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## School to start Aug. 24 and end May 27 for Highlands

For years the Macon County School system has struggled with making the state mandated calendars work for Highlands and Nantahala where weather plays a big part during the winter months.

At the June MC Board of Education meeting, the board unanimously approved a calendar for Highlands and Nantahala that satisfies both the state's instructional hour requirement of 1,025 hours or 180 days and those dis-

tricts' need for flexibility.

Beginning the 2015-'16 school year, school will begin Monday, August 24 and end Friday, May 27 in Highlands and Nantahala. The school day will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m., rather than 2:50

p.m. — adding 20 minutes to each school day.

Recent changes to the state's calendar law have made this possible. Students must now have 1,025 hours or 180 days of instruction

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## 'Come and get it!' Free lunch available for hungry kids this summer

If you've driven by the Highlands Civic Center entrance on N. Fourth Street you have probably noticed the sign, "Summer Feeding Site."

It's not about feeding geese or bears or anything like that — it's about feeding hungry children in Highlands.

The sad truth is, when school lets out in the summer, many families struggle to feed their children. During the school year, children get up to two meals a day at school, but during the summer, if it wasn't for programs such as the USDA summer food program sponsored by Macon Program for Progress (MPP) some children in Macon County wouldn't know where their next meal is coming from.

For the last five years MPP has sponsored Macon County's

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## July 4th Highlands style is an all day (night) event!



There are family fun events all day and night this weekend. Friday beginning at 6p there is live music in Town Square on Main Street featuring the Johnny Webb Band. Saturday, July 4th events stretch into the evening. At 9a the boy scouts will launch their bottle rockets at the ballfield. The Rec Park's Family Games are also at the ballfield from 11a to noon and at noon, weather permitting, the MAMA helicopter will land. At 1p the Duck Derby race begins in Mill Creek next to Sweet Treats on N. 4th St. The Highlands Rotary BBQ is from 11a to 2p at the K-H Founder's Park with live music by the Blue Mountain Movement Band. Plates are available for \$8. BBQ will also be available at the ballfield. From 6-8p there is live music in K-H Founders Park featuring Fritz and the Crooked Beats. At 8p there is a patriotic concert at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street. It's free and will last about 50 minutes, in time to watch the town fireworks display that is set to begin at dark.

## Nonprofits, county & town to feel sting of State & House budgets

After spending a few days in Raleigh last week, Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale returned to Macon County to share

his concerns with the state's budget proposal and the potential adverse effects looming for the county.

During a special meeting last

Thursday, Commissioner Beale told his fellow board members that the consensus around the

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## 10-pt grading system in place for 2015-'16 school year

No one can remember how long the NC State Board of Education's 7-point grading system has been in place but as of the 2015-2016 school year that system is null and void.

Recently, the State Board of Education switched all high school students to the new 10-point grading scale beginning this fall rather than phasing in the change over the next three years as originally planned.

Parents and school officials had lobbied the state to drop the 7-point scale, because it put North Carolina students at a disadvantage against college applicants from other states who were graded on a 10-point scale.

The change will not be applied retroactively to grades from this school year or from prior years. But state officials say they want future transcripts to list both numerical scores and letter

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## • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

### • MAYOR ON DUTY •

**The show will go on!**

Nothing is simple anymore, not even putting on the July 4th fireworks show. Two weeks ago I attended the planning meeting for the annual fireworks display. Highlands Chamber of Commerce director, Bob Kiltyka, was present along with our town manager, the Highlands Recreation Department director, the assistant fire chief and the county fire marshal. The East Coast Pyrotechnics Company's technician in charge of the show also attended.

I quickly realized that the days of volunteer firefighters manually lighting and



**Mayor Pat Taylor**

firing the fireworks are long gone. The whole technical process is now regulated by various government agencies including Homeland Security. They regulate just about anything involving explosives.

The East Coast Pyrotechnics technicians will have to carefully pack a truck with the fireworks and drive safely up mountain roads. They will spend Saturday setting up five inch mortars and load them with the fireworks, all within a designated firing area at the recreation

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## • LETTERS •

### Claims against nature center were not true

Dear Editor,

I'm not sure if I was more shocked or disappointed in the recent letter from Donald

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

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Murray criticizing so mean-spiritedly the Highlands Nature Center. Expressing unhappiness with the landscaping is one thing, but I found several of Dr. Murray's assertions to be patently untrue. Any of your readers who might stroll over and visit the Nature Center to see for themselves would, I'm sure, agree that his complaints are nonsense. Filthy and neglected animal tanks? Which nature center did he visit? Complete rubbish.

We are delighted to have an outstanding Nature Center Educator who comes to us from the Carolina Raptor Center, with years of experience in handling and caring for animals; we meticulously follow all Federal and State guidelines on proper animal care and our animals are in great shape, thank you. Backpacks on the floor? Yes, that's often the case with summer nature camps — the kids' backpacks are left to one side in the back room while they are out on the trail, in the creek or wherever. There's always a bit of "kid chaos" when campers are first arriving; perhaps that's when Dr. Murray visited and the sight proved rather unsettling for him.

If Dr. Murray had actually taken the time to look around the Nature Center he would

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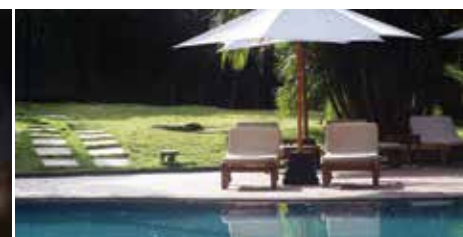
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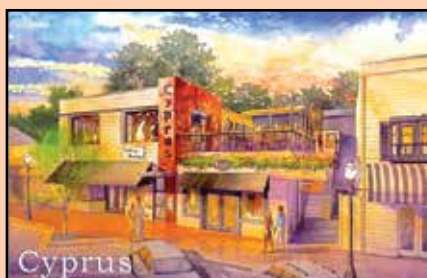
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• **COSMOLOGY, THE BODY AND SPIRITUALITY:** Tue. July 7 Time:10-12 Join local Diane McPhail in an enlightening discussion on the inter related wholeness of all creation. Is the meaning of life the realization that we are all connected? This lecture will open you to the awe of creation and life.

