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Macon Bank to donate park property to town

Entegra (Macon Bank) has agreed to donate the amphitheater portion of its property to the town to become permanently part of K-H Founders Park.

Though the amphitheater portion of the K-H Park is an

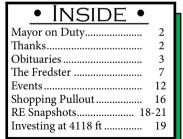
integral part of the park proper, it wasn't owned by the town – but all that has changed.

At the Oct. 15 Town Board meeting, representatives from Entegra (Macon Bank) will offer the part of the park on their property to the town for free.

"This park is a great asset to the community of Highlands. It has been a true community effort and we are pleased to be part of the project by making a donation of property to the park," said

Roger Plemens, director, president of Entegra Financial Corp. and director, president & CEO of Entegra Bank, Inc. "For years, the town leased that portion from the bank and developed the park with

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From left: Lee Lyons, Gay Haylay, Andrew Cannell, Anne Lyons, and Anne Brissey, at Springer Mountain.

Our 'Walk in the Woods'

By Lee Lyons

The Appalachian Trail (AT) is off my bucket list. Three days and two nights showed me I don't need to walk 2,168.1 miles all the way to the top of Mount Katahdin in Maine. I suppose it was the call of the wild to get back to nature along with the adventures of two friends who hiked the whole thing, the movie Wild, and my 21- year-old neph-

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ew and my aunt who hates for me to tell her age.

My nephew Andrew, my aunt Ann and I were sitting in my kitchen talking about hiking. I wanted to hike the El Camino in Spain. It is my understanding that you stop in a village every night, drink wine, eat bread, and sleep in a bed. Now, that is my kind of hiking but my aunt said

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MC Schools launches 'We CARE' campaign

Last June, Macon County social worker Marci Holland presented school board members with a report that showed that last school year, there were 31 cases of students exhibiting suicidal ideations within the school district.

Because of the alarming numbers presented by Holland surrounding suicidal ideations, which refers to cases where students could be having suicidal thoughts, making a plan for suicide, or attempting suicide, Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin directed district social workers Holland and Annie Wishon to devise a plan to make educational materials and helpful resources available to both students and families. Holland and Wishon then developed the 'We CARE - which stands for C-ompassionate/A-ccepting/Respectful/E-nvironment button.

At the September School

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Pictured in front of Paoletti's Restaurant on Main Street are Hospice House Foundation WNC board members, campaign committee members, patrons and owners of Paoletti's Arthur and Meg Paoletti, center. Also pictured are Tania Duncombe, Dr. Ron Fisher, Michele Alderson, Kathy Marchman, Vijay Shastri, Evie Byrnes, Phyllis Racine, and Elise Boren.

Charity dining event at Paoletti's Restaurant raises \$175,000 for Hospice House

An inpatient hospice facility that will serve our western North Carolina region becomes closer to reality through the generous philanthropic support of patrons attending a charity dining event hosted by Paoletti's Restaurant.

Owners Kevin and Arthur Paoletti and Meg Littleton Paoletti opened their hearts and restaurant, in support of Hospice

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Mayor on Duty

The latest on fracking

Mayor Pat Taylor

k, the fracking rigs are not headed for Highlands, not just yet. But, let me share with you what happened on the last day of this legislative session. Always watch that last day, it can become a full agenda of tricky "hoodo." Little "flea flicka" bills can get through scrutiny.

In May of 2014 the NC House, and Senate fast tracked

legislation to permit fracking in North Carolina. The governor signed it into law in early June of 2014. The rules for fracking were to go into effect at the beginning of 2015. They are now well in place.

When all this fracking legislation took place I tried to be objective and balanced in approaching the issue. I didn't ask the board to pass a resolution against fracking, like many towns did, but rather requested I be allowed to send a letter of concerns to the board that was developing the rules and procedures for fracking.

I did just that and stressed the need for rules that protected critical drinking water supplies for counties and towns. I also stated that local zoning and land use policies should be recognized. I pointed out that Highlands has an almost fifty year record of

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zoning and land use policies that should be honored by the state when it came to issuing fracking permits.

Since the initial legislation, several counties and towns in the state have passed ordinances, or strengthened existing ones, in an effort to manage and control fracking in their communities. Apparently, "Big Gas" and many of our representatives have not

been happy with these home rule efforts.

So on the last day of this session SB 199 popped up for consideration. Zack Potter of the Stanford Herald put it this way, "A bill declaring local ordinances regulating oil and gas exploration, development and production activities invalid, sounded the death knell for local governments' efforts to impact hydraulic fracturing after passing by a vote of 61-22 in the N.C. House of Representatives Wednesday morning."

