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More teachers leave NC in 2012-'13

More teachers left their jobs last year according to the 2012-2013 Annual Report on Teachers Leaving the Profession presented today to the State Board of Education at its meeting in Raleigh. According to the statewide report, local school systems had an average teacher turnover rate of 14.33 percent for 2012-13, which is higher than the 2011-12 rate of 12.13 percent.

"Although the turnover rate was higher last year, it is reassuring to know that more than a third of the 13,616 teachers who left their districts remained in education," said State Superintendent June Atkinson. "The statistics that trouble me are the hundreds of educators who left their jobs in 2012-13 to teach in another state or resigned because they were dissatisfied with teaching or wanted a career change. I am concerned that if changes are not made, low pay and a lack of support will push even more educators out of North Carolina classrooms and the teaching profession."

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More about the area's real estate market

Those who read the Dec. 26/Jan. 2 edition saw the majority of the real estate transactions Jan. 1-Dec. 20, 2013. Real estate has long driven Highlands economy and so this information is of interest to many.

Our contributing real estate writers offer their take on the market in "Investing at 4,118 Ft." explaining the ups and downs of the market from a professional's point of view.

With the 2015 reval coming,

citizens are eager to know if their taxes will go down since in many cases in 2013, the price a piece of property sold for less than its last appraised value, which was in 2007. Because of that discrepancy

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SCC looking to expand Macon campus

By Brittany Burns

With record enrollment numbers this semester at the Macon campus of Southwestern Community College (SCC), it is looking to expand, according to a presentation given to commissioners recently by SCC President Dr. Don Tomas.

Tomas informed commissioners that for the first time since the inception the Macon campus, enrollment numbers surpassed 500, showing a 7.3 percent increase in the number of students attending SCC from Macon County. Due to the spike in enrollment and projected numbers in coming years, Tomas told commissioners the Cecil Groves Macon Campus is in need of expansion.

"Since 2007, the Macon campus has experienced a 74.4 percent increase, averaging about a 12 percent increase per year," explained Tomas. "Out of the total number of students enrolled at Southwestern, 813 are from Macon County and 515 attend classes at the Groves Center. We have already outgrown the

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From left: HC Land Trust board member Mercedes Heller, Executive Director Gary Weins, Highlands Mayor Patrick Taylor and HC Land Trust board member Lila Howland celebrating 100 years of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

Year 2014 marks 100 years of free sunrises and sunsets at Ravenel Park

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and the town of Highlands celebrated the purchase of Ravenel Park (Sunset Rock) -- the land trust's second land acquisition 100 years ago this month.

The H-C Land Trust is the oldest land trust in North Carolina and among the first 20 in the United States.

The HCLT originated in 1883 with the creation of the Highlands Improvement Association (HIA), a group created to

"protect, preserve, and promote the natural beauty of Highlands." They began this effort with trail-building and tree-planting improvement projects.

In 1909, the HIA collected \$500 and bought 56 acres on Satulah Mountain that was slated to become a hilltop hotel.

The Highlands community thought it better to look at a mountain rather than a hotel, a notion that is still in vogue today. The HIA promptly built a stone

shelter for the benefit and protection of those who "wanted to spend the night for the purpose of beholding the beauties of the sunset, starlit heavens, and the glories of the sunrise."

The foundation of that structure is still there. The Land Trust has added to that initial purchase and today owns nearly 70 acres on the summit.

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• LETTERS •

Scientists shouldn't dismiss the relevance of the Holy Bible

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter in your December 19th edition entitled Shining a Light on God. I want to share some thoughts from my nearly 40 years of reading, studying, teaching and pondering the text of the Holy Bible. For the sake of brevity, unless otherwise noted, the verses that I will refer to in this letter will be from The Book of Genesis chapter 1.

First of all, I have no problem with the universe being 14 billion years old. Verse 2 says the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God did not begin time until verse 3. If someone were to put a number of years to the concept of eternity, how many would that be; 10 million, 1 billion, 14 billion or more?

The geologist says that the earth's landmasses were once in a single place forming one huge continent. Verse 9 says that's how God did it.

The botanist says that life began as plants. Verse 11 says that God started with grass, herbs and trees after their kind.

The biologist says that animal life began in the seas. Verse 20 says that the waters brought forth moving creatures, birds, and great whales after their kind.

Next, the biologists say that mammals came on the scene. Verse 24 speaks of cattle, creeping things and beasts of the earth.

Finally, anthropologists say that man came into existence on the earth. Verse 26 tells of how God made man in His own image. In Genesis Chapter 2, verses 21-25 the details are given in that He made man first then took the woman out of man.

The geneticist would have to agree that it is plausible scientifically that man was formed first. Man has the chromosomes X and Y, woman has 2 X chromosomes. If woman had been made first, there would only be the X chromosome and reproduction could not have occurred.

I believe the evolutionists' do have a god and I think that if hard pressed, they would have to concede that 'mother nature' is their god. I would like to ask mother nature some questions about this subject. Why isn't mother nature turning monkeys into men today?

