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Details in bond package – projects, cost to taxpayer – unclear

Come November citizens will be asked to vote for a bond referendum proposed by Governor Pat McCrory, but exactly what it will include and what it will cost citizens is unknown.

Governor Pat McCrory visited Western Carolina University recently, seeking support for his proposed \$3 billion bond package that would fund state infrastructure improvements and transportation projects.

High on the list is a plan that would include \$114.9 million for a new WCU science building.

But municipalities in the west are wondering what Governor McCrory is pushing hardest for – infrastructure throughout

the far western counties or the WCU Science Building.

“Other than the science facility at Western Carolina University, which is needed, the referendum has no roads or infrastructure improvements for the last six counties of Western North Carolina,” said Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor. “Once again we are the forgotten, remote area of the state. I hope our state representatives can get some more improvements for the region on the referendum ballot. If not, I don’t see a lot of support from area voters.”

McCrory told a standing-room-only crowd assembled in a laboratory in WCU’s existing Natural Science Building, which was

originally built in the 1970s and is no longer considered suitable for science education, that the time for the bond issue is now because of low interest rates and growing infrastructure needs.

“It’s not if you need a new building, it’s when are you going to do it. The longer you wait, the more expensive it’s going to get. In the real estate world this building would be considered a D-minus building which would be torn down.”

In his plan, titled “Connect NC,” McCrory has proposed nearly \$3 billion in bond issues for state projects, with about half of that amount to fund highway improvements and the other half to

pay for other infrastructure, renovation and construction projects across the state, including \$504 million for the University of North Carolina system.

Macon County Commissioner Vice Chair Jim Tate said he can’t

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Class of 2015 Val & Sal



Valedictorian Kenau Lewis (left) and Salutatorian Philip Murphy (right) with Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter. The graduation ceremony is Sat. June 13 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. For graduation photos, see pages 12 & 13.

Photo by Carol Bowen

Bus driver’s actions stop possible shooting

South Macon Elementary School was swarming with law enforcement officers early morning Thursday, June 4, after a Macon County Schools bus driver called to report suspicious people on the campus just before 5:30 a.m.

Alice Bradley headed to South Macon Elementary last Thursday as she does every morning, to prepare bus number 10 for its typical route, except when she got to the school, she was met by

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Pictured from left: Jimmy Almond, Bobby Jenkins, Mark & Sarah Rogers, Sam and Robert Jenkins.

J&R Racing team wins; puts Highlands on the map

A drag race crash in 1998 in which he suffered burns on 43% of his body hasn’t reduced the passion Sam Jenkins has for racing Top Alcohol Funny cars with 3,000 horse power that rocket from zero to 255 mph in 5.6 seconds.

He doesn’t drive anymore, but he built the car – co-owned by himself and Mark Rogers – that won the 8-car race at the Pittsburgh Raceway Park this past weekend.

“You get into it and you

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY.

Liability issues

Last winter's decision to plow Monkey Hill created quite a sledding debate, specifically the town manager and the mayor's decisions. Some contended we were out of touch and needlessly worried about possible litigation. One critic contended we were "wishy washy" in handling the issue. He was probably right.

As mayor I tried to resolve future problems by promising to see if the old sled run trail could again be used for sledding. I will probably now be labeled a "flip flopper" after writing the following paragraphs.

According to a recent US News article, sledding on municipal property is an issue across the country. Some towns have banned it altogether. The article states:

"According to a study by the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, in the decade from 1997 to 2007, some 20,000 youths landed in the emergency room each year for injuries caused by – or related to – sledding. In some instances, injuries have resulted in multimillion-dollar lawsuits against the municipalities involved, including a \$2 million judgment against Omaha, Nebraska, after a young girl was paralyzed while sledding; and \$2.75 million payout to a



Mayor Pat Taylor

Sioux City, Iowa, man who suffered a spinal cord injury."

To be fair, major injuries according to the article are rare. About 4% require hospitalization. But, most major injuries result in a lawsuit against a town. Potential litigators could argue that not plowing Monkey Hill creates an inviting, unsupervised and dangerous nuisance. God forbid, but what would be the outcome of a lawsuit where a child

paralyzed from a sledding accident on a town street appeared before a jury? Yes, very remote, but possible nonetheless.

So, what should be Highlands' policy about sledding on town property? The U.S. News article indicates that having protective netting, padding and hay bales around trees and rocks would help, but not prevent legal action in the event of an accident. I will explore options with my Greenway friends who are developing the sled run hiking trail. Maybe it can be modified for safe sledding.

Are there liability concerns with the new ice skating rink? Of course, and safety policies are now being developed. For instance, the rink will always be staffed with a person with first aid training. It will be completely shut down when staff are off duty.

And, what about other recreation facilities like the swimming pool? It is not opened unless a lifeguards are on duty. "Swim at your own risk" signs could save the costs of lifeguards, but that practice would never release the town from liability. Also, there are ethical and due diligence issues for the safety of our citizens that transcend cost savings and liability concerns.

The town will continue to follow good safety policies. We all want to avoid alarmist overreactions. Nevertheless, the Town of Highlands needs to employ the best, current practices. No longer can we operate as an insulated mountain community. Like it or not, we are not above issues impacting communities throughout America.

• LETTERS.

