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'Lucky' the hound dog saved by a Good Samaritan

It was a balmy October Saturday marred only by the consistent baying of a hound dog as if in pursuit of something.

The baying began mid-morning on the 17th and continued until early afternoon.

Artist Joe Doolan was painting at his easel set up on the porch of his cottage at 92 Oak Street.

"I noticed the baying because it was persistent, but then it grew to be more stressful sounding and I felt there was something

wrong," said Doolan.

He got up from the easel and ran down his property to where it borders The Greenway and headed toward the baying.

"I kept listening to try to tell where this yelping was coming

from and it lead me to the old sewer plant by way of The Greenway Trail which crossed the dirt road to the plant," he said.

The sewer plant is surrounded with chain link fence topped

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Jane Woodruff and Charlie Sheehan were honored with statues placed on the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Shown from left are Charlie Sheehan, John McCoy, Dr. Ronald Paulus, Jane Woodruff, and Jackie Ring at the dedication event.

HC Hospital honors benefactor Jane Woodruff

On a beautifully sunny fall day, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH) honored and thanked Jane Woodruff for her continuing devotion and support by dedicating a statue of her on the hospital campus. Woodruff's generosity and commitment to HCH has

been longstanding, and this statue will be another reminder of her loyalty to the hospital and the surrounding communities.

Standing beside the statue of Woodruff is a statue of her longtime friend and fellow-supporter

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Town Board News

Town Manager speaks to HCG claims ... Board votes to hire FERC lawyer

At the Thursday, Oct. 15 Town Board meeting, Mindy Green, of Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro, spoke during the public comment hearing on behalf of Nin Bond and Highlands Cable Group.

"For years, like everyone else in town, we have been plagued with unreliable internet and phone service. When the internet goes down, which happens all too often, we can't even process credit cards which severely impacts our ability to run our business," she said reading from a prepared letter.

"This is particularly frustrating because at home we have had Highlands Cable Group since 2003. Their internet is extremely fast and very reliable. I honestly can't remember the last time it

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The winning team from left: David Warth, Nicolaus Poss, Eric Radford and Deven Broadway pose with their first place trophies after firing a tournament winning 52.

Golf tourney nets \$20,000+ for Highlands Scholarships

Thursday, October 15th, Wildcat Cliffs Country Club hosted the Annual Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament, an event that attracted 23 foursomes of players enjoying great golf, food and camaraderie, all while raising money for an important cause: Highlands students.

Since 1975, with the vision of Jack Taylor and others, an endowment was created that would fund scholarships for those students pursuing post-secondary education, who are graduates of the Highlands School.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Let's talk trash

Italking trash! No, not sports trash talking, but trash collection in Highlands.

Prior to each board meeting, elected officials and interested citizens are sent an agenda packet. Within the packet are activity reports from each town department. I review each one.

What caught my attention in the October reports was several numbers contained in the Sanitation Department report. Last month sanitation workers collected 157 tons of commercial garbage and 37 tons of residential household garbage. In addition, they recycled 13 tons of cardboard.

The town has seven sanitation employees who operate three trucks. Over 6,500 trash pickup stops are made each week. During periods like the current leaf season, trash trucks operate seven days a week. Our commercial zones especially need weekend service during these high use periods.

Some folks have expressed frustration to me that their trash is not picked up within a specified time on the pickup day. They inquire why can't the trash collectors consistently arrive on time, such as between 10 and 11 a.m.? My respond: there are many variables, like weather, staffing and the sheer volume on a given day that make it impossible to guarantee specific pickup times. Nevertheless, the town does commit to making sure customers receive service on their designated two trash days.

Once the trucks are filled at the end of a run, the garbage is transported to the Highlands Transfer Station on Rich Gap Road. The town pays a tipping fee to the county for each commercial load, but there is no charge for household loads. From there, the county transports the garbage to the Macon County Landfill and Solid Waste Department for final processing.

Trash collection can be very demanding and hazardous work. Our workers are constantly in jeopardy of being exposed to



Mayor Pat Taylor

hazardous materials, such as broken glass, metal and chemicals that should not be placed in household garbage. For instance, one of our workers recently handled a garbage bag and was stuck with a hypodermic needle that had been improperly thrown away. The town has had to go back and investigate the accident to insure the safety and protection of the worker. Medical professionals have in-

formation concerning proper disposal of used needles.

Especially during this time of the year, bears will increase their scavenging through our garbage containers. Putting out trash on the day of the pickup will help minimize the problem. I recently built a bear resistant trash container which seems to be working. However, my resistant container probably just motivates bears to move on to more easily accessible targets.

I have also been asked why trash crews won't stop and pick up trash that bears have scattered all over the ground? If it is a small

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• REGRETS •

In last week's edition of Highlands Newspaper, an inappropriate headline was used on an article about a crime suspect wanted for rape.

After the paper was printed, the headline screamed at me as inappropriate. Obviously, it is something I should have caught beforehand. Naming one's race in the body of the article is acceptable, but it shouldn't have been in the headline.

In times like these when there is a strong anti-immigrant political environment, the headline fostered fear, discrimination and bigotry. That was not my intent. I regret the error.

Kim Lewicki
Publisher

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

| Thursday | Thursday Night | Friday | Friday Night | Saturday | Saturday Night | Sunday |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | |
| High: 65 °F | Low: 49 °F | High: 66 °F | Low: 50 °F | High: 59 °F | Low: 50 °F | High: 60 °F |

• OBITUARY •

Phyllis Ann Roti

Phyllis Ann Roti, 59, of Franklin, died Friday, October 16, 2015.

Born in West Palm Beach, FL, she was the daughter of the late William and Helen Owens. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Christy Owens. Phyllis enjoyed making jewelry and was Baptist by faith.

She is survived by her son, Cody Roti of Franklin and one sister, Barbara Owens of Riviera Beach, FL.

A gathering of friends will be held from 2-4 p.m. Friday, October 23, at Macon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Highlands Cashiers Humane Society, 200 Gable St., Cashiers, NC 28717 or the American Cancer Society, 120 Executive Park Bldg. 1, Asheville, NC 28801.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.com

• THANK YOU •

Highlands filled bowls!

Our annual empty Bowls, a benefit for the food pantry of Highlands, was once again a great success. Empty Bowls is a national grassroots effort to provide food for those in need. We would like to thank the many volunteers and donors who made this inspiring event possible as well as the many supporters who purchased bowls.

The Bascom Center for the arts provided the 400 handmade bowls for this event. This was accomplished by 20 volunteers and many hours of hard work. Thank you to the Bascom for providing studio space, materials and staff time.

The First Presbyterian Church graciously hosted the event on October 4th. We are grateful to Reverend Emily Wilmarth and Reverend Curtis Fussell for their support, as well as the countless volunteers from the church.

