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Thurs., July 3, 2014

The tale of two budgets

Ongoing:

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Pip-pip!" Call 526-2695.

Thurs., July 3

• At Hudson Library Children's storytime at 10:30am. "Fun With Water!" featuring water-themed stories and a science demonstration.

• "Monsters, Inc." Free Family Movie Night at The Bascom - rain or shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies at 9p.

Fri.-Sun., July 4-6

• Hal Phillips on the piano at Skyline Lodge.

Fri., July 4

• Water rocket launch at 9 a.m., MAMA helicopter and Firetruck until Rotary Cookout at the Community Building at 11a. At 6pm live music in Town Square and at Pine Street Park. At 7 p.m., retiring American flags at Harris Lake. At 8pm a patriotic concert at the Presbyterian Church. At 9pm the fireworks show will begin.

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

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring Johnny Webb.

• Live music in Pine Street Park 6-8 p.m., featuring Shane Bridges.

Sat., July 5

• BBQ at Skyline Lodge. Call
• Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Shane Bridges.

• Artist Robert Tino on Greenleaf Gallery on Main Street.

Sun. & Mon.

• At Highlands Playhouse. the movie "Chef" 6 & 8p on Sun., and 4, 6 & 8p on Mon.

Mon., July 7

• Dr. Chris Mowry will discuss his recent findings on coyote populations on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

Wed., July 9

• Interlude concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. featuring Saint Paul's Episcopal Chamber Choir from Atlanta. Directed by Trey Clegg.

The town's and county's budgets and the process it took to finalize them has been reported on consistently over the last several months. Now the final figures are in. Changes will be felt by High-

landers in their pocketbooks but Maconians won't feel much - at least not this year.

Highlands Budget Highlights

At the June 19 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted

unanimously to accept the FY 2014-'15 budget which has revenues and expenditures totaling \$14,098,045 - the 2013-'14 budget totaled \$13,829,814.

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We celebrate our hard fought independence from Great Britain every year on July 4th, with very little insight into what it actually took to win that war.

The story below from the Macon County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorates one of the "little" battles that helped us win a "big" war and our independence - a battle that took place right here in Macon County.

The Battle of Sugartown Sept. 10, 1782

Once the Continental Congress proclaimed independence in 1776 and fighting ensued between the united colonies and the crown, the British began encouraging the Native American Nations, including the Cherokee, to fight the colonies while supplying them with ammunition to do so. Late in the summer of 1782, a group of regular soldiers from General Andrew Pickens' Brigade of South Carolina diligently pursued marauding

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July 4th festivities in Highlands



Start your day at the baseball field with fun and games for the kids. There will be a water rocket launch beginning at 9am (it's free and all materials provided), bouncy slide, and relay races. Visit the MAMA helicopter and sit in a fire truck. Work up an appetite and walk over to the Community Building for a burger or hot dog at the Rotary Club cook-out. Plates include chips, pickle, and a cookie for \$5, Drinks are \$1. The cook-out starts at 11am. At 1p.m., the 3rd Annual Rotary Rubber Ducky Derby will be held at Mill Creek by SweetTreats. At 6pm join everyone in Town Square and Pine Street Park for live music. At 7pm, the Highlands Scouts will honor tired and worn US flags at a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Steve Potts Park on the Wilson Road side of Harris Lake. At 8pm there will be a patriotic sing at the Presbyterian Church. Then around 9pm the fireworks show will begin. The fireworks can be seen from vantage points all around town.

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Board of Ed to scale back Lindamood Bell program

By Brittany Burns

During the summer of 2011, Macon County Schools officials made the decision to begin a journey with the Lindamood Bell Reading Program.

The program was first introduced in Macon County as a 5-week long professional development course that worked with a group of 54 students for four hours a day. The program incorporated remedial learning tools that trained teachers to look at teaching reading and math differently.

During the initial 5-week program that district spent about \$130,000 to introduce, students in the program yielded impressive results that showed significant student growth as a direct reflection of the new teaching practices. Under the direction of then Superintendent Dr. Dan

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Remembering what the 4th is about

Hope everyone will enjoy the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration tomorrow night. I may be biased, but the Highlands Chamber Commerce sponsors the best hometown fireworks in the country. The Highlands Fire Department always does a great job in delivering a program of pyrotechnic wonder. Don't forget to listen to the patriotic music during the fireworks on WHLC.



their pens. United by a common purpose, they committed treason against the reigning King George and a great military empire. They risked their lives, their property, and even the security of their families in order to create a great and free nation.

Happy Independence Day. Celebrate in a great place, Highlands, a town in the Revolutionary War State of North Carolina.

I want to offer this simple reflection as we approach our nation's birthday. On the 4th of July we gratefully remember the bravery of the members of our military in defending the nation's freedom. That bravery began with the shots fired at Lexington and Concord.

There is another group that to me was just as brave and desired freedom and independence just as much. They were the citizen/patriots that had the courage and boldness to sign the Declaration of Independence.

A great example of this bravery was old Ben Franklin. He had it made by all standards. In the first part of his life, he had acquired a comfortable life style, a great reputation and significant wealth. Franklin didn't have to risk anything. But like the other signers, such as John Hancock, he stepped forward to the challenge of the time and risked everything. Most of the signers had similar circumstances as that of Franklin. No one was holding a gun to their heads forcing them to sign. They signed the Declaration of Independence of their own freewill.

The signers rejected the European notion of a sovereign who had the divine right to rule over and above the people. They embraced the radical idea of the Enlightenment, that the people and individuals had their own God given right to govern themselves in finding their way to happiness and fulfillment.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence, in my estimation, fired the first shot of the Revolution by using

• PHOTO OF THE WEEK •

Mushroom on steroids!

While on their walk the other day, Geri and Wayne Crowe came across this gigantic mushroom in a field off Crowe Lane. Can anyone identify it?



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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• LETTERS •

Shame on you!

Dear Editor,

I read Mr. Woodridge's column of June 19 in your paper and did not find it at all funny.

If Mr. Woodridge chooses to think, breathe, and write through his rectum, that's his choice but you should not lower yourself to his standards. He made foul remarks about our President, Mr. Barack Obama, an honorable man who won the Presidency in a fair national election by vote of a majority of Americans. He and his office deserve respect even if you disagree with him.

Check out the facts. Although it is a slow recovery, we are steadily emerging from a frightening recession that was left by his predecessor.

We are (keep your fingers crossed) at peace presently, getting our boys home from two long drawn out foreign wars that we had no business being in.

It is my opinion that these wars were started by Mr. George Bush at the instigation of Mr. Cheney as the only way to get Mr. Bush re-elected. The reasons he pushed to get us in (nuclear bombs) were proven false. President Bush has also guided this nation past the recent revolutions in North Africa without sending our military.