We have instances where people have won the lottery multiple times. Isn't 14 billion years enough time and chance to

assemble a Neanderthal from a monkey again? Maybe mother nature is busy on the other side of the galaxy with the little green men for which scientists are so fervently listening. Maybe she is bored after 14 Billion years, a 'been there done that' sort of thing. Maybe she is getting close to retirement age. I mean 14 Billion is a lot of years. Or maybe because of her advanced age, she has been napping in her rocking chair for the last few million years.

But seriously now, look around you for a moment. What do you see? A smart phone, a desk, a door knob to exit the room you are in. Do any of you want to say "thanks" for the explosion that occurred that made all the pieces fall together in just the right order so you can call your friend

on your smart phone, or prop your feet up on your desk, or go to the kitchen for a glass of water? No one would say that a phone, desk, or door knob just happened. We know those things had a designer even though we have never seen that person. So why do we want to attribute the infinitely more complex living things on earth to mere chance?

One thing I do find surprising is that many who are educated in scientific fields are so quick to dismiss out of hand the relevance of the Holy Bible. I thought science was an open minded pursuit of truth. There are many who are either innocently or willfully ignorant of what the Holy Bible says that is true to science. I personally believe that if more Christians were scientists

and more scientists were Christians that there would be many more scientific advancements today.

Bob Lambert
Franklin NC

Liberal Thinking

Dear Editor,

I always try to be fair in my analysis of Liberals and at my age, I can tell you I've had many liberal friends, dating back to the Korean War. I knew them in the Army, in business and I knew them at play.

Certainly not all of them, but there seems to be one common thread that runs through most liberal thinking and it is what one might call lazy thinking with a strong habit of focusing on only one problem and an inability to foresee detrimental consequences.

We have the intellectual coffee house liberals who sit around and theorize about a perfect world that might exist somewhere on another planet where no one has to work for a living and who get paid lots of money regardless of their IQ or ambition. The lazy get paid the same as the brain surgeon.

Sometimes referred to as limousine liberals, these are the folks who look down on the rest of us ordinary people and are critical of anyone who attempts to rattle their cage. Their reasoning ability is limited in scope and don't like too many questions. When we don't do as they demand, they pass laws to force us to comply with their concept of what should be, rather than deal with reality. The result is a militant liberal ideology with the end result being we end up with a huge government that sucks the blood out of taxpayers and the poor remain just as poor.

I've read that liberals are better at trying new things and that conservatives are generally 'old stick in the mud prudes.' One must wonder, however, if conservatives are simply more practical people better able to connect dots? The universe obeys the laws of physics and there are absolutes everywhere and conservatives seem to understand that better than liberals. Conservative thinkers understand that for every action, there is a reaction and it

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• Correction •

In the Dec. 19th article "Zoning Board OK's SUP for new restaurant" we stated that the owners of the Asian House opening this spring own the Sakura restaurant in Franklin. They no longer own it. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

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• OBITUARIES •

Colonel Paul Chmar, USA (ret)

Colonel Paul Chmar, USA (ret), Highlands, NC, died Friday, Dec 27, 2013, after 91 very rich and productive years. He was born and raised in Baltimore and Rockville, Maryland, a son of Samuel and Fannie Parkus Chmar. He was married to the late Jan Chambers Chmar, who passed away in 2000, and is survived by three sons, Col. Mark Chmar, USAF (ret), of Ashburn, VA, W. Tod Chmar, Esq., of Atlanta, GA, and Col. Andrew Chmar, USA (ret), of Cold Spring, NY, their wives Janet Chmar, Linda Chmar, and Gayle Watkins, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Colonel Chmar first visited Highlands with his future wife Jan in 1950, whom he met while stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, where she was visiting with the family of her aunt and uncle. After retiring from the Army in 1973, they moved to Highlands where they lived for the rest of their lives. For the next 35 years, Colonel Chmar was involved in real estate in both Highlands and Cashiers. He was, along with Jan, heavily involved in community activities, and also spent countless hours fulfilling his passions for tennis and horse.

Colonel Chmar did not plan on a long army career. Rather, while growing up and attending the University of Maryland, he was focused on becoming a medical doctor. But he was in ROTC, and the country was engaged in World War II. After graduating a year early, in 1943, he immediately entered the Army as a 2nd Lt. In summer 1944, shortly after D-Day, he went into France as a platoon leader along with the rest of the 80th (Blue Ridge) Division. The next eight months were spent in almost constant battle as he led his platoon, and later company, across northern France and into Germany during which he was both wounded by enemy fire and decorated for valor. In March, 1945, six weeks before the end of the war in Europe, then Captain Chmar was severely wounded when, serving as acting battalion commander during an advance on the town of Weiskirchen, he turned a German attack into an American ambush and single-handedly attacked a machine gun that opened fire on his men. Despite a bullet through his lung, he continued to lead the advance on the town and was wounded again in the knee. It was two days, during which he was kept alive by a medic while continuing to command his battalion, before reinforcements arrived and he was able to be evacuated. As a result of his heroism, Captain Chmar was

awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal. During his entire combat tour, he was 22 years old.