Donations of soups, bread and cookies were given by local people and restaurants and a large crew of volunteers worked tirelessly before, during and after the event to make it a success.

The proceeds will be a huge help to The Food Pantry in our effort to provide good, nutritious food for our clients. Our deep gratitude to everyone who contributed to and attended this event.

Bowls for purchase will be available through Christmas at First Presbyterian Church.

Faviola Olvera

Executive Director, International Friendship Center

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of HCH, Charlie Sheehan. Sheehan recently retired from the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors where he served as chairman since 2009.

During the dedication service, a number of speakers, including Dr. Ronald Paulus, President and CEO of Mission Health, Jackie Ring, President of HCH, and John McCoy, Chairman of HCH Board of Directors, thanked Woodruff for her generous nature and constant support of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. As stated by Ring, "Your sincerity and concerns that the

staff has the tools they need to give excellent care is clearly the focus of your generosity." Ring continued, "Although words are totally inadequate to express the depth of our appreciation, I speak for

the staff and patients when I say thank you from the bottom of our hearts." As a gesture of appreciation from the HCH staff, a box of thank you cards was given to Woodruff.

For more information about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, please call (828) 526-1200.

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breach, crews will pick it up, but it is also a matter of time management. During this season where there are multiple bear incidents on a route, crews cannot stop and

pick up scattered trash and complete the trash run on time.

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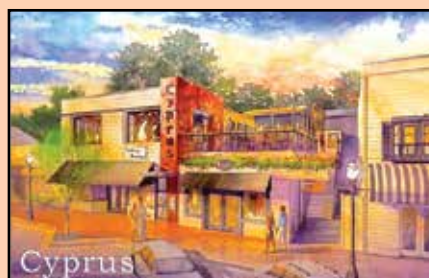
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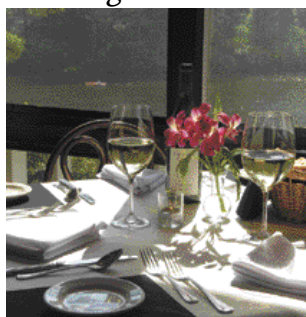
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went down.

"When I asked Highlands Cable Group why we couldn't get their service at Wolfgang's they said the town was doing everything it could to expedite the process for them to gain access to the town's utility poles. I am asking the town to please continue to do whatever is necessary for Highlands Cable Group to bring their service to my area of town so that they can provide my business with the same excellent and reliable service I have depended on at my home for years."

She went on to say that her service with Frontier Communications has meant unplugging the phone to run credit cards and even when a second line was installed just recently, it went down.

She said her restaurant has been criticized on social media due to the time it takes to process credit cards.

In response, Town Manager Bob Frye said he believes there is some miscommunication in the community about

the town and Highlands Cable Group (HCG).

"I have received quite a few phone calls from people wanting to know why we are keeping Highlands Cable Group from moving as fast as it can in town," he said. "We haven't done anything to impede Highlands Cable Group. In fact, they just turned in a request for attachment to several new poles today to bring them up to about The Bascom. That is as far as they are at this point."

According to Frye, HCG isn't actually in a position to provide service downtown, yet.

"Apparently they are giving the impression that they are ready and saying it's the town's fault," said Frye. "I just want to be clear that we have done everything we can to move as fast as we can to help any of the cable providers and we're not the ones at this point holding anybody up."

Frye said there are several reasons why HCG isn't in the position to offer service downtown, yet.

"There is one pole where he is going to have to spend

significant funds to allow all the things that have to be moved on the poles," he said.

MIS/GIS Director Matt Shuler said the last person on the pole that causes the pole to be out of compliance – causes a violation – has to pay for the changes to bring it into compliance.

According to Shuler, HCG is waiting for Northland and Frontier to move their lines to accommodate HCG on several poles – something the town isn't charging anyone for because it has a lenient policy if noncompliance is only due to a couple of inches.

He said the problem is each company is given 30 days to move their wires once notified. Once one moves then the next company is given 30 days and so it's a long process.

In addition, Northland and Frontier are big companies with work to do all over the place all the time, he said.

"They both contract out the work and it's hard for them to get up here to move wires on a couple of poles," said Shuler. "Nin is doing this a couple of poles at a time and if lines have to be moved, it's hard to get the other companies to do it to his schedule."

Back in 2007 the town replaced more than 100 poles

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in North Carolina because State law prohibits municipalities from operating investment funds.

Today, the endowment fund, which exceeds \$820,000, is funded primarily through this golf tournament and The Three Rivers Fly Fishing Tournament held in May of each year.

Golf Tournament Co Chairs, Commissioner Brian Stiehler and Town Clerk, Rebecca Shuler, said the event would not be as successful if it wasn't for Wildcat Cliffs CC.

"The membership and executive team of Wildcat Cliffs go above and beyond to make this a first-class event. Without them, this fund would not be nearly as successful and our students would not be as fortunate. I am blown away each and every year by their generosity and hospitality," said Stiehler.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Wildcat has hosted the tournament and it has plans to continue in the future.

Next October, the event will return to WCCC for a sixth consecutive year. "The golf course was in phenomenal condition, the greens the best I've ever played. Superintendent, Barry Graham is a huge asset to Wildcat and Head Golf Professional, Keven Gabbard does a wonderful job with the event, operating and organizing it flawlessly each year. Wildcat Cliffs Country Club is a committed player in this community and it is my hope everyone recognizes the impact and benefit they provide to our town. Anyone with a child nearing high school graduation will surely understand!" said Stiehler.


For information on how the scholarship fund operates or to make a contribution, stop by Town Hall.

Since WCCC doesn't charge green or cart fees, the event netted a little over \$20,000 – money that goes into the endowment. Interest on the endowment pays for the scholarships – the endowment is never touched.



Bus driver and deputies honored for heroism

In June, just before school let out for summer, Macon County Schools bus driver Alice Bradley was about to begin her daily bus route just like she had done for the last 26 years. By chance, or by fate, Bradley was a little earlier than usual and when she arrived on the campus of South Macon Elementary School, she found two armed suspects. Bradley's instincts kicked in and after seeing a gun, instead of fleeing, she thought of the children who would soon be arriving at school and charged the suspects using her vehicle. In recognition of her split second decision, and to honor the law enforcement officers who were first on the scene that June morning, Macon County commissioners presented the group of local heroes with plaques during the October board meeting to express their gratitude. Those honored included school bus driver Alice Bradley, and Macon County Sheriff's Deputies Audrey Parrish, Anthony Hopkins, Blake Buchanan, Sgt. Mike Langley, and Cpl. Jonathan Phillips.