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• OBITUARIES •

Helen Mildred LeHew King

Helen Mildred LeHew King, 108, of Highlands died Thursday, June 26, 2014. Born in Grundy County, MO, she was the daughter of the late James Clark and Martha Ellen Crawford LeHew. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Wallace King, who died July 23, 1993. She was a bookkeeper for several years; was a member of Highlands First Baptist Church and was a Sunday school Bible teacher for several years.

Mrs. King is survived by one niece Georgia Helen Smith, one nephew, nephew Jerry LeHew of Western Colorado. She was preceded in death by a sister Kassie LeHew and a brother Clifton LeHew.

Graveside services was held Saturday June 28, 2014 at Highlands Memorial Park. Dr. Mark Ford officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Highlands First Baptist Church, PO Box 625, Highlands, NC 28741 or Fidelity Eckerd Living Center, PO Box 190, Highlands, NC 28741.

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

Mike Cavender

Mike Cavender, formerly of Highlands, NC, died on June 22 in Durham, NC. The cause was sarcoma cancer. He is survived by his wife of 28 years Paulette Webb; two-step daughters, Charlotte Schwartz of Atlanta and Vanessa Tsumura of Milwaukee; their husbands Paul and Kenji; grandchildren Carl, Violet, Anri and Isla; his sister Katie Baer of Pittsboro, NC, and many nieces and nephews.



writing were his great passions. Everywhere Mike lived, flowers bloomed and books overflowed the shelves. He loved to hike, but walked slower than most and saw more.

In 2012, realizing his time was short, Mike polished and published his first novel, "Revenge on the Fly." Although he claimed the book wasn't autobiographical, friends could see traces

of Mike in Ben, the novel's main character. In one passage of the book, Ben wanders through a forest in the North Carolina mountains: Ben rested on an old fallen tree rotting very slowly back into the spongy soil blanketed by thick moss, ferns and foamflowers. In a hundred years, only a long mound would mark this leviathan whose canopy once brushed against the sky. He loved that everything in the forest nurtured something else, including him.

A memorial service will be held in Highlands at a future date. Memorial donations can be made to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust or the Highlands Biological Foundation which supports the Nature Center — one of Mike's favorite childhood haunts and a setting for some scenes in "Revenge on the Fly."

Online condolences may be left at www.hallwynne.com, select "Obits". The arrangements for Mr. Cavender are under the care of Hall - Wynne Funeral Service and Cremation of Pittsboro.

• MILESTONE •

Ana Dolinta was selected to the Southwestern Community College Dean's List for the Spring semester 2014. She was also invited to become an active member in SCC's Honors Program. Ana works at McCulley's.

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bands of Cherokee who had been raiding frontier settlements in western North Carolina.

Led by Major Daniel Bryson, these soldiers pursued one of these bands into the area where Western Carolina University is now located, over the Cullowhee Gap and down into Elijah. The Cherokee fled through the area where the Sugarfork and Cullasaja streams merge finally moving to an area which had been the site of an old, previously destroyed Cherokee village called Sugartown. That area became the battlefield on September 10, 1782, where the Native Americans made their last stand.

Fierce fighting ensued. Though a significant number of Native American warriors were said to have been killed, only one colonial soldier died during that battle, Corporal White. Since the soldiers began their fight on the other side of the creek, when Cpl White was mortally wounded his fellow soldiers dug two graves, one on each side of the creek. They marked, but concealed the actual grave in order to prevent the warriors from returning later to take White's scalp. After the battle, the soldiers

continued to pursue the remaining band of Cherokees to the Murphy area where most were captured or surrendered.

In the late 1820s, General David Bryson moved his family to the Sugarfork Valley. He remembered the gravesite and pointed it out to his family and local settlers, while giving accounts of the Battle of Sugartown. Those who heard, in turn, passed this information to their descendants. One of those who heard was John Ledford, who later came to own the land around the gravesite.

In 1896, a committee of three local men, A.L. Ledford, Chairman; W.R. Bulgin, Secretary; and J.W. Nash, Treasurer, erected this monument on the site they believed to have been Cpl. White's grave. About 300 generous people of Macon County attended the dedication ceremonies. Hats were passed and monies were collected at that time which subsequently paid for the newly erected monument.

The monument now is the property of the Battle of Sugartown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Unfortunately, access is not available to the public, though members of the

Silas McDowell Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Battle of Sugartown Chapter of the DAR keep the monument and surrounding area clean and hold periodic ceremonies there.

The Battle of Sugartown is not a recognized battle of the American Revolution. You will not find information about the battle or Cpl. White in textbooks or online (except for the Battle of Sugartown Chapter's website).

The memory of the brave soldiers and desperate Cherokee warriors would have faded into the mists of time without further recognition had it not been for the people of Macon County. Had it not been for the people's concern about remembering this young unknown soldier, the Cherokee warriors, and the battle in which they lost their lives, most details of this event would have disintegrated into old family stories kept by few yet lost to most.

We are indebted to Cpl. White for his sacrifice for liberty, and to the people who kept his gravesite and legacy alive. May God help us all to remember that those who toiled and gave their all for our freedom should be celebrated and never forgotten.



The monument to Corporal White, a Revolutionary War Soldier, who served with the Pickens Brigade of South Carolina. Corporal White was killed in the Battle of Sugartown

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Now we all know about doing "the mountain thing" where you never do something immediately if there's any possible way you can put it off to another time. It's why many of us come to Highlands. I love the "mountain thing." Hey, ya need a plumber? He promised to be there today but didn't show for two days. Who cares? That's OK. Maybe the trout were biting. Maybe he's just downright lazy. It doesn't matter. He's doing "the mountain thing."

When you're doing "the mountain thing" folks give new meaning to being laid back. Laid back is good. I have a relative who has so many household chores to do for his li'l missus, he finally issued her homemade "round to it" wooden coins. When she asks him to do a chore, he hands her a "round to it" coin which she puts with all the others.

OK, now let's get back to this dumb clock thingy. This is the ultimate in "doing the mountain thing." Are you ready? In 1984 the Highlands Civic Center was completed, a magnificent structure built with funds from the famous Coke-a-Cola family, the Woodruffs. Along with all the furnishings and stuff to make the Rec Park function, was a beautiful red "Coke" wall clock.

In the hustle bustle of getting the center open, the clock was temporarily



Fred Wooldridge

stored to be hung at a later time. Thirty years later, they finally got "round to it" and hung the clock in the lobby. Ya just can't rush these things.