Instead of resuming his original goal of medicine, Colonel Chmar spent the next 29 years serving as an army officer. After over a year of recovering from his wounds, his assignments included Poland, Korea, Germany, and Vietnam overseas; and in the US, Ft. Benning, Ft. Campbell, Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Bragg, Washington, DC, and Ft. Bliss, from where he retired after 30 years service. Besides the Distinguished Service Cross, Colonel Chmar's decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and four Purple Hearts.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, Jan 16 at 2:30 pm at Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery, followed by a 3pm reception at Chestnut Hill. Memorials may be made to Four Seasons Hospice 171 Hospital Dr. JWB. Suite 600, Highlands, NC 28741 (www.fourseasonschf.org/donate/), or Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Post Office Box 1703, Highlands, NC 28741 (www.hicashlt.org/donate-now/).

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Laurel Ann Dinan



Laurel Ann Dinan, age 47, of Highlands, NC, died, Monday, December 30, 2013. She was born in Westchester County, New York. She was the director of Human Resources in The Aerospace Industry, and was a loving daughter, friend and supporter of the Humane Society. She enjoyed doing crafts, reading and was very family oriented.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Gail and David Harner; her father and step-mother Dennis and Debra Dinan; four brothers, Andrew Harner of Sparta, NJ, Eric Dinan of St. Petersburg, FL, Adam Harner of Treasure Island, FL and Matthew Harner of Gulf Port, FL. She was preceded in death by a brother, Jason Harner.

Memorials may be made to Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, 200 Gable Street, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

James Dupont 'Tippy' Kirven, III

James Dupont "Tippy" Kirven, III, age 70, of Cashiers, NC died Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at his home surrounded by family. Tippy was born in Goldsboro, NC, the son of the late James Dupont Kirven, Jr. and Shirley Armentrout Kirven. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and returned to the family business to eventually serve as president of the J.A. Kirven Co. which operated Kirven's Department Store in Columbus, GA. He later worked as a realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty in Highlands, NC. He was a civic leader actively involved in his communities, serving on the boards of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Columbus Better Business Bureau, the Downtown Business Association of Columbus, and the Highlands-Cashiers Board of Realtors. He was an avid golfer who learned the

game at an early age from his father. Tippy later instilled in his three sons that same passion for the game. He loved life and he never met a stranger.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 49 years, Frances James "Frankie" Kirven; three sons, James Dupont Kirven, IV and his wife, Jan of Summerfield, NC, Stephen Scherer Kirven and his wife, Rita of Taylors, SC, and Foy Alexander Kirven of Columbus, GA; five grandchildren, Chase White and his wife, Stephanie of Raleigh, NC, Ashton Kirven of Summerfield, NC, Grace Kirven, James Kirven, and Will Kirven of Taylors, SC; three siblings, Frances Kirven Morse of Redwood City, CA, Hal Kirven and Elliott Kirven of Columbus, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus, GA and Cashiers United Methodist Church in Cashiers, NC.

A memorial service was held at Cashiers United Methodist Church at 2 pm on January 7, 2014. An additional service will be held in Columbus, GA at a later date.

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This year the mission will go to Bolivia in May to the end of June. The change in the visit is two fold: Volunteers, especially the students, can stay longer, and the weather is cooler, being winter in this tropical area and there is less rain. The University of Mississippi is returning to the mission field for the first time since 2008. Students from Johns Hopkins Medical School, UNC-A and Highlands School have come in the past along with adult volunteers. We are always looking for helpers and if you are interested you can call Dr. John at 526-3605 or email at rucker@dnet.net, or check out our web-page at highlandsbolivianmission.com.

Pizzas can be ordered on the day of the fundraiser by calling the church at 526-3376 or by coming by to pick one up. We will deliver to homes or businesses in the Highlands area. This is a great way to help the mission and have a wonderful meal during the NFL Divisional Playoff games.



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Predictions for the 2014 Highlands Real Estate Market

“Predictions are preposterous.” — Jackie Mason

Of course Jackie Mason has a point. How could anyone purport to have an all-knowing crystal ball, telling all the events of the future with great clarity and confidence?

While I am not in posses-

sion of a crystal ball, I do routinely observe and analyze human behavior (how individuals make decisions, what influences their choices and actions, what attracts them to certain market segments, and what impacts the timing of their behavior) — the very substance and basis of market trends. Last year’s market activity (on the

part of Sellers and Buyers) provided a wonderful petri dish of such trend-predicting fodder. This data gives us the beginnings of tea leaves from which to extrapolate what may be on the horizon for us in the coming year.

And so, with a nod to Mr. Mason, I’m going to share my thoughts on where I predict the Highlands area real estate market is headed this year.