Don't get me wrong, I am not totally against fracking. On the other hand, I am troubled by how local government has now been completely removed from the decision making process.

Maybe voters should ask the 61 legislators voting for the bill a simple question. Who are you representing?

So there you have it. If the fracking rigs show up on Cullasaja, or anywhere in Macon County, the town nor county can do nothing to stop it. Heck, the fracking rigs might just show up on hole 13! Well, probably not.

My proposed State of West Carolina is sounding better and better all the time. Let's hear it for home rule, even though the death knell has again been sounded by the legislature operating in Raleigh.

Photo of the Week



Sign of the times.

Submitted by Jayne Wode

THANK YOU

Highlands has so many interesting activities available to members of the community. Just wanted to say a special "Thank You" to the staff members at Yoga Highlands who volunteered their time (Diane, Ashby, Kristin, and Thomas, as well as guest instructor Bobby), for a great summer of free "Yoga in the Park" at Kelsey Hutchinson Park. It's opportunities like this to enjoy a healthy community activity in these beautiful surroundings which make Highlands special.

John May Highlands

The Highlands Historical Society wants to thank the Highlands community and the surrounding areas for their amazing support of the Dazzling Dahlia Festival. A Patron Park, chaired by Judy Taylor, kicked off the festival. It was a smashing hit to a sell-out crowd.

Two days later the Dahlia Flower Show, orchestrated by 70 volunteers, opened at the Highlands Rec Park. Close to 400 people came to be wowed by hundreds of colorful dahlias of all shapes and sizes. We are appreciated all the growers, volunteers, merchants, business leaders and benevolent friends who supported the festival. This is the Highlands Historical Society's major fundraiser.

We owe particular gratitude to Joyce Franklin. Five years ago Joyce had the foresight to connect the importance of dahlia growing in our community, its relevance to our history and thus to the Highlands Historical Society.

Kitty Moore Festival Chairman

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it an integral part."

Nick Bazan, president of the coalition now known as the Friends of Founders Park, has long been concerned about that portion of land that isn't technically legally bound to the park.

"We were concerned that with banks now downsizing their physical structures,

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Macon Bank might sell that property and the next owner might not be as community oriented and might want to do something else with it which means we would lose the amphitheater," he said.

Bazan said the coalition has been working with Macon Bank to bring that portion into the park permanently for about two years.

"The hold up centered around the state's watershed built-upon requirements. If the property ceased to become part of the Macon Bank complex, we didn't want the park to be the reason for any violation

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• OBITUARIES •

Carole Ann Simmons

Carole Ann Simmons (nee Kovacs) died peacefully at her Atlanta residence on Monday, September 28, 2015. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Walter B. Simmons, and her adoring parents, Andrew and Helen Kovacs of Newark, New Jersey. Carole attended high school and secretarial college in New Jersey before moving to New York City where she was employed by Merrill Lynch Investments. Here, Carole met and married her husband Walter in 1979.

Carole and Walter relocated to Atlanta in the early 1980s where Carole spent much of her time volunteering at the Atlanta History Center. She was a longtime donor to the arts in both Atlanta and Highlands, NC. Carole loved good food and socializing, enjoyed going to the movies and art openings with friends, and had a wonderful smile that could light up a room. She will be dearly missed by all of her friends.

A funeral mass and reception for family and friends was held at 10:30 am on Friday, October 2, at The Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, Atlanta. Interment followed at Arlington Memorial Park, Sandy Springs, GA.

Guy Eugene Holland

Guy Eugene Holland, 81, of Highlands, died Sunday, October 4, 2015 in Asheville. Mr. Holland was born November 29, 1933 in Macon County to the late Harley and Selma Estes Holland. Guy was married to the late Louise "Toots" Holland who preceded him in in death in 2007.

He was a builder and owner and operator of Holland Construction. Guy loved to fish, hunt and work in the garden, but most of all he loved the outdoors. Mr. Holland proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his daughters, Patricia Watts (Tommy) of Clayton, GA, and Shelia Thompson of Cookeville, TN; three grandchildren, Chris Ammons (Mandy), Nathan Justus (Carrie), and Kevin Watts (Ellie); six great-grandchildren, Dallas Ammons, Alyssa Ammons, Bella Ammons, Emmitt Ammons, Gaige Justus, and Samson Watts and two brothers, Joe Holland (Dixie) and John Holland(Ruth) both of Franklin.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home Chapel in Franklin with the Rev. Oliver Rice officiating. Burial took place in the Highlands Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Gary Ammons, Nathan Justus, Kevin Watts, Chris Ammons, Gabe Bolick, and Jimmy Lowe.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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Board meeting held in Highlands, IT Director Tim Burrell explained the "We CARE" portal.

