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Ward accepts job as Bryson City Town Manager

"It was a bad Friday for us, but a great move for Josh in his career," said Mayor Pat Taylor at the news last Friday that Planning Director Josh Ward is leaving Highlands to become the new Town Manager for Bryson City.

Ward's last day is August 21. He has served the town in its planning and zoning departments for eight years under various town administrators, town managers and planning directors. He was the town's zoning and code enforcement

officer for five years and its Planning Director for the last three years.

Town Manager Bob Frye said he is working on the job advertisement which he will discuss with the Town Board at the Aug. 20

meeting.

"My intention at this time is to work with our Planning Committee made up of Commissioners Eric Pierson and John Dotson during the selection process to create

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Car accident takes the lives of mother & son; orphans siblings

Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 5, the Highlands Road (US 64 west) was closed for several hours while law enforcement cleared the scene of an accident that claimed the life of a mother and son and sent others to the hospital.

Near the intersection of US 64 and Ellijay Road close to the Cullasaja Fire Department, 16-year-old Caleb Sloope lost control of a 1996 Chevrolet Van and collided with a 2002 Chevrolet Suburban. Caleb's mother, Joy Sloope died at the scene and Caleb died later at Mission Hospital. Caleb's sister Cameron, 17, was critically injured.

The driver and passenger of the Suburban, Hewart Hugel and his wife Ingrid, of Florida, were injured and transported to Mission Hospital.

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Swim team is making Highlands proud



On Saturday, Aug. 1, the Highlands Hurricanes participated in a conference meet in Franklin. Numerous medals and ribbons were awarded at the next practice in Highlands. There were four medal winners who competed in the Mountain Swim League Conference meet: Chase Kenter - 1st Place Boys 6U: 25-yard Freestyle and 3rd place Boys 8U: 25-yard Backstroke; Conner Hughes - 1st Place Boys 8U: 25-yard Backstroke; Isaiah Vilardo - 2nd Place Boys 8U: 25-yard Butterfly; and Toby Henderson - 2nd Place Boys 9&10: 100-yard Individual Medley. "We had lots of other ribbon winners and great swims but most importantly a real fun time," said Assistant Coach Tay Bronaugh. On Saturday at 9a there will be an Inter-Squad Meet. Come on out!

Projects are tweaked at Highlands & Union S. due to high bids

Principal Jetter expects high school wing to be completed by December

Macon County Schools has spent the last few weeks adjusting renovations projects to both Highlands School and Union Academy, after estimated bids for the project came in higher than originally anticipated.

Original estimates for the projects came in at \$2.7 million, \$1.25 million for Highlands and \$1.45 million for Union Academy, but after bidding out each project, the lowest bids came in at \$2.85 million; \$1.27 million for Highlands and \$1.45 million for Union.

Because the bids were higher than expected, and the check for the project has already been written

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Summer daydreams

A few weeks ago a newspaper story about the plateau had a photo of me pondering an area map. Actually, the photo captured me having one of those mid-summer daydreams. I was not studying our geography, but dreaming of creating a new county called Plateau County. It would run from Cashiers all the way to the Georgia line.



Mayor Pat Taylor

Of course the State of North Carolina will not create a 101st county. Therefore, my county would be a new county in the 51st state! Yes, I was dreaming about a new state, West Carolina. Let me share my glorious dream.

West Carolina would be comprised of the eight most western counties in what is now North Carolina; that is Cherokee, Gra-

ham, Clay, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Haywood and Transylvania counties. The eastern boundaries of Haywood and Transylvania would form an almost strait line border between West and North Carolina. Now a similar border could be created if Madison, Buncombe and Henderson counties were a part of the new state. The problem would be that

Asheville would be included. I don't want an overpowering population center in our new state.

Some of the larger land area counties in the new state may want to divide and form new, smaller counties like my beloved Plateau County.

What would be the capital of West Carolina? Any location would be better than Raleigh. Right now folks in Western Carolina are closer to four other state capitals than they are to Raleigh. North Carolina is way too long, and the western part is cut off and isolated by mountains. Just Google a map of North Carolina and those little snap shot maps that pop up illustrate the problem. Western Carolina is cut off in those images, so why not just form a new state so when a person Googles North or West Carolina they would get a full state map.

Let me propose some possible candidates for a centrally located capital, all of which are strategically located to our flagship state university, Western Carolina. Sylva, Waynesville, Brevard would be good locations. Just think, our legislators would not get lost in big far away Raleigh. While our legislature was in session, one could simply drive over to the capital for the afternoon to check out what was going on and who was working the lobby.

I would also include in the state constitution a "home rule" provision for towns and counties. North Carolina could keep

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Highlands Newspaper N.O.A.A. Weather Report For Highlands NC

Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
Patchy Dense Fog then Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Slight Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 73 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 75 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 77 °F

• OBITUARIES •

Oscar Neville Crane

Oscar Neville Crane, born December 13, 1931 to Effie Leona Miller and J. Frank Crane was a native Highlander. He was born and raised on Oak Street, where The Bascom is now.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, and one sister, Clarence Levi (Bertie), Carlton W., Robert Crane and Margaret Jane C. Montague.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Kathy Spitzer Crane; they were married for 32 years; one sister, Lassie Crane Buchanan (Floyd); two brothers, Frank McCloy (Marie), Chester Lee (Fredda) Crane; two sisters-in-law, Sue W. Crane (the mother of Lee and David), Eloise B. Crane, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Oscar had spent his life guiding horses at Crane's Riding Stables. After his Dad's death, Oscar ran the stables. He also did yard work all over Highlands.

Services were Monday, August 10, 2015 at 3 pm at Highlands First Baptist Church with Chaplain Ralph Campbell and Dr. Mark Ford officiating. Burial was in Highlands Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Micah Mullarkey, Sean Mullarkey, David Crane, Harold Crane, Charlie Hicks and Gene Ramey. Honorary pallbearers will be "Smokey" Buchanan, Brooks Bennett, Baker Crane and Danny Crane.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, PO Box 190, Highlands, NC 28741.