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that were too short to the tune of \$112,000. Others were changed out and paid for by providers like Northland and Frontier so the pole would be tall enough for everyone to attach per industry standards.

A 40-inch clearance from anything electrical, like a transformer, is required and then 12 inches between each attachee is mandated by the National Electric Safety (NES) Code's "Rules for Clearance."

If someone wants to occupy a pole already occupied by other attachees, he must adhere to NES rules which are also the town's rules. Furthermore, the last line the bottom line – must hang 15.5 feet off town roads and 18 feet off state roads.

Around 2007 the state took over telecommunication franchises which gave companies quick access to the franchise market. This took control away from municipalities, who previously could keep a company out. Now municipalities can't keep anyone out but they can still execute contracts authorizing permission to attach, levy fees and dictate their own clearance dimensions. These stipulations are in Highlands' franchise ordinance.

Nin Bond, owner of HCG said he has nothing but good things to say about the

town.

"They have been very cooperative. This is just a slow process," he said.

Dealing with Duke

Last Thursday evening Kevin W. O'Donnell, of Nova Energy Consultants, Inc. updated commissioners on the Duke coal ash issue.

Duke wants to amend contracts with its wholesale customers – without telling them what those amendments entail unless they agree to sign a confidentiality agreement. They want to amend the contracts and raise their rates to recover costs associated with cleaning up its coal ash basins.

According to O'Donnell, there are about eight wholesale providers who haven't signed the confidentiality agreement required by Duke – Highlands is one of them.

Duke has set aside \$3.6 billion to pay for cleanup and plant upgrades – \$1.8 billion each for Duke Progress in eastern NC and Legacy Duke in the western NC. It has the money to pay, but it wants to recoup it by raising rates.

Duke has given its wholesale customers 60 days to agree to its terms or it says it will go to the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-

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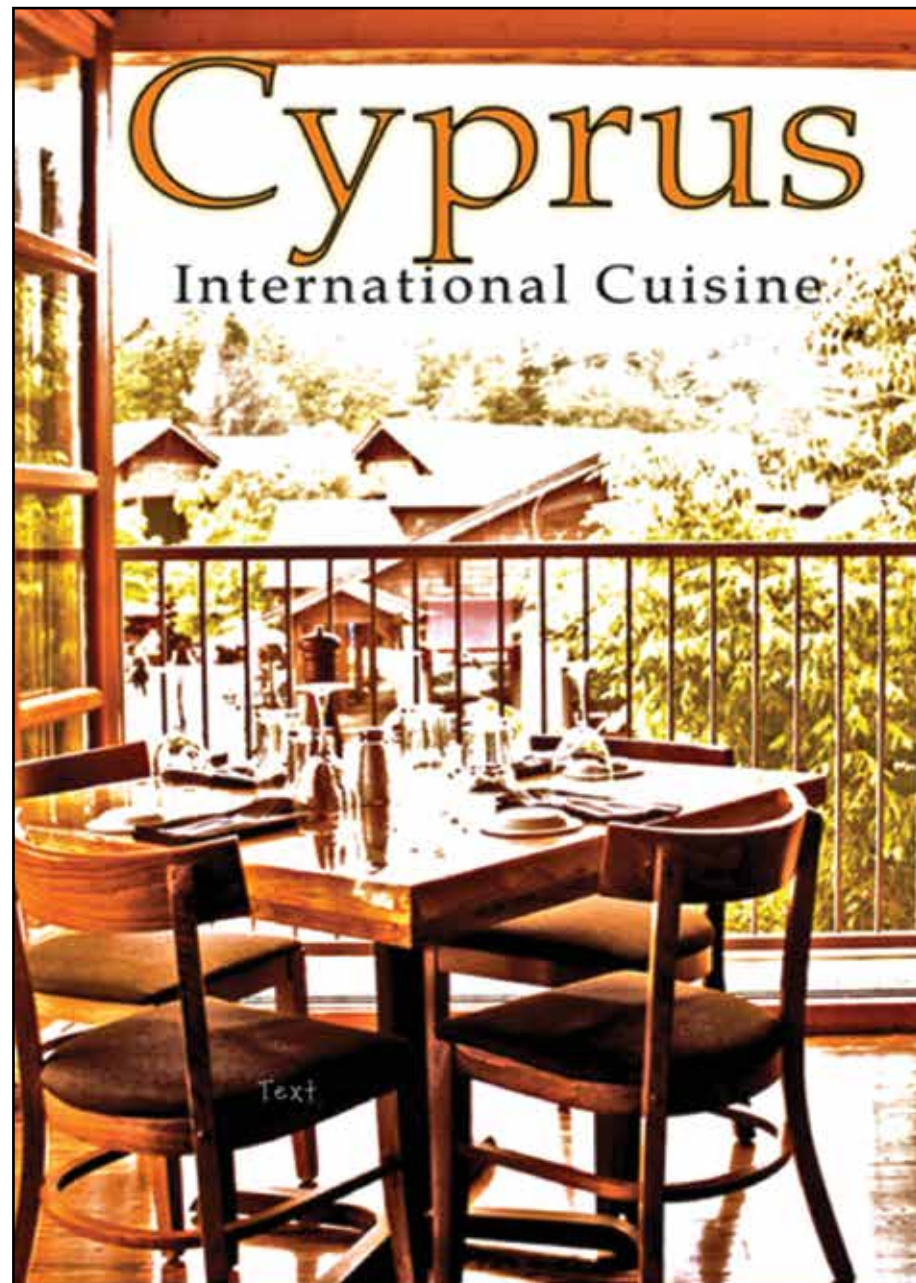
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mission (FERC) for permission to amend its contracts and will use the "environment" card, said O'Donnell.

About a week away from the deadline, Highlands and others are holding fast.

Based on publicly available information, the estimated cost to Highlands is about \$900,000 but O'Donnell said "the actual costs could vary greatly with the majority of costs recovered over the next 15 years."

He outlined several options.

"We can simply pay what Duke wants us to pay; we can sit tight and see what other actions are taken by Duke; we can intervene at the FERC and fight against the coal ash costs being placed in our rates; or we can intervene at the FERC and see what other parties have chosen to do – full-scale litigation versus simply paying the coal ash costs from Duke," he said.

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with barbed wire. Within the confines is a large concrete walled tank filled with sewer water.

When Doolan got to the plant, he realized he was on the opposite side from the dog.

"I couldn't see him at first, but I could tell from the movement of the water that he was on the other side so I went to that side and luckily that's where the opening was to get into this tank. It's not obvious because it's hidden by overgrowth and looks like a gate may have been there at one time. I pushed my way through the bushes and berry briars and got in," he said. "He was right there in front of me with his head in a drain pipe which was the only thing holding him up from sinking."

