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Board of Ed OK's LEGO League teams starting this fall

Schools of the Cherokee Nation and in Macon, Jackson and Swain counties agree: We "Must Innov8" to prepare students for career and college while enabling them to adapt to the rapidly evolving needs of employers.

At Monday night's Board of Education meeting, representatives from Must Innov8 were there to get Macon County Schools to join Jackson, Swain and the Cherokee Nation in forming a FIRST Lego League.

The FIRST Lego League initiative was started by Dean Kamen, a serial inventor who has over 400 patents and who founded FIRST — a series of robotics competitions now spanning kindergarten through 12th grade.

"My mission in founding FIRST was to sneak up on kids and get them to love science and math without realizing that was what was happening," he said.

He uses robots to get students excited about science.
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Say what? Virtual PE classes?

It appears, thanks to technology, just about anything is possible. Now Macon County students needing to secure a physical education credit will be able to sign online beginning this school year to complete the course.

Macon County was selected as one of two districts in the state to try out a pilot program through North Carolina Virtual Public Schools (NCVPS) that would allow virtual physical education (PE) classes for students who need the credit for graduation.

According to MC Schools Career and Technical Education Director Nancy Cantrell, the program will be used for seven or eight students at Union Academy who are banned from Franklin High School but who need the course to graduate. As it stands right now, Union Academy students needing PE credits are bused to Franklin High School to participate in classes.

"Macon County students

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Free Fire truck rides at Firehouse on Sat., Aug. 1



On Sat., Aug. 1, Highlands Fire & Rescue will celebrate 62 years of service with it's the annual Open House at the station on Oak Street from 11a to 3p. Families will enjoy free fire truck rides and hot dog plates. Donations will be accepted.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

Tourist bus gets stuck on 2nd Street hill



Cars bottom out on the 2nd Street hill, so when this tourist bus tried to navigate it Saturday afternoon, it was a recipe for disaster. Traffic was diverted while James Towing pulled the bus free.

— Photo by Jim Lewicki

White-nose Syndrome: The demise of the bat population?

By Andie Chilson
Intern

At Thursday's Zahner lecture series, wildlife biologist Sue Cameron's in-depth look at native bats and the fungal disease that is killing them at an unprecedented rate was ... sad.

Sue Cameron is a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Asheville Ecological Services office where she focuses on terrestrial species of the southern Appalachian Mountain region. Her principal duties include working alongside wildlife service partners to restore endangered species, and aiding in local and national efforts to address the rapidly growing phenomenon of white-nose syndrome.

The lecture began with a brief

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

The broadband 'highway' is the next 'railroad' in the Western NC region

Last week I attended the funeral of Ron DeSimone, the Mayor of Maggie Valley. Ron was completing his first term as mayor when he tragically lost his life in a construction accident. As mayor, he had many accomplishments for Maggie Valley in economic development and in improving government operations.



Mayor Pat Taylor

State Senator Jim Davis worked with Ron on several regional projects and was his good friend. At the funeral mass, Senator Davis delivered a beautiful eulogy for Mayor DeSimone by confirming that Ron was first and foremost a family man, but also a business advocate, a public servant and a regional leader.

One of Ron's accomplishments highlighted by Senator Davis was his work in bringing broadband to Maggie Valley. Senator Davis stressed that Ron was a strong supporter of broadband for the entire Western Carolina region.

As I traveled back to Highlands, I listened to a NPR radio program entitled "How the West was Won." It was about a current exhibition at the Rural Heritage Museum in Mars Hill that documents

how the first railroad was built in Western Carolina after the Civil War. The region had great needs, as well as economic opportunities, when rail construction began in 1877.

The mountainous terrain was so prohibitive that even the large railroad companies did not want to invest in such a difficult project.

The NC Legislature decided to form and initially fund the Western Carolina Railroad Company. A recent famine, coupled with a lack of transportation to bring supplies to the region, had caused people to actually die of starvation. The state created this company as a last resort.

A light went off in my head, connecting the building of the railroad to a vision of a new "broadband Internet highway."

I had shared my concerns about the lack of broadband with Mayor DeSimone at several regional meetings. We both agreed that the lack of a broadband network in Western Carolina would be tantamount to economic starvation, and the reality that private companies were reluctant to make the required major investments.

As the radio played, I realized this current broad band crisis is not only analogous to the railroad problem, but also to rural electrification in the 1930s. If private companies will not build a comprehensive network, then local governments must step in as a last resort.

The town of Highlands is poised to move forward and build a world class broadband network for our community. The stakes are too high to do nothing. Let me review our progress.

This past fall the town participated in a petition to the FCC to overturn state laws prohibiting municipalities from creating broad band utilities. The FCC ruling, and subsequent events, puts the town in a

position to move ahead. By stepping forward, Highlands joins a national movement among small and underserved municipalities in creating broadband utilities.

Our town staff is in the planning stage of building such a system. A nationally known expert in this field has been retained to advise and guide us through the process. Network engineers from the very successful Wilson, North Carolina broadband utility company are advising our staff on how to design, staff and operate the network. We have been given preliminary approval by the North Carolina Local Government Commission to develop a funding proposal.

In the coming months, the design and

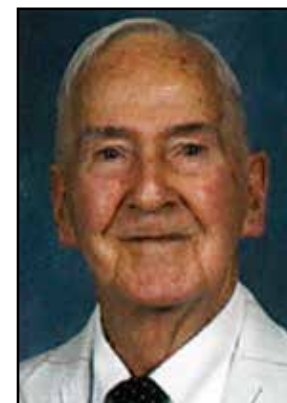
business plan for the system will be presented to the public for questions and input. The Town Board will then decide how to proceed.