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

Beverly Staples Rymer

Beverly Staples Rymer, of Highlands N.C. died on Aug. 9, 2015. She was born May 26, 1929 in Miami, Florida to James and Caroline Staples. She married John Rymer on April 11, 1955. She lived in South Florida until retiring to Highlands in 1990.

Beverly graduated Fort Lauderdale High School, Florida State University with a Bachelor's in Education, and Florida International



University with a Master's in Health Administration. Perhaps her most profound educational experience was through the Lyle Fellowship, helping her hone strong lifelong values and friendships.

Beverly taught high school for many years. Teaching was second nature to Beverly and all who knew her learned valuable lessons about life, kindness, empathy, strength and love.

She worked at the Health Planning Council Services of Miami-Dade from 1969 – 1988, eventually becoming director. She was instrumental in the creation of the South Florida Perinatal Network and served as its Executive Director.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 60 years, John Rymer; her siblings Sarah Crump, James Staples and Mary Linda Dooley; her children John Taylor and his wife Donna, Todd and his wife Michelle, and Ann Brady; four grandchildren, Jessica Steinhart, Valerie Toth, Andrew and Gwyn Brady, and one great-grandson, Bennett Toth.

Beverly was active in her community and especially with her church, First Presbyterian of Highlands, where she served as an Elder. She also served on the Board of the Hudson Library. Throughout her life she was an unwavering voice for the silent, a champion for the oppressed and a spokesperson for the power of love.

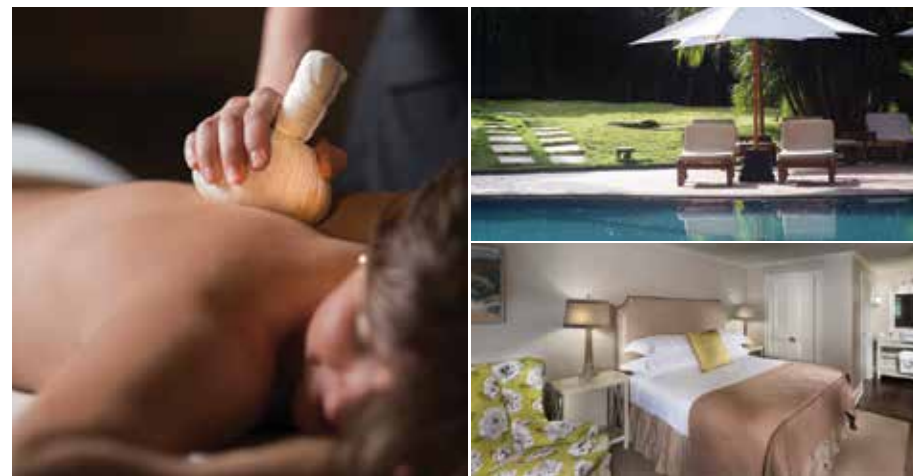
Beverly asked that we all remember her in our private thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Highlands Hudson Library.

• ENGAGEMENT •

Steinc and Hedden to wed



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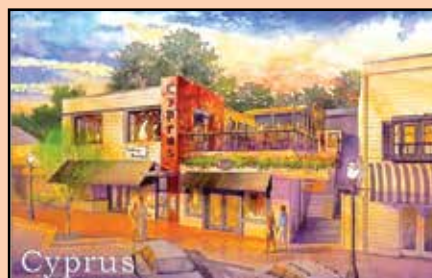
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- **Internet Security and ApplePay:** Fri., Aug. 14 Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost \$70/\$80 Identity theft and internet fraud are commonplace occurrences these days. Nigel Sixsmith will teach you how to keep your personal information and data safe from hackers and thieves as well as explain ApplePay and how it protects you.
- **Sketching Your Home:** Mon./Wed. Aug. 17, 19, 24, 26 Time: 10-12 Cost \$100/\$115 Location: The Bascom Can't draw? That's ok. Knight Martorell will guide you (whether beginner or advanced) through the steps of creating a fabulous drawing of your home or other inspiring architecture.
- **"Nature's Edge" Radio Broadcast: An interview with Jim Costa:** Tue. Aug. 18 Time: 10-12 We are going LIVE with 2 guys who are passionate about the environment and nature! The CLE lecture hall becomes the sound stage for a live radio broadcast with Highlands own Jim Costa and the syndicated radio show "Nature's Edge, host Dale Stewart. Come by with your questions for our experts!
- **Photoediting for iPad:** Tue. Aug. 18 Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost \$70/\$80 Nigel Sixsmith will teach you how to edit, organize and create stunning projects using your photos and your iPad.
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- **Marketing Your Business with Facebook:** Thur., Aug. 20 Time: 6-8 Cost \$35/\$45 Facebook is a great tool to grow your business. Mary Ann Baker will show you how to utilize Facebook to connect with people and find new customers.
- **Who are we? The Birth and Migration of Homo Sapiens:** Fri., Aug. 21 Time: 10-12 Robert Anemone heads the Anthropology Department at UNC Greensboro and will be providing answers to questions about "us" that fascinate us, such as; Where did we come from? What makes us human? And much more.

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their Dillion's Principle where the state legislature grants permission to local governments for every aspect of their operation.

The state constitution would set up a unicameral legislative structure, a one-house legislature and a governor. The assembly would be small, but lean and efficient. I am tired of these long drawn out legislative sessions because the NC Senate can't agree with the NC House on a budget. Who pays for those long, deadlock sessions anyway?

Now the big benefit would be at the federal level. West Carolina would be like Wyoming, with two senators and one congressman. Think about the federal aid our delegation could leverage.

We could be like some other states, for instance Mississippi, where we would get more in federal aid than we paid in federal taxes. We could view it as embracing capitalism by making a profit for the state.

Already Western Carolina has great leadership at the local and state level, so there should be no problem finding a governor, senators and congressman. Since our current congressman is in trouble with Speaker of the House Bainer, maybe he would want to serve our new state as a senator or governor.