All market segments, property types, and price points saw increased activity and sales in 2013. The luxury market regained vigor as did commercial sales. In our office, we saw inquiries for distressed properties diminish substantially, while requests for homes with higher end finishes, superb craftsmanship, and unique amenities/appeal rose considerably. If I were to sum up the sentiment of the 2013 Buyer it was this: “I know what I want, and I’m willing to invest mightily to obtain



Susie deVille
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it.” The caveat to that statement being this: the value must be well substantiated.

I predict that 2014 will see a continuation and increase of the activity we saw last year (across all price points and market segments), with luxury sales having an even stronger showing. Commercial properties will continue to rebound, and walk-to-town properties will maintain their high appeal

to investors. Buyers will continue to seek single family homes that would perform well as rental properties; view homes and/or those with water frontage will drive sales strongly as well.

Any surprises in store for 2014?

I believe, yes. Drum roll, please ...

I believe 2014 will mark the return of robust vacant land sales and a marked increase in new home construction.

What about all of the inventory of improved properties?

All of those homes already on the market? Buyers are going to snatch those up before building, right?

In some cases, yes, of course. But tracking very much parallel to the purchase of homes will be a burgeoning vacant land sales phenomenon, accompanied by new building.

Let’s go back for a moment to the clarion call from Buyers in 2013: “I know what I want, and I’m willing to invest mightily to obtain it.” What happens if this Buyer is not able to find what they are seeking in an already-improved parcel? In some cases, they will renovate to suit. However, I see this Buyer desiring to start from scratch. They will have a willingness to go back to the drawing board — wherein they wield the pencil and are able to envision and then create exactly what they want. They will select their ideal site and will let the site drive the design.

Further, this is not a buy and hold Buyer. This is a buy and build Buyer — as in build soon after closing. I see the construction industry in our area and all the supporting trades having a most active 2014. In fact, will we even see a difficulty from builders in ramping up fast enough to meet demand? A great challenge to have, to be sure.

2014 has already begun with a charge right out of the gate. It is going to be a most exciting year with chart-topping sales throughout the Highlands-Cashiers real estate market.

• Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her areas of expertise include real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her clients. White Oak Realty Group’s sales office is located at 125 South Fourth Street in the heart of the retail district in Highlands. For more information, visit WhiteOakRG.com or call (828) 526-8118.

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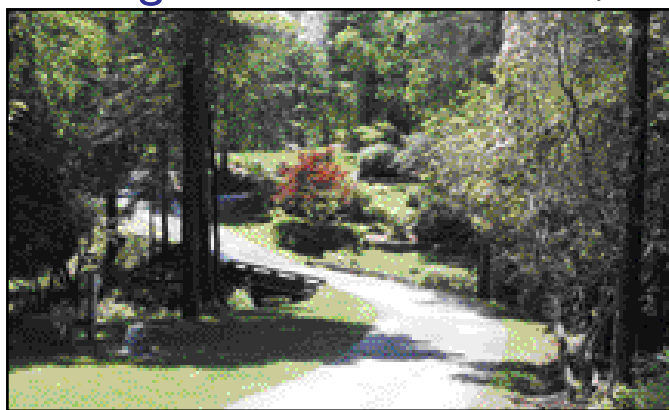
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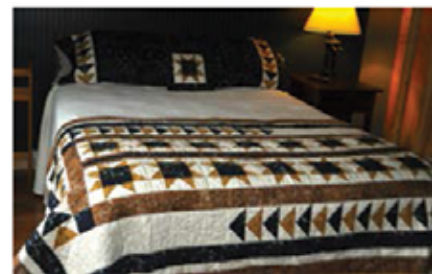
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cy, citizens are likely to expect the new reval to mean a decrease in property taxes.

However, Macon County Tax Appraiser Richard Lightner says there is a lot that goes into a devising a tax rate.

"The market values have dropped on vacant land the most and next on moderately expensive homes. Many people believe that a drop in value equals an equal drop in taxes; that may or may not be true. By law, the county has to have a balanced budget, and in order to get that the county adds all of the revenue up from all sources and subtracts it from the needed revenue. The difference is then divided by the total assessed value and a tax rate is determined. Once the tax rate is applied to each individual property, a tax bill can be calculated. If the change in an individual property is less than the median property change, the property will have an increased tax bill. But if the change is more than the median value change, The opposite is true. and the property will have a lower tax bill. If the overall assessed value of the county drops, the new revenue neutral tax rate will be higher than the present tax rate, as defined by general statutes," he said.

According to Lightner, the Macon County Tax Office is building the Schedule of Values that the Board of Commissioners will review and adopt in the summer of 2014. After that the schedule will be applied to all of the properties to get an estimated value for each property. At that point a final review of property values will be done.

"If all goes as planned, an estimate of value for each property will be sent to the owner of record in December of 2014 or January 2015," said Lightner.

He will brief the Macon County Commission on the reval at the commission's retreat this month.

The following are the remainder of the 280 Real Estate Transactions for the Highlands Township and all of the 67 Flats Township transactions for 2013. To see the Town of Highlands and the majority of the Highlands Township transactions, go to www.highlandsinfo.com, click on Local News and download the Dec. 26/Jan. 2 edition.