Ran Shaftner with the Highlands Historical Society informs me that the town founders considered a rail line to Highlands, but it was never funded. Nevertheless, Highlands later obtained phone service, electricity and running water well before many towns in the region. A fiber optic network with unlimited bandwidth is the next vital utility for Highlands. I share with my late friend and colleague, Mayor DeSimone, a similar vision for our community.

• MEMORIAL SERVICE •

Brown Memorial

A memorial service celebrating the life of Vernon Brown will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Highlands, 200 Main Street, Highlands, NC. The service will begin at 11 am and is open to the community. There will be a celebration meal and a time for sharing thoughtful reflections of Vernon's life following the service.



Highlands Relay for Life is on ... in abbreviated form

Fri., Aug. 7, 6p until midnight at the Highlands Civic Center

After much back and forth, Carrie Shuler with the American Cancer Society, says although the long standing Relay for Life Committee here in Highlands has opted to not participate in the organization of the relay this year, there will be a relay in

Highlands.

"The powers that be' in the American Cancer Society have said there must be a relay so there will be one Friday, Aug. 7 from 6p until midnight. It won't be like the relays in the past, but there will be one," said Shuler.

Meanwhile, Betty Fisher is organizing the A-Z Flea Market which will include antiques, books, furniture, linens, tools and other miscellaneous items at the Highlands Civic Center on Friday and Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1, from 9a to 3p. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more information, contact Carrie at 828-788-3525.

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• OBITUARIES •

Marcella Hall Martin

Marcella Hall Martin, 93, of Franklin, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

Born and raised in Newark, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Willis and Ruth Wright. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by late husband, Stub Hall and a sister, Beverly Swan of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Marcella was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and started three businesses, Pompano Mimeographs in Pompano, FL; Halls of Gems and Rocks in Pompano, FL and Hall's Real Estate with Stub Hall in Cashiers, NC for 20 years. She was a mem-



ber of Grace Presbyterian Church, Carolina Mountain Lady Golfers Association, Friendship Club, Florida and North Carolina Bridge Groups and American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by a brother, Donald Jones of Indian River, MI; and special niece, Cathy Brown of Michigan.

A Memorial Service was held at 11 am Saturday, July 25, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Tom Fisher and Rev. Rick Holmes officiated.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Annie Mae Henry Hensley

Annie Mae Henry Hensley, 91, of Franklin, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

Born in Macon Co, she was the daughter of the late Charlie M. Henry and Brittie Webb Henry. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Nathanael Hensley. Annie enjoyed cooking and fishing and was a member of First Baptist Church of Highlands.

She is survived by her son, Charles Hensley of



Franklin; sister, Bessie Isabelle Zachary of Franklin and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service were held Friday, July 24th in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Gary McCall officiated. Interment will be in the Highlands Memorial Park.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.com.

Anita Lynn Pistolis

Anita Lynn Pistolis, 49, of Highlands, died Sunday, July 26, 2015

Born in Rabun County, GA, she was the daughter of Kenneth and Kathryn Chastain Forrester of Highlands. Lynn loved to hike, read, tend to her dogs and cut and style hair.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two daughters, Kathryn "Kate" Anne Pistolis and Demitra "Demi" Frances Pistolis both of Charlotte; brother, Robbie Forrester and wife Jennifer of Highlands; two nephews, Austin and Carson Forrester; niece, Gracie Forrester



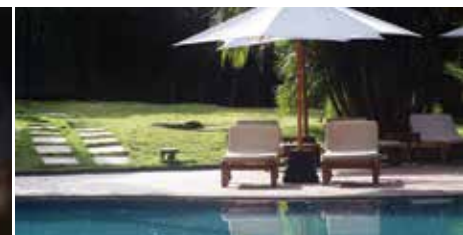
and uncle, Neal Chastain of Highlands.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Highlands United Methodist Church. Rev. Paul Christy will officiate.

Memorial donations can be made to the Highlands United Methodist Church Pastors Discretionary Fund, PO Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741.

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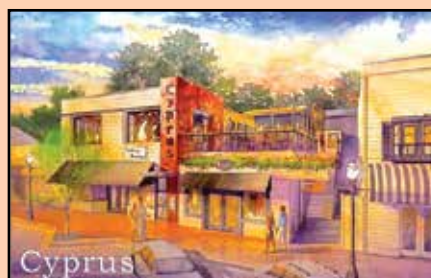
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• **INSPIRED BY TRADITION: THE ARCHITECTURE OF NORMAN DAVENPORT:** Askins Friday, July 31 Time: 10-12 Architect Norman Askins is here with his co-author Susan Sully to discuss his bestselling new book "Inspired by Tradition". They share the importance of being true to tradition and having fun with it to create charming and livable homes.

• **HOME TOUR TO THISTLEWAITE:** Friday, July 31 Time: 12-2 Cost \$35/\$45 Tour the home of Stephanie and Bill Reeves, designed by Norman Askins.

* **CHAMBER MUSIC FROM 1900-TODAY** :Sat., Aug. 1 Time: 10-12 Dr. Crist's final lecture in the chamber music series looks at some of chamber music's most recent composers and their works.

• **A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISLAMIST POLITICS:** Mon., Aug. 3 Time: 2-4 This lecture presented by Dr. Jeffery Vickery will provide a historical account of how Islam politics rose to prominence in the latter part of the 20th century. Dr. Vickery teaches courses related to the history and practice of Abrahamic faiths at WCU.

• **WHAT SUSTAINS RADICAL ISLAMISTS: FROM LOCAL OPPOSITION TO TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:** Tue. Aug. 4 Time: 10-12 Dr. Jeffery Vickery will address the roots of ISIS and why it has been successful and what it has to tell about the future of the Middle East.