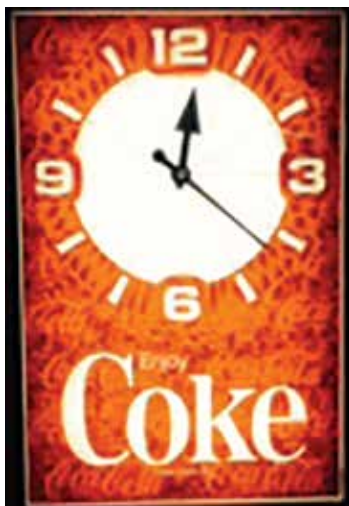
Actually, they weren't doing the "mountain thing" per se. They just plumb forgot about it. During a recent spring cleaning which I guess is done every 30 years whether it needs it or not, the clock was discovered still crated and sitting in storage. It is now proudly hanging in the Rec

Center's lobby. Go and see. It's a beauty! The Highlands Rec Center is now displaying a 30-year-old antique clock that has been functioning for less than a month. I think we should turn it into a shrine; the ultimate in putting things off. Folks could come and reflect on all the things they should do but just haven't gotten "round to it."

The clock could become an inspirational icon for the lazy. Our Congress could go there and reflect on how wonderful it is to put everything off to another time.

Maybe our president could come and explain "the mountain thing" on why the Guantanamo Detention Center is still open? My head is spinning. I'm out of control. We could feature this clock in things to see while in Highlands. For a charge, folks could actually

touch the clock. Awesome! And if you get "round to it" read Fred's Deceived and I'm Moving back to Mars. They were not published 30 years ago.



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and in my opinion have no business in these countries.

True our national debt is still high but it is less than when President Bush was in office.

President Obama is now working on a universal health plan for our country. Much needed. England, France, Germany – every

advanced country on earth has one. Certainly none of our citizens should die or go hungry.

Shame on Mr. Woodridge for writing such foul, nasty stuff! Shame on Highlands Newspaper for printing such!

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Journey Home

We were almost a week into our visit to Bermuda and it was now time to face the music and bring Midnight Express home. Sibbie and I would have to sail back alone since our crew had flown the coop and returned to the U.S., as had most crew members. We had allowed our young crew members

to stay aboard at night because they couldn't afford to rent a place as we did. This was the same crew that did wheelies on the golf course greens and true to form, they ate us out of boat and home, there being nothing left in the deep freeze. They must have invited some of the local girls to dine with them on our food. We had to make a last ditch shopping spree at the local grocery store and if my memory serves me, served as a local ship's chandlery as well.

The weather was stinky with a front moving through so we decided to wait another 36 hours to make our departure but one of our more gallant types decided to leave right then. We scooted out to the south point and watched them for a while, noting that they were sailing south, pushed by heavy winds and seas. As it turned out, they ended up in the Bahamas, more than 100 miles off course and even leaving 36 hours later, we still beat them back by 14 hours. Their skipper refused to even discuss their trip.

As I alluded to earlier, we were in between the hooters blowing out of the north and the tropical depressions that appeared later in June. We hoped to avoid any radical weather.

Our first few days out were easy going and we relied on a rudimentary auto pilot that worked well for the most part so Sibbie and I could simply relax and let the auto pilot sail the boat.

Much of our time was either napping, reading a book, or listening to the Single Side Band Radio. I could only hear one side of an English language conversation on the SSB radio much, being in a foreign language. But one time, I picked up a message from some lady who was complaining to an unknown individual about her wanting to break up with her husband. Sorry to admit that I was



Bob Wilson

snooping, but I was spellbound by the conversation maybe half a world away.

Got a call on the VHF, our short range radio, from a ship that had us on his radar some miles away and wanted us to know he was there. I did a bearing fix to see if he was on a closing course and advised him that we were on a safe course. The ship blew its horn and we waved in passing.

The next VHF call we got was from a competitor who sneaked up on us during the night. He was flying a spinnaker and moving faster than we were and soon overtook us, passing on into the dark night. With just the two of us, I didn't fly a spinnaker.

A few days later the barometer was dropping. Something was brewing. As it turns out it was a tropical depression but with winds of no more than 25 knots. It did give us a quartering sea which required constant steering and heavy seas would occasionally splash over the stern and wet us down. The auto pilot was useless in this type of sea.

We had the option of hoving to but decided to keep on trucking since we were close to home but we were beginning to wear thin from lack of sleep and neither Sibbie nor I could steer for more than an hour at a time.

It was dark and I was below when Sibbie yelled "Bob, you better get up here.. She was hollering about a ship that seemed to be heading straight for us and try as she may, she couldn't seem to avoid the ship, no matter which course she took. If we were closing with a ship, we could be in danger but should be able to take evasive action. Peeking up over the companionway, I realized that that Sibbie was seeing the lights of Cape Canaveral and not a ship. "Don't worry, honey, that's the U.S. It won't move much."

I plotted a course to the entrance and as daylight arrived, we traced along the channel and put up our quarantine flag to await Customs. Home again.

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Citizens will feel the 3% electric rate increase and the 1.5 cent ad valorem tax increase – each effective July 1, 2014.

To get the buildings and programs up to par and to best service citizens, the Highlands ad valorem tax rate will increase by 1.5 cents per \$100 valuation. So instead of being 13.5 cents, it is now 15 cents per \$100 valuation.

The income raised by the additional 1.5 cents is earmarked for capital projects within the Parks and Recreation Department and is scheduled to sunset in FY 2016-'17. Whether it continues will be up to the sitting Town Board at that time.

To maintain the health of the town's electrical fund and to protect its ability to continue to fund capital projects across town funds and departments while keeping up with Duke's wholesale rate increases, the FY 2014-'15 budget includes a 3% rate increase for electrical service. This will be evident in July's utility bill.

"The Electric Fund, thanks to the series of significant rate increases enacted over the last two years, is now stable and has begun to slowly replenish itself and is now able to resume transfers to other funds to offset capital project costs," said Town Manager Bob Frye in his budget message. "Given the extent to which the town depends upon the Electric Fund to finance significant portions of its capital improvement program, it is critical for the town to closely monitor the rate increase estimates provided each year by Duke Energy and adjust its rates accordingly so as to avoid a repeat of

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the very large rate increase the town was forced to enact in FY 2011-'12."

He also said it's important to remember that the water, sewer, and sanitation funds are reliant on transfers from the Electric Fund to fund either in part or in entirety, the capital project needs in those departments. Without these offsetting transfers, the town would be forced to significantly increase the fees charged for water, sewer and sanitation services to incorporate the capital, project and equipment needs in those departments.

"In addition, due in large part to the ability to transfer funds from the Electric Reserve the town has been able to keep its long term debt load extremely low," said Frye.

The minimum charge for electrical service will increase to \$20.31 per month for residential customers and \$22.67 (single phase) or \$32.69 (three phase) per month for commercial users.