• **IS THAT ABSTRACT ART OR A MAP OF VOTING DISTRICTS?** Drawing the lines during redistricting Wed. July 8 Time:10-12 Gerrymandering has become a hot button issue as it continues to have a crucial effect on the outcome of political elections around the nation. Dr. Todd Collins, an associate professor at WCU will discuss the history and legality of this political redistricting and look at famous examples, providing a better understanding of this complex process.

• **FACEBOOK FOR THE BEGINNER:** Wed. July 8 Time:2-4 Cost \$35/\$45 Feeling left out because everyone except you has a Facebook account? Mary Anne Baker will have you posting updates, photos and connecting with friends and family in no time. This class covers the basics of Facebook from setting up a page to timeline and privacy settings.

**THE SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE: LIVING, LEARNING, & LEADING IN AN ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE:** Thur. July 9, Time 10-12 Climate change is already beginning to transform life on Earth. Around the globe, seasons are shifting, temperatures are climbing and sea levels are rising. And meanwhile, our planet must still supply us - and all living things - with air, water, food and safe places to live. If we don't act now, climate change will rapidly alter the lands and waters we all depend upon for survival, leaving our children and grandchildren with a very different world. Presenter Elizabeth Kiss, President of Agnes Scott College will present the problems we face as the planet heats up.

**LIVING WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:** Thur., July 9 Time 2-4 Dale Stewart has traveled the world, visiting with people indigenous to the culture he is in. Join him as he shares his documentation of his travels through photographs, articles and film. Dale is the host of the syndicated radio show Nature's Edge that aims to immerse the listener in the wonder, surprise and importance that nature has to offer.

\*The cost for all lectures is \$25 members/\$35 non-members For more about classes at The Center for Life Enrichment stop by our office in the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center at 348 S. 5th Street, call 828-526-8811 or visit [www.clehighlands.com](http://www.clehighlands.com)

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center. While setting up and during the fireworks show, no one will be allowed within the firing area. The only personnel around the mortars will be the technicians from East Coast Pyrotechnics. Just before the show, they will convert the back of their truck into a bunker of sorts where firing the mortars can be done safely with remote controlled electronic devices.

Indeed, this show is an expensive Chamber of Commerce event.

The town came close to not having fireworks this year. The past firing area has been in the parking lot near the swimming pool. But, the new pool cover is not totally fire resistant like a metal roof, so the fire marshal could not approve placement of the mortars so close to the pool. The East Coast Pyrotechnics technician responded that their insurance company would not issue policy in such a situation either. Town Manager Bob Frye added that if the fireworks company could not obtain insurance, the town insurance policy could not cover the show.

Nevertheless everyone at the meeting worked together for a solution, especially after I passionately declared that this mayor wasn't about to have a Highlands July 4th without fireworks. Not an option! Highlands could have something like a million dollar budget shortfall, and I could deal with that. But, a disaster of no fireworks on July 4th? How could I ever live that down?

Assistant Fire Chief Robbie Forrester and Fire Marshal Jimmy Teem worked hard and developed a new, acceptable shooting location at the back parking lot behind the dog park. I want to thank several residents near this new location for allowing their property to be in the fallout zone where some bio-degradable paper may come down. Their cooperation enabled the fireworks show to go on this Saturday night.

So, let's all turnout for this great national celebration. There are prime locations to view the show such as the ball field and Founders Park, to name just two. The Bascom parking lot and Sunset Rock are also good venues.

Don't forget on Saturday the Rotary Barbecue at Founders Park, and the events at the ball field.

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have found that none of the exhibits have been removed, and few of the exhibits have even been relocated within the museum. With little actually changed, and one or two exhibits rearranged and one or two new ones added, how can he suggest that all of a sudden the Nature Center feels "barren," and the displays "arbitrarily arranged and cluttered"? And anyway, which is it: barren or cluttered? This comment, too, is nonsense.

I was sorry that Dr. Murray did not seem to think much of the little kids' corner in the back room of the Nature Center — we rather thought that the new table-top flower-and pollinator-themed games, chairs, and rug in that area made it a rather inviting, fun, and, yes, I daresay educational space for little ones. The large table formerly in the middle of the room has been removed, to make way for a floor exhibit under development; perhaps the space thus opened up in that little room is what Dr. Murray found off-putting.

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# • THE FREDSTER •

## Why I'm a racist and proud of it....period

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For starters, America needs to get a grip on who is calling whom a racist. The term, adopted in 1936, means that race is a primary determinant of human traits and capacities and those racial differences that produce an inherent superiority of a particular race....bla, bla, bla! Sooooo let's see, if a black stranger walks up and sucker punches me, knocking me out, I'm a racist if I become prejudiced against other black guys who look like they're about to knock me into a coma.

By today's standards, people are called racists because they support pro-life. I still haven't figured that one out yet. What does that have to do with a person's color or being a racist? But if that's the standard, shouldn't pro-choice folks be called racist since abortion clinics murder twice as many black babies than white babies? Go figure. Actually if you support pro-choice, are you for killing more lack babies than white? Hmmm. Maybe I should ask our president since he is pro choice. Also, I recommend all pro-choice folks watch an abortion before telling me that's a good thing and not murder. I've never watched an abortion but I've removed two aborted babies from garbage dumpsters.

But enough about murdering babies and silly stuff like that. By today's standards, if you don't want Chicago or Detroit residents from the 'hood' living next door to you on Holt Knob....or Country Club Dr....or wherever you live....or you long for our American culture you grew up with but find it has slipped away, then you are, by today's standards, a racist. Welcome!