\$200,000 and counting

Dear Editor,

An estimated 1,500 people sipping wine and beer while setting up chairs and blankets to enjoy a concert by the award winning Bearhollow Blue Grass Band; children gleefully running through the grass in their bare feet and into the interactive fountain to get a good soaking; the sweet sound of a children's choir; plays being performed by the PAC Youth Theater and the Highlands Cashiers Players; 250 residents and visitors listening to the quiet sounds of Ron Schott's saxophone while enjoying a community luncheon with side dishes provided by volunteers, and main course items donated by the owners of Cyprus, Madison's, Wild Thyme, Ugly Dog Cafe, Paoletti's, Lakeside, and Mountain Fresh. These were the sights and sounds that I experienced opening day of our new Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park on May 30.

To the point that Mayor Taylor made in his column last week, we didn't just build a park to provide more green space, we built a multi-use, urban park to be enjoyed by young and old alike. What is particularly gratifying for all of us in the coalition is the fact that the park continues to be used each and every day since it opened -- not just for special events, but as a place for families and individuals to relax and have fun.

As chairman of the Founders Park Coalition I am very proud of what our group has helped to accomplish, but our job isn't done. Our goal is now to make the property adjoining the west end of the park just as

wonderful. In addition to providing a true town square that can be used for outdoor events throughout the spring summer and fall, and, also for ice skating in winter, Phase II will provide an attractive sculptural water feature that will gracefully link both parts of the park, and also provide space for historic memorials honoring our town founders. The plan, which has already been approved by the town, will also create substantially more green space, providing peaceful alcoves and expansive plantings throughout.

The land has already been purchased, thanks to gifts from two major donors, and the coalition has raised nearly \$200,000 to date toward completion of Phase II. However, an additional \$500,000 is needed to truly complete the entire park plan. Please consider helping us realize this dream. Donations can be made to a special park fund managed by the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust at P.O. Box 1703, Highlands, NC 28741 or call 828-526-1111. All donations are fully tax deductible.

My sincerest thanks go out to our donors, coalition members, volunteers, contractors, and government officials for their commitment and support in what has been accomplished thus far, and for their continued support as we embark on completing Phase II. Together we can build a lasting legacy that will be enjoyed by generations of Highlanders to come.

Nick Bazan

Chairman Founders Park Coalition

Park run was a success

Dear Editor,

Mountaintop Rotary Club, The Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park Coalition and the Highlands Roadrunners Club would like to thank all those who helped make the recent Run for the Park 5K a success. Nearly \$6,000 was raised for the park and local athletic scholarships.

Special thanks goes to Derek Taylor,

organizer of the Twilight Rock'n Roll 5K, and his team that timed the event, and to the race volunteers from Mountaintop Rotary and many others who helped set up for the race, staffed the intersections for traffic control and helped with registration.

We would particularly like to thank the Town of Highlands, Lester Norris and his staff at the Highlands Recreation Department, the staff of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, and the Highlands Police Department.

The event would not have been possible without our many sponsors. Special thanks to the Toy Store, First Citizens Bank, Twigs Realty Group, Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Landmark Realty, Dry Sink, Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, Village Square

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• OBITUARY •

John Archie Torson

John Archie Torson, a private art dealer and resident of NYC for more than 60 years, died Thursday evening, May 14, 2015, in an automobile accident. John was in good health – which is what he had always hoped – and was not far from his Upper Eastside Manhattan apartment that he had called home for most of his life.

John had a second home: Highlands. His sister, Patricia Boyd, and her husband, John, took up residence here in 1989, and until 2013, this was the family home. Over those years, Uncle John had always enjoyed visiting the extended family in Highlands where the beauty of the mountains ministered to everyone. John had made Highlands a beloved retreat. He treasured the people in Highlands and always thought they were of the highest caliber. He enjoyed the many social occasions afforded him and often dined at his favorite restaurants. Being an art dealer, he took special pleasure in The Bascom noting how extraordinary it was that such a small community would have such a valued resource. He liked walking in town, enjoying the architecture of its churches, buying relish at what was The Condiment Shop, getting a shave.

He even recuperated at Chestnut Hill for a short period in 2012 while recovering from a traumatic brain injury. That experience helped him regain his determination and strength to return to NYC for three very active, engaging, and good years.

Just short of 90 years, John was happily anticipating the immediate arrival of his family in NYC. He said this would be our last get-together and a celebration of his surviving his brain injury. His sudden death is all the more devastating. While we grieve that he is gone, we take solace that he departed while in this happy state, out



in the city he so appreciated, and anticipating the arrival of his family.

John was raised in a small farming village in Independence, Wisconsin. The son of Archie Torson and Caroline Sprecher, John especially esteemed simple things. And being a lover of art, he had a keen eye and a provocative mind. He challenged each of us to see differently and think more deeply. John had the unique proclivity of becoming important to the many people whose lives he touched. He was friendly, warm, generous, charming, clever, funny, and witty and became special even to strangers, given a chance to interact. He will be fondly remembered by those who were privileged to know him.

He is survived by his beloved sister, Patricia (Boyd), and her children whom he adopted as his own – his nieces, Carol Scott and Cathy Fraser, and his nephews, William and Matthew Smith, along with their wives and children. A memorial service was held in NYC for friends and family at his apartment on May 23rd. His ashes will be returned to Wisconsin this summer where he will be buried beside his mother and father. See the May 24th NY Times obituary for more details.