• **IPAD LONG COURSE: BASIC AND ADVANCED AT A SLOWER PACE:** (4 Sessions) Tue./Thurs..Aug. 4,6,11,13 Time: 1:30-5 Cost \$180/\$200 This class will cover everything from A-Z that you need to know about using your iPad and iOS8, but taken at slower pace with plenty of time for questions.

• **VISUALIZING THE SOUTH:** Wed., Aug. 5 Time: 10-12 Grits, sweet tea, the Confederate flag are all representations of the South. This presentation will show the ways the south has been defined historically, geographically, culturally and economically through symbols, maps and other images. Dr. James Cobb is a Professor in the History in the American South at UGA and former president of the Southern Historical Association and widely recognized as one of the foremost scholars of Southern history and culture.

**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*

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overview of the bat species, titled "Bat Basics." While most people are familiar with the commonly referred to "vampire bat," Cameron said that there are nearly 50 types of bats in the U.S., and 17 in the state of North Carolina.

As to why we should care about the effects of white-nose syndrome on the bat population, Cameron said the species plays a vital role in the ecological system and, ultimately, our lives.

Bats are notoriously nocturnal creatures, and they make use of their time in the wee hours of the morning, tasking themselves with seed dispersal, feeding on insects, and the pollination of over 300 types of fruit, such as mango, banana, and agave. As if this is not enough, we have bats to thank for the vastly popular drink, tequila. The alcoholic beverage is derived from an extraction of the blue agave plant, pollinated and sustained primarily by bats.

After establishing the valuable nature of the species,

Cameron went on to describe the tragic decline in the bat population. One subspecies which has been identified locally was recently classified as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - the Virginia big-eared bat. The subspecies has experienced a serious dip in population, totaling a mere 10,000 worldwide, 500 of which are found in North Carolina.

Cameron said due to their slow reproduction rate, should a subspecies take too great a hit, there is a very real possibility that they may not be able to recover, and the natural and human sourced threats posed to the species are gradually becoming insurmountable. Such threats include wind farms, energy development, disturbance to hibernation, and white-nose syndrome.

White-nose syndrome is a pathogenic fungi that thrives in low temperature/high humidity environments and invades living skin tissue. Unfortunately, the weakened immune systems and low body temperatures which characterize hibernating cave bats make for the perfect host for the

disease. The painful symptoms resulting from white-nose syndrome include the degradation of wing tissue, depleted body fat, and dehydration.

While there is presently no species of bat that has been identified as immune to the harmful effects of white-nose syndrome, there are certain breeds that are more susceptible to infection than others, such as the grey, Indian, Northern long-eared, and tri-colored bats.

Cameron illustrated the devastating effect of white-nose syndrome with some startling numbers. In February of 2011, the disease was identified in the Haywood County Mine in Canton, NC. Prior to the infestation in 2011, the bat population was a booming 4,000. One year after the bat population of the Haywood County Mine fell victim to white-nose syndrome, the number of bats in the mine dropped to a devastating 238. The present population in the Haywood County Mine is a scanty 30 bats.

As white-nose syndrome became an increasingly prev-

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• THE FREDSTER •

What Highlands is all about....and not about!

I seldom, if ever, fall in love with what I write. A friend who shall remain nameless, once wrote to inform me that Highlands is like the simple town of Mayberry.

He suggested I lay off the heavy stuff and keep it light. That's when I realized something I've known for sometime but hadn't given much thought to lately.

Not much has happened about our beautiful Highlands since I wrote the piece in early 2013. I dug up an old piece I wrote in response to my friend's suggestion and will re-print it in its entirety mostly because I love it. (Shame on me!) It's titled, "A Tale of Two Cities....Maybe Three....Maybe Four." I sincerely hope you enjoy the reprint, so here it is.

Someone once wrote to me and said; "Highlands is like Mayberry," (of Andy Griffith fame) meaning Highlanders enjoy a simpler life. I think my friend is right...well, kind of right. But Highlands might be a little more than a Mayberry. Let's take a hard look at our beautiful town.

Less than a 10-minute ride off the Highlands plateau,

Four candidates sign up for November election in Highlands

There will be a municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

There are three seats open on the Highlands Town Board now occupied by Commissioners John Dotson, Eric Pierson and Brian Stiehler.

All three commissioners are running for re-election.

The only other candidate in the running is Michael "Bud" Rogers.



Fred Wooldridge

a wannabe farmer struggles to feed his wife and three children. He inherited his land from his parents who inherited it from their parents. He can't even make enough money farming to pay the taxes on the land. So he drives a truck for a national carrier who offers health insurance. He makes enough to just get by.

On summer nights, this wannabe farmer can sit on his front porch and see the lights coming from the palatial homes on top of Brushy Face Mountain. He's been told the reason one light stays on continuously is because the owners are out of town, touring the spring fashion shows in Paris. They'll be back next month.

And on this same evening, three Atlanta attorneys and their wives walk out of Wolfgang's Restaurant having just finished a sumptuous repast. Everyone has had too much to drink and they're bordering on being rowdy and obnoxious. So what? They're on vacation. They'll cross Main St. and

enter Old Edwards Inn where they'll crash for the evening.

Further down Main Street, a merchant closes his store for the evening and sits with his wife at a backroom table. Pouring over their receipts for the day, they wonder how they'll ever make it through winter unless business picks up.

And not too far from this struggling couple, Scudder's Auction is jumping. Visiting weekenders sit in awe and watch wealthy patrons buy artwork, rugs, paintings, etc., sometimes costing thousands of buckaroos.