The minimum charge for water and sewer service remains unchanged at \$32 per month for residential customers and \$42 per month for commercial users.

The minimum charge for residential trash pickup remains unchanged at \$18.50 per month for residential customers.

The current Highlands Volunteer Fire Department tax rate of .009 per \$100 valuation remains unchanged.

The FY 2014-'15 budget also includes a reinstatement of a position within the Police Department which will be classified as an Investigator/Detective; there will also be a 1.5% Cost of Living Adjustment for all full time employees.

Macon County Budget Highlights

After closing the books on the 2013-'14 budget that came in at \$48,917,798, on June 30, the Macon County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously (5-0) to adopt the \$45,721,122, 2014-'15 budget. Should nothing change over the coming year – new allocations, etc. – the 2014-'15 budget will have come in \$3.19 million less than the 2013-'14 budget.

The trimmed 2014-'15 budget – without a tax increase – was made possible due to some tough cuts. One of the toughest was to not fund the second phase of the employee compensation plan – a plan the previous County Manager Jack Horton fought hard to secure.

The compensation pay plan, which was put into place after a study showed Macon County employees were grossly underpaid, was due for a \$500,000 increase that would implement a 4 percent increase for employees who have served

eight years in their current positions and a .5 percent increase for years served beyond eight years.

County Manager Derek Roland said he hopes this aspect of the employee compensation plan can be funded at some point but looking ahead to next year's likely tax increase due to the revaluation he and his departments worked hard and will continue to work hard to keep the county's budget lean.

In January of the coming fiscal year, property owners in Macon County will receive revaluation notices based on the value of their real and personal property as of January 1, 2015.

In "normal" economic times, the real property tax base increases after a reappraisal, usually between 20% and 40% depending on how long it's been since the county's last reappraisal.

"However, these are not normal economic times," said Roland. "Sadly, and for the first time ever multiple counties (including Macon) are experiencing decreases in their tax bases after reappraisals. The substantial decline in property values brought about by the revaluation will result in an estimated \$2 billion loss in the tax base for Macon County.

Currently the total value of all real and personal property in Macon County is estimated to be \$9,360,000,000. At a tax rate of .279 per \$100 of assessed value this equates to \$26,114,400 in revenue. But, with a collection rate of 96.51%, the county gets \$25,203,007 in revenue.

With the expected decline of \$2 billion in total value of all real and personal property following the revaluation the new tax base is estimated to be \$7,360,000,000. Thus, a new tax rate of .355 per \$100 of assessed value is needed for a Revenue Neutral Tax Rate. So to get around the same tax revenue as prior to the reval, with a estimated tax base of \$7,360,000,000 a tax rate of .355 is needed to net roughly the same \$25,216,133 in revenue as the .279 rate.

Highlights of the 2014-'15 budget include \$199,035 in capital outlay funding for Macon County Schools to continue improving the district's infrastructure; a one-time \$30,000 allocation to REACH of Macon County to aid in the construction of a new shelter; \$39,400 for operational expenses needed by Southwestern Community College; new vehicles for the MCSO to ensure proper response times; an additional employee for the Macon County garage; and an additional employee for emergency services.

– Kim Lewicki



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Boy Choir thrills Polish audiences

The Atlanta Boy Choir, recently heard in Highlands at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, just returned from Poland where they scored big with their listeners there. This trip was taken by the choir in tribute to Pope John Paul II's sainthood. The choir, a long-time favorite of the Pope, appeared with him in Rome on seven different occasions and he referred to them as "His Angels of Song."

Some of the musicians accompanying the choir on this tour included Dr. Robert Henry, Organist and Choir Master at the Church of the Incarnation, Jeff Akana, tenor soloist at Incarnation, Candace Keach, flautist who often plays here and cellist James Waldo who appeared here recently and will return in July as featured player on the Chamber Music Series.

The responsive audiences who attended these concerts included many of Poland's distinguished musicians and artists. At the concert in Warsaw's St. John's Cathedral their most famous living artist, Jerzy Kalina, attended with his wife and son and told Maestro Wolfe, founder and director of the choir, this was the finest musical presentation he could ever remember attending.

Everywhere throughout the country audiences stood



up and cheered at the concerts' conclusion, and Maestro Wolfe said perhaps that these audiences would equal the great ovation given at the Highlands Church recently. In addition to the concerts in Poland, the choir also visited the Czech Republic where they saw the concentration camp in Terezin outside of Prague. It was here that the Nazis murdered 15,000 Jewish children during World War II. In Prague's great Tyn Cathedral the choir performed "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." This work was composed on the poems written by these children.

Of interest is the letter from President Jimmy Carter to Poland's President Komorowski telling him the Atlanta Boy Choir is one of America's top

performing groups and that he should attend our concert. He says in this letter that the choir is a favorite of his and Rosalynns and that he invited them to perform at the White House on several occasions as well as had them sing at his inauguration.

The choir, now in its 56th year under the direction of Maestro Wolfe, has appeared in virtually every major concert hall in the world and is a frequent guest of major orchestras. They have won several Grammy awards for their recordings and Maestro Wolfe was given Italy's highest honor; that of Commendatore and also has been made a Knight of Malta. For more on the choir please visit www.atlantaboychoir.org.

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Brigman, Macon County school board members made the commitment to enter into a contract with LMB to continue implementing the program during the school year.

Carol Waldroop, head of Macon County School's Elementary Curriculum and Instruction worked with LMB officials to not only bring the program to Macon County for the first time, but for Macon County to be the first district in the state to implement LMB practices in the classroom.

Since the program's inception, about 250 teachers at the elementary and middle grade school levels have been trained in LMB programs geared toward new ways of teaching both reading and math.

During a special called meeting Monday morning, Waldroop addressed the board to request additional funds to continue training new-hire teachers in elementary levels to ensure students are still receiving adequate attention through LMB.

Since the program was first started, Macon County has spent about \$500,000 on professional development and materials for LMB to be utilized in the classroom. Teachers in kindergarten through

middle school were trained on the curriculum and were able to implement in their classrooms. This past fiscal year, the LMB contract with Macon County cost around \$175,000 and included funds for a LMB support staff member to live in the district and work side-by-side with teachers.

However, at the request of principals in the district, LMB will be significantly scaled back. The contract up for a vote Monday morning totaled \$17,800 and included training for around 15 new-hire teachers in grades K-2 only.

Board member Stephanie McCall said she has gotten positive feedback from Highlands School teachers and questioned why the program was being scaled back after spending half a million dollars so far.

Macon County Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin said during a recent district-wide principal's meeting, administrators decided the program would be best utilized if focused on K-2 instead of K-8, due to the fact that testing has showed that the program has been most beneficial for the lower grades.