At that point Doolan called 911 because he knew he was going in after the dog and wanted someone to know where he was. He put the phone on the ground so that if he fell in someone would know he had been there.

At the tank, he had to reach about four feet down to get the dog.

Initially using the dog's collar he was able to pull him partially up, but he is not a small dog and was dead-weight heavy.

"He was not responding at this point. He had actually stopped baying when I got to the tank. I was saying 'Hey buddy, I'm here. I'm here. I'm gonna get you out of there.' And that's when he went silent which made it hard for me to find out exactly where he was. But like I said, movement in the water lead me to him," he said. "I had him half way up and I said 'You gotta help me a little here.' He opened his eyes and I got him to put his paws up on the ledge so I could grab his coat and pull him up."

Doolan wrapped the dog in his coat and carried him out to the road so 911 personnel could see where they were.

"He seemed to get a little better and I just sat down on the road. I was exhausted," he said.

Minutes after he placed the 911 call, the police arrived. "Do you need an ambulance," they asked.

"Can't you just take him in your car?" asked Doolan.

"Not for him, for you. You're bleeding!" they said.

That's when Doolan realized he had gotten cut up going through the briar bushes to get to the opening in the fence.

But the dog was bleeding, too – badly from his two front paws.

The police took Doolan and the hound, whom he named Lucky, to his house on Oak Street where he cleaned him up and wrapped him in a heating blanket.

He was a trained dog said Doolan – he sat when he told him to and gave him his paw when directed.

"He brought his paw up – didn't set it on my knee – but brought it up like he knew I was going to fix it. He was very comfortable with having me help him," he said.

Doolan stopped the blood dripping from his front paws by wrapping them in tourniquets secured with duct tape.

"He was bleeding badly but the tourniquets worked. And after a bit I took off the wrappings because he was uncomfortable walking that way and then we went to the vet."

Veterinarian Dr. Amy Patterson said at that point no treatment was needed.

"He was fine except he had bloodied his front toe nails scraping them for hours on the side of the tank trying to get out," she said.

Doolan offered to pay her for her services but according to Doolan she wouldn't take payment saying "You're a Good Samaritan."

After the visit to the vet, Doolan took Lucky back to his house and fed him and gave him water.

"He sat there for a bit and then looked like he wanted to go out so I let him out on the porch. He walked over and pushed open the gate. He looked back at me and then walked up the steps to Oak Street.

I said, 'Come back, Lucky,' but he continued down the street toward The Bascom and then walked up the embankment into the woods.

Doolan said he wonders what Lucky thinks. "I know he knew I saved him. He knew," said Doolan.

Dog lovers agree.

What got Lucky in the tank to begin with? Maybe he was after a rabbit, said Doolan. But now nothing can get in.

According to Highlands Public Service Administrator Lamar Nix, once notified, plant personnel found the area where the dog jumped into the tank. A section of fence needed to be repaired.

"It is being taken care of ASAP," said Nix.

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• Anyone interested in taking Adult, Child and Infant First Aid/CPR/AED certification class needs to contact the Highlands Recreation Department and get on the list for the class. You will learn how to respond to first aid, cardiac and breathing emergencies. Upon completion attendees receive certification from the American Red Cross. Please pre register we need a minimum of 6 for the class and a maximum class size of 16. Once we have enough signed up for a class we will schedule the class.

Mon.-Sat.

• Nantahala Tennis Club meets at 9a.m to noon each day. All visitors welcome.

Mon. Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.

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

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.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Monday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library. Interested persons are invited to participate.

Mon. & Wed.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30am at the Rec Park.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

First Tuesdays

• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. This group is sponsored by the local affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). For more information: Ann 828 369-7385

Tuesdays

• Growing Stronger Together - A support and learning group for women who have physical or mental difficulties includ-

ing 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.

• The Beyond the Walls Book discussion group meets every Tuesday at 4 PM at The Ugly Dog Public House. Each week we read a short story and then discuss its insights for our lives and spiritual wisdom. You are invited to join this energetic group at any time as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

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

Tuesday and Thursdays

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

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

Wednesdays

• Donation Based Meditation Wednesday nights w Christopher Baxter at 6:30. Getting a little chilly for outside classes :) held at The Wellness Place. 468 Dillard Road Highlands 8285269698

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

• 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.

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

Fridays

• 99ers Bridge at the Rec Park 9a to noon.

Last Fri. of each month

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

Fridays and Saturdays:

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

Fridays

• Live music in Town Square from 6-8p. (Through Oct. 23, weather permitting)

Saturdays

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

• At the Rec Park, MMA Fitness Class is being offered Saturdays at 1:30pm with Moses Machida. NHB Pankration, Muay Thai, Boxing and BJJ combined into an hour long fast paced interactive class. The class combines plyometric, strength training, MMA techniques, explosive cardio and self-defense into one class. At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tasting from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22

• The Macon County Democratic Women's annual Chili Cook-off Supper will be from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Otto Community Building. The keynote speaker will be retired Superior Court Judge James U. Downs. Democratic candidates and local incumbents will be



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• Concert in the Park, at K-H Founders Park at 6:30 pm featuring Josties, a family band from Southern Alberta., Canada. They bring a lively blend of organic / acoustic music with a folk / light contemporary flavor. The concert is free but a love offering will be collected for the band. Bring a blanket or lawnchair and a friend! For more information please call Keith at (828) 421 - 4110 or www.josties.com

Sat., Oct. 24

• At the Highlands United Methodist Church a Lunch and Bake Sale fundraiser for the Bolivia Mission from 11a to 3p.

• Holistic Highlands, Natural Health & Wellness Fair in Village Creek Plaza (across from Dusty's) 468 Dillard Road. Yoga, massage, thyroid health, body detox, cooking with essential oils, zumba, living with diabetes, tea and spices, acupuncture, healing with crystals, hula hooping, belly dancing, Sound Healing Concert. A portion of all donated proceeds will go to sponsoring a child through Compassion International. For more information, call

828-526-9698.

Sun., Oct. 25

• Life Chain demonstration at First Baptist Church from 2-3 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 26

• The Jackson County Republican party will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Ryan's in Sylva. Come earlier to eat. Expected speakers are District Attorney Ashley Welch and Lisa Lovedahl Director of the Jackson County Board of Elections. Republicans, unaffiliated voters and others interested are invited to attend. For Jackson County GOP information, please call Ralph Slaughter @ 828 743-6491 or email: jacksonctygop@yahoo.com. Like us on Facebook at Jackson County Republican Party.

Tues., Oct. 27

• At PAC, the movie "My Fair Lady," on the big screen. For information, call 526-9047.