Yes, my friend is right. Highlands is somewhat like Mayberry. It's also about mountain families living in poverty, the disgustingly rich and all that's in between. Highlands has so many faces, I don't know where to start. So I won't!

Note: "Deceived" is Fred's mystery/thriller that can be found on Amazon and loaded onto your Kindle. It's full of raw sex, over the top violence and surprises in each chapter. Give it a go!

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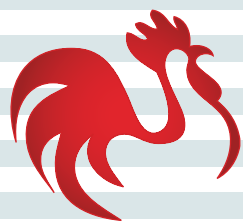
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have enrolled in courses offered through NCVPS for a number of years," said Dr. Baldwin. "Beginning with school year 2015-16, students will also have the opportunity to earn a high school PE credit in this manner. The online PE course will be utilized at the high school level, and in those cases where a student needs the credit to meet their graduation requirement."

At Monday night's Board of Education meeting, Baldwin said virtual classes are beneficial for specific circumstances; in regards to the PE class, some students just don't want to "dress down" around other students, he said, but the school district will continue to strive to always provide courses "in person."

"While it will always be our goal to provide a "live" teacher in the classroom, this is not always possible," said Baldwin. "In the past, our students have taken courses through NCVPS when the number of students was too small to constitute a class or when a certified teacher was unavailable. In other cases, a student may need, or wish to enroll in, a course that is not offered at a time that the course is offered in one of our schools and NCVPS is their only option. High school PE has now been added to the list of courses offered through NCVPS."

According to NCVPS, the courses will be conducted through video assignments and will fall in line with the state's standard course of study.

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alent issue, awareness of its harmful effects and an inundation of response efforts followed. Along with the countless universities, research groups, and a recently established National Plan which have devoted themselves to this issue, over 25 million dollars have been dedicated to the research and treatment of white-nose syndrome.

Due to the inability to contain the fungi and/or prevent it from reappearing, there is presently no way to completely eradicate the disease

For more on the white-nose syndrome, please visit <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/Documents/Species-Docs/LLNB/WhiteNoseSyndrome.pdf>.

"Throughout the course, students are required to demonstrate physical skills," explained NCVPS. "This is where the virtual world of the classroom meets the physical world of real performance. NCVPS accomplishes this with its video assignment submissions, where students record their performances with video cameras that are on smartphones, tablets, gaming devices, webcams, or any other device that can capture digital video. Students upload their performance videos into our secure platform for teacher review. Our teachers then assess the student performance and provide constructive, meaningful feedback. Students can re-take performance skill tests to demonstrate mastery."

The course also requires students to keep a fitness portfolio as another form of assessment.

"This is an essential feature of the course which students keep for the duration of the course, said NCVPS. "In their portfolios, students establish fitness goals, create a Personal Health Improvement Contract, establish an exercise plan, track their own performances, reflect on their development, and take the first steps in developing a life-long fitness plan."