A 'We CARE' button, or link, is located on the Macon County Schools website as well as the webpages for each individual schools.

"Anywhere you see it [the button], you can click the button and it will take you to a page with resources for students who may be in trouble or maybe want to report a suspicious act," said Burrell. "CARE concerns is a link that will take you to an anonymous reporting page where students can report any concerns or whatever they have that's going on in their school."

The We CARE button provide students and parents with information on how and where to report concerns about school safety via the Student Crime Stoppers hotline. The hotline permits a caller to report any illegal or suspicious activity on at a school campus anonymously. School Social Workers will then follow up on any concerns and information

The button also connects students and their parents with educational resources on depression, anxiety, and suicide. Individuals will be able to access information on how to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is able to connect callers with a live mental health clinician who can help talk through the immediate crisis and then link the individual to a provider in the area for follow up.

The We CARE addition is just one of the changes to the school district's website. Burrell informed members of the board of education that the entire district resource was being updated and improved for easier use.

Dr. Baldwin noted that the We CARE button is one way the district's new website will act as a resource to the community.





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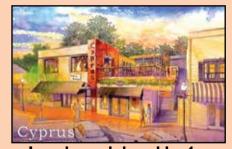
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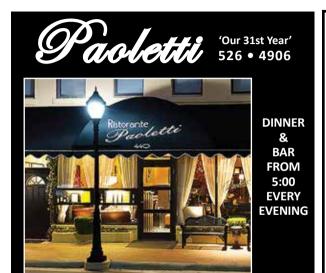
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hiking on the Appalachian Trail had always been a dream of hers and my nephew said the same thing. He had been an Eagle Scout so he liked camping.

Most people's dreams are so grandiose that I hardly listen to them but this was a doable dream, a dream I could make happen and so the wheels started turning.

First, I sent out an e-mail to friends, family, adventurers and fools asking who wanted to hike the first part of the AT starting at Springer Mountain, GA. in six weeks? The first fool to respond was my sister in a text from Greece. "I'm in."

Now my sister and I had a "come apart" about five years ago over daddy's estate but that is another story. The fact is we had hardly spoken to each other in all that time. I had heard that she had been running five or six miles a day for the past few years and dropped over three sizes so she was already in shape. That right there made me not want to be around her. Who likes a smarter, skinnier sister with a perfect husband and children who runs

six miles a day?

My next e-mail said, "I have four, do I hear five?" My brother and his wife who live in Wisconsin threw in their hats and the next email picture I got from him was standing in his yard wearing a full backpack.

There were others who checked their schedules and thought about it, even an Episcopal priest but he decided that while Jesus walked in the wilderness for 40 days, He had not walked with six people in the Lyons clan and he found a pressing reason not to come.

As for the next six weeks, we sent e-mails about our equipment, our shoes, our food, bear attacks, snake-bites, bee stings, maps and on and on it went. This is what I call hiking foreplay.

I went to the Highlands Hiker and maxed out my credit card -- a \$200 tent for starters and added a sleeping bag, air mattress, head light, water bottles, walking sticks, clothes that supposedly wick the moisture away from

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Like a walk on the moon (In The Cullasaja River Gorge)

Many of our readers are unaware my wife, Maddy, and I owned a rappelling school in Highlands for 13 years. This column is a partial reprint based on one of the most exciting days of the 13 years I was in this thrilling business.

ooooo, what do rappelling instructors do on their day off? What else? They go rappelling. The year was 2004; I was much younger and stronger. Maddy decided to sleep in so I headed out with my daughter and assistant instructor. Of all the memories I have stored in my pee brain, this is one of the top adventures of my lifetime. My weakness is I am unable to explain the excitement of this day.

With our packs full beyond their capacity, the three of us headed out into the cool, drizzly morning. The oversized ponchos draped over our bodies made us look like characters from a "Star Wars" movie as we trekked though the foggy, rain soaked forest, compass in hand, unable to identify the mountain ridge which we needed to find our way.

Following our instincts, we reached the cliff's edge just as the rain stopped and the sun began to burn away the fog. Soaked from perspiration, we dropped our packs and sat, staring at one another, gulping in air. After what seemed like an eternity of silence, Cindy spoke. "Dad, why are we doing this?" No one answered.

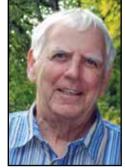
My assistant instructor was the first to stand. He unzipped his pack and pulled the rope slings from their dry environment without a word. "Why is everyone so quiet?" I thought, wiping perspiration from my brow.

Instinctively, the four of us got busy rigging the site for what was to become the most wild and crazy thing we had ever attempted. We would rappel the south wall of the Cullasaja River Gorge.