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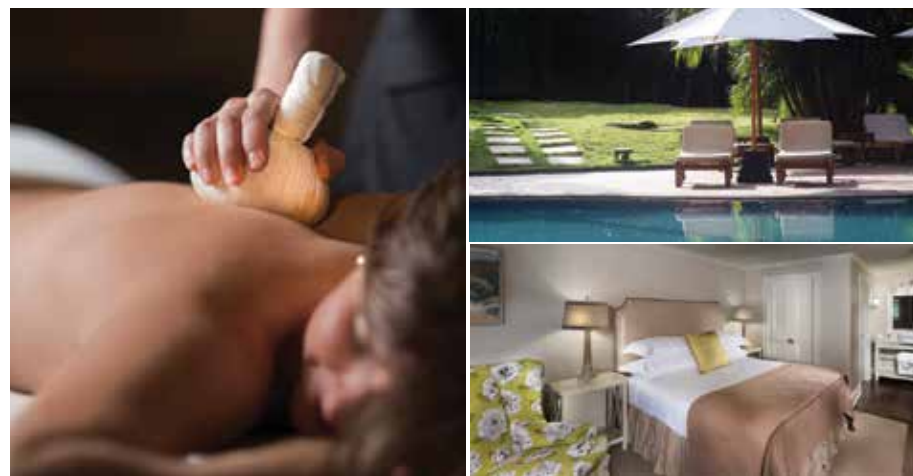
And finally, thanks to all our runners and walkers. There would have been no race without you! We hope all of you will come out and run the Twilight Rock'n Roll 5K Aug. 22 at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park starting at 6 p.m.

Skip Taylor
Co-race Director

A Tribute to Sandra Mackey

Highlands lost a great teacher in Sandra Mackey, who died on April 19.

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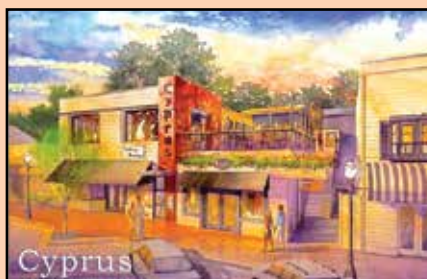
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two suspects wielding loaded guns.

Bradley immediately called Macon County Dispatch for help. Before deputies arrived, Bradley used her own car to deter the suspects from gaining access to her school bus.

When Macon County Sheriff's Deputies arrived on scene, after a confrontation with the suspects, it was learned that the suspects, later identified as 38-year-old Adam Conley and 29-year-old Kathryn Jeter, had stored a loaded handgun and ammunition on Bradley's bus.

"Her [Bradley] actions and what she did in her vehicle driving toward them as they were headed toward her bus which caused them to go the other way. That which changed the events that occurred from that point forward," said Sheriff Robert Holland. "I and my staff believe it created a great difference in what could have happened."

Conley and Jeter, who both had to be tazed by depu-

ties before being taken into custody, were found to be in possession of five firearms and ammunition. Investigators also learned that the pair had shot and stabbed a stray cat on the property as well.

Students hadn't arrived at school yet, but investigators secured the scene, placed South Macon Elementary on lockdown and cancelled school for the day.

Before Conley was taken into custody, MCSO Deputy Audrey Parrish, who was the first to arrive on scene, reported that Conley aimed his weapon at her and she heard "clicks" from his weapon. He refused officer demands and had to be tazed.

Sheriff Robert Holland held a press conference on the matter early Friday morning and informed the public that during interviews with investigators, the suspects claimed their presence at the school was part of "God's Will," and if it was "God's Will" for the pair to shoot faculty and staff when they arrived at the school, they would

have done so.

Holland praised the work of Bradley and the four deputies who initially responded to the call for handling the situation in a professional manner and securing that everyone involved was safe.

"The reality is many individuals played an important role during the course of the day following the initial confrontation with these two individuals," said Sheriff Holland. "Each individual and each organization they represent is appreciated and we will never be able to adequately thank them enough for their assistance."

Jeter and Conley were both originally booked into the detention center on \$1 million bond each and face a long list of charges which include attempted first degree murder and felony cruelty to animals.

However, according to reports, Conley attempted to stab a detention officer on Saturday, resulting in additional

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Telltale signs of elder abuse

By Detective Andrea Holland
Highlands Police Department

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Ninety percent of elder abuse is caused by family members. It most often takes place in the home of the victim, and the victim is generally dependent upon their abuser. The most common abuse to the elder is financial exploitation. Physical and emotional abuse are common but, abusers tend to feed on the elder to gain money, land, and other financial gain through the access to bank accounts, checks, and credit cards.

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If you suspect that an elder person is being abused, neglected, or is being taken advantage of please contact your local law enforcement. If you feel that an elder person is making decisions that may not be in their best interest, contact your local law enforcement, as well. The actions of others, may very well be, a criminal action.

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charges of assault on a government official being tackled on.

After the confrontation with deputies at the detention center on Saturday, Conley's bond was increased to over \$3 million.

"There were no injuries during Saturday's incidents," said Sheriff Holland. "Inmates must comply with the orders of the staff and it will never be acceptable behavior for them to attempt to injure any of my officers."

Holland also stated that it was relatively evident that the pair were under the influence of a substance, and further investigation may offer insight into the intention and purpose of their presence at the school.

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be a real pain in the tucas but she is emotionally stronger and more patient than I.

And last, if you love your job, then it's not a job. I feel I was born to be a cop. I got high on the danger and police work was my front row seat to life at its rawest. I started my job as a beat cop walking Lincoln Rd. and twenty-eight years later was chief of the detective division. This all happened because I loved my work. Wow, what a ride!