The pilot program begins in August and will be available statewide in January



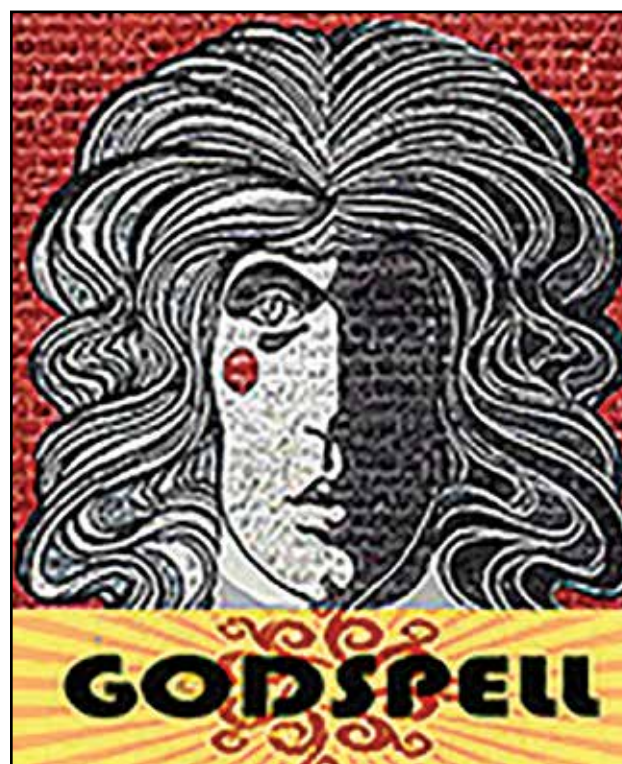
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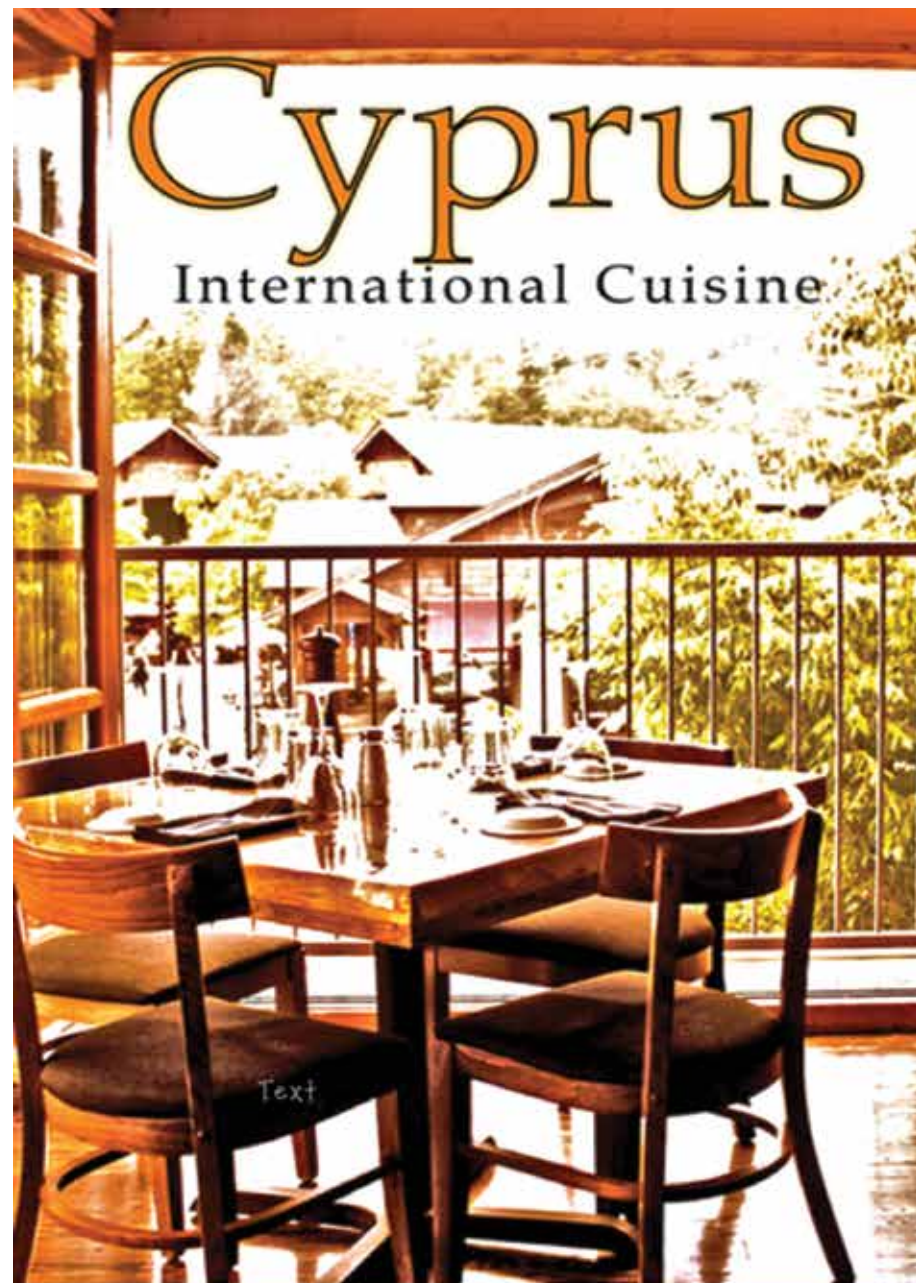
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dents addicted to the STEM courses – science, technology, engineering and math -- because robots are as addictive as video games, he said, and because they are fun. While working with robots toward a specific goal, students become the innovators and problem solvers.

The last component of his successful campaign was making the building and programming of LEGO robots into a competition where student teams compete against each other while rubbing shoulders with mentors from industries.

Engagement with business leaders is critical because kids don't know what to dream about, said Sam McCormick with Innov8. So having mentors for after-school STEM teams with technology backgrounds is critical because they expose students to exciting career opportunities.

Beginning August of this school year, the FIRST Lego League after-school program will be open to middle school students throughout the Macon County School system. The "classes" will be about an hour and a half long for two days a week for 12-weeks.

Teams will be given a theme-based problem to solve using robots they program and build from LEGOs.

They will be given all the LEGOS they

need, a computer program and a map/mat on which the robot will maneuver obstacles while striving to meet its goal.

Throughout the fall, student teams will scrimmage with each other and eventually enter into a region-wide competition held at Southwestern Community College in January 2016.

For now the mentors in the program will be teachers, but they could be people from the community, too.

FIRST will be one of the things Highlands School will be organizing as soon as school starts," said Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter. "Once we have the specifics of the program's organizational details, which will include a faculty member/coach, we will announce it to middle school students so those who are interested can join."

Since the representatives of Innov8 expect the program to become self-sufficient, Macon County, like the other counties, just paid a one-time \$5,000 fee, and Innov8 will be responsible for acquiring the remainder of the money from business leaders -- \$104,000 for the four-county region.

Why business leaders? Because getting students interested in the STEM subjects early means potential employees who will possess the qualities employers today are

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Save the Date: Sunday, August 2nd 11:00 am
 Monday, August 3rd -- 10:00 am

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looking for – this goes hand-in-hand with regional economic development.

Virtually all jobs created today require the knowledge of STEM and graduates need to know how to apply their STEM knowledge to solve real world problems,” said McCormick. “Business is the school system’s customer. So there is a need to align education objectives with the employment needs of businesses.”

Businesses considering re-location want to know if there is a resident workforce ready for what they need and they want to know if the school system is good.

“It starts with business leaders working with superintendents to excite students about STEM. Most school systems’ budgets have been cut to the bone. If businesses see how this program and others meet their critical needs, they will help provide financial resources, leadership, mentors and volunteers to make it all work,” he said.

And that’s what has already happened in Macon County.

Phil Drake of Drake Enterprises has said he will match every donation made by any business toward the formation and perpetuity of the FIRST program in the four-county region.

Today’s employers say prospective employees need seven critical life survival skills: critical thinking and problem solving;

collaboration across networks and leading by influence; agility and adaptability; initiative and entrepreneurial spirit; effective oral and written communication; the ability to access and analyze information; and curiosity and imagination.

Employers don’t just want employees who can follow directions when told how to fix a problem, they want employees who can figure out how to fix the problem themselves.