If you still want to live the American dream, don't want a Mosque on every corner of your town and don't support Sharia Law, then, by today's standards, you are most definitely a religious racist!

And there are a huge number of racists just like me living in Highlands but most are in the closet. Highlands is a great closet in which to hide from what is happening to America. Come out, come out, wherever you are! I guess they figure if they don't look then it's not happening.

During my eleven years with this paper, I've been called

## ...LETTERS from page 6

I found it insulting to the talented and dedicated staff of the Biological Station and its Nature Center that Dr. Murray would promulgate such obvious falsehoods as animal neglect, and charge that we are concerned more with style than substance. On the contrary, I found his letter to be completely lacking in both, and I invite your readers to come confirm this for themselves.

Jim Costa

Executive Director, Highlands Biological Station

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a lot of ugly things but only called a racist a few times. And those who called me a racist knew little or nothing about me. Isn't that always the case?

And because I was a Miami Beach cop for so long, I remain fond of the Jewish people and their culture. That feeling has cost me friendships. But I am what I am. I just don't do closets well.

And here's a perfect example of how frightened we are as white Americans. In the game of Bridge, there's a term called "reneege" that's been used since the game was invented. The word has been in our dictionary since the beginning of the English language and means to denounce or deny. But now, in order to be politically correct, the Ameri-



Fred Wooldridge

can Contract Bridge League, predominately run by frightened white men, has decided the word has racial connotations and we're directed to use the word "revoke" instead. Does the fact they think in this fashion make them racists also? I certainly think so. In all my years of playing the game, I never thought the term "reneege" was racial. And will it only be a matter of time until Bridge players are not allowed to call a spade a spade. Will the word "shovel" be used instead? We have become a sick, sick, sick nation

**Note:** Please read my books titled Deceived and I'm Moving Back to Mars. Sorry, there's not one single racial slur in either book.

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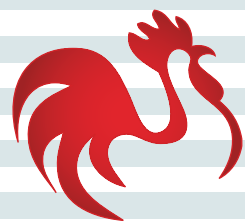
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general assembly is that the House and Senate will be in debate well into October before a state budget is passed, something that is virtually unheard of. Not only does the length of debate expected raise concerns, Commissioner Beale noted that he and his colleagues within the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) are concerned about several aspects of the Senate's budget proposal that could potentially have negative implications locally.

The first and most uncertain concern comes in the senate's plan for changing the way sales tax collections are distributed throughout the state. Currently, sales tax are distributed to the county in which they are earned. So for Macon County, who has a significant tourism industry, the county collects more revenue. In the Senate's budget proposal, there includes a line that calls for sales tax to be redistributed based on per capita rather than location of collection. If the change was to occur, Macon County would receive an allotment from the state based on the number of residents in the county. The change would call for sales tax generated in Macon County, because of Macon County tourism, being distributed elsewhere in the state. While

states who do not have industries such as tourism will benefit from the change, early predictions show Macon County losing around \$1 million in annual revenue because of the change.

"Sales tax redistribution would have a negative effect on Macon County in the budget year 2018-2019 and beyond," said Beale. "Macon would lose an estimated 450,000 during those years with losses progressing the following years."

The amount of the loss for Macon County would be based on a number of factors. Nonprofits could lose some of their tax-exempt status so the first loss would be based on expansion which would account for the service taxes proposed and the money saved on the reduction of nonprofit refunds at an estimated growth of 3.5% each year.

"What that means, is if all those things should not happen, our losses could be more," said Commissioner Beale. "The cap now for refunds to a nonprofit is \$45 million, under the Senate plan that would be reduced to \$1 million, even though this affects all nonprofits it will especially hurt hospitals and private colleges. Nonprofit hospitals use much of the refunds to pay

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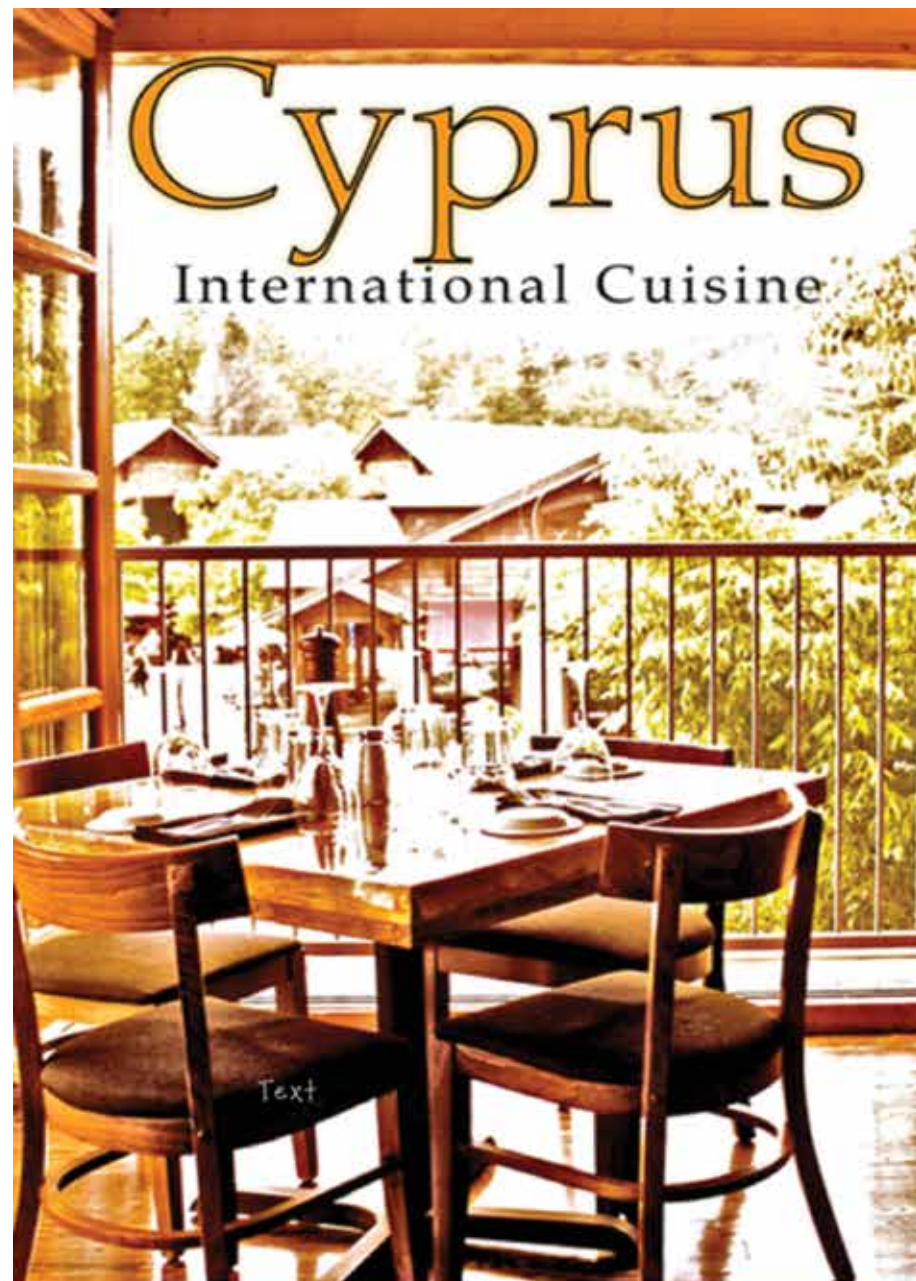
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summer food program, which provides meals for those in need in the community.