I had been staring at the cliffs since I arrived here in 1968. Big, bold and dangerous, they beckoned me. Every trip to Franklin and return, I would look at them across the vast gorge. Now, here I was, lifting 600 feet of rope on my back to begin the descent.

"See ya at the bottom" was all I could think to say which wasn't very original for a bold moment such as this. I began hacking my way through the 10 feet of undergrowth near the cliff's edge which proved to be more strenuous than I had anticipated. By the time I reached the bald granite, my breathing was labored and my heart was pounding from excitement and fear.

Once in the clear, I turned to drink in the view. It was



Fred Wooldridge

one of the most beautiful sights I had ever witnessed. Off my right shoulder, the vast gorge widened before me toward Franklin and to my left, the threatening gorge deepened and narrowed. Turning in my harness I looked behind me and saw our video guy, tiny as an ant, sitting on the highway's guardrail, video camera in hand. I took a deep breath and looked down between my legs. Far below, the tops of 70-foot pine trees seemed to point their limbs toward me. I could not see the bottom of my journey as it was just too far away.

I pulled rope from the oversized pack and slowly started my descent. A cool breeze blew

across my face and seemed to calm me and give me confidence. It was remarkably quiet out on the face of the cliff. The only sounds were my feet crushing the sun dried lichen that had, long ago, attached itself to the sheer rock. I slowly descended, drinking it all in. There, in a small crack in the rock, green growth and a tiny white flower. I am the first human to see this flower. Why am I so impressed?

Midway, I became overwhelmed with the vastness of this giant piece of vertical granite rock. I felt so isolated, like a walk on the moon. Had any other human ever gone this way? So much barren, vertical rock, everywhere I looked. I felt so small, so insignificant. "Get a grip," I whispered softly to myself and continued my descent.

When I reached the tops of the trees, I turned to wave goodbye to the camera man and lowered myself out of his sight. Seventy feet below, the terrain was hostile. I couldn't find a suitable landing spot. I moved horizontal across the face of the rock and suddenly, as if God were guiding me, I spotted a tiny, flat opening in the forest and headed straight for it. I stopped just two feet from the forest floor, not wanting it to end. All alone, I stepped to the ground. There was only 12 feet of rope left in my pack.

I am almost too embarrassed to tell you the childish antics I went through at the bottom. First there was the dancing, then a couple of high fives against the granite, all the time talking and singing out loud. Then, in a moment of solitude, I leaned forward and kissed the rock. "I beat you, you SOB."

Watching my daughter and assistant instructor descend the rock was fun for me. There were hugs, high fives and hand shakes at the bottom. I never told them I kissed the rock, and then cursed it.

Our trip out of the gorge was just as challenging and adventurous as our trip in but that's another column.

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of built-upon requirements on the bank's part," he said.

However, according to Bazan, the surveyor who did Macon Bank's original survey has reviewed it and determined the bank can donate the property without affecting Macon Bank's built-upon.

"So we are really excited and pleased about this. We didn't want to do all this work and put all this money into the park and not have that portion as our own," said Bazan. "Even though it's a small piece of property, it's pretty important in terms of the physical layout of the park ... it

makes the park look a lot bigger."

When the park was first bought, the biggest complaint was it's too small to be a decent park.

"But with the street pavers now level with the grass areas and with the addition of the Sossomon property, we've got a great park," said Bazan.

Acquiring the amphitheater property means there is only one thing left to do.

"When we started the Founders Park Coalition we

ders Park Coalition we
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Now, when I take trips to Franklin, I glance at the cliff and mutter. "Been there, done that."

NOTE: For a copy of his book, "I'm Moving Back to Mars," stop by his house at 515 Many Road. Bring \$5. He is leaving for FL soon. For "Deceived" go to the Amazon Book Store or download it for \$9.95 to your Kindle or other electronic device.





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The Hospice House is at 272 Maple Street in Franklin.

House Foundation of WNC. Meg and Arthur, along with an event committee dedicated to the cause, worked tirelessly organizing and promoting a very successful fundraiser.

Roughly 60 dining patrons participated in the event held at Paoletti's Restaurant on September 30, 2015, netting roughly \$175,000!

The evening included a silent auction of attractive items generously donated by local merchants and hospice friends, music graciously provided by Ron Schott, a decadent 4-course menu with wine pairing especially selected for the evening, and a passionate plea for support.

Event committee members included: Tania Duncombe, Karen Grierson, Kathy Marchman, Cynthia Rosen, Vijay Shastri, and Vanessa Steele.