Now there are a lot of decisions before us as we move toward statehood. I have some answers. For instance, just commandeer the current Division 14 of the NC DOT and repurpose it as our new state DOT. We don't get any new roads around here now, certainly our new DOT would do better. With home rule maybe we could create county road departments.

Forget a state national guard, West Carolina would go back to the old militia system. If you own a rifle, you would automatically be in the state guard of West Carolina.

Now there will be other critical decisions to be answered. What will be the state flag, flower, animal and motto, just for starters?

Now I know, some may think I am proposing a new state so I can be the first governor. Not true, I just want a statue of myself at the state capital as the founder of the state. And no paper mâché, I want a life-size bronze statue.

I've got to snap out of it, this daydreaming stuff has got to stop!

• LETTER •

Nature Center camp was the best

Dear Editor,

I wanted to write and thank the new director and the staff at the Highlands Nature Center for a wonderful camp experience for three of our grandchildren. This is the 7th year our granddaughter has attended camp and she said it

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• THE FREDSTER •

The Survey



Fred Wooldridge

of Mountain Fresh Grocery. He wasn't eating or drinking...just sitting there staring into the intersection.

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"Yeah, sit down. Maybe youse can help me. I've been here for over two hours lookin' for my ole lady. Maybe youse seen her while doing your survey."

"Finally a visitor I can help," I thought as I sat and pulled out my microphone.

"Tell me what she looks like and I'll try to remember if I've see her," I responded.

"Oh, you'll remember her. She's a real looker. Tall and thin, long bottle blond hair, bright red lipstick and a tucas like a forty dollar mule. Oh, and she's probably with a guy. I don't know what he looks like but I know he's rich."

I was stunned. This guy had to be Louie Paterno from the south side. "Wow, that's quite a description. I would remember seeing a girl like that. Well, I gotta go. My editor just called me back to the office. You have a nice day, Louie."

"How ja know my name was Louie?" he asked as I raced toward 5th Street. He grabbed me at the light and spun me around. I would not be able to outrun this guy. He was at least 40 years younger.

"Look, I don't want any trouble. You might want to hang out near Third Street. I did spot an attractive lady fitting that description. But she was alone."

Louie smiled, pulled out a wad of cash and shoved a c-note in my top pocket. "What's your name, old man," Louie

asked.

"Irving Lipshitz," I blurted out. "My dad was a Jewish haberdasher from the east side. You probably knew him"

Louie nodded and headed toward Third Street. My day was over.

"Excuse me, miss, but would you like to volunteer to be a part of my survey concerning your visit to our wonderful town of Highlands?"

"Let me tell you something, buster," she responded. "If you take my picture or mention my name or identify me in any way, my husband will kill you first and me second. I guess a hick like you never heard of my husband, Louie Paterno, from the south side. He would fly here in a heart beat just to snuff us both. Now get the hell away from me, toilet face and leave me alone."

I headed east on Main Street and spotted a friendly looking guy sitting in a rocking chair at 4th and Main. I sat down in the rocker next to him, pulled my microphone from my secret place (don't ask) and asked, "Would you be so kind and volunteer to take a survey about your wonderful experience while in Highlands?"

The guy snatched the mike from my hand and said, "Damn tootin' I'll take part in your stupid survey. I wanna go on record and tell you I will never come back to this friggin' town....never. My wife is upstairs packing right now and as soon as she gets down here, you can color us G-O-N-E."

I asked the guy if he would return my microphone and he did comply. "Can you tell me the things you dislike most about our wonderful town? Most of our visitors love it here and enjoy the cool weather."

"I'll talk to you until my wife arrives and then you can color us....."

"I know, sir. You've already said I can color you G-O-N-E," I interrupted.

"Stick that mike back in my face and I'll tell you why you can color us G-O-N-E. First off, I prefer air conditioning to damp moldy mountain air. Secondly, it's about that stupid stuff you write in the paper. Whoever told you you're a writer should have his head examined. Wait, I have more. Where in the friggin' hell is your MacDonald's....or Burger King....or Hardies....or Kentucky.....?"

Again, I felt the need to interrupt. "Well, sir, on that issue you do have a point but let me say this. Highlands is considered an upscale place to visit. We are striving to become a five-star town and fast food does not really fit into our theme."

He pulled the mike over to speak but didn't snatch it from my hand this time. "Five-star you say. Well that might just be the problem. Ya see, I'm not a five-star guy. And I don't want to drive 10 miles to eat a hot and juicy. I might as well just move to Cashiers but I don't care for that place either. I think we'll go back to Gatlinburg where the real action is. There are fast food joints on every corner. Now that's what I'm talkin' about. Oh, here comes my ole lady. See ya, Mr. Newspaper man. You should think about getting a real job."

As I watched his car head down Main Street and out of town, I waved and muttered, "Bye....Come back when you get some class."

Continuing my journey toward 5th. Street, I felt that my survey was not going that well but I refused to give up. Next, I spotted a guy sitting alone at a picnic table in front

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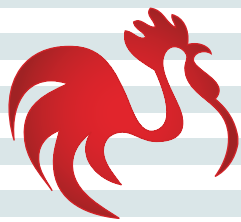
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(theoretically) the projects had to be cut to make the numbers match up.

Funds for the renovation projects are coming from a Qualified Zoned Academy Bond (QZAB) which can be loaned to the county with a zero percent interest rate. To ensure the project applications were submitted in time to receive 2015 funding and to get the projects started this summer, the applications were rushed before bids were finalized.

During a special called meeting on July 21, members of the board of education approved various changes to both projects to get the renovations back in line with the original cost estimates.

According to Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin, in Highlands, the LED lighting in the gym was removed from the project and instead, the Macon County Schools Maintenance Department will install the lights at a later date.

At Union Academy, planned storage areas, along with LED lighting and a new shower area were eliminated from the project to save money. The school board also elected to use carpet already purchased for the school's office areas, rather than purchasing new carpet.