The USDA is collaborating with various organizations to stamp out hunger for children who heavily rely on school meals, says Audrey Rowe with the agriculture department.

"Schools aren't open," explained Rowe. "Or some are only open for a few weeks in the summer, so children who are used to having their breakfast and lunch at the school, don't have access."

The evidence of summer hunger in North Carolina and across the nation clearly exists.

"Many in this country don't fully understand the level of hunger that families and children face. The fact is 14.3 percent of households in America are food insecure, which means that a family does not know at some point in the year, month, or week if they will be able to provide a full meal for themselves and their children," said Rowe.

When school is in session, 21 million kids across the country receive free and reduced-price meals, but when school lets out for the summer, only 3.5 million participate in summer meal programs. According to Crystal Nix with MPP, participation remains one of the bigger challenges for the Highlands area.

Last year, MPP's program distributed about 60 meals a day, this year's numbers have decreased. "We are doing 40 daily in Highlands," said Nix. "Children in the community need to know the site is open to all of them."

Last week alone, the program distributed 3,100 meals across the county.

To help spread the word, Nix sent flyers home with students and distribution sites for the program were publicized as well.

Volunteer Ann McClure and Rowe went to four different sites on their route through the county recently and the children came running out of their homes ready to get the food; some even jumping on their bikes to let neighbors know the food had arrived.

There are 27 distribution sites and a mobile unit to service Macon County, including locations in Highlands. Not all sites are open every week, so participation in the program also depends on which sites are open. The program is funded through the USDA, and as a sponsor, MPP coordinates the local efforts of providing the food, labor, and a kitchens to make the program

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## 2015 Municipal Election Filing notice for Candidates for the Town of Highlands

Notice is hereby given for Filing Notice of Candidacy for the 2015 Municipal Election. Filing will begin at 8 am Monday, July 6, 2015 and will end Friday, July 17, 2015 at Noon per G.S. 163-294.2(c).

The following seats are open for filing at the Macon County Board of Elections office:

Highlands Town Commissioner – Three (3) seats open- Filing Fee is \$5. Election office is located in Room 127A on the 1st floor of the Macon County Courthouse. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri 8 am to 5 pm.

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**Thurs., July 2**

• Zahner Lecture o at the Highlands Nature Center from 6:30-7:30p. It's free

**Fri., July 3**

• Live music in Town Square on Main Street featuring the Johnny Webb Band 6-8p.

**Sat., July 4**

• Live music at The Lost Hiker featuring The French Broads at 9p.

• A 5K Run/Walk on Saturday at 8 AM at the Preserve at Rock Creek. Registration is at 7 a.m. All of the proceeds will benefit local charities and we will have refreshments and a bluegrass band after the race. Fees are \$20 through June 26 and \$25 on race day. For more info or to register go to [www.preserveatrockcreekNC.com](http://www.preserveatrockcreekNC.com)

• Highlands Rotary BBQ is moving to K-H Founder's Park, 11a-2p. Pulled pork & chicken sandwiches. Plates include slaw, drink, beans, chips and a cookie for \$8. Plus live music featuring the Blue Mountain Movement bluegrass band. Family games will take place as usual at the ballfield, at 9A. MAMA helicopter will land at noon, and the Fire Truck will also be there. BBQ plates will be available. The Duck Derby starts at 1p at Mill Creek. Purchase ducks at the Visitor Center.

• Live music in K-H Founders Park featuring Fritz and the Crooked Beats from 6-8p.

• First Presbyterian Church annual patriotic concert at 8pm on Saturday. The free concert will last approximately 50 minutes, ensuring plenty of time to watch the town fireworks display. The Highlands Male Chorus with Joe Powell and Carol Guise as accompanist; Larry Black, trumpet; and Angie Jenkins, pipe organ. Come dressed as you are. In the event the fireworks display is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place.

**Sat. & Sun., July 4 & 5**

• At Robert Tino Gallery on Main Street Highlands, Artist Robert Tino will be on site and painting.

**Sat. July 5**

• 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.

**Mon., July 6-Thurs., July 9**

• Little Highlanders Basketball Camp from 9a to noon at the Rec Park. For more information, call 828-526-3556.

**Mon., July 6**

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as shorebirds and seabirds adorned in their breeding plumage. A mixer with refreshments will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the presentation starting at 7:30 p.m. Please enter through the rear door of the library.