Remember this old adage. You're not responsible for where you were born but you are responsible for where you live. This blessing came to me when I was only twenty years of age.

I packed my stuff, left Louisville, Ky. and moved to Miami, Fl. It was the best move I ever made.

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While I do have everything I need, what I don't have is everything I want. And, yes, there's a huge difference between the two. Allow me to explain.

When Maine school teacher Nancie Atwell was named the first ever "Global Teacher," the Nobel Prize for teaching, she was awarded a one million dollar prize which she immediately donated to the school she founded. When asked why she made such an outlandish decision, she announced, "I have everything I need and my students need the money more than I."

Wow, really? This most unusual and wonderful lady, a huge hero in my opinion, lit my hair on fire and got my writing juices flowing. In a small way, I can identify with her. No, I wasn't given a million dollars and even if I received such a gift, I probably wouldn't give it all away. I'm much too greedy and selfish to do that.

But she was a reminder that I have achieved and received all of the important things in life that matter to me. I really do have everything I need and hope you can identify with this. No, it's not about money....it's about becoming proud of what you have become.

A ten-year-old Italian boy boarded a steam ship in Italy and traveled alone to New York's Ellis Island with only forty bucks in his pocket. The year was 1903. He didn't know it at the time but he was becoming my hero. And yes, because he was being picked up by his dad, he probably stood for hours with countless other immigrants on an Ellis Island barge, hoping and waiting to get picked up. I'm sure he was frightened. He could not read or speak one word of English. Can you imagine? His dad did pick him up and they moved to Brooklyn to start their lives in America.

Years and years later, this young boy became a man, educated himself, moved to New Jersey, started a family and eventually retired as an electrical engineer for a New Jersey power company. He was my father-in-law and my li'l missus' dad.

These two people, very different heroes in my mind, have received my admiration in very different ways. If I would ever hope to be a hero, how would I fit into a category to be admired for doing anything to be called a hero? It ain't gonna' happen but I'll try. Read on!

First, I've developed a solid faith system. I thank the sisters at Saint Bridget's school for that startup. Second, I have a soul mate who loves me. And last, I had a career I loved and did well. I never considered police work a job. Sooooo, those are my three big blessings and I really don't need more.

Oh, and this is huge! I've lost my fear of death. Maybe my many years of police work helped me with that. More importantly, it is my faith in God that took away my fear of dying. We are good friends and talk often. Oh, don't get me wrong. I've not worn holes in the knees of my pants from praying and, at the moment of death, I'll be apprehensive. There's a huge difference between fear and apprehension!

Many, many years ago I went to the beach and met my soul mate. And everyone who knows me well knows why her friends call my li'l missus "Saint Maddy." Sometimes I can



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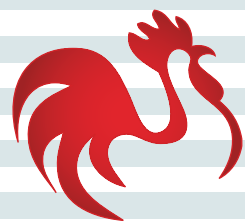
• Meet southern author William Rawlings as he discusses his first non-fiction book "A Killing on Ring Jaw Bluff". Mr. Rawlings is as interesting and engaging as the stories he writes. Join him as he discusses the story and historical data used in writing this book and how quite often the "stories" found in non-fiction are as good as or better than anything you could make up. He is currently at work on his eighth book "The Second Coming of the Invisible Empire" a fascinating history of the Klu Klux Klan. Wednesday, June 17 time 2-4 Cost \$25/\$35

• Do you know the story behind the series of lavish Easter eggs created by Fabergé for the Russian Imperial family? Director of the Bob Jones University Museum and Gallery, Erin Rodman Jones will share the story of the creation of the legendary eggs as well as the impact of other Russian art. Bob Jones University Museum and Gallery houses one of the largest collections of religious art in the Western Hemisphere and one of America's finest collections of European Old Master paintings. "Rublev to Fabergé: A Six-Century Survey of Russian Art and Culture" will be Friday, June 19 Time 2-4 Cost \$25/\$35

These are only highlights of a few of our classes, other topics include Leadership, Diversity, & Equal Opportunity, Mountain Chic: Garden Tour with Mary Palmer Dargan, Brain Games, Travel Sketching, Through Zelda's Eyes: Life as a Party. For more information on becoming a member or to register for any of our great classes this summer call 828-526-8811, visit www.clehighlands.com or stop by our office located in the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center at 348 S. 5th Street.

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Top 10 Steps for Sales Success in the Highlands-Cashiers Market

"The achievement of the hero is one that he is ready for, and it's really a manifestation of his character. It is amusing in which the landscape and the conditions of the environment match the readiness of the hero. The adventure that he is ready for is the one that he gets."

-- Joseph Campbell in The Power of Myth

By Susie deVille
Owner White Oak Realty

In some form or fashion, each of us is on a Hero's Journey. Some of us may be on a quest to achieve a career or business goal; others may be striving for personal growth or the attainment of a certain milestone with regard to our health, finances, relationships, or life quality. We may be proactively setting out to conquer the world or desirous of serving others on a small or grand scale. Perhaps we are reaching for balance, bucket list experiences, and/or a simple, peaceful life. Regardless of the journey, Joseph Campbell would assert that the adventure we find is the one we are ready for. That is, the Hero attracts the adventure for which he is most suited.

As with all life journeys, the same holds true when one embarks on the path of selling real estate: the experience of your journey will be precisely mapped to one's readiness, as well as the readiness (and ability to execute) of the Seller's listing agent and firm.