Eighty percent of all jobs being created today require some knowledge of STEM subjects and how to use that knowledge to solve problems.

Sixty-five percent of all jobs require a certificate or a two-year technical degree and 20% of all jobs require a four- or more-year degree.

The challenge? Make sure students graduate with world-class STEM skills and know how to use their STEM knowledge to solve real-world problems while mastering the seven survival skills.

McCormick said honoring the value of a two-year technical degree is also critical.

The after-school program will begin with middle school students but will hopefully be available K-12 and will even become part of the daily curriculum.

– Kim Lewicki



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Mondays

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

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.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am

• 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 men-

tal 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.occupy-wnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 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 6:30pm. 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

• 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.

Thurs., July 30

• Free Zahner Lecture: "Stories From the Forested Landscape: How to see the forest and the trees" at The Nature Center at the Highlands Biological Station from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm.

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe, a Riedel Wine Seminar, 7-8:30p. Riedel ambassador Eric Heidal will explore wines and Riedel stemware. \$50 per person and you keep your 4 Riedel glasses! For tickets, call 526-4080.

• HCCMF presents Bach at Bucks Coffee Café in Cashiers with the Vega Quartet at 7:30p. It's Free.

Fri., July 31

• At The Hudson Library, at 11 a.m. - Community Coffee with Mayor Patrick Taylor at the Hudson Library. Ask him anything!

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Beach Party Dance" (wear your best beach outfits) Friday night at the Macon County Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:30 to 9 PM. Dr. Jim Duncan from Otto, NC will be the caller. Mike McDonald and Debbie McClain will cue rounds and lines. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome.

Fri.-Sat, July 31-Aug. 1

• An A-Z Flea Market to benefit the American Cancer Society from 9a to 3p in the Highlands Rec Park

gym. Multiple households of goods including antiques, books, furniture, linens, tools, and more. New and used items.

• HCCMF presents the Vega String Quartet, Andres Cardenes, violin; Elizabeth Pridgen, piano. Friday at PAC at 6p and Saturday at the Cashiers Library at 5p. For ticket information call 828-526-9060 or go to hccmf@frontier.com

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.

• The annual Cashiers Valley Women of Faith Luncheon, hosted by the Glenville Wesleyan Church, will be held on Saturday at the Glenville Community Development Club on Highway 107 in Glenville. The featured speaker is Shirley Duncan whose topic is the Hephzibah Children's Home located in Macon, Georgia. The home, run under the auspices of the Wesleyan Church, is an orphanage and home for unwed mothers. Women of all faiths from throughout the Cashiers Valley are invited to attend. Reservations can be made by calling 828 743-0868.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will host a beginner's bird walk at 8:30 a.m. at the Cashiers Commons, including the area around the Recreation Center, Boardwalk and Village Green. Meet in the new Rec Center parking lot.

• The Bascom 30th Anniversary Celebration. Free and fun for all from 3-7p.

Sun., Aug. 2

• At First Presbyterian Church,

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Sun.-Mon., Aug. 2-3:

• HCCMF presents "Beethoven's 7th with Andres Cardenes, violin; William Ransom and Victor Asuncion, piano. Sunday at PAC at 5p and Monday at the Cashiers Library at 5p. For ticket information call 828-526-9060 or go to hccmf@frontier.com.

Mon., Aug. 3

• At First Presbyterian Church, Brigadier General USAF (Ret) Charlie Duke, Appollo 16 Lunar Module Pilot will talk about his walk on the moon and his walk with The Son at 10 a.m. in Coleman Hall.

Mon.-Thurs., Aug. 3-6

• Little Highlander Softball Camp will be held at Zachary Park on Buck Creek Road from 9am-noon. The cost for the camp is \$50.

Mon-Fri., Aug. 3-7

• 9AM-3PM - Summer Music Camp for 1-6 grade children at Highlands United Methodist Church. Free. Children should bring a bag lunch. To register call (828) 526-3376. Final production of the children's musical, Everywhere I Go, on Fri., Aug. 7, 5:30 p.m. at Kelsey and Hutchinson Park.

Mon., Aug. 3

• The Highlands Biological Foundation is offering a Garden Tour: Pollinators and the Plants that Need and Feed Them at The Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station from 10:30am to 11:30am. It's Free

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will show the PBS film Owl Power at the Hudson Library in Highlands at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. Enter through the rear door of the library.

Tues., Aug. 4

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers, NC on Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m. It is open to the public. The speaker will be Scott Enloe, owner of Rivers Edge Outfitters with stores in Cherokee and Spruce Pine, NC. Scott is on the USA men's fly fishing team. Additionally, he serves as president and captain of the NC fly fishing team. The meeting begins at 6pm with a casting demonstration by Scott followed by his presentation at 7pm. A raffle will be held for a chance to win the grand prize of a 5 wt. fly rod. Call John at 678-353-4313.

Wed., August 5

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

Aug. 6-22

• At the Highlands Playhouse, First Date. Wed.-Sat., at 8 p.m. and Sat. & Sun. at 2 p.m. for Tickets call 828-526-2695.

Thurs., Aug 6

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Have you been Disneyized?

Note: First of all, this article doesn't intend to demean, degrade or make light of Walt Disney. Secondly, I am not implying that real estate prospects are victims of the dumbing down of America more than anyone else, including myself.

If you've ever been to one of the major theme parks, you'll probably know what I mean when I say 'Disneyized.' It's sort of a euphoric state of mind; you're in a real life situation, but it feels more like a movie set, or at the very least, a situation in which 'nothing can go wrong.' Everything is clean, everyone is smiling, the scenery is breathtaking, and well a 'life can't get much better than this' moment.