• The Macon County Poultry Clubs next meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday. Anyone with an interest in learning about poultry is invited to attend. Meetings start at 7pm and open to all age groups. The club meets in the cooperative extension office on Thomas Heights Road. For more information call 828-369-3916.

Thurs., Oct 29

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be

sponsoring a community health screening for the residents of the Cashiers, Glenville, and Sapphire communities on Thursday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library located at 249 Frank Allen Road. Men requesting a PSA check will need to

bring a physician's order for this screening. Complimentary flu shots will be available at the screening. Appointments are limited so please call Sheraldean Norris at (828) 526-1498 for your appointment.

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Final fundraising events of the year for the Bolivian Mission

**Rotary Bingo, Thurs., Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. and Lunch and Bake Sale at
HUMC, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Highlands Bolivian Mission has been busy recently with fundraising events, capped off with the Beauty Contest that netted almost \$20,000. That event will allow the mission to pay off the new van purchased to carry the boys more safely to school and events in Montero, Bolivia and to support the foster home, hospitals and clinics that give free care to the poor and many evangelical projects throughout the region.

Now the mission is proud to announce that it will be the recipient of the Highlands Rotary Club Bingo Night held on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

The Bingo Night is held the first Thursday of the month and the proceeds help many of Highlands and Cashiers charities including the Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Community Care Clinic, the Free Dental Clinic and many other worthy organizations.

The bingo begins at 6:30 and ends at 8 p.m. at the Community Building near the ball field and a flat fee of \$15 allows one to

play all the games and more cards can be purchased for \$1 each. The bingo is licensed by the State of North Carolina. Please come out and support the mission and have a fun filled evening and possibly a profitable one!

The other event will be the Bolivian Fall Lunch and Bake Sale held at the Highlands United Methodist Church on October 24.

There will be pies, cakes and other homemade items for sale in addition to another chance to purchase pens made in Bolivia by the boys in the foster home. All proceeds of the pen sales goes to their education fund so they actually help pay for their education. Golf balls found by a supporter of the mission will also be available for only \$1/dozen.

The lunch will consist of a choice of a premium hot dog, hamburger or bratwurst with coleslaw, sauerkraut, and/or baked beans. Dessert will be a selection of apple, blueberry or pear-craisin pie.

The lunch begins at 11 a.m. and finishes at 3 p.m.

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With the county's resolution, it will also be possible to display the motto on county property's in addition to the courthouse such as patrol cars, if officials so choose.

Macon County is joining the ranks of 40 counties and 20 municipalities in the state who have also voted to display the phrase.

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The Highlands Performing Arts Center and the Highlands Playhouse to present Anniversary Movies

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The collaboration between the Highlands Playhouse and the Highlands Performing Arts Center is making this opportunity become a reality.

The Highlands Performing Arts Center has the connection and the contract with By-Experience to present these films. And since The Highlands Playhouse is known for its first-run movies they have the equipment to screen them.

The first film to be shown, My Fair Lady, is presented at the Highlands Performing Arts Center with their equipment on Tuesday, October 27. Tickets for My Fair Lady are available online: highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047.

The other two films will be presented at the Highlands Playhouse utilizing their equipment. My Fair Lady will be shown on the hard drive at the Highlands PAC, Oklahoma



and Fantasia are only available on DCP, the equipment the Highlands Playhouse utilizes to bring first-run films to Highlands.

The two venues are working together to bring these iconic films to the Highlands Cashiers community so we all can view these films the way they were meant to be seen....On the BIG SCREEN.

Oklahoma will be screened on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm. Fantasia will be screened on Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm.

Tickets may be purchased for Oklahoma and Fantasia by calling



828.526.2695 or by going to the Highlands Playhouse box office. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children are free with an adult.

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- Highlands Parks and Recreation will have a Halloween Spooktacular Event on Thursday night from 6-8pm. The event will include pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing and other games geared to ages 5-12, but everyone is welcome. Wear your spookiest costume or come as you are. We look forward to a fun event for the whole family.

Sat., Oct. 31

- Highlands annual trick-or-treating celebration downtown from 6-8 p.m.

Fri., Oct 30

- At the Highlands Playhouse, The Rocky Horror Picture Show. at 10:30p. Tickets are \$10.

Tues., Nov. 3

- At the Bistro on Main, Prime - Not Your Mother's Health Talk, 5:30-7p. Free fun evening for women that includes health information, dinner and more! To register visit mission-health.org/HCHprime.

- At The Highlands Playhouse, the movie "Oklahoma" at 7 p.m. \$10 for adults and children are free. For tickets call 828-526-2695.

Thurs., Nov. 5

- Rotary Bingo at the Community Building next to the ball-field. Proceeds will go to the Bolivia Mission.

Thurs. - Sun., Nov. 5-8

- Highlands 9th Annual Culinary Weekend at local restaurants, shops and inns.

Tues., Nov. 10

- At The Highlands Playhouse, the movie "Fantasia" at 7 p.m. \$10 for adults and children are free. For tickets call 828-526-2695.

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 13-14

- Women of Faith: Loved, the Farewell Tour, at the Community Bible Church. A joy filled worship event for Women 18 years or older. Fri., 7-10 p.m., Sat., 9a to 4:30 p.m. Doors open one hour prior to the first session each day. To register, go to cbchighlands.com/women-of-faith.html

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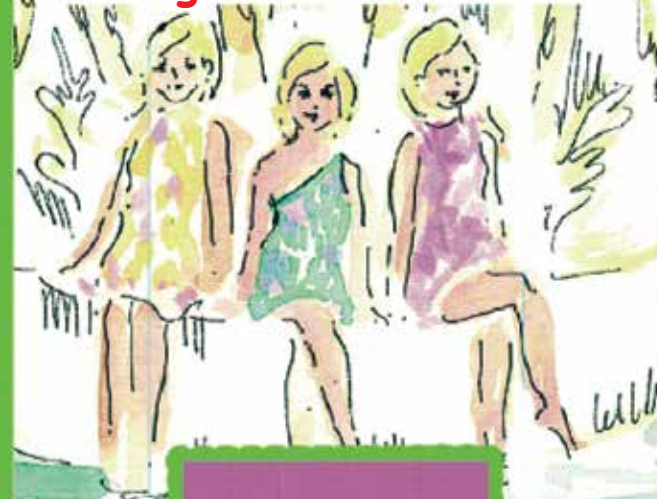


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Located in Highgate with a great mountain view, this home is the epitome of a mountain home. Beautifully landscaped, large covered deck w/fireplace. 5/5 1/2 in main house. There is also an amazing guest cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2. \$2,175,000. MLS#77222.