The mission of Hospice House Foundation of WNC is to bring a hospice inpatient facility to western North Carolina. The hospice house will serve hospice patients and their families in Macon County, as well as in surrounding North Carolina counties of Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee, as well as Qualla Boundry and North Georgia.

For information about Hospice House Foundation of WNC or to make a donation, contact the Foundation's President, Michele Alderson, at 828-524-6375. Make checks payable to: Hospice House Foundation of WNC, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744. Hospice House Foundation of WNC, Inc. is a not for profit, 501(c)3; donations are entirely tax deductible.



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HS Cross Country team digs deep at Hayesville

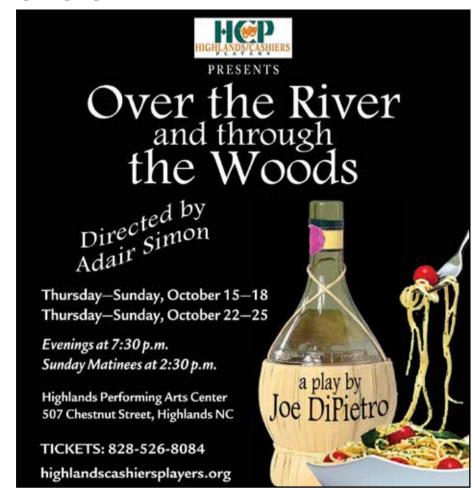
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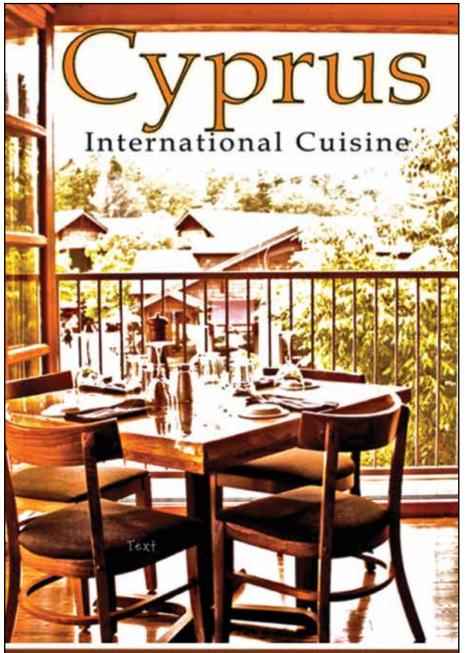
The Highlands Cross Country team traveled to Chatuge Dam to run their September

The Chatuge Dam meet is generally known as the toughest as the track is laid out with a gradual rise along the Chatuge Dam which is an earth-and-rock dam 144 feet high and 2.850 feet long.

The Varsity Cross Country team participated in the grueling 87-degree heat where Blakely Moore finished 3rd overall in the girls competition; the boys had a strong showing finishing in the middle of the pack.

"I'm proud of our team, they really pulled deep to finish this course in such hot weather. We are only a few weeks away from the Regional competition where we plan on ranking high enough to go to State" said coach Kean.





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Lee Lyons, Andrew Cannell, Anne Brissey, Marty Lyons, Annie Lyons and Gay Hayley as they are about to embark on their 18-mile trek on the AT.

your skin and dry quickly and put together a first aid kit, bug spray, an air horn and whistle for bears as well as cooking utensils, water purifier, and food. My pack was the lightest at 25 pounds.

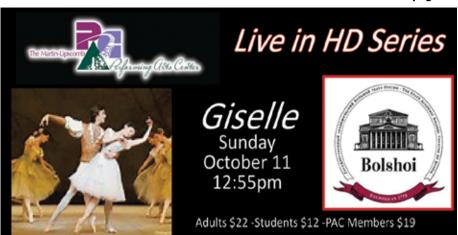
We all started our training programs. My sister-in-law and brother lost at least 15 pounds each walking in Wisconsin. My sister kept up her running and my aunt -- in between dating -- said she was walking.

They all lost weight but I managed to gain two pounds. My cousin, Lucy Lyons, and friend, J Jay Johanides got me out

hiking with my pack -- without them, I do not think I would have made the 18 miles. I know 18 miles sounds so short, doesn't it?

Finally, the much anticipated family adventure began. We drove to a hostel near Dahlonega, GA. I did have a private bedroom and bath downstairs with six male bicyclists in training. They stood around with short tight pants and no shirts and I tried not to stare, tried to act like I see half-naked men outside my

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bedroom everyday, tried to act interested in their bicycles.

All of us checked, packed and repacked our backpacks several times. It was obvious my brother had over packed but he's as stubborn as an ox. He paid for it the next day with his old football knees.