Union Academy Principal Diane Cotton had also requested for new bathrooms to be constructed as well as an enclosed connecting hallway, but instead, the existing bathrooms will be renovated and the hallway will be covered rather than enclosed.

The Union Academy changes were able to save the project nearly \$146,000 and allow for a \$17,000 contingency fund to be in place.

Dr. Baldwin assured board members that when the projects were originally bid, the district consulted with an architect and used the same method for both formulas, so it isn't clear why there was such a difference in the bids that came in.

The Highlands School renovations are upgrading the high school wing, and according to Principal Brian Jetter, is expected to be completed by December.

"The work is confined to the high school wing, and the wing is sealed off from the rest of the school," said Jetter. "We'll be glad when the construction is complete, and we can use the newly renovated spaces."

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Photo by Vickie Carpenter

According to reports from the North Carolina Highway Patrol, Caleb's vehicle left the road at which point he overcorrected causing the vehicle to overturn. Hugel struck Caleb's vehicle after it turned over. Caleb was reportedly not a licensed driver.

The road was closed for four hours, with traffic being detoured through Sugarfork via Ellijay Road.

The Sloope family consisted of five children and lost their dad three years ago. Family members and friends are stepping up to care for Cameron and her three brothers and sisters. Cameron has spent the week recovering and could be released this week.

The community has also stepped up to help the Sloope family as they recover from this unthinkable tragedy. Pam and Joe Col-

lins have set up a benefit fund at United Community Bank for the family.

Donations can be mailed directly to the bank and all staff have the information available if anyone has additional questions. The bank address is: Sloope Family Benefit Fund C/O United Community Bank 257 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Union Academy Principal Diane Cotton is also collecting school supplies for the students for the upcoming year. Donations can be dropped off at Union Academy or South Macon Elementary in Otto.

There are two girls who are seniors, one boy in the eighth grade and one girl in the seventh grade.

Caleb was a 3rd year student at Macon Early College.

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a short list of three to five candidates who will be interviewed by the full board," said Frye.

As has happened in the past, particularly with previous Town Administrator Richard Betz who was Interim Director of Planning more than once, Frye will assume the role until Ward's replacement is hired.

"Since I was a planner for more than 10 years before becoming a town manager, I will be handling some of the day-to-day aspects of Josh's position during the transition," he said.

Frye said the town will advertise locally as well with the League of Municipalities and the Association of County Commissioners. He doesn't expect interviews to take place until late September.

Zoning has been a part of the Highlands' picture for decades and as such its planner/zoning administrator has always played a big part in the town's development.

"Highlands is no stranger to planning and zoning. The land use plans for the town have been around for nearly 40 years and Highlands has always had a strong planning/zoning department," said Ward. "Planning for municipalities has been stable, for the most part, since I started here. However, over the last couple of years, we have seen a number of proposed changes introduced by the North Carolina General Assembly and several have been adopted in Highlands."

Ward said Highlands operates with high expectations and standards, especially for the planning department. "The major change to the planning and development department over the past several years, was definitely the adoption of the Unified De-

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velopment Ordinance,” said Ward. “The process was a lengthy one, taking two years, working with the consulting firm, Land-Design. The UDO consolidated all the land use ordinances into one document, as municipalities are doing across the state. The document is designed to allow staff and the public an easier search for standards and requirements set forth by the town.”

During Ward's tenure with Highlands, he has worked with Town Administrator Richard Betz and with Town Managers Jim Fatland and Bob Frye.

Before being appointed planning director, he worked under two planning directors – Joe Cooley and David Clabo.

“I appreciated their willingness to share their knowledge about planning during their tenures in Highlands,” he said.

He said he is looking forward to new challenges in a new town and in a new position.

“And I am looking forward to working with the staff and the public and building the same bonds I have here in Highlands. I will truly miss the friendships I have forged with my coworkers over the last 8+ years and will miss the people of Highlands and assisting in their daily planning and zoning needs.”

– Kim Lewicki

New 'Clothes Closet' is set to help clothe and accessorize needy students

Macon County Schools Social Workers Annie Breedlove Wishon and Marci Holland have taken on a new project for this school year. Their goal is to start a clothing closet for all students of Macon County Schools.