GolfVilla at HFCC overlooking the 10th green and the lakes around the clubhouse. Easy living, on one floor with a large kitchen, open greatroom and spacious covered deck MLS #78264 \$400,000



Rare Find. Walk to town with a Great Mountain View! 3/2/1 beautifully updated kitchen, keeping room, two fireplaces, large backyard, detached 2 car carport with full guest house. MLS # 79238 \$649,000



Amazing waterfalls and bold streams with 700 feet on Buck Creek, with another 700 feet on other side of the creek and bordering USFS. Immaculate, exceptionally built home on 5.48 acres with all the bells and whistles, including a full house generator. \$995,000 MLS #82444



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



This great home is in like-new condition. Two master suites on the main floor, plus two guest suites upstairs with a bonus loft area. The large covered deck overlooks a rushing stream. Lower family room plus an additional guest area and great storage. \$797,000 MLS#81520



Highlands Mountain Club with great mountain view. Spacious 3br/2ba, condo. Enjoy the pool, tennis, and clubhouse. It comes furnished, with dishes and linens, so just move in. \$249,000 MLS #82270



Highlands Falls Country Club beauty! Exceptional 3br/3.5ba with 3-car garage, listen to the waterfall on the 15th hole, golf course view, wrap-around porches. \$777,000. MLS# 81880



Great in town location on nearly 2 acres. All the new upgrades in kitchens and baths. Vaulted ceilings. 3/ 3 with 2 half baths plus an office. \$697,000 MLS #66051



Great value in Highlands Falls on the golf course. 3/3 Two bedrooms open to decks, plus there is a screened porch off of the greatroom. The terrace level boasts the third bedroom and a large family room. MLS # 79180 \$437,000



Little Bearpen in Highlands City limits. Long mountain views from two covered decks, 2br/2ba main level, lower level guest suite w/ family room, 2nd kitchen and hobby room (could be separate living area). \$695,000. MLS# 81446



Highlands Falls Country Club. Incredible value for a 3br/2ba free-standing, furnished Golf Villa. Lake & #10 green view w/ tree trimming. Stone fireplace, solid surface countertops and vaulted ceilings. \$249,000. MLS# 78712



MountainTop Golf Club – Designed by Keith Summerour on 1.8 acres adjacent to a conservation easement of 6 acres. 5/4.5 with 3 fireplaces. MLS# 68782 \$2,295,000



Watch the golfers tee off on #5 at Highlands Falls and follow their progress all the way to the green. This 3/3 features a greatroom with pine walls and vaulted, beamed ceilings. The screened porch is the perfect place to entertain. MLS # 77704 \$444,000



Highlands Falls Country Club condo with 3br/3ba and great golf course view, sunroom, stone fireplace, vaulted ceiling. Just reduced to an amazing \$295,000! MLS# 73808



Highlands Falls Country Club home with 2br/2ba plus a den on main level, wood floors in main living area, vaulted ceilings, eat-in kitchen plus dining room, tile baths. Lower level has a family room with fireplace, full kitchen plus a bedroom and a bonus room (could be separate living area). \$695,000 MLS#80446



Highlands Falls CC – located at the end of a cul de sac with National Forest on two sides. 3/3 with beautiful, easy care landscaping. MLS#67817 \$725,000



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Truth in Advertising – 101

What turns your head in printed advertisements? What makes you read the verbiage instead of flipping the page? Have you ever been enticed by an advertising gimmick? If you said “NO,” then you’re probably not thinking hard enough. See if you can remember any products associated with these slogans: “It’s the REAL thing” or “Just DO it,” or “Let your fingers do the walking” or “Maybe she’s born with it, maybe it’s....”

In real estate, slogans like these don’t work as well because the inventory is constantly changing..or is it? How can a Broker make that ONE property stand out over all the others in printed advertisements? Big box or chain real estate companies may have an advantage as far as getting people to their office, but it’s their inventory that keeps you there, or not.

Catchy advertising slogans may help in some instances. I’m not talking about fraudulent advertising here. Did you know that in the 1920s Charles Ponzi was one of the first to participate in selling swampland in Florida? Unfortunately, that practice resurfaced in the ‘60s and ‘70s as well as fraudulent time-share sales. While there are plenty of legitimate time share listings, and maybe even swamp land, too – all real estate advertising comes with stringent advertising rules. Advertising with an “attention grabber” (aka gimmick) is not fraudulent; it’s completely ethical and used every day. It’s how Sellers and their Brokers get people to stay on the page.

With as many as 2,822 listings in the Highlands/Cashiers MLS in mid-October, Sellers want their homes to stand out above all the others. Here are some of the most used phrases in this area:

FIRM (as in price). Now granted we don’t see this one as much as we did before 2008, when it was common to see **FIRM PRICE**. But what did that tell you?



Jeannie Chambers
Chambers Realty and
Vacation Rentals

It tells me the Seller is sort of a bully. Ninety-nine percent of the time, real estate prices are NOT firm. Because there are a gazillion other properties that seem willing to negotiate, in today’s market, a property with that wording would probably not get shown unless there was much more to the listing. Just leave the word **FIRM** out of advertising.

PRICE NEGOTIABLE – and then there’s this one. This sort of makes it seem like the Seller is a pushover, almost like “he’s asking for it” (and, well.... isn’t he?) Of course, the price is negotiable! While properties sometimes sell for full price (and sometimes over the sales price), that’s not usually the case. One could only dream.

SELLER WILL CONSIDER ANY OFFER or **SELLER WILL ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE OFFER**. Well, of course they will! That’s what real estate brokers do -- present offers. **ALL** of them. Why any Seller wouldn’t consider any offer, or accept any reasonable offer is beyond me. Sure, some offers are ludicrously low ball, but the key word is **CONSIDER** – it doesn’t mean you have to accept the offer as it is written.

PRICED TO SELL THIS SEASON. Well, as brokers, we certainly hope so! Pricing is and always has been crucial. A broker suggests pricing based on comparable sales, taking into account the location, supply and demand, etc.

MOTIVATED SELLER – again, as a Broker, we sure hope **ALL** Sellers are motivated. What’s

the point of listing if you aren’t serious about selling?

LISTED BELOW TAX VALUE – this one is easy enough

to check out for yourself. In Macon County, the website is www.maconnc.org you can search by owner name, property address

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• REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOTS •



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ably not a decision maker in itself, but one more thing to put on your Pros/Cons list.

ENJOY RENTAL INCOME FROM THIS PROPERTY – or even worse -- THIS PROPERTY CAN PAY FOR ITSELF AS A RENTAL. It doesn't take a CPA to know that

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County Commissioners agree to join movement to put 'In God We Trust' on county buildings

After a closed session to consult with legal counsel, the Macon County Board of Commissioners voted to add "In God We Trust" to the courthouse to the agenda last week. Back in open session, with little discussion, the board unanimously voted to support displaying the motto, which has been the national motto of the United States since 1956.