I have developed the following ten steps for real estate sales success in our mountain resort community. If you are poised to sell your property in the Highlands-Cashiers area, and you want the most successful Hero's Journey experience possible, heed these steps and enjoy your adventure:

1) Be ready emotionally. Admittedly, this can be a biggie. Acknowledge up front any and all emotions you have around selling your property. Most likely, your property has been the source of wonderful memories with loved ones. As you look around your home, you probably can remember incredible moments enjoyed in every room. Give yourself enough

time to transition from property owner to Seller and don't rush the process. Remind yourself that the sale of the property may very well be a welcome bridge to your next life.

2) Be ready financially and know your numbers. If you have a loan, determine the payoff amount; if you may be selling short, talk with your lender and an attorney. Work with your real estate agent to set a market value price and calculate what you will net after all closing costs. Be open and frank about your expectations.

3) Be ready to put your best foot forward. Ensure that your property is in top condition with all repairs made. Give the property a thorough de-cluttering and cleaning. Tend to the landscaping and ensure everything is neat and tidy. If you have a commercial property, gather together all of your financials (including the last three years of tax returns, P & Ls, and balance sheets) and legal documents (equipment/inventory lists, leases, intellectual property, etc.)

4) Co-create your ideal buyer profile with your real estate agent. Paint a picture of the kinds of buyers your property will most likely attract. Get clear on the specific features, amenities, and special aspects your property offers.

5) Devise a plan for ongoing property management. If you will not be in residence, work with your real estate agent to create a strategy for maintaining the property (if you do not have a plan already in place). Ensure the grounds are maintained on a set schedule and that there are periodic checks of the property.

6) Determine the top three qualities you want in your listing firm/agent. Before you begin interviewing agents, get clear on the specif-

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The most central understanding behind Sandra's travel, research, scholarship and teaching was this: familiarity dispels fear. When she lectured on the Middle East, that is what we experienced. Although she described herself as "just a little old lady in tennis shoes," she wrote seven excellent books on the Middle East and was a consultant to CNN. If you had the pleasure to know her personally, her wit, irony, good humor and kindness lifted your mind and heart.

Our best tribute to her is to keep on learning, especially about cultures and issues that make us uncomfortable.

Thornton and Sue Jordan

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Highlands United Methodist Church invites all children to Move, Act, Care, Follow, and Share at G-FORCE: GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION Vacation Bible School. Young people and adults will explore and experience serving God and others with active love! The fun begins June 21st and ends June 25th from 5:30-8:00pm at Highlands United Methodist Church, 315 Main Street. Dinner will be served from 5:00-5:30pm.

The adventure includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, delicious snacks, great games, and more! To be a part of the excitement at G-FORCE ADVENTURE PARK call (828)526-3376.

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And finally, I recommend young folks who might be reading this, do as I did. If you're unhappy with your life's status, change it. Find your soul mate and make sure she/he is the person you want to live with until death. Most importantly, develop a faith system to help you lose your fear of dying. I did and it is one of my greatest blessings. I guess that's why I was so comfortable hanging from the cliffs of Highlands and teaching folks the fun sport of rappelling.

So while I'm still attempting to achieve the status of "hero" like my father-in-law and school teacher Nancie Atwell, I'm still trying. My li'l missus says I'm very trying.

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can't get away," said Sam.

J&R Racing, whose team includes builder and crew chief Sam, driver, Mark, and mechanics Jimmy Almond, Robert Jenkins and tag-along helpers Bobby Jenkins and Mark's daughter Sarah Rogers, won the 1,000 foot straight track clocking in at 5.05 minutes at 221 miles per hour -- putting Highlands on the map.

In the eight-car race, two cars race at a time, dropping to the final two which race for the win. There are only about 150 Top Alcohol Funny cars in the U.S. and Canada so the winning car coming from Highlands is a pretty big deal.

In 10-years, J&R Racing has won 6 times -- rebuilding the car after each run right there at the track.

"It's a huge challenge to make this car work," said Sam. "It's very complicated to make the cars do what they

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do. That's why not many people do it."

J&R Racing's car and all the equipment to maintain it cost Mark and Sam about \$200,000. The body looks like a 2002 Firebird, but that's where the similarity ends, said Sam.

"It's a one-piece fiberglass body built specifically for this and we have to take it completely apart and rebuild the engine after every run, so Saturday we rebuilt the engine twice – the five of us can do it in an hour."

In addition, driver Mark relies on the crew to start the car, which can only be started from outside, not inside like a conventional vehicle.

On Saturday, J&R Racing won \$2,000

in addition to being paid by the promoters to race for 2,000 to 5,000 spectators who typically come out for the race.

"We're the entertainment, so they pay us to race, but it costs us between \$500 and \$1,000 per run," Sam said.

But for J&R Racing it isn't all about the money, it's about the adrenaline, the power and the passion of taming a machine whose mass force of 3.4G exceeds the energy expended by the space shuttle.

The next match race is in Lexington, KY in July and they are looking forward to racing with this elite group who is powered by the adrenaline rush behind the sport.