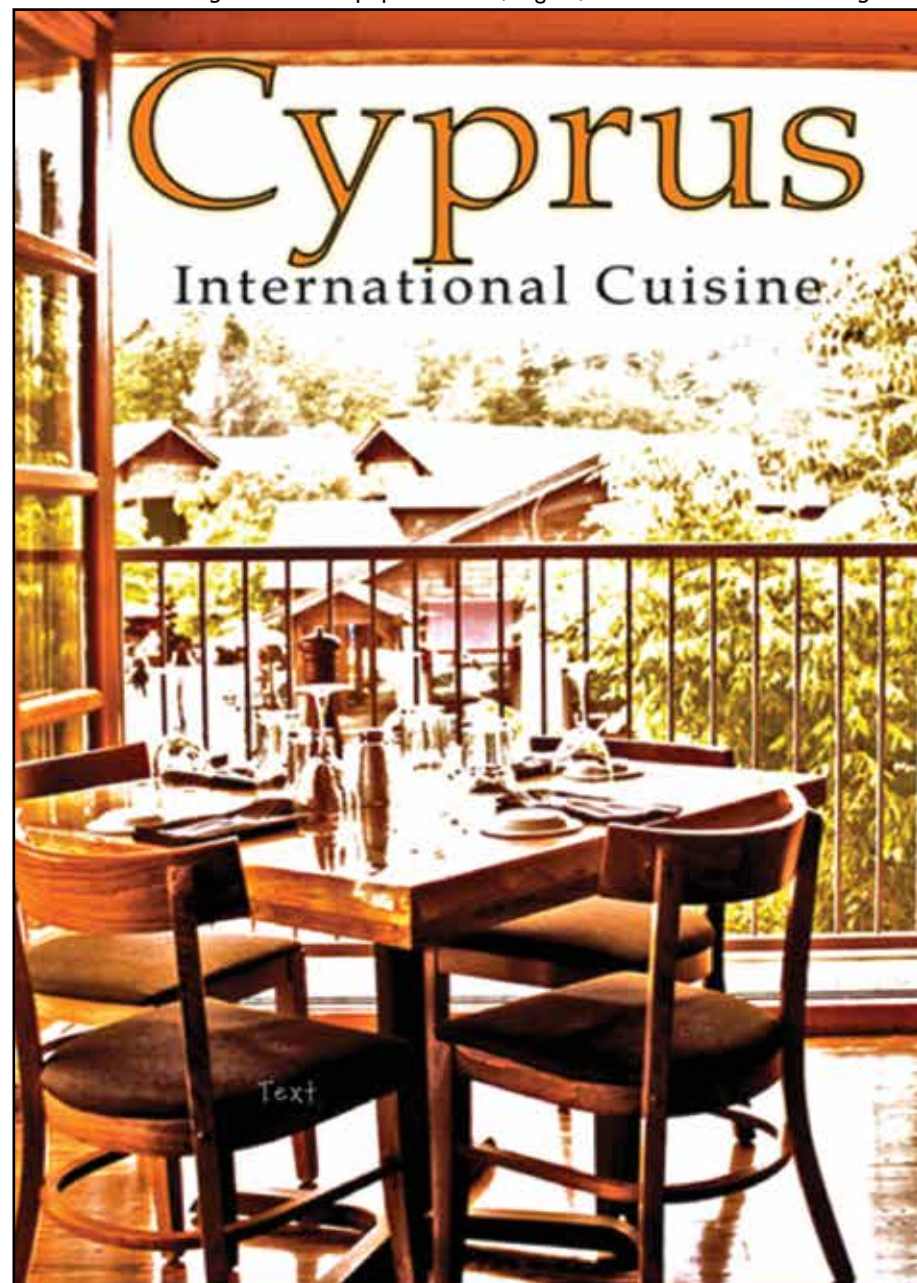
Some schools already have a small clothing closet for their individual schools, however, often times more items or different sizes may be needed throughout the year.

There are many, many students in the district who are in need of various clothing items – socks, shoes, book bags, etc.

Keep in mind, Macon County Schools serves preschool through 12th grade. Therefore, all size – new or used will be accepted.

To make a donation, drop items off at any Macon County Schools campus. Annie or Marci will pick up the items and make distributions to students as necessary.

To contact Annie or Marci directly, email them at annie.wishon@macon.k12.nc.us or marci.holland@macon.k12.nc.us



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HCP presents new Tony-winning comedy

"Vanya & Sonia & Masha, & Spike," recent Broadway comedy, winner of the 2013 Tony for Best Play, opens the Highlands Cashiers Players 21st season at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, August 27.

This extraordinary comedy by Christopher Durang won not only the Tony but also the prestigious Drama Critics Circle Award and nominations for six other Tonys. Critics have described the play as deliriously funny, hugely entertaining, comedy raised to the level of high art.

The three siblings in the play were named by their parents for characters in the plays of classic Russian playwright Anton Chekhov. Brother and sister, Vanya and Sonia, are living in the family home when sister Masha, a glamorous successful actress, now

middle-aged, returns home with Spike, her much younger, sexy new companion, and announces plans to sell the house. Housekeeper Cassandra, who claims to see the future and dabbles in voodoo, joins the other two siblings in opposing the sale and warns all against a nebulous someone or something called Hootie Pie, as this first-rate comedy continues with insights into human nature and endless laughter.

HCP's four-play season is listed on its website, highlandscashiersplayers.org. Season subscriptions are available on line or by calling the box office, 828-526-8084. Tickets for Vanya go on sale for season subscribers Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, and for others starting Saturday, August 22.

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was the best year ever; she had learned a lot.

From being met each morning by Miss Gail at the front door and then going into the new classroom to look at the displays and browse through the new books was a real treat.

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Playhouse Artistic Director brings 'First Date' to life

When Bill Patti moved to Rabun County in 2009, the Highlands Playhouse was the last thing on his mind. Having just received his MFA in Acting from Kent State University, and completing a acting contract in a regional production of Peter Pan, he was moving to take the position as theatre teacher at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School.

"The intention was to become some big, Broadway actor in New York, but fate intervened," he said. (Fate came in the form of Brianna Bailey, Patti's longtime girlfriend at the time).

Brianna was beginning a very successful choreography career and had booked a year-long contract at a major LORT theatre in the Northeast and Patti had acting jobs lined up in Buffalo, NY and in the middle of Kansas – and they were feeling grim.

"We both had these strong career paths, and were very successful. But we got on the phone one night and realized that all of it meant nothing if we couldn't be in the same part of the country, so we made a pact to move someplace together," Patti said. He tried to find work near Bailey in Connecticut, but was unsuccessful. Her



job was a great career builder, but it couldn't support the two of them.

Finally, through a teacher recruitment agency Patti got a job offer from Rabun Gap. "We weighed our options and decided it was the best long-term fit for us. I accepted the job, moved a week later, and Brianna met me a month after."

While working at Rabun Gap, Patti was introduced to Scott Allbee and Joanna Baumrucker – two of the most influential

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Playhouse board members. They asked Patti and Bailey if they were interested in running the children's theatre camp in the summer of 2010. It happened to fit into their schedule that summer. During those two weeks in Highlands, the couple fell in love with the Playhouse. "There was something about the people of Highlands that inspired me. They really loved their little theatre, and the work was great. I just wanted to be a small part of that," Patti said.

The following summer Patti

came on as a Director and as the Box Office Manager. He stayed in that position for the following summer and directed the hit show DAMES AT SEA. Then the Artistic Director position came open and the board immediately approached Patti. "I wanted it so bad. I had so many ideas, and I wanted to start implementing them," Patti admitted. He came to the board with a season that really put the Playhouse back on the map – they did BUDDY HOLLY, THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY

SPELLING BEE, and ANNIE. "I did something that the Artistic Directors had not done for many years, I listened to the community. I tried to bring them theatre that they wanted to see. They wanted family friendly musicals and new, edgy works." That first season was a huge success and built the path for Patti's following years in Highlands, including this year's hit show FIRST DATE.