Paula Ledford, director of Exceptional Children for Macon County Schools

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HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS

Ongoing

• Artists wanted for Oct. 4 show featuring historic sites in Macon County. The moveable show will begin in Franklin and move to Highlands and Nantahala. There is a \$35 fee. To register, contact Barbara McRae at mbarbara@frontier.com

First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church hosts a non-denominational Men's Meeting the first Monday night of each month at 7 pm and all men are invited to attend.

Tuesdays

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

Tues. & Thurs.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

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

Thursdays

• 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

Fri.-Sun.

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

Fri. & Sat.

• The Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau, the conservation arm of the Laurel Garden Club, have put together an exhibit in conjunction with the Historical Society at the Museum, which you might find fascinating. It covers our plateau's botanical history from the ice ages to the present. Please visit the Museum on Saturdays to see the display.

• 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 begins May 10 thru October at the Anglican Church Parking Lot Hwy 64 E next to Macon Bank. Contact 828-226-9988 for info.

Thurs., July 3

• At Hudson Library Children's storytime at 10:30am. This week's theme will be Fun With Water!, featuring water-themed stories and a science demonstration.

• "Monsters, Inc." Free Family Movie Night at The Bascom - rain or

shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p.

Fri., July 4

• Rotary Cookout at the Community Building at 11a. At 6pm live music in Town Square and at Pine Street Park. At 8pm there will be a patriotic sing at the Presbyterian Church. Then around 9pm the fireworks show will begin.

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

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring Johnny Webb.

• Live music in Pine Street Park 6-8 p.m., featuring Shane Bridges.

Sat., July 5

• Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Shane Bridges.

Mon., July 7

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society welcomes back Dr. Chris Mowry who will discuss his recent findings on coyote populations on Monday evening, at 7:30 p.m.. The program will be held at the Highlands Civic Center, Dr.

Patriotic concert on July 4 at 8p



First Presbyterian Church will present its annual patriotic concert at 8p.m. on Friday, July 4. The free concert will last approximately 45 minutes, ensuring plenty of time to watch the town fireworks display. Featured will be Dave Landis, bagpipes; Larry Black, trumpet; Angie Jenkins, pipe organ; and the Highlands Male Chorus under the direction of Joe Powell, with Carol Guise as accompanist. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Mowry, a recent Chair of the Biology Department at Berry College, is becoming a leading expert on coyote population dynamics and behavior.

Wed., July 9

• Interlude concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. featuring Saint Paul's Episcopal Chamber Choir from Atlanta. Directed by Trey Clegg.

Thurs., July 10-Sat., July 12

• The Bascom's Mountains in Bloom House, Garden and Flower Festival. For more information or to make plans to attend, visit www.thebascom.org.

Beginning Thurs., July 10

• Care Giver Support Group Forming ~ Sponsored by Highlands United Methodist Church and the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands, a free weekly support group will begin on Thursday at 7 pm for an hour and 15 minutes. This group meets for 8 consecutive weeks and it is not mandatory to come for each session. It will be held in the Parlor at Highlands United Methodist Church, 315 Main St., Highlands, NC, and will be led by Bonnie Gramlich, a licensed professional counselor. The purpose of the group is to support adults who are caring for a loved one with physical or psychological problems. To sign up or for further info, contact Bonnie at 828.342.0546. Drop-ins are also welcome for any given session, but please arrive a few minutes early.

Fri., July 11

Talk on coyotes set for July 7



The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society welcomes back Dr. Chris Mowry who will discuss his recent findings on coyote populations on Monday evening, at 7:30 p.m.. The program will be held at the Highlands Civic Center, Dr. Mowry, a recent Chair of the Biology Department at Berry College, is becoming a leading expert on coyote population dynamics and behavior.

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• At the Highlands Nature Center, 11th Annual "Salamander Meander" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9:00 pm, ages 7 – adult. Join herpetologists on a night search to observe some of the area's magnificent salamanders in the wild. Bring a flashlight! Advanced registration required due to limited space. Call 526-2623 or visit www.highlands-biological.org for more information.

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring Dry Fire.

Sat., July 12

• Join the fun at the Scaly Mountain Women's Club annual auction on Saturday at the Scaly Mountain Fire Station. Preview at 6 P.M. and Auction at 7 P.M. Admission is free and proceeds benefit scholarships for area students and a number of human service agencies.

• Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Hobohemians.

Sun.-Fri., July 13-18

• Cashiers Plein Air Festival to Benefit The Village Green in July. More than 30 professional artists will participate in Arts On

the Green, Cashiers Plein Air Festival. This festival benefits The Village Green in Cashiers. The week-long festival also features several special events. A welcome barbecue dinner to meet and greet the artists is the kick off for Arts On the Green. An exclusive wine and hors d'oeuvres garden reception will include a preview sale of some of the artists' choice paintings. Of course, the premier event will be the Palette to Palate Affair, an elegant summer picnic featuring a live art auction at The Village Green Commons. A complete schedule of events and information for reserving tickets is available at www.pleinairnc.com.

July 14-18

• Vacation Bible School at First Baptist is from 9am to noon. Call 828-526-4153 to register.

Wed., July 16

• Interlude concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. featuring Mary Ann Hill, Soprano; Kristen Horlitz, Flute; Josh Horlitz, Violin; Robert Henry, Piano.

Thurs., July 17

• "Big Fish." Free Family Movie Night at

The Bascom -- rain or shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p. Food, wine, beer and soda, candy and popcorn available for sale. Bring blankets and/or chairs.

Fri., July 18

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring Southern Highlands.

Sat., July 19

• Tour of Crestridge Gardens at 9, 10 and 11 a.m.. \$30 per person available by phone (828-526-2968) or in person at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC. First come, first served" basis. All proceeds will be used for the Outreach Ministry and Bell Tower Endowment Fund for the Church.

• Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Tellico.

Wed., July 23

• Calling all P.E.O.s, you are invited to attend the P.E.O. 2014 summer luncheon hosted by Chapter BJ, at the Cullasaja Club in Highlands. Registration begins at 11:30a. The cost is \$28 per person and checks should be sent no later than July 15 to: Mary Ann Ray, 104 Lake Court #130, Highlands, NC. 28741. For more information, call Mary Ann at 828-526-8251.

• Interlude concert at First Presbyterian at 2pm featuring Woori Kim and Curtis Smith, Piano Duo.

Thurs., July 24

• "Sixteen Candles." Free Family Movie

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Crestridge Gardens open for tours two Saturdays in July



A stunning view of Shortoff Mountain is the backdrop for the gardens of Jane and Tom Tracy who have graciously invited the public to walk the garden paths and admire the beauty of hundreds of flowers, vegetables, and native plants on their 38 acre property on two Saturdays in July; July 19th and 26th. The Tracys bought Crestridge in 1996 and built their lovely home and guest house, expanding on the gardens originally created by Marge and John Jacobs and family who bought the property in 1946.