Highlands has a way of sneaking up on you, allowing Disney moments to happen frequently. I almost have to pinch myself when I see the sunrises, the morning mist over the water, hear the casual voices over dinner and music on Main Street on a Friday night, or hear the squeals of children catching themselves in the cold splashes of the water feature in the park.

Walt Disney and his team had a vision, and they acted on it and created another world; a place where ordinary people could escape reality and experience fantasy through animation, music, and characters, but it didn't stop there; he was also able to create an environment where the streets were always clean, the accommodations were always more than you expected and the scenery with topiaries, flowers and water features seem to be 'on display' any time of year. All of this accomplished with virtually no visible efforts to maintain the theme park. What a Utopia!

Highlands is not Disney, (not yet, anyway) but over the years, some of her visitors have been Disneyized. How else can you explain the



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flocks to the attractions here?
Quarry Falls – (aka Bust your Butt Falls), this as the name implies, is certainly NO theme park attraction. That water can be fierce, especially after heavy rains.

Glen Falls, same thing; people have slipped, fallen, gone under, etc. (Some have died).

For the past 2-3 years, there have been more bear sightings than ever, with more development taking up the forested land, the wildlife population venturing near people will probably increase. We, as residents need to educate, help and warn visitors about these animals – we are living in a forest where animals should be able to roam, we are in THEIR world.

Every day on the internet, there are pictures of people getting selfies with backgrounds of beautiful places like waterfalls, swimming holes, and yes- even wildlife. I repeat – Highlands is NOT Disney. If you need me to pinch you, I will.

The same thing can happen in real estate. We've all heard of staging. Many of our homes listed for sale have been staged. Why? Because today, people interested in buying (or renting) properties need to be entertained

while looking at prospective properties. We are living in an instant gratuitous society, where we think we need help in 'imagining the possibilities.' Do we?

Consider our MLS listings, and real estate advertising. It used to be still shots- just one or two were

enough. Then came virtual tours, and then professional staged still shots. Next there will be short movies of properties. Imagine seeing a 'real' family enjoying themselves at Christmas, playing football after a Rockwellian Thanksgiving meal, or just relaxing with a good book and a glass of wine on the deck.

How much more does a client really need to see before deciding that a particular property is "the one?"

Are we all so caught up in technology that it gets in the way of selling real estate?

Marketing IS important, but real estate has been being sold in Highlands for over a hundred years without it, right? Is it because there are over 1,500 homes, condominiums, and townhouses listed for sale in our MLS?

How does 'the one' stand out? Ask your Realtor. Give them your 'got to haves,' your 'want' list, and then give them a realistic price range within to work.

Many times, when clients are new to the Highlands real estate market, they realize their price range changes after seeing a few homes.

Once a buyer finds the location they want, the property can usually be adapted to become 'the one' for them.

Find a Realtor that will LISTEN to your wants and needs, then let them do their job.

There is something for just about everyone's budget in Highlands. Here's a list of price ranges and available improved properties in the Highlands-Cashiers MLS as of July, 2015:

\$50,000 - \$250,000	-----	259
\$251,000 - \$350,000	-----	215
\$351,000 - \$500,000	-----	253
\$501,000 - \$799,000	-----	335
\$800,000-\$1,000,000	-----	130
\$101,000-.\$2,999,000	-----	292
\$3,000,000 - 10,000,000.	-----	34

No, we're not living in Disney, or a Norman Rockwell painting, but sometimes Highlands can feel 'too good to be true' and it's those times that we cherish. It's those times that real estate prospects are looking to share with their families and friends for years to come.

Don't fall into the Disney 'trap' of seeing only the surface beauty – Highlands is REAL, the people are real, and the maintenance is real as well.

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The Universe and Nature

By Rev. Sam Forrester
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

Proverbs 3:19-20 "By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place, by his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew." We have all observed wisdom, as it is in man, with all of its great promises. Here, in this passage, we see wisdom, as it is in God, being gloriously displayed in his works. You can see his wisdom shown as everlasting because it was before all creatures, and all things, yes, even the entire world was made by it. He tells you, wisdom founded the earth upon nothing and yet, it is impossible for anyone to move it. You see in this the great architect, God, establishing the heavens, setting all the great lights in their respective orbits.

All of these things declare his wisdom. You see it in the earth, by his dividing the depths, gathering them up and establishing the rivers and streams, so that man might be refreshed by them. In the heavens, as he collects the moisture for the dew, then letting it rain down its life giving blessing upon man.

So, does not every aspect of the universe glitter in the infinite skill and wisdom of God? The earth is the pavement and the heavens the ceiling of God's handy work, both miracles of wisdom declaring the glory of this great and marvelous God who created you.

As you look out into the heavens, as you examine the earth and its bounty, you can see the two great systems God established. As you observe the uniformity of them, you begin to ever so faintly understand the wisdom of God. This universe is like a parable, it's like a great mirror in which is clearly reflected the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is through these wonderful miracles of creation, along with the marvelous provisions of the plan of redemption, your heart must be filled with a glorious song of praise and you should join the apostle declaring, "O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God." (Romans 11:33).

Recognizing that God created all thing brings you to consider. Proverbs 30:4 "Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the water in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know?" Could this all have been done by just any ordinary man? Could all this have been done with the mere wisdom of a human being? No!

God has established the foundations of this world by creating all that it was built on. He came down to lay the first stones and stayed until it was finished. He also came down in the form of his Son. He came to lay another important underpinning. He came to lay the base of his eternal kingdom. Jesus Christ was his name and the only way you can truly know his name is to know that God is the Creator and you a traitor to his cause. Once you see that, you can also see you need a Savior, and to receive that Savior, you must call on his name with a broken and contrite heart and he will hear and save you.