"FIRST DATE was a real gamble for us," Patti said, "Its new, fresh, and really edgy." It is not the type of show Highlands audiences are used to seeing, but so far audiences have fallen in love. "It

has really been a pleasant surprise. We are trying to bring in new audiences, and expose our regular patrons to new work. People are leaving the theatre saying it is the funniest show they have ever seen in Highlands. They are comparing it to New York!"

Patti's success in growing the Playhouse has come with a multitude of opportunities to move on to other theatres. "We have had a few opportunities to branch out. There are have been some great theatres, and great financial possibilities for our family. Every time we think about leaving, though, we realize that

this area has our heart," Patti admitted.

Two years ago the Patti and Bailey were blessed with twin boys. They love their families at Rabun Gap and in Highlands. "We could not think of a better place to raise our kids. The love and support they get from this community is amazing."

The future is a bright at the Playhouse, and Patti is excited to be a part of it. "Scott Allbee is a saint. He and the board have given me the opportunities to grow as an artist and be a part of something really special. Scott pushes me to work harder and bring greater work to the Playhouse stage," Patti said referring to the Playhouse Board of Directors President. "With supporters like the Winklers, the Allbees, the Raffas, Old Edwards, the Lupolis, the Drakes, Susie Day, and Jerry Pair – and the list could go on forever – there is very little that we can not accomplish. I hope the people of Highlands are ready for the future, because we are going to knock their socks off."

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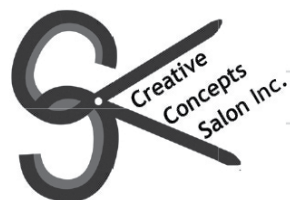


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Mon. & Wed.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to 1p. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

• Donation Based Family Fitness Class at The Nature Center every Monday at noon and Wednesday at 7pm for Teens and Adults,

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

First Tuesdays

• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. This

group is sponsored by the local affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). For more information: Ann 828 369-7385

Tuesdays

• Growing Stronger Together - A support and learning group for women who have physical or mental difficulties including depression or high stress. \$5 per session. Meets weekly on Tuesdays through August 4 at the Peggy Crosby Center, Rm.203. Led by Bonnie Gramlich, LPC and sponsored by HUMC and the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands. Call 828.342.0546 to register or for more info.

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

• FREE Yoga in the K-H Founders Park Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. Bring the whole family (along with a towel and a bottle of water) for a gentle, community stretch!

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit www.occupywno.org or call 828.331.1524

Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park **will resume Tuesday, Sept. 15.** at 8a. \$5.

• Pickle ball is played from 9:30-11a in the gym at the Rec Park.

1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:15pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

2nd Wednesdays

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

Wednesdays

• Children's Book of the Month Club and Story Hour with Nonnie (Diane McPhail) at Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at 11 a.m.

• Live music at Satulah Mountain Brewing Company with Jimandi, a local duo, 7:30-10:30p.

Thursdays

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

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

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges

from 7 - 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

• Free lectures at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Road in Highlands at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (828) 526-2221.

2nd Thursdays

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

3rd Thursdays

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

Last Fri. of each month

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11a to noon at The Hudson Library.

Fridays and Saturdays:

• The Highlands Historical Museum is open every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.. On display is a Botanical History of the Highlands Plateau, a gallery of local photographs by George Masa, and presentations of Mary Lapham's TB Sanatorium, the Moccasin War of 1885, Abraham Lincoln's alleged origins, Joe Webb's tools, and books and DVDs about Highlands history. For more information, email highlandshistory@nctv.com.

Fridays

• Live music in Town Square from 6-8p.

Saturdays

• Highlands Marketplace in the vacant lot next to K-H Founders Park on Pine Street from 9a to 2p.

• Children's Story Hour with Nonnie (Diane McPhail) at Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at 11 a.m.

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tasting from 1-3 p.m.

• Music in the K-H Founders Park from 6-8p. Bring a picnic.

Through Aug. 22

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Thurs., Aug. 13

• Zahner lecture at the Nature Center is all about salamanders. "Pheromones, Mating Behavior and the Biomedical Relevance of Salamander Research" It's free and begins at 6:30 p.m.

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. Reesa Boyce, Instructor at the Macon County Senior Services Center, will speak on the benefits of Tai Chi for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers along with the art of relaxation and meditation. A \$50 door prize will be given away. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fri., Aug. 14

• The annual Alpha Delta Pi Sorority alumni luncheon at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club at 11:30 a.m. All ADPis are invited to come and renew acquaintances and college memories. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Emily Buskirk at 787-1015 or Vesta Jones at 526-0477. Reservations need to be made by Aug. 7.

Sat., Aug. 15

• Highlands School Volleyball fundraiser Yard Sale in the gym from 8a until Rain or Shine.

• Jackson County NAACP Membership Meeting at the Library Baptist Church at 552 Scotts Creek Road in Sylva at 10 a.m.

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinnner with the Balsam Mountain Trust at 11 a.m. Program on the patio at Cliffside Lake. No pets allowed. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to program. Free by \$4/vehicle admission to recreation area.

• Bob Plott is a North Carolina native who can trace his family roots in the Old North State back to 1750. At that time, he had a relative who arrived with hunting dogs – the Plott hound. That dog in now our North Carolina State dog. At 11 am, Bob will be presenting a program at the Cowee Celebration and Macon County Heritage Day event to be held at the historical Cowee School. Bob will be accompanied by a Plott hound and will speak to the history and lore of the dog. Bob has provided programs in Macon County before but now has music incorporated into the presentation.