## Tues., July 7

• Yoga in the K-H Founders Park from 6-7p. Bring a towel or mat and water. Fun for all ages.

## Wed., July 8

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

## Thurs., July 9

• The July meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners, Inc. is Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville, N.C. Located at 95 Bobcat Drive, Cashiers, N.C. Drive to the back of the school to the wood-working shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 P.M., March through November.

## Fri. & Sat., July 10 & 11

• At The Bascom, The Dave Drake Studio Annual Pottery Sale. 10a to 6p on Friday and 10a to 8p on Saturday.

## Through July 11

• At the Highlands Playhouse, the musical "Anything Goes." For tickets call 828-526-2695.

## Sat., July 11

• At The Bascom, A Barn Dance from 7-10 p.m. Bluegrass music by WellStrung and food by Fressers. \$5 per person. Sponsored by Diane and Ray McPhail.

• Volunteer Get Free Beer! Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Stewardship Coordinator, Kyle Pursel, will lead a volunteer work day at either Satulah Mountain Preserve or Kelsey Trail. Thanks to a partnership with Highlands' Satulah Mountain Brewing Company, afterwards volunteers will enjoy a free beer at the brewery. For more contact Kyle at stew.hitrust@earthlink.net or 526-1111.

• At The Molly Grace, on 4th St. in Highlands, artist Pam Pattilo will be painting work "inspired by nature" from 10:30a to 5:30p.

## Sat., & Sun., July 11 & 12

• Summer Colors Fine Art Show from 10a to 5p at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Indoor exhibition & sales.

## Sun., July 12

• The Coro Vocati will perform in concert at 3p at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. This 24-member professional chamber choir will perform a varied program of a cappella music including several Robert Shaw and Alice Parker spirituals. There is no charge for admission.

## Mon.-Thurs., July 13-17

• At First Baptist Church: Camp Kilimanjaro from 9a to noon. At Camp Kilimanjaro, kids will learn to walk in God's wisdom as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies, and dramas. Vacation Bible School at Camp Kilimanjaro will be filled with excitement, so contact us

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## Tues., July 14

• The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music free family concert followed by ice cream social provided by Kilwins at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands at 3 p.m.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers, NC on Tuesday. It is open to the public. The speaker will be Mac Stone, Executive Director of Naturaland Trust in Greenville, SC. Naturaland works to protect special places in the Southern Blue Ridge Escarpment including many trout streams like the South Saluda River and Little Eastatoe Creek in upstate SC. The meeting begins at 6 PM with a fly tying demonstration followed by Mac's presentation, "Protecting Trout Waters," at 7 PM. A raffle will be held for a chance to win the grand prize of a 5 wt. fly rod. Call John at 68-353-4313

## Wed., July 15

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Presented jointly by Highlands Chamber Music Festival and First Presbyterian Church "The Great Romantics" with music by Chopin and Brahms Norman Krieger, piano.

• The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music free Interlude concert with Norman Krieger at Presbyterian Church in Highlands at 2 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 21

• Eco Tour: "Heart of Horse Cove." Join Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust as we explore Horse Cove. Many have traveled the hairpin picturesque drive down to the Cove but few know about the rich natural and cultural history of this charming valley. Come hear its stories. \$35 new friends includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a year member-

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**Wed., July 22**

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Christina Smith, flute Robert Henry, piano.

**Sat., July 25**

• 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.

**Tuesday, July 28**

• Village Nature Series: "Get Acquainted with the Natives" – a colorful discussion about native plants and pollinators with Susan Sunflower. Susan is a Master Gardener and member of the Native Plant Society and Western North Carolina Botany Alliance. She is the founder of a habitat stewardship outreach and educational group, Transylvania Naturally, to promote native habitats for endangered, indigenous pollinators such as certain bees and monarch butterflies. No reservations are necessary, everyone is welcome, rain or shine. Programs begin at 5:30 PM and usually last about an hour.

**Wed., July 29**

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. St. Paul's Chamber Choir, Atlanta - directed by Trey Clegg.

**Sat., Aug. 1**

• The annual Open House at the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. from 11a to 3p. Fire truck rides and hot dog plates. Donations accepted.

**Wed., August 5**

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Helen Kim, violin Robert Henry, piano.

**Wed., August 12**

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Western Carolina University Faculty Concert.

**Sat., Aug. 15**

• 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.

• 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](http://Bccff.wcu.edu) or call 828-227-7028

**Wed., August 19**

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.laurelgardenclubhighlands.com)

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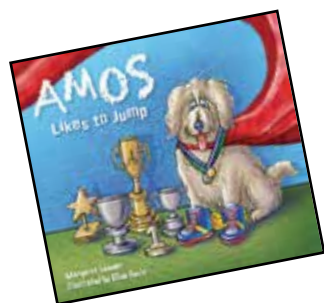


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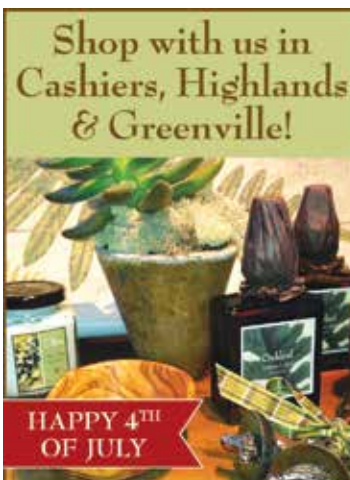
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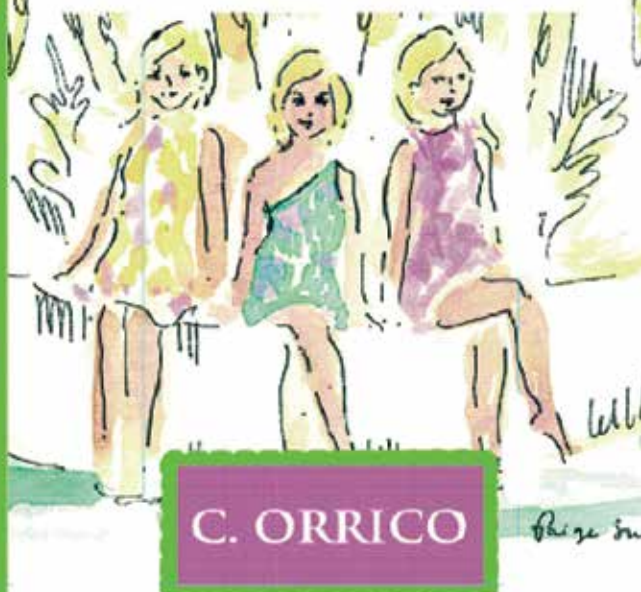
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Chestnut Cove 2br/2ba condo with big price reduction. Golf course view, central HVAC, wood floors and owner says bring all offers! \$219,000. MLS#79399