God in Jesus Christ came down to provide for his people salvation. Salvation from a life of sin and death. In II Corinthians 5:17, Paul teaches "If anyone is in Christ, he is

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Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from June 19. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 19

• At 11 a.m., officers received a call about a woman losing a wallet.

July 4

• At 3:40 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on W. Church Street

July 8

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

July 12

• At 1:30 a.m., Samuel Harrison Bell, 24, of Charleston, SC was arrested for DWI when he was pulled over on N. 2nd Street for driving without headlights on. He was issued a \$2,500 secured bond. His trial date is Sept. 18.

July 14

• At 7:29 a.m., officers responded to a call about a noise violation at a residence on Mirror Lake Road.

• At 9:36 a.m., Samantha Heller, 23, of Franklin, was arrested for larceny and possessing stolen property. She was issued a \$750 secured bond. Her trial date is July 30.

• At 10 a.m., officers received a call about the concrete dump on the Greenway

Trail below Oak Street.

July 15

• At 5:25 p.m., officers responded to shoplifting call from Wits End where someone took a pair of sandals valued at \$110 and \$150 cash from a wallet.

July 16

• At 7:13 p.m., officers received a call about a bear on Main Street near the Stone Lantern.

July 17

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a shoplifting call from Potpourri Eyewear where a pair of sunglasses valued at \$169 were taken.

July 18

• At 8:40 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 64 east near Poplar Street.

• At 8:50 p.m., officers received a call about a verbal argument about loud music at a residence on Paul Walden Road.

July 19

• At 1:40 a.m., officers responded to a call about a noise violation at the Hutchinson House on Main Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from July 24

July 24

• At 9:39 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Hill.

• At 1:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Pierson Drive.

• At 2:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Deuce Road.

July 25

• At 2:55 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

• At 4:10 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Mack Wilson Road.

• At 2:09 p.m., the dept. assisted with traffic control at Main and 3rd streets.

• At 5:30 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about smoke on Horse Cove Road.

July 26

• At 11:13 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Wahoo Trail.

July 27

• At 9:32 a.m. and 11:06 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Pierson Drive.

• At 4 p.m., the dept. investigated smoke on N. Big Bear Pen Road.

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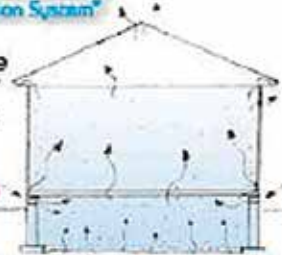
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The Town of Highlands Planning and Development Department, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the Town of Highlands' intent to revise the floodway, generally located on Mill Creek between Spruce Street and North Fifth Street. Specifically, the Mill Creek floodway shall be revised from a point located 24 feet downstream of the Spruce Street crossing to a point located 30 feet upstream of the North Fifth Street crossing. The majority of the revisions will be a reduction in width, however as a result of the floodway revision the floodway will widen by 6.70 feet at cross section 7476.642 located approximately 25 ft downstream of Laurel Street and by 2.95 feet at cross section 7359.084 located approximately 147 ft downstream of Laurel Street.

In addition, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations and the 1% annual chance floodplain shall be revised, generally located on Mill Creek between Spruce Street and Village Walk. As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance water surface elevations shall generally decrease, however as a result of the revision the 1% annual chance water surface elevation shall increase by 0.19 feet at cross section 6975.831 located approximately 33 ft downstream of Spruce Street. As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance floodplain width shall decrease within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Town of Highlands Town Office at 210 North Fourth Street, Highlands, North Carolina 28741. Interested persons may call Josh Ward, Planning and Development Director at (828) 526-2118 for additional information.



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The “Date Night”-themed event opens with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by a 90-minute screening at 7 p.m., and showcases the best of Western Carolina University student films from its Film and Television Production Program’s annual, campus-based Controlled Chaos Film Festival. Genres include comedy, drama, documentary, animated film and promotional pieces.

A two-item live auction during the intermission will give audience members an opportunity to win a 3-minute business or family video created expressly for them by students and faculty in the WCU film and television program, or a featured cameo role in a senior thesis film. Students and faculty members in the FTP program will be available throughout the event to provide commentary and answer questions.

The cost of admission to this limited seating event is \$75 (plus \$5 North Carolina sales tax). Tickets can be purchased at the Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce and the Highlands Performing Arts Center, or by calling the WCU College of Fine and Performing Arts at 828-227-7028.

Students in WCU’s School of Stage and Screen write, direct, act, film, edit and produce the films and incorporate musical compositions created by students in the Commercial and Electronic Music Program and title sequences developed in the School of Art and Design.

The money raised from ticket sales will assist students with making senior project films, which often cost more than \$5,000 to create, and in acquiring essential equipment for the program.

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Lost and Found is the second in the High Glen Trilogy novels set in a small mountain town of North Carolina. "The third book is in Tony's computer, but not yet published in book form." Both of the first two books are available at Amazon.com, Barnes&Noble, Chambers Realty & Vacation Realty, and other retailers. "I will be selling both of Tony's novels at the Highlands Farmer's Market for a limited time as well as Remembering Highlands- the book Tony and I wrote together about my life growing up in Highlands." Isabel stated.

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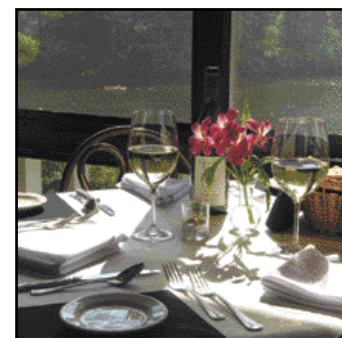
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