The cost for the tour is \$30 per person and can be purchased either by phone (828-526-2968) or in person at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC. Tour times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please specify your time preference, but it is on a "first come, first served" basis. All proceeds will be used for the Outreach Ministry and Bell Tower Endowment Fund for the Church.

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Night at The Bascom -- rain or shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p. Food, wine, beer and soda, candy and popcorn available for sale. Bring blankets and/or chairs.

Fri., July 25

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

Sat., July 26

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center at the Corner of NC 106 and Buck Knob Road from 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. on Saturday. Adults \$5.50, and Children \$ 3.50. Proceeds benefit scholarships for area students and human service's agencies.

- Tour of Crestridge Gardens at 9, 10 and 11 a.m.. \$30 per person available by phone (828-526-2968) or in person at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC. First come,

first served" basis. All proceeds will be used for the Outreach Ministry and Bell Tower Endowment Fund for the Church.

- Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Ben Sutton Band.

Wed., July 30

- **Interlude concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. featuring Robert Henry, Piano.**

Thurs., July 31

- At ...on the Verandah, Well Strung in the lounge.

- "Jurassic Park." Free Family Movie Night at The Bascom -- rain or shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p. Food, wine, beer and soda, candy and popcorn for sale. Bring blankets and/or chairs.

Fri., Aug. 1

- Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring Macon Grass Band.

- At the Highlands Nature Center, "Snakes of the Highlands Region" at 7 pm, all ages.

HCCMF lineup for this week

The Fourth of July weekend wouldn't be the same without fireworks, and the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival is doing its part to get its patrons into the spirit of the holiday.

On Saturday, July 5, and Sunday, July 6, the festival will present "Musical Fireworks" by the brother-sister duo of violinist David Coucheron and Pianist Julie Coucheron. Their performance will feature the great works of Grieg, Bizet, Chopin, Paganini and more.

The Coucherons' previous performances have made them Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival favorites and local audiences may have heard Mr. Coucheron in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, where he serves as concertmaster. He plays a 1725 Stradivarius.

Internationally, he's performed as a soloist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra (Maxim Vengerov

conducting), Sendai Symphony Orchestra, Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, and Trondheim Symphony Orchestra. He has played solo recitals at the Oslo Chamber Music Festival, Carnegie Hall, Wigmore Hall (London), the Kennedy Center, the Olympic Winter Games (Salt Lake City, Utah), as well as in Chile, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Serbia, and Singapore.

Originally from Oslo, Norway, Mr. Coucheron began playing violin at the age of three. He earned his Bachelor of Music degree from The Curtis Institute of Music, his Master of Music from The Juilliard School, and his Master of Musical Performance from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, studying with teachers including Igor Ozim, Aaron Rosand, Lewis Kaplan, and David Takeno.

At age 23, pianist Julie Coucheron has already established an international career, winning first prize in all the national competitions she has participated in and performing in

Verizon and Wigmore Halls and the Kennedy Center. At age 13, Ms. Coucheron moved to America to study at Temple University in Philadelphia, studying with Jerold Frederic. At age 16, she was accepted into the Royal Academy of Music, where she graduated with honors, obtaining her bachelor's and master's degrees.

While the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival normally includes concerts on Fridays and Mondays, this week is different because of the Fourth of July -- there'll be no Friday or Monday concerts. The Saturday performance will be staged at 5 P.M. at Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. Sunday's concert will be held at 5 P.M. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands. For the festival's 2014 season, call (828) 526-9060. Tickets are also on sale at the venues prior to the performances.

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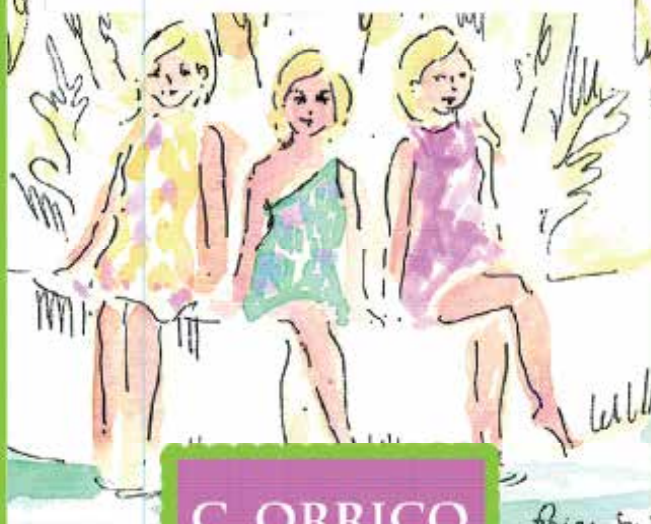
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Have you ever been in one of those 'all you care to eat' buffets and walk out because there were just too many choices? No?, Well, have

you been seriously shopping for cars and drive onto a huge lot with acres of available vehicles, all shapes, sizes, and prices, and just drove on through because

there were so many choices, you couldn't possibly make up your mind? You may even have taken one or two on a test drive, but with so many choices, what if, just if one of the ones you didn't test drive, or even get to look at properly was THE car for you? Too many choices.

There are 541 homes and condos / town homes available in the Highlands Township according to our MLS. According to one of our local real estate advertising magazines specifically for Highlands, there are 700 homes, condos, and town homes available. That's a big difference in numbers isn't it? It used to be that all of the listings in those periodicals were truly Highlands listings –now, it's very possible that brokers live in one town, but take listings in other areas like Cashiers, Cullowhee, Franklin, etc. It's still generally 'in

our area', but not exclusively Highlands. The summer editions of the real estate magazines are probably the largest ever- which brings up the question.....

Are we giving our Buyers too many choices? Are they 'walking away' because there are too many homes to choose from? Is indecision their problem – (well, let me clarify- it's not THEIR problem, it becomes OUR problem.) I think their mindset is timing. There is no sense of urgency on a buyer's part to make a home purchase in an area where there are so many homes on the market. Some buyers may feel that rather than make a 'bad' choice; they just won't make a choice at all. What constitutes a 'bad' choice in today's market? There really aren't any bad choices. The purchasing process is slanted in the Buyer's favor from the beginning to the end. The real estate commission ensures the forms we use are revised periodically to protect the consumer.

Here are some rules to help you make the process of CHOOSING easier:

1)There are NO bad choices-



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just bad search tactics. An experienced broker should be able to listen to your list of 'got to haves' and match properties within your price range. But, buyers have to be realistic as well; even though this is still a buyer's market doesn't mean you offer 25-40 % less than the asking price as most sellers have

taken the current market into consideration when pricing their homes.