In September, Rick Lanier with the U.S. Motto Action Committee spoke to commissioners requesting the board's consideration in displaying the motto on government buildings. While commissioners shared their approval of the idea then, they directed County Attorney Chester Jones to determine whether the measure would be legal or not. Jones researched the possibility and after consulting with commissioners during closed session, the board approved a resolution in support of the measure.

The resolution that will now allow the county to display "In God We Trust" states:

"In God We Trust became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War II; and whereas, the words have been used on United States currency since 1864; and whereas, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker's dais in the House of Representative; and whereas, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and whereas, the county desires to display this patriotic motto in a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society, therefore, upon a Motion by Commissioner Gary Shields and seconded by Commissioner Paul Higdon, and duly approved, be it hereby resolved by the Macon County Board of Commissioners as follows: Resolved, that Macon County does hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, "In Gods We Trust," shall be permanently and prominently displayed on the courthouse at Macon County, North Carolina and to remain there in perpetuity."

After the unanimous vote, each commissioner expressed their verbal support in favor of the move.

"I support it. It's our national motto, we ought to be proud of it and ought to advertise it. I strongly support its public display," Commissioner Paul Hidgon said.

The U.S. Motto Action Committee will fully fund the project through private donations and will work closely with the county to determine the font and letter sizes that will be used. It is expected to cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500 to have the motto designed and installed.

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• REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOTS •

Mountain Getaway!



A wonderful 3BR/2BA home with cozy family room with a wood burning fireplace and large deck in the trees complete with hot tub and the ability to enjoy winter views and sunsets of high mountains. The house has amazing gardens and just about every kind of fruit tree that grows in the region. Perfect house for nature lovers to enjoy the four seasons without leaving their home. Safe neighborhood with lots of nice people.

\$224,500, MLS # 82291.

Contact Nancy Plate (828) 226 0199.

Amazing Mountain View



This 3BR/3 BA home on 6.7 +/- acres of mountain land allows is spacious, light and bright. Living room has two sets of French doors between the wood burning fireplace. Cozy deck and screened porch. A great office and lower level bedrooms. Two miles from the Scaly Mt. Post Office and three miles from Sky Valley Country Club golf course.

\$389,000, MLS #82256.

Contact Nancy Plate (828) 226 0199.

Beautiful Lakefront Home



This is a great 3BD/3BA home with 2 car garage overlooking the beauty of a mountain lake with a mountain background. Enjoy your own lakefront green space or fish from the community docks steps away. This home shows well and is offered with appliances and some furnishings as well as an extra lot. Home is perfect for nature lover who enjoys peace and tranquility in a safe friendly neighborhood less than 15 minutes from Main St. Highlands.

\$269,000, MLS #82289.

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\$398,000, MLS # 81490.

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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Looking back, planning ahead for HCCDC

By MaryAnn Sloan

As I reflect on the years I have served on the Highlands Community Child Development Center board of directors, several important points come to mind:

- My first term on the board began not long after the Center incorporated as a separate nonprofit and moved into its current location—more than 10 years ago! Prior to that, it was in the basement of First Presbyterian Church's old educational building, which we shared with the church.

- Since 2005, we've continued to grow, both in numbers and visibility. Our bright, modern Center is full of laughter and bustling with activity. No matter what time of day I arrive, there is always something happening!

- We have achieved and maintained one of the highest ratings for state-licensed child care. We serve as an example for others across the state, and are recognized as having innovative programs and services for children.

- The Center provides a variety of opportunities for the children in the areas of music, art, creative play, computer skills and more. Regular field trips and visits from outside experts are also included in the activities.

- We value our staff and help provide them with educational opportunities, health insurance and other important benefits.

- The Center has an open door policy while maintaining the security of the children and staff. Regular training from the local fire department, law enforcement and other officials educate both staff and children on health, safety and community

awareness.

- We encourage participation from the community, not only through donations, but also personal visits. Volunteers are always welcome to take a tour, read a story, provide a special program, or help with field trips.

- As this community changes, so does the Center. Our children come from many backgrounds and cultures. With this, our children are exposed to many cultural differences, and learn from their classmates and teachers to practice respect and understanding.

- Although I am completing my last year on the Center's board of directors, I will always encourage others to share their time, talents and treasures. Together we can continue to grow the Center's reputation as a safe, loving environment for the children of working families.

The Highlands Community Child Development Center is a 501 (c) (3) corporation whose mission is to provide affordable, high-quality preschool child care and early childhood education to promote optimal cognitive, physical, emotional, and social development in a safe and loving environment to young children and their families regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, or financial status.

The Center, which is open year-round, is licensed by the state of North Carolina to serve 66 preschool children, ages 3 months to 5 years, whose parents work or attend school in Macon and Jackson counties. For more information, contact Pat Hedden, Executive Director at: (828) 526-8905.



Saturday, Oct. 25

First Baptist Church

Highlands, NC

Prayer hour 2:00-3:00pm

*LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

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As it turns out Nova Energy Consultants recommended Highlands and the commissioners agreed unanimously.

"Let Duke move forward filing a Section 205 case at the FERC. We can then respond," said O'Donnell. "We can then join with other towns in the hiring of a Washington attorney who specializes at the FERC. He will give us a legal opinion as to our chances of litigating at the FERC and winning relief."

Since Highlands will be joining a number of other towns in this action the estimated legal costs is less than \$2,000. Commissioners voted unanimously to allocate the funds and to proceed.

O'Donnell said once Duke files a Section 205, Highlands can legally respond and all the "behind the scenes" information will become public.

Hiring an attorney and hearing what he says regarding the town's chances against Duke is the best way to go, he said. "We don't want to spend a lot of money on legal fees and then lose."

Berm and Landscaping at Sequoyah Dam

Thursday night commissioners agreed to spend \$72,589.04 to grade, build berms and landscape the area just south of the dam that was marred while installing the new water intake valve.

As mandated by McGill & Associates who engineered the plan, the landscaping allowance for the project was \$10,000 with the understanding that the issue would be addressed as needed at the end of the project.

Now that time has come and commissioners are ready to heal the eyesore left behind.

Landscape architect Hank Ross spoke during the public comment period urging the board to do what was necessary to repair the area – what he called a visual gateway to Highlands.

Furthermore, he said if the hydro-electric project down river proceeds, the eyesore would be compounded because a weir will be constructed directly below the dam which will further degrade the embankments and area in general.

However recently Town Manager Bob Frye said he believes that project is dead in the water.

"It's my understanding they didn't file the paperwork in terms of reports in the amount of time FERC gave them. It's likely FERC will pull that license, or pull permission to proceed further," he said.