Since it was pouring rain the night before we left, we got out our rain gear. My aunt put on her green poncho and started clogging so right off we gave her the name Clogging Frog. Getting our trail names was one of the best parts. You don't name yourself. The trail will name you.

I became Ragmuffin because I quickly cut up my shirt that was supposed to wick the moisture away and dry quickly. I looked like I had been mauled by a bear. My sister—in—law became Go Girl because she bought a contraption with that name had a tube connected to a bag that meant you could pee in it in your tent. I am sure a male designed it because it did not work

My nephew was named Pack Man because he loved Bat Man as a kid and how can you refuse a sweet aunt when she says, "My tent is heavy. I can't carry this water."

My sister, who I hadn't spoken to, was called Mapster. She managed the logistics for getting from A to B where there was water, a shelter and a privy. But really no one wanted to go near that privy. I suppose it was no worse than a port-o-let at a college football game but using the ladies room out in the woods was much preferred.

After drinking water all day, it took a lot of energy to crawl in and out of the tent at all hours of the night. I looked out my tent once and it looked like aliens walking around because everyone had a headlight on their forehead.

One person would have to go and then two others would say, "Well I might as well go, too" so we wouldn't have to go outside by ourselves. I felt like I was walking on urine soaked red Georgia clay. The tent my sister and I shared smelled like a run down nursing home. I guess you don't talk about this in polite society but we stunk.

The morning we started we had a good breakfast at the hostel and then loaded up in a van to the Springer Mountain trailhead. We took pictures of ourselves looking perky and smiling with backpacks and walking poles and it went down hill from there, literally.

It really did start off walking in the woods, a fairly easy trail but that was deceiving. Eventually, what goes down must

go up and we started climbing. There wasn't a lot of talking because we had to breathe. We made it 9.1 miles the first day and got to the Hawk Mountain Shelter not long before dark. We averaged about a mile an hour. Now, you don't want to sleep in the shelter unless it is a torrential rain. They say the rats will chew right into your tents so you camp in the vicinity. I am not talking about a nice campsite with moss on the ground or a view. No, it was a ugly, rocky spot but when you are tired, vou really don't care. So first you drop your pack and get your empty water bottles and walk another half mile down to the creek and start purifying your water for the next day. Then you set up the tent, find something to eat, forget a nice campfire. I had a power bar of straight caffeine that got me wired for the entire night. You hang everything else on the bear ropes away from your tent and pretend the rocks are doing acupuncture on your back and listen to the bull frogs that make so much noise you could go crazy unless they stop and then you wonder why. Perhaps it was all the flax seed and nuts but other noises besides the bullfrogs had us laughing all

My aunt tripped over a tent stake and really hit her knee hard. After all that hiking on rocks and roots, a stake tripped her up! She started feeling anxious. How would she get out of there if anything else happened? To calm her down, my sister, a psychologist, got her to come into my \$200 tent that I carried and I slept in her \$7.99 child's tent from Wal-Mart.

We did meet two other campers, two girls with freeze dried food and homemade everything. Army girl had just retired from the army after 21 years and three tours in the Middle East and had a 50-pound pack. She was quite entertaining but that night I felt like she was doing reconnaissance work and maybe having flashbacks. My mind started conjuring up things out in the dark.

The next morning, we struggled out of our tents and into a standing position and checked how we were feeling. We could tell right away that Annie, my sister-in-law, and Ann, my aunt, were having second thoughts about the hike ahead, especially since going up Sassafras Will Kick Your Ass Mountain.

We hiked a couple of miles down the road where a decision could be made to call the shuttle. We had always said the goal was to start and if at this point anyone wanted or needed to stop, this was the place to do it. After debating this for about an hour with my aunt saying, "I'll

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Class 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 including depression or high stress. \$5 per session. Meets weekly on Tuesdays through August 4 at the Peggy Crosby Center, Rm. 203. Led by Bonnie Gramlich, LPC and sponsored by HUMC and the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands. Call 828.342.0546 to register or for more info.

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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

 OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit www.occupywnc.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.

1st Wednesdays

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

2nd Wednesdays

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

Wednesdays

- Children's Book of the Month Club and Story Hour with Nonnie (Diane McPhail) at Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at 11 a.m.
- Live music at Satulah Mountain Brewing Company with Jimandi, a local duo, 7:30-10:30p.

Thursdays

- Storytimes with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.
- Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 6pm at the Cashiers Community Center. Questions? Call Lisa 828-506-3555.
- NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

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

Wed., Oct. 7

• Kayak Roll Clinic at the Rec Park pool from 6-7: Bring a friend and kayak if you have one and enjoy the clinic. A couple of kids boats will be available.