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PIN,PROP_ADDR,OWNER_NAME,DATE_RECORDED,SALES_PRICE,FIRST_GRANTOR_NAME,ASSESSED_VALUE

•7551829342,833 COUNTRY CLUB DR,"SISLEY, JOHN F. III",12/10/2013,500000,"S HOUPE, BYRON C JR",712230

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•7551847837,COWEE GAP LANE,"COWEE GAP LANE,

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•7551913876,RD 1600,"KLEIFGEN, J PETER",6/28/2013,185000,LACOSTA DEVELOPMENT CORP,246330

•7551917998,495 WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN RD,LACOSTA DEVELOPMENT CORP,4/5/2013,900000,"ROME, ROBERT WARREN",956430

•7551936413,SR 1600,"SIEK, GEORGE E. SR TR",1/22/2013,0,"SIEK, GEORGE E SR TRUSTEE",183040

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•7560090562,1168 WHITESIDE MTN RD,"HOLDER HIGHLANDS, LLC",6/3/2013,0,"HOLDER HIGHLANDS, LLC",1127960

•7560090929,979 WHITE-SIDE MOUNTAIN RD,"OTE I, LLC",2/4/2013,0,"MCCULLOCH, GEORGE",810930

•7561010664,31 PINE PT,"MILTON, ROSEMARY S. TR",3/15/2013,0,"MILTON, BARRY",2129-750

•7561011793,SR 1600,"MILTON, ROSEMARY S. TR",3/15/2013,0,"MILTON, BARRY",208570

Flats Township (Scaly Mountain) 67 Transactions

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•7408199749,526 GRANDDADDY STILL RD,"FLOYD, MARK C.",9/23/2013,0,"FLOYD, MARK C",603300

•7408229329,32 HUCKLEBERRY HILL RD,B AND B PROPERTY MANAGEMENT I LLC,12/9/2013,0,"EHRENKAUFER, EMIL R LIFE ESTATE",133230

•7408230445,10121 DILLARD RD,"COADY, PETER CHARLES TR",2/28/2013,0,"COADY, PETER C",169790

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•7408562291,ON HWY 106,"DAJ ASSET MANAGEMENT, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP",1/23/2013,0,"JONES, DENNIS A",6890

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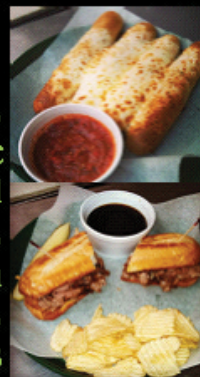


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 •7408828331, OFF 1626,"FRANKLIN, BARBICOLEMAN",5/29/2013,0,"FRANKLIN, BARBI COLEMAN",154210
 •7408874520, ON RD 1627,"CLARK, JAMES W. TR",8/19/2013,0,"CLARK, JAMES W TR",77620
 •7408922269,195 LOCUST LOG LN,"COLEMAN, BEJAMIN RODNEY",5/20/2013,0,"COLEMAN, BEJAMIN RODNEY",46700
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Groves building and are currently in the process of creating a master plan of what the expansion here would look like."

In 2012-13, 1,105 Macon County residents enrolled in curriculum (degree, certificate, diploma-seeking or transfer) programs. There were 75 students with a current address in Highlands. In Fall 2013, the current unduplicated headcount for the Macon Campus is 488. There are 48 students with a current address in Highlands.

With a focus on the school's Public Safety and Training Center, Tomas spoke to commissioners about SCC's Board of Trustees plan to target the Macon Campus as an area of growth and an opportunity to build the campus to be at the same operational capacity as the Jackson campus.

The Macon campus is currently sitting on a 20-acre site on Siler Farm Road just south of Franklin. The building, which was begun in the fall of 2005, has been shaped into a high-tech, state-of-the-art campus, offering technology enhanced learning with computer laboratories, virtual and interactive classrooms, and a wireless environment.

SCC also works with local industries to provide workforce training, which has seen a 36.4 increase over the last five years in enrollment. This academic year, the work force training program has seen a total of 6,359 Macon County residents enrolled, with 360 of those being Highlands residents.

SCC's Public Safety Training Center has seen a similar increase compared to the Macon campus, with an 72.9 percent over the last six years, averaging a 12 percent increase per year in enrollment numbers. With the significant demands on the program, Tomas informed commissioners that new facilities needed to be constructed to accommodate the growth.

According to Tomas, SCC is currently working to secure funding from grants to help grow programs and work on expanding the school.

Southwestern Community College's Macon Campus has several curriculum programs for students to choose from. Students are afforded the opportunity for an AA Degree and college transfer credits, Criminal Justice AAS Degree, Emergency Medical Science, Human Services Technology and a substance abuse certificate, Pre-Health Science Track and courses to allow students to receive their Real Estate Certificate.