– Kim Lewicki

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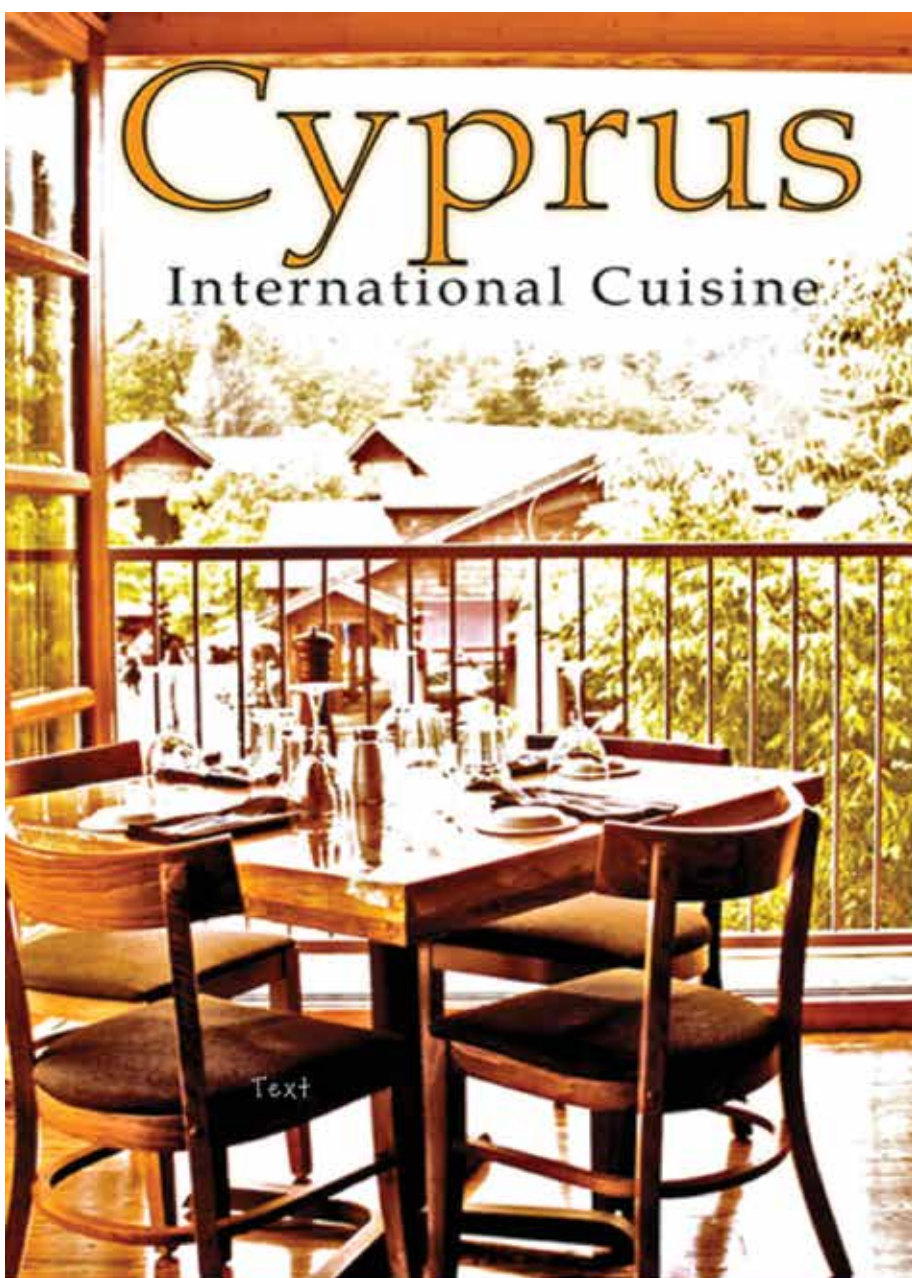


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• The Cub and Boy Scouts of America have three drop-offs for worn and tattered flags. They properly retire them. Drop-offs at Highlands Doors and Windows 2242 Dillard Road, the Highlands Fire Station or Highlands United Methodist Church office. Contact Phil Potts for more information 828 526-3719

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• Movies at the Playhouse: Thurs-Sunday, 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Call 526-2685 for weekly movie.

Monday

• 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.

First Tuesdays

• FAMILY and Caregiver Support Group Meets: for Individuals that have a friend, family member or loved one living with mental illness. Learn how peers deal with stress and emotional overload. First Tuesday of Every Month 7-8 pm. Call Ann for more info (828) 369-7385

Tuesdays

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

• FREE Yoga in the Park Tuesdays starting June 23 at the Highlands K-H Park on Pine Street. 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.occupywnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Tuesdays

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

Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park at 8a. \$5.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

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.

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.

Thursdays

• Storytimes with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40am. 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.

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 8a to 2p.

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

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

Thurs.-Sun., June 11-14

• Highlands Motoring Festival at K-H Founders Park. Go to www.HighlandsMotoringFestival.org for complete list of events.

Thurs., June 11

• Rotary Bingo at the Community Building with half of the proceeds going to Boy Scout Troop 207. The first game is at 6:30p. Food supplied by Chick-Fil-A as long as they last....for a donation.

• The Highlands Biological Foundation a guided hike to the top of Siler Bald in the Nantahala National Forest near Franklin, NC with trip leaders John and Jennie Stowers. Depart from Highlands, NC at 10 am and return to Highlands at 3pm. Cost is \$15 for members of the Highlands Biological Foundation and \$35 for new members.

• The June meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners, Inc. will meet on 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.

Fri., June 12

• SOAR Pasta Dinner at the Highlands Rec Park from 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited. \$10 per person. Proceeds to benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

Sat. June 13

• The SOAR race begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Rec part. Register at www.soarhighlands.org

• The Highlands Motoring Festival in the day long event will be held at the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street.

• 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 with \$4/vehicle admission to Rec area.