Thurs., Oct. 8

- The Franklin Appalachian Trail Community Council (FATCC) will be meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Lazy Hiker Brewery's Event Room.
- •The October meeting of the Western North Carolina Woodturners Club, Inc. will be on Thursday at 6PM at the







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• Highlands Area Events

Blue Ridge School in Glenville, NC. The School is located at 95 Bobcat Drive, Cashers NC. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcome. The club meets in Glenville the second Thursday of every month March through November.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 9-11

• At TJ Bailey's for Men, a Rodd & Gunn Trunk Show. Drinks, hors d'ouerves and a change to win a \$250 gift certificate.

Sat., Oct. 10

- The Christmas Tree "on Main" welcomes artist/designer Lisa Kelechava of Joy to the World for a signing of her collectible designs including The Christmas Tree's sixth in a series of Highlands inspired ornaments. Hours IPM to 4PM. Pre-orders are welcome. For information call (828) 526-3687.
- Highlands Own Arts & Craft Show at the Rec Park from 9a to 4p.
- Highlands Home Town Day in K-H Founders Park from 11a to 3p.
- Highlands Chapter #284 OES will be holding its annual BBQ fundraiser on Saturday beginning with sausage biscuits at 8 a.m. and then serving BBQ plates beginning at 11 a.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Cost for sausage biscuits will be \$2 and the BBQ plate to include BBQ sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans, chips, and drink for \$8. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be given to Highlands Rotary Club Scholarship and Town of Highlands Scholarship funds. Please come and enjoy a sausage biscuit and a BBQ plate!

Sun., Oct. II

- Blessing of the animals 2-3:30 p.m. in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street.
- The Highlands Performing Arts Center presents the Live in HD opening performance of the 2015-16 Bolshoi Ballet season. Giselle will be presented Live in HD via satellite from Moscow on Sunday at 12:55pm. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047.

Mon., Oct. 12

- The Highlands Bolivian Mission is announcing its All Male Beauty Pageant to be held at the Highlands Playhouse on Monday at 8PM. Complimentary wine bar beginning at 7PM sponsored by Bryson's Food Store. Tickets are available at Wilson's Gas, Dr. Baker's office at the Woodruff Building, second floor and by calling 526-3605. Order early as the Playhouse holds only 220 seats.
 - The Battle of Sugartown Chapter

of the North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday in the Boiler Room Restaurant at 1024 Georgia Road in Franklin. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For further information, please call 828-524-2673.

Thurs-Sun., Oct. 15-18

• HCP presents "Over the River and through the Woods" evenings at 7:30p and Sunday Matinees at 2:30p. For tickets call 828-526-8084.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 17-18

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show by the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers. 10a to 5p, at the Highlands Rec Park on N. 4th Street.

Sat., Oct. 17

• Fall Fest at Sky Valley, GA, from I0a to 4p. Cruise-In of antique vehicle, hot rods and classics begins at I0a; Live music on two main stages, arts, crafts and food vendors, hay rides and waterfall tours, children's area with pumpkin painting, games, inflatables and more. Hay Bale Trail and Scarecrow Row. For more information call 706-746-2204 or visit www. skyvalleyga.com. Free admission.

Sun., Oct. 25

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

Tues., Oct. 27

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

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.

Sat., Oct. 31

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

Tues., Nov. 3

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

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 Fare-

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All Male Beauty Pageant coming Oct. 12



The Highlands Bolivian Mission is holding their famous "All Male Beauty Pageant" which is set for Monday, Oct. 12 at the Highlands Playhouse, to raise money to keep the foster home running in Montero, Bolivia.

In addition to the normal costs of food and shelter, this year the board of directors decided that the time had come to replace the old Mitsubishi truck that was old when the home opened in 2003.

The government passed a law prohibiting the sale of parts

for cars and trucks past a certain age to get old and unsafe, polluting cars of the roads. Unfortunately our truck is one of those, although it is still good for running short errands, like picking up groceries. Personally, I will not drive over 30 MPH in the truck because the steering starts to wobble over that speed.

The show is the laugh sensation of the year. We have the auction on even years and the pageant on odd numbered years.

It starts at 8 p.m., right after the movie on Monday night and there is a free wine bar at 7 p.m. at the playhouse.

We have 12-15 well known people from the Highlands area who are willing to be on stage to help us pay for the new yan.

The tickets are a donation of \$100 and we do guarantee you will laugh for over an hour, but you get nothing of value so your donation is totally tax deductible.

Call 526-3605 for tickets or go by Wilson's Gas or Dr. Baker's office to get tickets. Tickets will be offered at the door, but there are limited seats.

Highlands Own Arts & Crafts Show and HomeTown Day this Saturday!

