavilion on the east side at the corner of Fifth and Pine streets. The pavilion side of the structure can also be used as a gathering place as can the main pavilion which will have a stage and areas for picnic tables.

The structures will be post and beam sided with board and batten with tin roofs and tapered stone pillars.

Monday night, the Appearance Commission encouraged Ross and Schmitt to include as much subdued lighting as possible for night events and to consider numerous electrical and water outlets throughout the park.

Chairman Thomas Craig said these elements would mean the park could then be easily used by food vendors and other exhibitors who need power and water.

Bids for the park construction will be opened Oct. 3 with work beginning Oct. 14 with a finished target date of April 14.

The Rec Park Committee has suggested the current gazebo be moved to the playground area at the Rec Park so there is a shaded place to sit while watching children. Public Service Administrator Lamar Nix said the gazebo could be moved and set up easily.

- Kim Lewicki

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And lastly something President Abraham Lincoln once said:

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look into the heavens and say there is no God."

I hope you have enjoyed a few of my favorite quotes.

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Highlands Police Log entries from July 20. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

July 20

• At 9:30 p.m., William Rodger Giles, 69, of Augusta, GA, was arrested for assault on a female at a residence on Worley Road.

July 31

• At 4:52 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident in the Mountain Fresh parking lot.

Aug. 1

• At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a burglary with forced entry and vandalism at a home on Big Bearpen Road.

Aug. 3

• At 10:21 a.m., officers provided mutual aid to EMS at the home of a person at Highlands Mountain club.

Aug. 7

• At 6 a.m., officers responded to a call about a female, 94, who had died of natural causes at her home on Cullasaja Drive.

• At 1:25 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the post office parking lot.

• At 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a bear complaint from a resident on Chestnut Run.

Aug. 8

• At 9:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Spring Street.

• At 9:40 p.m., officers received a report of shoplifting at the Farmers Market where a bottle of beer was taken.

Aug. 14

• At 6 p.m., officers responded to a call about someone staying at a home on North Drive without permission.

• At 9:35 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 west.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug. 20

Aug. 20

• At 1:50 p.m., the dept. was called about smoke at a residence at 21 Oak Street.

Aug. 21

• At 3:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

Aug. 22

• At 8:31 p.m., the dept. was called to a residence on Oak Street to investigate smoke.

• At 9:43 p.m., the dept. was first-

responders to assist EMS at a residence on Pipers Court.

Aug. 24

• A little past midnight, the dept. was

first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Shortoff Road.

Aug. 16

• At 1:13 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on US 64 east..

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was notified ahead of time except for a letter I got today," said Ben Murray. "I was lied to; 20 years ago when you put up the tower you said this would do it for good. At that time, I spent eight figures in a lawsuit fighting this and then withdrew my case."

Mayor Pat Taylor said he announced the agenda item twice on the radio and in his column in Thursday's papers.

Cathy Temple and Murray were concerned about construction traffic on the narrow state-owned road as well as maintenance traffic and also worried about radiation produced by the additional transmitter. They also claimed the town was railroading the citizens on Big Bearpen.

Verizon Wireless representative Richard Williams said a construction vehicle would only travel the road once to carry and install the 20-ft. extension and maintenance vehicles would likely be a Jeep Cherokee once or twice a month but nothing more.

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