Sunday, June 14

• Auditions for the H-C Players August play, "Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike" (winner of the 2013 Tony for best play) will be held Sunday at the Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut St. at 3 p.m. Play has parts for four women, 40-60, one late teens or 20s, one any age, and parts for two men: one 40-60, one fit-looking young man 20-30s. Rehearsals will be

held in July and August, 2015. Performance dates are August 27 thru 30, September 3-6. Can't come on the date? Call director Virginia Talbot, 526-8084, who will try to arrange a time to meet with you.

Mon.-Fri., June 15-19

• Kelsey Kids Camp for kids 8 to 11 years old at the Highlands Historical Village. 9a to 3p. It's free and includes lunch. To register go to www.highlandshistory.com or email Linda David at lindawd@hcgexpress.net

Tues., June 16

• Come join avid backpacker and storyteller, Nancy Reeder, on Tuesday at 4 pm at the Hudson Library, as she shares her adventures hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. It will include stories, demonstrations, audience participation, and a 20-minute video of her 2000+ mile journey

Wed., June 17

• Summer Reading at the Hudson Library at 2:30pm, with Peter Kipp presenting Curtis-Wright Falconry. Kids of all ages are invited to this one-hour program that will include at least two live birds of prey.

• The Health Ministry of First Baptist Church-Highlands is sponsoring an educational one-hour workshop on Alzheimer's at 6 p.m. at the church. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts! Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin

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I appreciate that we live in an incredibly beautiful place with all sorts of incredibly gifted people. I appreciate our various histories and places of origin. I appreciate that being rector of the Church of the Incarnation is a privilege and honor. Who could ask more than to serve the Lord in a place of such awesome wonder among a people known for their generosity and goodness. It is a marvelous thing!

We are approaching a new season on the mountain and with it will come many opportunities and challenges. A lively summer season is coming alive before our eyes. Many people are coming together to share their gifts and expertise to benefit the entire community in and around Highlands.

In my winter reading, I was reminded of the teachings of a great spiritual master who told his followers: "Whatever you chose to give your attention to will grow in your life." He taught them to love passionately, listen carefully and speak words of kindness and good will to one another.

He likened life together as a garden. This garden was like most, in that it required sunlight and proper nourishment in order to grow properly. This garden held the seeds of compassion, forgiveness, love, commitment, courage and all the qualities that affirm and inspire people. He cautioned that alongside those seeds and in the same garden, would be the seeds of hatred, prejudice, vengeance, violence and other hurtful and destructive ways of being. These seeds exist in the same garden.

The seeds that grow, whether they are good or bad, are the ones we tend to with our attention. Our attention is like water and sunshine and the seeds we cultivate will grow and fill the garden. If we choose to invest our attention in the seeds of scarcity and greed, then this will be our harvest. If we tend to the seeds of goodness and mercy, using all our resources to cultivate seeds of love, then we will enjoy a far more fruitful and bountiful harvest.*

Think about what you most appreciate about our life together. Consider what would be most beneficial to our community and put your neighbor before self. In the fertile soil of loving appreciation for the greater good, new life will take root. As we nourish the good among us, our life together will blossom and grow without limit.

*Story attributed to Lynne Twist from her book, *the Soul of Money*

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ic qualities you want in a listing agent/firm. Write these down and discuss same during your listing appointments.

7) Realize selling your property is a process with ups and downs. Having one's house on the market requires being ready for showings at all times. Continually cleaning, staging, and preparing are ongoing efforts. Prepare mentally for the ride. Be open with your agent/firm with regard to your schedule and how you would like appointments to be handled so that disruptions are kept to a minimum.

8) Know your desired end result and timeframe. Beyond what you want to net price wise, get clear on your preferred timeframe for selling. Do you absolutely want to sell by a date certain? Do you have a flexible target sale date and/or want to enjoy the property one more season?

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Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from May 15 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

May 15

• At 1:14 p.m., a simple assault was reported at the Emergency Council where a man and woman were hitting each other.

May 24

• At 3:20 p.m., officers were called about an animal complaint at a residence on Oak Lane where a bear got into a car.

May 26

• At 2 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Poplar Street.

• At 7:19 p.m., officers received a call about an assault on a female in her home on the Dillard Road.

• At 8:28 p.m., David Anthony Allison, 23, of Highlands, was arrested for simple physical assault on a female. He was taken to the Macon County Detention Facility.

May 27

• At 9:46 a.m., a credit card was reported lost while shopping on Main Street.

• At 11:25 a.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 call about a man trespassing at an apartment at 488 Carolina Way.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from May 28.

May 28

• At 3:24 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Cullasaja Club.

May 29

• At midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the hospital.

• At 7:04 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Ravenel Point.

• At 3:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Holly Tree Lane.

May 31

• At 1:59 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Sky Lake Drive.

June 3

• At 10 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Morewood Circle.

• At 2:29 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly on a possible structure fire on Redgate Road.

June 4

• At 1:22 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid on a structure fire in Scaly on Highland Gap Road.

• At 1:14 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Oak Street.

• At 5:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a CO₂ alarm at a residence on Hickory Knut Gap.

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Sat. -Sun., June 20 & 21

• Highlands Village Square Art & Craft Show. Regional artisans, music, food. 10 - 5 in K-H Park on Pine Street, downtown Highlands, NC. Admission free. Sponsored by Macon County Art Assn..