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Southwestern Community College has been ranked one of the Top 10 community colleges in the nation for the past several years and has recently been one of the four colleges in the state out of the 58 community colleges to receive the title of an "exceptional" institute. Programs offered at SCC are unlike many community colleges around the country. SCC is one of 13 schools in the nation to have training courses for the National Park Service and according to Tomas, due to budget cuts, those programs may soon be cut to only four in the nation and he is confident SCC will retain its program.

"That program alone does a lot for the local economy because we have students from Alaska and Hawaii and all over who come here to take that course," said Tomas. "In fact, 90 percent of our graduates stay in the region and become active members of our society."

The National Park Service course falls under the realm of the Public Safety Training Center and accounts for a large percentage of the program's growth. Other programs in the department include a school resource officer program and a first

Firefighter Academy to train local emergency personnel.

Currently, SCC has these programs but does not have adequate facilities to provide the degree of training college officials would like to offer. With a 10 percent enrollment increase projected over the next 20 years, Tomas presented commissioners with a master plan to accommodate future students.

With the current Macon campus building being just 5,000 square feet, the plan proposed by Tomas would break the project into three phases to ultimately be able to house students and handle the enrollment increase for the next 25 years.

The plan calls for a 35,000 square foot addition to the existing building, which will allow the Macon campus to be able to offer the same curriculum and programs as the Jackson campus. The next portion of the plan, noted to be Phase 1A would call for the construction of a 50,000 square foot Public Safety Training Center Building, and then a 33,000 square foot facility to include an indoor firing range for students. Tomas informed commissioners that countless departments currently use SCC's firearm training facilities, which is currently

outdoors, and an indoor range would better suit the department's needs. Phase 1C would include the construction of a 5,000 square foot facility to house EMS and firetrucks for the purpose of training for SCC, but will also be made available to public entities.

While Phase 1 is expected to manage the school's growth for the next eight years, the master plan includes Phase 2 and 3, which call for further expansions over the next 25 years.

Tomas informed commissioners that in order for the plan to become feasible, an archaeological study was conducted and showed that the project should be able to be completed without disturbing any historical Indian artifacts.

The property identified by Tomas for the expansion is county owned property that is currently not being utilized.

With Tomas' presentation; intent to be only informative, county commissioners agreed to work in scheduling a date for a special work session with the SCC Board to further discuss the partnership for expansion of the Macon campus.

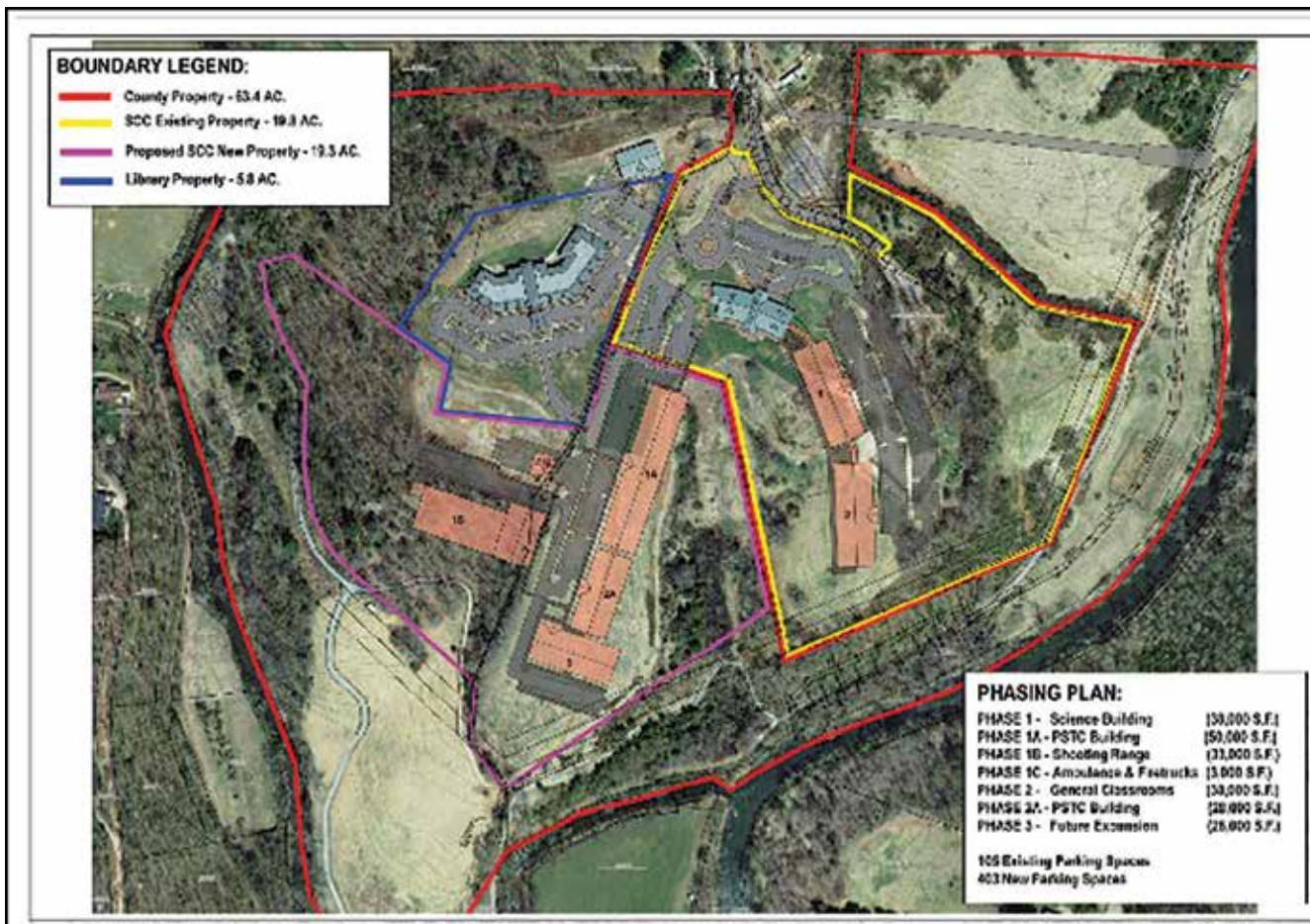
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is often the reaction that causes so much damage through unintended consequences.