Highlands staff, its consultants and contractor agreed that a berm of sufficient height and adequate native planting will provide the optimum coverage to restore the water intake construction site to a natural setting.

It will cost \$35,990.91 to grade the area and \$36,598.13 to landscape it.

– Kim Lewicki

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •



Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Club welcomed Joe Deal with MC Cooperative Extension. Joe explained the programs and education opportunities the NC cooperative extension delivers to enrich the lives, land and economy of the county. Pictured is Joe Deal and Mountaintop Rotary President Dr. John Baumrucker.

• REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOTS •

Leisurely Living in HFCC!



Leisurely one level living in beautiful gated Highlands Falls Country Club. Overlooking the 5th fairway, this home showcases golf course, mountain and pond views! Featuring a split floor plan, the generous master suite boasts soaring ceilings, a beautifully tiled bath and private entry to the serene covered porch. An open floor plan for living with a stainless and granite kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors and stacked stone fireplace. Two guest rooms with private baths complete the pretty picture!

Offered for \$595,000. MLS82811

Gorgeous Views in Close to Town Location!



This 5BR/4.5BA home is the epitome of luxury mountain style. Long-range mountain views and sunsets! Soaring ceilings, 3 Rumford fireplaces, hardwood floors, master on main, and open living area with gourmet kitchen. Plenty of space upstairs with 3 bedroom suites and flex room. In a quiet neighborhood on the Atlanta side of Highlands.

Offered for \$1,795,000. MLS80929

Gorgeous Mountain Views in Highlands Cove!



This Koenig built timber frame exudes classic mountain charm! Soaring ceilings and fireplaces, walls of windows and a large deck with outdoor fireplace create a respite from worldly cares. The main level features a luxurious master suite, a guest suite, a chef's kitchen with Viking appliances, and an open dining and living area. An additional bedroom suite and loft for office up and two private bedrooms with an additional living area with fireplace down make this the perfect mountain getaway!

Offered for \$1,695,000. MLS81954

Grand Home on 12 Acres in Highlands!



Grand gated home with privacy on 12 ACRES. Close to downtown Highlands. Soaring tongue and groove ceilings, 3 fireplaces, over-sized master on main suite and antique heart pine floors throughout. A private and gated entry and 3-car garage. A massive man cave, complete with copper bar, allows for good times with family and friends!

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Highlands Mountain Retreat



This home is nestled in the rhododendrons and mountain laurels with a spring fed stream, yet within minutes to downtown Highlands.

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Picturesque Setting at Highlands Falls



This home overlooks the golf course and a private, lake with waterfall feature. Spacious, double decks, too. Offered for \$645,000 • MLS # 81886

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

With fall comes new growth

By Curtis Fussell
First Presbyterian Church

Have you noticed the acorns on the ground? It's the "fall" of the season, and not only are the leaves falling, but so are the acorns, the black walnuts, and the hickory nuts. Squirrels are strangely hurried as they collect the nuts and stash them into the ground. Signs of their diggings litter the ground.

Another thing that I have noticed that is "strange" at least to me, is that the acorns are starting to sprout! Yes, the acorns are trying to grow! But it's not the season to grow. The fall season is here and winter is close behind. I would guess that any tender, new growth from the seed sprouts would surely freeze and die with the winter months to come. It seems strange to begin growing in the fall of the season. November, with its low sun and very cool days and cold nights, is not the time for seeds to be planted and to grow. Yet, the acorns are beginning to sprout. They are beginning to grow!

Yet, maybe it's not strange. Maybe it's remarkable! Perhaps it's remarkable because with the fall to the ground, new growth can begin permitting the seeds continue to live. Without the fall and the new growth, the seeds would die on the branches. Without the new growth after the fall to the ground, the seeds would die in the cold moist soil. But with the fall and the new growth, the seeds live through the winter and when spring comes, they are ready to leap upward.

These acorns illustrate to us that where we think no new life is possible God makes it possible and brings about new life. When we encounter a "fall," or when we experience what appears to be a lifeless "winter," look again: God is there with you to give you new life.

Jesus tells a parable about two men who went to pray. The one man said to God, "Thank you God that I am not like others. I am a good person, not like others." In this prayer we see a man whose "fall" is this: I don't need God's help, I'm okay just as I am." For this man there will be no growth, because in comparing himself to others, he sees himself too good to be any better.

The other man who prayed said, "Forgive me, God, for I have done wrong." In this pray we hear something different. This man experienced a "fall," but new life is now beginning to grow in him. He sees that he needs God's help. He calls on God to help him. When he looks at himself alone before God, he sees that he can be better.

When Jesus told this parable, he said that this second man's prayer for help was more favored by God. That conclusion is a remarkable statement. We expect the man who is good to be favored by God. Yet, the truth is, he does not see himself needing God, because he sees himself already too good to be any better.

It is the one who calls for help in his "fall" who sees the need for God and calls on God to help. He sees that God is with him and that only from God will new life come. It's not a strange notion; it's a remarkable one, because his life is open to move forward with the help of God. May our lives also be so open to the helping hand of God that we are not too good to be better with God's love and grace leading us forward to new life.

Proverbs 3:5

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• At 10:37 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

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• At 9:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on S. 4th Street.

Oct. 10

• At 11:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Hill Road.

• At 7:48 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Winterberry Court.

• At 11:19 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 28 south where it provided traffic control.

Oct. 11

• At 7:01 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

• At 3 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

Oct. 12

• At 2:31 p.m., the dept. rescued a person who had fallen on the trail at Dry Falls.

Oct. 14

• At 5:09 p.m., the dept. responded to a possible structure fire on Pierson Drive. A pot was left on the stove.

• At 6:33 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

Oct. 15

• At 9:18 p.m., the dept. responded to a false alarm at a residence on Laurel Heights.

Oct. 16

• At 7:53 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 2:39 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

Oct. 17

• At 8:31 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

Oct. 18

• At 7:46 p.m., the dept. responded to a false alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

• At 9:28 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Big View Drive.

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Oct. 19

• At 1:51 p.m., the dept. re-

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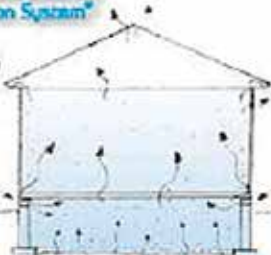
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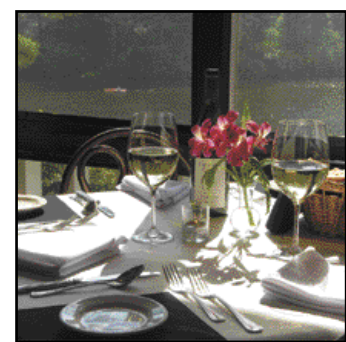
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