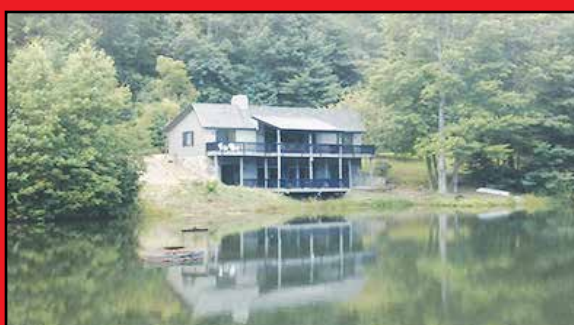
2)Give your broker adequate time to research properties -- it happens. You drive into a town for the weekend, pop into a real estate office and say something like, "I'm considering buying a property – can you help me?" "Well, sure, when would you be available to look at some properties?" "Now- we're only in town for the weekend...." This is when a broker will sometimes go into panic mode, because there ARE so many properties on the market, they want to show you the best fit for you. Most brokers like to research, preview and appointments may have to be made in order for that to happen.

3) Be patient- Brokers, attorneys and bankers need a little time, so be realistic when you say 'I can close tomorrow' we know that statement is a figure of speech, we just hope you know it as well.

4) Take advantage of the due diligence period. This usually will ensure there are no 'surprises' in the home you're buying- but give yourself a reasonable time for all the inspections, surveys, studies, etc. to be completed. (If you're lucky enough to be buying a home where the Seller has had a home inspection and it appears to be well maintained- consider that your lucky ticket for a shorter due diligence period. You may

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Cullasaja Club furnished cottage with extensive waterfall feature. 3br/3ba beautifully remodeled with granite kitchen and baths. \$675,000. MLS #79896



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still want to have your own studies done, but chances are, any negative findings will be few.)

There are some amazing deals on the market right now. Many are being sold well below tax value, and well below what the Sellers themselves paid for them, especially if they were bought in the last ten years—more so when you consider the updates, additions and extra maintenance the sellers have put into their homes. There are properties in the Highlands Township to fit any pocketbook for the serious buyer. With prices ranging from \$59,900 (for a seasonal condo) to \$4,900,000. (for a luxury home) and literally hundreds of properties in between.

Let one of the 15 or so offices in the Highlands area help YOU find the perfect choice in a Highlands area home, condo, or town home. Remember—there are no bad choices except one—the choice of indecision.

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explained that since the program's implementation, Highlands School has reported zero children being referred to EC for having a learning disability in grades K-2, which she believes speaks highly of the remedial effort and specialized teaching practices of the program. From grades 3rd and above, there are a several children

that have been diagnosed with learning disabilities at Highlands, she said.

The reduction in funds allocated to the program won't impact all schools. Schools like Nantahala and Highlands are small enough and have a higher teacher retention rate than other schools in the district so teachers who are

currently trained and implementing LMB in their classrooms will continue to do so.

In addition to only training new hire teachers in K-2, the program will only focus on reading program and not math.

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• BIZ/ORG. NEWS •

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Store within a store now at The Hen House



Lloyd and Deborah Wagner have re-invented themselves a The Hen House with the opening of Sidelines/Gameday Apparel and Accessories. Everything you could possibly want in collegiate clothing, gifts, jewelry, accessories and even tailgating supplies are now in The Hen House at 488 E. Main Street. They still feature condiments, crackers, cheeses, dining and kitchen accessories and more! 787-2473.

• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Changing lives...one mind at a time at Literacy Bingo

The Rotary Club of Highlands and the Literacy Council of Highlands will join forces to benefit a mutual goal: LITERACY. Literacy Rotary Bingo will be held on Thursday, July 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building to help continue the work of The Literacy Council of Highlands.

The event's theme, *Changing lives...one mind at a time*, helps drive

the Literacy Council's mission to enrich lives and expand the knowledge of children, adults and families in the greater Highlands community through diverse educational programs that advance literacy in its many forms, promote lifelong learning, and result in an informed and empowered community.

Half of all Bingo card money will go to the Literacy Council and

half will be awarded to lucky bingo players.

The Literacy Council's continual goal is to offer effective, quality programs to anyone who needs literacy help in the community. Bingo is a great way to raise funds for this goal and have a fun evening with thrills, entertainment and definitely a few laughs.

Fifteen games will be played,

with a brief intermission halfway through the evening. Each bingo card is \$1 per game, and you may play as many cards as you like. The last game of the evening is a full-card bingo with the winner getting a surprise jackpot.

Literacy Rotary Bingo is family-style bingo, is open to the community, and refreshments are free.

Bingo is sponsored by The Rotary

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Greenway's Trail Worker of the Year



At the Greenway's annual meeting, Sat., June 21, Cindy Rodinsky was selected Trail Worker of the Year for 2014 by the Highlands Plateau Greenway. Presenting her award at the Greenway's Annual Meeting is Board President Ran Shaffner.

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Town Scholarship Golf winners



Thursday, June 19th, Wildcat Cliffs CC hosted the annual Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Classic. \$20,000 was raised that will go toward funding scholarships for Highlands School graduates pursuing degrees in post secondary education. The winning team of Mike Bryson, Jim Bryson, Tony Potts (not pictured is John Lupoli) are standing with WCCC head golf professional, Keven Gabbard. "We are extremely grateful for the wonderful and generous membership and staff of Wildcat Cliffs for making this possible. WCCC is a first class operation in every facet and we could never do this without their support," said Brian Stiehler, Town Commissioner and event Co-Chair.

ELC residents enjoy car show



The Eckerd Living Center's (ELC) Second Annual "Antique Car Show" was Friday, June 20, 2014. ELC residents enjoyed the musical sounds of award winning "C-Squares" while moving through an array of motorized vintage treasures provided by members of our generous mountain community. The day was topped off with one of the South's summer favorites, a delicious barbeque plate with all the fixin's. Photo from left: Herbert Reithemeyer and Sharon Peterson.

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I'm Right! You're Wrong! Wednesday, July 9 Time 10-12 Cost \$15/\$20

Deists, Atheists, or Reluctant Theists? Wednesday, July 9 Time 6-8pm Discussion will cover the religious views of 2 great thinkers, Thomas Jefferson & Thomas Paine. Presenter Daryl Hale, Associate Professor of Philosophy & Religion at WCU.