Great starter house with over 8 acres of very usable land. Could be a wonderful private estate or farm or could be subdivided. MLS #78581 \$298,000



Beautiful pastoral view of the paddocks and stables plus Shortoff Mountain from lovingly maintained family home in Cold Springs. Newly remodeled chefs kitchen plus sizable bedrooms and exquisite views and proximity to town make this property a BARGAIN! MLS #82080 \$525,000



Highlands Falls Country Club. Incredible value for a 3/2 freestanding, furnished Golf Villa, stone fireplace, solid surface countertops and vaulted ceilings. \$235,000. MLS# 78712



Holt Knob. Just what everyone wants! Walk to town with a great mountain view. 3br/2.5 furnished with a large deck. \$539,000. MLS# 78446.



This pristine 3/2 villa with golf and mountain views in Highlands Falls Country Club features vaulted and beamed ceilings in the greatroom with built-ins next to the stone fireplace. MLS #73139 \$325,000



This adorable cottage, right in town, is in wonderful condition and beautifully landscaped with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths in the cottage plus a charming guest house. The property fronts a small stream on one side and backs up to a lovely apple orchard. MLS #81667 \$550,000



Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Fully remodeled 4br/4ba home with open living spaces, large kitchen, rustic details and quality finishes. Great rental history! \$695,000. MLS #80111



Incredible value in Highlands Country Club and full of surprises! This immaculately maintained 4/5 features open floor plan, granite kitchen countertops and wonderful guest suites and lovely touches in each room. \$999,999. MLS# 81619



Wildwood Forest home with beautiful mature landscaping. Open deck and covered porch. Features 2 master suites. Home is fully furnished, well maintained and would be a great investment opportunity. MLS #81577 \$400,000



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Rocky Knob. A gated lake community. Exceptional mountain view, 3/2 with fireplace, vaulted ceilings, covered and open decks and meticulously maintained. \$385,000. MLS #81329



Fronts on Lake Sequoyah. Old Highlands charm in this 3br/2ba furnished cottage with good lake view, wood floors, stone fireplace, family room and lovely yard. \$349,000. Owner says 'Bring All Offers!' MLS# 81623



Highlands Falls Golf Villa has the best view of all with golf, lake and mountains plus an easy walk to all amenities. Golf or Social Membership is optional. Easy living, all on one floor with a large kitchen and open greatroom. MLS #78264 \$400,000



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Great home on top of Holt Knob with 3BR/5BA, decks, screened porch, sunroom with wet bar, kitchen/living area with fireplace; a 3rd floor family room/office/playroom with extra sleeping area and a bath; a two-car garage. Walk to town; furnished. Views from almost every room. \$699,500. mls #80341



Chestnut Cove condo in excellent condition. 2BR/2BA. Views of small stream, ridgeline and 11th Fairway. Great move in ready unit. Furnishings negotiable. Offered at \$199,900. mls #81523



Lovely 2BR/2BA has had some upgrades and features a view overlooking Tug Wa Ridge Lake. Amenities include clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts and reasonable HOA fees. A great weekend getaway or summer retreat. Offered at \$225,000. mls #81541



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3BE/3BA tongue and groove pine paneling, wide southern pine flooring, beams, fireplace and a large master bath. Easy walk to town and Mirror Lake located on Cullasaja Drive. An exceptional offering priced at \$485,000. MLS# 81355



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Charming well-built cabin near USFS hiking and fishing lands. This 3BR/2BA home sits on almost an acre. 2-story great room w/stone fireplace, wood floors and opens to large deck overlooking pond. Lots of mountain charm in this up-scale cabin. Detached 1/car garage. Offered at \$269,000. mls #80360



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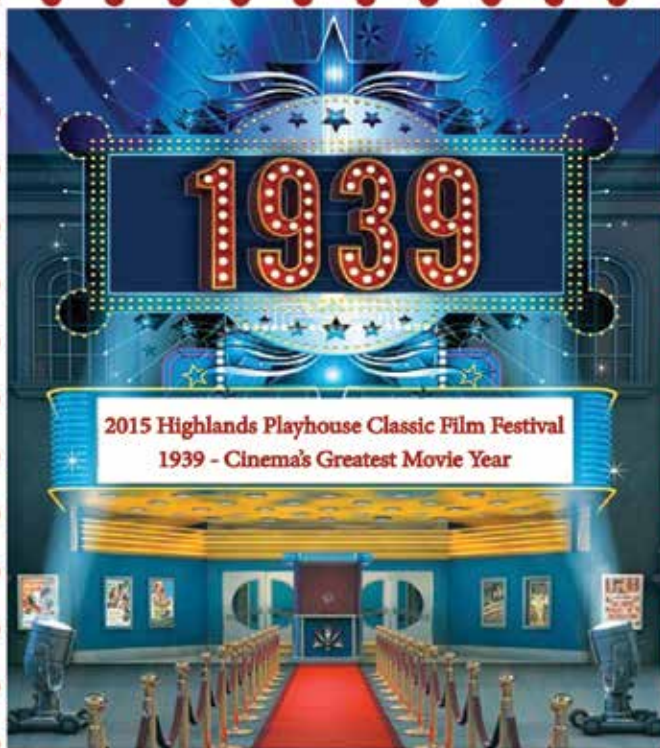
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opposed to 1,025 hours and 180 days, which was the previous law.