• WCU's Best of Controlled Chaos Film Festival & Benefit at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center from 6-9 p.m. \$75 plus \$5 NC sales tax per ticket. For more information, go to Bccff.wcu.edu or call 828-227-7028

Sun., Aug. 16

• Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players Oct. play, "Over the River and Through

the Woods" in the basement of the Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut St. at 3 p.m. Those who cannot come on the date set, contact director Adair Simon, 828-743-5940. She will arrange a time to meet with you. The play has parts for two men and two women 60+, and a man and woman, both late 20's or early 30s. Rehearsals will be held in Sept. and Oct. 2015. Performance dates are Oct. 15-18 and Oct. 22-25. Scripts are available to be read in the Highlands and Cashiers libraries, but cannot be checked out.

Tues., Aug. 18

• "Birds & Beer," a Highlands Plateau Audubon Society social, will be held at 5 p.m. at the Ugly Dog Pub in Highlands. This is an informal gathering to discuss birds and critters and most anything except religion and politics. Get to know some of the Audubon members and stay for a bite to eat if you care to. Be sure to check www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org for updates or call Avary Doubleday at 828-526-8414.

• The Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station is presenting a Creating Pollinator Habitat Workshop from 2pm to 4pm. \$10 for HBF Members, \$35 for new members

Wed., August 19

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Richard Clement, tenor Robert Henry, piano.

Thurs., Aug. 20

• Highlands School orientation from 4-6p. Open House for ALL students.

• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at 6:30 in the Nature Center of the Highlands Biological Station. Please join us for a talk by Dr. Cheryl Waters-Tormey, Associate Professor, Western Carolina University entitled: "Energy Literacy and How "Fracking" (High Volume Slickwater Hydraulic Fracturing) Fits In, North Carolina and Beyond."

Friday, August 21

• Eco Tour: "Serpentine Barrens," Join Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust as we explore a unique ecosystem within the Nantahala National Forest and learn more about its inhabitants from your herpetologist and botanist guides. \$35 new friends includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a year membership to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust! HCLT members: \$10. Reservations required: julie.hitrust@earthlink.net, 526-1111.

Sat., Aug. 22

• The Laurel Garden Club kitchen tour from 9a to 3p. Tickets go on sale May 1 at The Dry Sink, 450 Main Street in Highlands, and online at www.laurelgardenclubhighlands.com. Tickets are \$65 each.

• Relay for Life 5K and Kids Glo Fun Run at 6 p.m. First 50 People to register will receive an event shirt. Race day registration begins at 5:30 PM. Kid's Glo Fun Run will start at 6 p.m. Relay For Life 5k Glo Run will start at 7:15 p.m. \$20 Adult Registration if done by August 14th. \$10 Kids Glo Fun Run Pre-registration by Au-

gust 14th. Tasee Shelter on the Greenway

Sunday, Aug. 23

• At K-H Founders Park and Yoga Highlands, FLOW: Yoga and River festival to benefit the Chattooga Conservancy from 1-6 p.m. Meditation classes, river update, healing arts silent auction. Collaboration with Cashiers Valley Fusion, Highland Hiker and Yoga Highlands. Special Concert with Blue Spirit Wheel! \$10 on-line tickets. www.bluespiritwheel.com/events/. Donations for mini-classes and silent auction support Chattooga Conservancy.

Mon., Aug. 24

• Noted photographers and videographers Ed and Cindy Boos will present "Wild Critter Adventures" in photos and commentary at the Hudson Library in Highlands. This group of photos was taken in Bosque del Apache in New Mexico, Bear River in Utah, Yellowstone and Kenya as well as Highlands. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. with light refreshments at 7 p.m. Please enter through the rear door.

Tuesday, August 25

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Trio Carolina with Oral Moses, bass-baritone.

• Village Nature Series: "Bug Appetit!" – a "tasteful" presentation about insects with Zack Lemann. Zack Lemann, Chief Entomologist at The Audubon Insectarium in New Orleans. No reservations are necessary, everyone is welcome, rain or shine. Programs begin at 5:30 PM and usually last about an hour. All programs are family friendly.

Aug. 27 – Sept. 6

• HCP presents Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike at the Performing Arts Center. For ticket information call 828-526-8084.

Sat., Aug. 29

• Jackson County Parks and Recreation and Chingapin to host 3rd Annual Cashiers Trail Mix trail run and team adventure mud run -- a 5 mile competitive trail run over diverse terrain or a 3.1762 mile team adventure run including obstacles, mud, and much more! The athlete may sign up for one or both events and must have a team of four for the adventure run. For more information visit <http://www.cashierstrailmix.com> or call Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department at 828.631.2020.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 29 & 30

• Highlands Village Square Art & Craft Show. Regional artisans, music, food. 10 - 5 in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, downtown Highlands, NC. Admission free. Sponsored by Macon County Art Assn. Call (828) 787-2021 for info.

Sat & Sun., Sept. 5-6

• Fall Arts & Crafts Show at the Village Green in Cashiers. 10am - 5pm (Rain or Shine). More than 70 exhibiting artisans and good food. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to benefit area non-profits. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Talk to God; he's listening

By Pastor Paul Christy

Highlands United Methodist Church

As I write to you this week I am actually away at the beach. It is amazing how busy Surf Side Beach is this time of year, kind of like Highlands.

I like to relax and take time away from my regular preaching job by piddling around our little beach place. I decided that I wanted to ceramic tile our countertops in the kitchen. Sounds very easy but what Lowe's and I have come to realize is that it is a good thing that I am preacher because I would starve doing tile work.

After 14 trips to Lowe's the nice man who works in tile area said to me, "Sir, it may be a good idea to hire someone to do your work, because I have to help other people not just you."

Well, let's just say that my pride was hurt but I got what he was saying; I either needed to figure out what I was doing or stop. However, after calling my buddy in Highlands, I think I have finally accomplished the task of tiling the countertops at our beach place. They look good for a preacher but not a professional. But my wife is happy with them so I am finally happy.

Now you may wonder why I begin there this week?