Dante's Florence and the Rise of the Reniassance

Thursday, July 10 Time 10-12 This lecture will provide an insider's look at Florence, revealing the medieval city as Dante knew it and the art that both inspired and stemmed from his creative output. Presenter Ena Heller is the Bruce A. Beal director of Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins University.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

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Thomas Jefferson in laying out the reasons for the American Revolution said, "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath?" If what Mr. Jefferson is saying is true, and I firmly believe it is, the conclusion drawn from this is without God there will be no America as our founding fathers understood it. There seems to be a concentrated effort by many to destroy with political correctness and a false sense of equality the very freedoms the Declaration of Independence said were "unalienable rights given by our Creator" (God). The right to love and worship God as we understand it from the Bible, the right to witness to our beliefs, the right to be free of persecution, the right to a nation that stands guard over our freedoms. There are those enemies of America who are trying to rewrite our history and force us into a society governed by the dictates of men and to kill the God of our fathers. I do not believe they have yet succeeded but the inroads they have made are indeed disturbing.

Who were these men that wrote our constitution? There were 55 delegates in 1787 involved in the Constitutional Convention. The make up of this convention says a lot about the founding of our nation. There were 28 Episcopalians, 8 Presbyterians, 7 Congregationalists, 2 Lutherans, 2 Dutch Reformed, 2 Methodist, 2 Roman Catholic, 3 Deists and 1 undetermined. The vast majority of these men, 93% of them, were members of Christian churches. There is little doubt that all were heavily influenced by Scripture in their views of man and of the government that should serve mankind.

These men understood tyranny and the destructive nature of it. They were bound and determined not to allow tyranny to be a part of America. They knew the only way to keep tyranny out was to have God in. They didn't want a government that forced its citizens to worship nor tried to inhibit them from worshiping God. It was never their intention to remove God from all government. They made sure God was exalted in the founding documents and that he was clearly represented on government buildings. That he was praised and acknowledged in the historic prayers offered in the establishment of this nation. George Washington, our first President in 1789 declared "The liberty enjoyed by the people of these states of worshiping Almighty God agreeably to their conscience, is not only among the choicest of their

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Smithbridge precinct of Democrat Party holds forum

A large crowd gathered at the Otto Community Building recently for a breakfast and forum.

Three speakers presented information on the concerns for our State and

County regarding Education and Medicaid. Speakers were Melissa Faetz, the 2013-2014 Macon County School District Teacher of the Year and NC Region 8 Teacher of the Year; Dr. Ed Morris, a past President of the Democrat Party and well known and respected for his knowledge of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion; and Jane Higgs who is the Democrat candidate for NC Senate in our district and is passionate about quality education, economic recovery, and quality healthcare.

Anyone wishing for information on the Democratic Party activities can visit the Democratic Headquarters located at 251 Sloan Road Franklin or call (828) 369-8561.



George Shook celebrates 30 years as General Manager of WCCC

Wildcat Cliffs Country Club of Highlands, NC recently announced that George A. Shook, Jr., CCM, has celebrated his 30th anniversary as General Manager of the Club.

Shook began his career at Wildcat Cliffs in 1980 as the Club's Comptroller,

two weeks after graduating with honors from Western Carolina University. In 1984, he was named General Manager of the Club and has held the position continuously ever since.

As General Manager, Shook is responsible for Wildcat Cliff's wide range of facilities and assets, as well as more than 70 employees. Since 1984, he has also managed the development and improvement of the Club's



facilities, including four major renovations/additions to the Club's 17,000 square foot clubhouse, renovation of the Club's 18 hole golf course originally designed by George W. Cobb and redesigned in 2007 by Bill Bergin, and the construction and renovation of the Club's 11,000 square foot fitness center with heated indoor pool.

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blessings but also of their rights." Our first president knew the value of what was created in this nation. Our first Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Jay also knew the value of men who served God. He said "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian Nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Our nation was founded by men who loved God and sought to worship him. They wanted to create a nation founded on the principles of Scripture and they knew it owed its existence to the Almighty God. They knew God's promise concerning such things, Psalm 37:28 "God the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off." If we do not, as a nation, turn away from our sins and seek the face of God and

humbly acknowledge our need of him, then the blessing on this nation will disappear and this nation will cease to exist. Without God we cannot stand.

Jesus told us in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In John 14:6 he declared "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." God allowed this nation to be established in his name, based on the truth of his Word. What can you as an individual do to help preserve this nation? Hear the gospel message and turn to Jesus Christ, seeking his mercy, confessing your sin and asking Jesus to make you his. Only when the people of this land return to the worship of the Almighty God will this nation be healed and once again be seen as great in this world.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from June 13. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used

June 13

- At 6 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Pine Street.
- At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle accident on NC 106.

June 16

- At 10 a.m., officers responded to a shoplifting incident at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park where two lawn chairs and a cordless Black & Decker cordless drill were taken.

June 17

- At 3:35 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident in Wright Square.

June 19

- At 3:55 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.
- At 11:38 a.m., officers responded to a call about someone causing a disturbance outside Ann Jacobs Gallery on Main Street.

June 20

- At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Mountain Findings.
- At 6:55 p.m., officers responded to noise violation report about someone weedeating after hours on Warren Road.

June 21

- At 11 a.m., officers assisted with a missing person report at a residence on Laurel Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 18

June 18

- At 6:08 p.m., the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm at a residence on NC 106.

June 19

- At 12:20 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm in an elevator shaft at a business on Main Street.

June 20

- At 7:20 p.m., the dept. responded to a dumpster fire on Rich Gap Road.

June 21

- At 2:52 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Shortoff Road.
- At 3:22 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a business on Main Street.

June 22

- At 9:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Church Street.

June 23

- At 11:37 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid at a residence on Creekwood Court.

- At 3 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Goldmine Church Road.

- At 6:30 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

- At 8:14 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS on Main Street.

June 24

- At 11:46 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Hospital Drive.

- At 6:40 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS on W. Church Street behind Town Square.

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state's Title I funds are based on census data and can vary from year to year, meaning that while Macon County could see an increase in funds this year, next year's funding could be significantly less. Title I funds are also regulated as to how the money can be spent. The funds are earmarked for professional development and scientifically-based educational programs to help with remedial students through intervention.

"At this point, with the uncertainty of where we sit with funds from the state, we

have to be careful of how we spend our dollars," said Baldwin. "We will always look at funding people over programs and want to keep as many teachers in the classroom as possible."

"Once again the state of NC is playing Russian Roulette with our children's education," said McCall. "I understand the importance of people over programs but I want to make sure we are not putting this on the shelf after investing so much money into it, and seeing such positive results."

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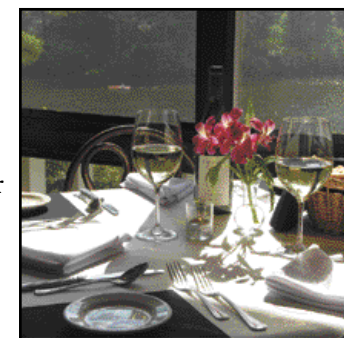
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