Sat., June 20

• The Broadway veteran, Jeri Sager, will be giving a Stage Makeup Class for the youth interested in the theater. Jeri is best known for her role as Grizabella in Cats. The class will be on Saturday at 10am. The class is limited but if you are interested please call 828.526.9047 Highlands Performing Arts Center.

• Annual Reese Family Reunion, 10 AM to 2 PM at the Highlands Rec

Park

• An evening of Bubbles & Jazz at the Highlands Playhouse. Doors open at 6p.m. Champagne & Dinner -- All you can eat Low Country Seafood Boil, Live & Silent Auction. Tickets are \$125. Tables of 8 for \$850. For tickets call the box office at 828-526-2695.

• Volunteers Get Free Beer! Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Stewardship Coordinator, Kyle Pursell, 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 get a free beer at the brewery. For more information, contact Kyle at stew.hitrust@earthlink.net or 526-1111.

Tues., June 23

• Downton Abbey Afternoon Teac fundraiser is Tuesday. Tickets for this Downton-style benefit are \$75 and available at event sponsors in Cashiers: High Hampton Inn, GG's Consignments, The Consignment Market, Victoria's Closet/V.C. for Men, and Cashiers Chamber of Commerce. Contact Diane Stumm, 828 226 4411

• Eco Tour: "The Road to Franklin". Join Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for an historic stroll along a forgotten path- a portion of the old road that once lead from Highlands to Franklin. \$35 for new friends includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a year membership to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust! HCLT members: \$10. Reservations required: Julie.hitrust@earthlink.net, 526-1111.

• Give blood at Southwestern Community College Macon Campus and the Macon County Public Library 44 Siler Farm Road, Franklin from 10 am to 7 pm. To schedule an appointment please call (828) 306-7017 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Friday, June 26

• At the Rec Park, Ron Cromer will present "Snakes Alive" at 2:30pm with a lecture dispelling common myths about snakes and an opportunity for attendees to hold the snakes. This program is sponsored by the Hudson Library but will take place at the Highlands Civic Center.

Sat. June 27

• A high tea at the Highlands United Methodist Church from 2-4p featuring author Ann B. Ross, author of the "Miss Julia" series. Copies of "Miss Julia Lays Down the Law" will be available for her to sign. Tickets are \$20. Last year's event was a sell-out. For more information call Gay Kattel at 828-526-2746 or email gmkattel@frontier.com.

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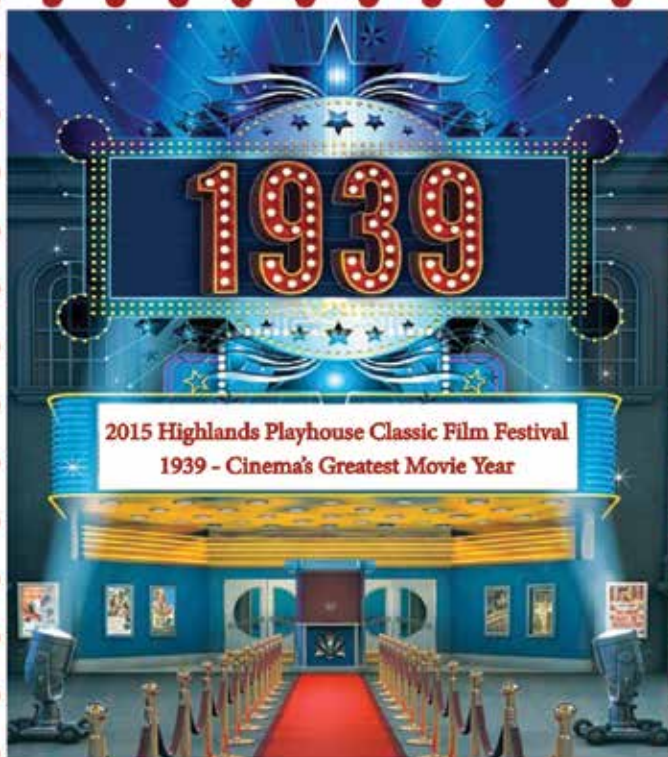
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9) Turn it over. Once you have co-created a detailed plan with your agent/firm, release the reins, exhale, and focus on what comes next after you sell.

10) Partner with your agent/firm in an ongoing manner. Yes, turn it over, but also remain as a viable partner in the selling process. Your agent will be notifying you of market

activity and showing feedback. There may be items that need attention from you to enhance the marketability of your property. Lean in and listen to your agent's advice; if the advice differs from your own thoughts, keep all lines of communication open, and discuss everything.

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• *Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her*

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help but agree with Mayor Taylor.

"Our road infrastructure in the western counties is in bad shape and could use a jolt of funds more so than some of our 'government buildings,'" said Tate. "I still haven't seen how much money would make it to the west or how it would be spent other than on the WCU building. Is that the only item on Governor McCrory's radar?"

Bond issues are typically funded by investors or bank loans but they must be serviced by the taxpayers.

Macon County's and its municipality's 2015-'16 budgets include a tax increase due to the recent reval and revenue neutral budgets. The question is how much will the state levy to fund the bond?

For the bond package to become a reality, the proposal must be endorsed by the General Assembly to be placed on the ballot for November's elections, and then approved by voters statewide.

— Kim Lewicki



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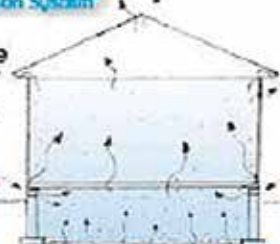
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