Just one example of liberal mistakes is when President Carter passed a law, called the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, requiring banks to loan mortgage money to low income people. Clinton put more teeth into the law in 1996 and was the direct cause, 30 years later, of the housing collapse.

In my opinion and contrary to notions touted by the Left, it was not caused by banks but was instead caused by greedy realtors selling homes to people who

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To renew your soul, reach out to others

By Paul Christy, pastor

Highlands United Methodist Church

As I write to you on the first of a New Year, I thought I would begin by looking back. That may seem strange but hang on with me for a minute because I want to tell you about some of the new things I got for Christmas. I got a new tie and some new socks -- which means I had to part with some things that had been with me for a while. My favorite old tie had grease stains on it, and my old socks had holes in them; I loved my old tie and socks, but they were worn out. That got me thinking about how we deal with old things.

When something is worn out we throw it away. When our clothes wear out, we buy new ones, when our cars wear out, we buy new ones. We tend to look at newness as a way to solve problems concerning things that are worn and torn.

But when it comes to us personally in our lives, what happens when we as individuals wear out; how do we find that newness?

I told my church folks on the first Sunday of January that I went to Wal-Mart not long ago and I searched and searched the aisles but I could not find a new Paul Christy. Of course that's no surprise, but the point is taken -- how can we be new or feel that sense of newness in our lives?

This is where New Years comes in. With each New Year I make all kinds of resolutions to make myself feel new and refreshed. But does losing weight give you a sense of newness? Does eating right and getting more involved with exercise make you a new person? I don't think it makes us new in our souls. How then can we feel the sense of newness in our souls?

There was a man who was a preacher thousands of years ago, who didn't have a seminary education, nor did he ever serve a Main Street church, but he had a passion and a charisma about him that made people want to see and listen to him. I am sure there was a time while he was preaching when someone asked Him about feeling new and having a sense of newness for their soul. As was his way, I'm sure he told a story to illustrate his point. Of course Jesus was His name and He told a story about helping others who were hungry, thirsty and sick. He even talked about people who didn't have clothes and those who were in prison. Jesus said, when you care, share and love those who are hurting, it is like you are doing it to me. Jesus wants us to feel that sense of newness by helping others.

So if you are searching and trying to find that newness and a renewed passion for life, look around because I promise there are folks right around you that are hungry, thirsty, sick, and strangers and in prison for whom we need to show love and grace. When we do, there is a renewing of our souls.

Make a resolution to renew your soul this year, and then find someone to show and share the love and grace of Christ with. It will likely bless you more than you could have ever imagined.

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Local district turnover rates ranged from a high of 35.09 percent in Northampton County Schools to a low of 7.31 percent in Surry County Schools.

The number one reason teachers reported for leaving their districts was to teach in another North Carolina school district or charter school. Retirement was listed as the second most cited reason for leaving the classroom. The third most common reason teachers cited for leaving was family relocation.

Of the 13,616 teachers that reported leaving their districts in 2012-13, 6,719 (49.35 percent) had tenure. This number is up from the 5,599 teachers (47.48 percent) who left with tenure in 2011-12. A total of 887 teachers reported that they left their districts in 2012 -13 because they were dissatisfied with teaching and/or seeking a career change. This number is up from the 816 teachers who cited this same reason last year. A total of 455 teachers reported resigning to teach in another state and this number also is up from 341 in 2011 -12. The number of teachers who reported leaving their

districts to teach in another NC school district (2,851), to take a non-teaching position in education (1,447), or to teach in a charter school (145) or private school (143) also have increased since last year.

Also as a part of the report, school districts were asked to identify the subject areas in which they had the most difficulty hiring appropriately-licensed teachers. The top five were high school science, special education, high school math, middle school science and middle school math.