With the change, end-of-semester testing can be completed before the Christmas break.

"The calendars submitted by Nantahala and Highlands and approved by the board Monday night will allow the high school students at those schools to test before Christmas," said Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. "The hope is that this will lead to improved student achievement on the exams. We have always felt that administering the first semester end-of-course test only one week after a two-week break put our students and teachers at a disadvantage. The principals believe the ability to test, and ending the school year prior to Memorial Day will lead to improved achievement."

By adding 20 minutes to the instructional day, the schools will potentially have 1,083 hours of instruction in 2015-'16 vs. 1,080 in 2014-'15 in 170 school days vs. 180.

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for services rendered to those without or with insufficient insurance. This could have an effect on both of our hospitals in Macon County."

Commissioner Beale noted that another significant area of concern locally continues to be the funding for Drivers Education.

"The House budget continues funding Drivers Ed at \$24.6 million with the hope that this money would come from late registration fees," said Beale. "The Senate continues the requirement of participating in the program for another year but does not fund it. This would mean the cost would have to be made up by the school system or the families to the tune of \$300 to \$400 dollars. The Senate bill does require the Community College system to start a program going forward, but with no money allocation. Any of these options has the potential to cost Macon County taxpayers."

Tuesday, the NC General Assembly approved a continuing budget. As such, the state will no longer fund Driver's Education. Macon County Schools will begin to fund Driver's Education from available funds and fees. Therefore, beginning July 1, 2015, the charge for Driver's Education in Macon County will be \$65. If parents or students have paid the previous amount of \$20, they will only be responsible for the addition-

al \$45.

With October looking to be the earliest the public will learn what the actual state budget is, organizations such as the county and school board, who produce budgets that are directly affected by the state's budget are essentially having to create budgets that are shooting at a sliding target, leaving many unanswered questions on the table.

"These are just a few of the real differences in the House and Senate proposals not to mention Teacher Assistants, Medicaid reform and other items," said Beale. "This is why most think it will be fall before a budget is passed in NC. The good news is the NCACC is very much involved in these talks. It is my honor to represent Macon County as the discussion continues."

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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## No Apple Juice w/o Crushed Apples

By Rev'd Jim Murphy,  
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The Easter experience for our risen Lord, and for all who choose to put their trust in Jesus, was/is all about transformation. The Resurrection was a radical transformation from one state of being to another. It was a "born again" experience that transformed our Savior from life with limits (common humanity) to life without limits (uncommon, holy Spirituality). For believers, personal ownership of (honest faith in) our Redeemer's resurrection changes us from the state of decay and death into one of unending growth and eternal life. Alleluia!

However, we do ourselves a great disservice if we fail to understand that "transformation" implies change to the extent that we realize, "We're not in Kansas anymore," ala Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. That's to say that the aforementioned transformation is not supposed to be just a spiritual change but also an environmental change. Jesus, Paul, James and many others go to great lengths to explain that such change is necessary. In effect they say that without discernable, visible transformation, without tangible, sometimes uncomfortable change, our faith is of little value or even, perhaps, in vain. That is to say that Jesus' death and resurrection calls for and grants something greater, a new state of being.

A children's devotional put this whole transformation thing well. It said in part, "...that you can't have grape juice without crushing (transforming) a few grapes." As a resident of the Carolina mountain area, I prefer to think of apple cider and crushing apples instead of grapes, but the point is the same. If you thirst for the really good stuff, if it is your hearts' desire to experience the abundant and eternal life that Jesus promises and you are in a state of decay and death (don't worry, we're all born that way), then a transformation must take place to move from one state of being to the other.

Part and parcel to the grace of Jesus' resurrection is that it's never too late to start or to resume the transformational process. Ours is an altogether patient God. That is to say that prior to our physical death, it's not too late to secure and enhance our abundant life here and our eternal life in heaven. All we need do is allow for a little godly crushing. Renewed worship, prayer, sacrificial giving, bible study, mission, ministry, volunteerism, and yes, even righteous suffering, are some of the tools we can employ as Christians to allow our Lord to transform us. When we enter into such with vigorous commitment, then our thirst for the really good stuff will be satisfied. God is faithful, as the scriptures say, and he will do it.

Along with God's patient grace, the greatest gift, one that still flows from Jesus' resurrection and the occasion of Pentecost, is the awesome gift of God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us, if we deign to allow him, to undergo godly transformation. When we allow him to do his transformational work in us, then even if we experience painful crushing, we find our lives to be amazingly enhanced by the process.

Let us give ourselves to godly crushing that our thirst for the best may be slaked. May we be transformed so as to allow Jesus to be glorified and others to taste the sweet nectar of godly crushing. With the annual observance of Pentecost in the recent past, there is no better time to start.

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**The Highlands Police 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 3 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Carolina Way.

• At 11:04 p.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism on Spring Street where a person returned to a vehicle and found it damaged.

## June 17

• At 4:30 a.m., officers responded to a simple assault of a female at a residence on Brooks Road.

• At 10:15 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106.

## June 19

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Carolina Way.

## June 20

• At 11:36 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horsecove Road.

• At 12:19 p.m., Rebekah Chrysteen Keenan, 23, of Greenville, SC, was arrested for DWI and trafficking in MDA/MDMA and maintaining a vehicle for trafficking.

## June 22

• At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 28.

## June 23

• At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Catawba Trail.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from June 17.**

## June 17

• At 3:44 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at Main and 1st streets.

• At 3:52 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on U.S. 64 west.

## June 18

• At 8:14 a.m. the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the hospital.