To me one of the beautiful things about God is that God never looks at us and says, "You know I have had enough of you, don't bother me anymore." Instead I firmly believe that God wants to hear from us, and we as people of faith call that prayer. God wants to be in a relationship with you and me. One way we are in a relationship with God is by talking to God. We talk through prayer.

There are many folks who want to say that you need to pray this way or that way, but I am of the opinion that there is no right or wrong way to pray. The power of prayer comes in talking to God and being honest with our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

I had the honor and privilege of growing up in a praying family. My dad was a United Methodist preacher and every night we had devotions and prayer. My dad would ask all of us what we were thankful for and what we had questions about. Then after asking the questions, he would say, now talk to God about those things. Little did I know he was teaching us all to pray. There is power in prayer when we talk to God.

So my challenge to you and to me this week as you read this column, is to talk to God and talk to God like you are having a conversation with a friend. Let God know what you are thankful for, and let God know what you are questioning right now.

For you see in doing these things we are learning to pray. Let me assure you I have done a lot of praying this week while trying to ceramic tile my countertops, but you know it has been a holy time because it has been something out of my comfort zone and believe it or not it has been relaxing.

Maybe we all need to step out of our comfort zones and talk to God about it? Maybe we need to simply talk to God about our fears and our failures? Maybe we need to thank God for allowing us to be where we are right now? And maybe we need to ask God for some advice about a relationship?

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 19

Proverbs 3:5

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Bob Jones Invitational Golf Tournament at HCC hits year 34

A Legend Reborn, A Legacy Renewed. The Bob Jones Invitational Golf Tournament returned to Highlands Country Club on Saturday, August 8. Highlands has featured this competitive reunion of Walker Cup players from the United States, Great Britain and Ireland for the past 34 years. The tournament is named after the legendary Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones - history's truly iconic golfer.

Jones preferred to be called Bob (rather than Bobby as dubbed by the press). This is the only tournament, other than the Masters, that is granted the use of the Bob Jones name, thanks to the generosity of the Jones family. Proceeds support the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation - a worthwhile legacy! The tournament was hosted by Highlands Country Club, of which Jones was an instrumental founder.

Bob Jones loved the Highlands area and spent many summers here. He helped develop the course, designed by Donald Ross, which is known today as Highlands Country Club. Jones christened the course by hitting the first ball when it opened in

1928.

After his retirement from amateur golf, Jones only played in exhibition matches to raise money for worthy causes. He even teamed with baseball great Ty Cobb in such a match to raise money for the fledgling hospital in Highlands. To date, the Bob Jones Invitational Tournament has raised over \$4 million for the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation through sponsorships and donations of local participants.

The Walker Cup competition began in 1922 and is named after George Herbert Walker, the maternal grandfather of former President George H.W. Bush and great grandfather of President George W. Bush. Hence the tournament trophy is called the "Walker Cup," which was donated by George Herbert Walker. Bob Jones was selected to play on the Walker Cup five times and served as the captain of the United States team twice.

On Saturday, August 8th, a full field of 24 Walker Cup players were joined by teams of four golfers for a one-day competition, similar to a pro-am tournament.



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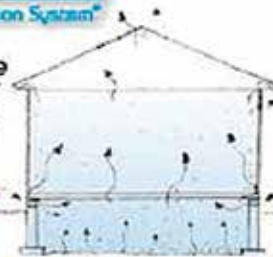
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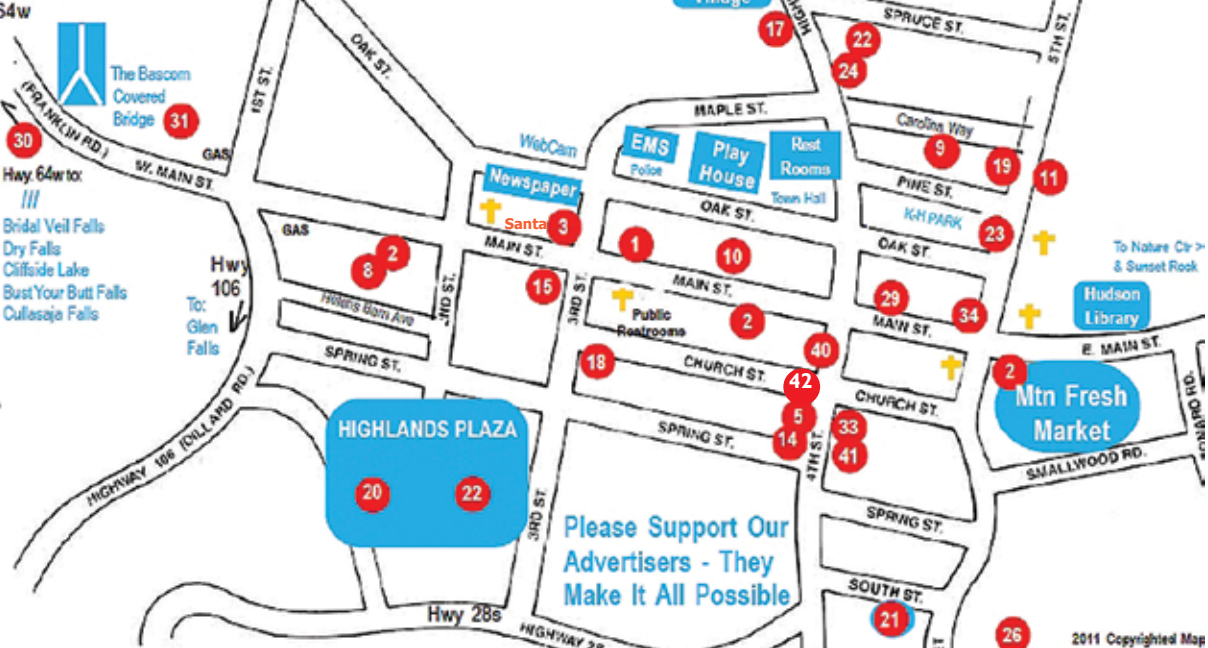
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