The State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction currently have a number of initiatives in place to help recruit and retain teachers. Efforts include: alternative entry li-

censure routes; beginning teacher support programs; regional licensure centers to help lateral entry teachers; 12% pay increases for teachers with National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification; special recognition and awards programs, such as N.C. Teacher of the Year; North Carolina Teacher Corps (through March 2014); Troops to Teachers; teacher scholarship loans; and Future Teachers of America/Teacher Cadet programs, to encourage students to consider a teaching career.

"These efforts are helpful, but the most effective way to keep teachers in North Carolina classrooms is to give them and their profession the respect they deserve," Atkinson said.

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could not afford them, appraisers who inflated the prices of homes, along with Fannie Mae and mortgage brokers passing toxic mortgages to investment banks and yes, investors buying and flipping homes for profit. Many share blame for the housing collapse,

including investment banks.

The caution here is to be wary of liberals who claim to have all the solutions to our problems.

Question everything lest you find yourself living in the Land of Oz.

Bob Wilson

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from Dec. 7. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Dec. 7

- At 6:20 p.m., officers responded to a call about shoplifting at Bryson's Food Store
- At 9:27 p.m., officers aided in a non-criminal, involuntary commitment at a residence on Laurel Street where a person was displaying abnormal behavior.

Dec. 10

- At 6:42 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

Dec. 12

- A little past midnight, officers responded to a call about a vehicle hitting a traffic control sign.
- At 9 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Dec. 25

Dec. 25

- At 1:11 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Honeysuckle Lane. EMS transported to the hospital.
- At 7:11 a.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Azalea Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.

Dec. 26

- At 9:45 a.m., the dept. stoodby at the MAMA landing pad at the hospital.

Dec. 27

- At 9:33 a.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident due to ice on US 64 west. There were no injuries.
- At 10:41 a.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Chestnut Hill Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.

Dec. 28

- A little past midnight, the dept. set up the landing zone for the MAMA helicopter at the hospital.
- At 9:53 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Satulah Falls Lane. EMS transported to the hospital.

Dec. 29

- At 1:20 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers-Glenville with a structure fire at a residence on Glasseyview Road.
- At 8:20 a.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle rollover on US 64 east. There was a minor injury.

Dec. 30

- At 2:52 p.m., the dept. responded to a call at a residence on View Point Road where a construction worker fell off a ladder and was seriously hurt. EMS transported to the hospital and MAMA took him to Asheville.
- At 10:19 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Choctaw Lane about an unresponsive

person. The body was taken to the funeral home.

Dec. 31

- At 2:14 a.m., the dept. and Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Dept. searched for a lost hiker who was found and brought out by 4-wheelers.
- At 9:58 a.m., the dept. was first responders to Main Street where an 18-year-old female had cut her arm. EMS transported to the hospital.
- At 12:52 p.m., the dept. was called to Bank of America about the smell of an electrical fire.
- At 1:14 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on NC 106. EMS transported to the hospital.
- At 1:42 p.m., the dept. set up the landing zone for MAMA at the hospital.
- At 2:41 p.m., the dept. provided traffic control on US 64 west around a one-vehicle accident with minor injuries.

Jan. 1

- At 8:05 a.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on White Clover Lane. EMS transported to the hospital

Jan. 2

- At 10:32 a.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Hill Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

Jan. 3

- At 7:39 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of smoke at a residence on Memorial Park Drive.
- At 12:08 p.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on Buck Creek Road. There were no injuries.
- At 3:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle fire at a residence on Simon Speed Road.

Jan. 5

- At 3:58 a.m., the dept. responded to a co2 alarm at a residence on Falls Court. It was false.

Jan. 6

- At 3:56 a.m., the dept. responded to a water flow alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.
- At 8:24 a.m., the dept. was first responders to Oak Lane where someone fell. There was no transport.
- At 5:19 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a loud boom -- like a limb falling at the corner of the roof -- at a residence on Naiad Terrace. It was unfounded.

Jan. 7

- A little past midnight, the dept. was first responders to a residence on Biscuit Rock Road where an elderly person had fallen.
- At 5:53 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Church Street. It was false.

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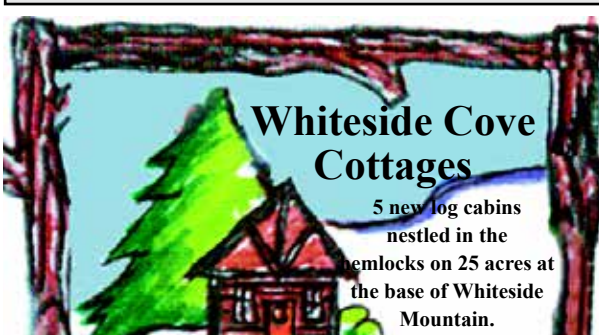
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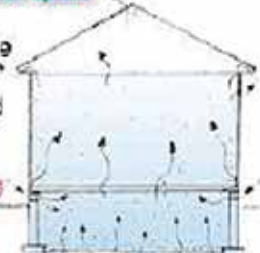
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