• At 12:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Make Wilson Road.

## June 19

• At 1:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 4th. St.

## June 21

• At 3:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Pine Street.

## June 22

• At 9:29 a.m., the dept. stoodby for the MAMA helicopter at the hospital.

• At 9:44 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

• At 11:09 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

• At 5:30 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hideaway Trail.

## June 24

• At 5:06 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co. alarm at a residence on Cobb Road.

• At 12:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street.

## June 25

• At 1:48 p.m., the dept. was first-respond-

ers to a residence on Bob Zahner Road.

• At 3 p.m., the dept. offered public assistance to a motorist on NC 28 south.

• At 4:43 p.m. the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

## June 26

• At 1:46 p.m., the dept. responded to a gas leak at a residence on Wayanoak Road.

• At 2:18 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

## June 27

At 11:32 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Spruce Lane

## June 28

At 7:28 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.

At 8:30 a.m., the dept. stoodby for the MAMA helicopter at the hospital.

At 10:27 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence at the Highlands Mountain Club.

At 12:03 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row.

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"We will be monitoring the impact of the changes in the length of the instructional day on the bus schedule as well as student achievement," said Baldwin. "Our desire is to remove hardships for parents and students and by doing so, improve student achievement."

Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter said there are a number of "upsides" to the scenario including state exams before going home for the 2-week Christmas break; set snow days to make up for inclement weather in the winter and early spring; the last student day being May 27th, with graduation on May 28th prior to Memorial Day holiday; with 20 minutes more instruction per day.

Superintendent Baldwin said the two calendars are considered pilot programs and will be considered for other schools for the 2016-'17 school year.

— Kim Lewicki

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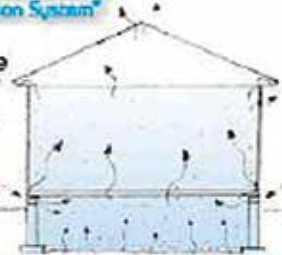
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## ...LETTERS from page 7

### Please don't dig up plants

Dear Editor,

We who live on and off of Bowery Road in Highlands appreciate and enjoy the Native Flora and fauna. So, to the woman who was digging the Wild Azelea on Bowery Road on Saturday evening, please leave the majesty that Mother Nature provided for the enjoyment of all, and not your personal gain. I am confident that any of our local nurseries can accommodate your garden needs. Thank you.

Jane Hill Scott  
Highlands

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grades and also to note that the seven-point grading scale was used through the 2014-'15 school year.

At its June MC Board of Education meeting, board members went a step further by

applying the new 10-point grading system from kindergarten through 12th grade in Macon County.

"The changes made to the K-8 grade scale was a result of the state changing the high school grade scale beginning with the 2015-'16 school year," said MC Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. "The board felt that it was important for the grade scale to be consistent in all of our schools. Now, an 'A' in middle school will be the same grade as an 'A' in high school."

The changes that the board approved Monday night were also made to reduce confusion for parents, especially those who might have students in both middle and high school, said Baldwin.

"Now, and 'A' will be and 'A' in both schools," he said.

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So on the 10-point scale, an 'A' is 90-100, a 'B' is 80-89, a 'C' is 70-79, a 'D' is 60-69 and an 'F' is 50-59.

On the 7-point scale, an 'A' was 93-100, a 'B' was 92-85, a 'C' was 77 to 84, a 'D' was 70-76 and a F was 69 and below.

"The state made the changes at the high school level so that our students would be compared favorably to other states who also use the 10-point scale," said Baldwin. "As noted by board member Goldsmith, our students had been competing at a disadvantage with students from other states in terms of college admission."

Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter agreed with BOE member Fred Goldsmith.

"If you have a 92 as an 'A' in one place and the same 92 is a 'B' in another place, that is unequal. I think that was the state's purpose in mandating the change," he said.

However, Jetter said he believes college admission folks look well beyond simple GPAs and take those inequities into account when looking at student admissions.

Monday night there was much discussion about the 'F' ranking on the 10-point system of 59 to 0.

MC Commissioner and past BOE member and past Franklin High School Principal Gary Shields said making the 'F' ranking that large – in other words from 59 to zero – wouldn't give students who are failing an incentive to do better.

"Failing is failing whether it's a zero or a 59. However you can recover from a 59 but you can't recover from a zero," he said.

Superintendent Baldwin agreed.

"If you have three zeros and three 100s the average is still 50 and you are still failing," he said.

Shields said furthermore, giving out zeros is usually a disciplinary action, not an academic one.

"Zeros are usually given based on behavior: 'you didn't turn in your paper so you get a zero.' They are used in a negative

way."

Superintendent Baldwin said the mastery concept is also being discussed statewide whereby students can test out of courses which makes the grades null and void.

"We need to leave this behind the scenes in the world of adults who are teaching the students and let them use the zeros as a way to make students succeed," said Jetter.

Superintendent Baldwin agreed to poll all the principals about the issue.

– Kim Lewicki

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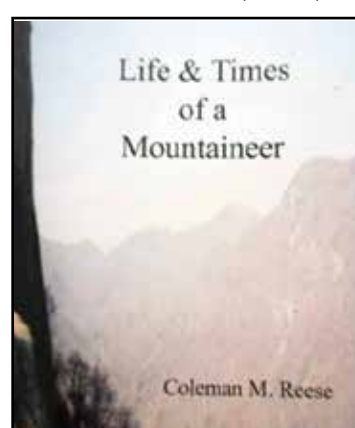
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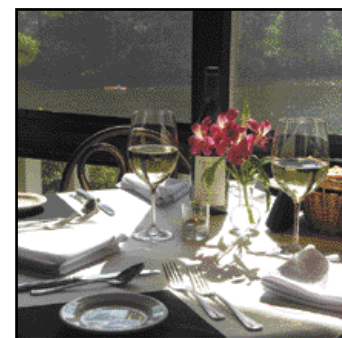
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