With less than two weeks to go, the Town of Highlands has been working hard to gather crafters from near and far to join the 33rd annual Highlands Own Arts & Crafts Show and to make the 3rd annual HomeTown Day another success. On Saturday, October 10th, 2015, the Town hopes residents and visitors alike will come out to support both events.

The Highlands Own Arts & Crafts Show will be held at the Highlands Civic Center, 600 North 4th Street, from 9am until 4pm. With closet and profes-

sional crafters showcasing a variety of merchandise from jams, jellies, bread, to paintings, jewelry and crochet or knitted items. There is sure to be something that appeals to all. The Highlands Chapter #284 Order of the Eastern Star will be serving breakfast and lunch featuring Dennis "Doc" Wilson's famous barbeque.

HomeTown Day activities will be hosted at Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park, 441 Pine Street. Activities will include craft and farmers' market vendors, food, music, clogging and activities for the whole family. This year's performers will be the Boys from Tuckasegee and Highway 74, also featured at this year's Mountain Heritage Day at WCU.

Information can be found at www.highlandsnc.org or by contacting Rebecca Shuler at Town Hall by phone (828)526.2118, by email rebecca.shuler@highlandsnc.org, or mail PO Box 460, Highlands, NC 28741. All proceeds and donations will benefit the Highlands Scholarship Fund.



Giselle at PAC this Sunday

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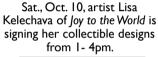
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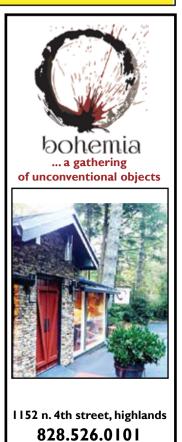


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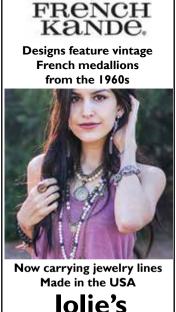
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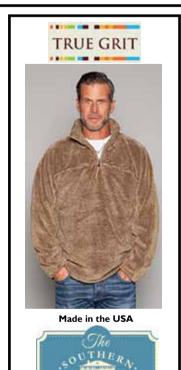
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Close to town, in the woods, charming and comfortable three bedrooms with fireplace in the master bedroom. Owner wants to sell. MLS# 63260, Offered at \$399,000.



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Updated home. 3BD, den and a multipurpose room in the main house plus guest room and full bath above the 2 car garage. Large deck, covered porch. View of distant mountains. Offered at \$875,000. mls #73201



Great log cabin with rock fireplace. Open great room, dining room, kitchen, hardwood floors and split floor plan. Large open back deck with winter view of Rabun Bald Mountain and front covered deck. Wheel chair accessible. One car garage. 17-acre community lake Osage. MLS# 67737, Offered at \$299,000.



Great farmhouse design on a large 1.54 acre lot. Garage with finished upper story office, or guest quarters, main house with efficiency apartment. 3BD/3 1/2 BA. Town water, walk to Mirrormont Pond and Mirror Lake. Shown by appointment only. Offered at \$399,000. MLS #70122



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2BD/2BA. Old Highlands charm in town. Log cabin built in 1947. Old wood floors and walls. Upgraded kitchen and new large covered screened porch with ridgeline view. Walk to Mirror Lake and town. Offered at \$369.000, MLS#76874



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Great in town location. Walk to town, Bascom, Mirror Lake. Split floor plan excellent for two family vacations. All new flex plumbing. New kitchen appliances. All hardwood flooring. Granite. Stainless. Stackstone fireplace. Outdoor campfire pit. \$349,000. mls #69499



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3BD/I I/2 BA. Great starter home or quiet getaway. Needs some TLC. Offered at \$199,000. mls #74462



Over 4 acres on the southern exposure of Satulah Mountain; private but inside Highlands' Town limits. Amazing views of Blue Valley and the lakes of SC. Beautiful mountain log cabin with 2BR/2.5 BA. Aso septic permits for 4 homes. Property adjoins Highlands Conservancy land. Offered at \$599,000. mls #68828



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he home loan industry has new mortgage guidelines that will impact qualification requirements and the types of mortgages that borrowers are able to receive. The regulations were drawn up in 2013 by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and are now in effect.



Lenders will be required to guarantee that borrowers have the capability to repay their mortgages and in return, lenders will be protected from lawsuits as

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An easy walk to Highlands' Main Street from this neat-as-a-pin, 5BR/3.5BA quality home. 2 separate living systems give you options galore (rent both, rent one & enjoy one, or enjoy both)! Gorgeous kitchen w/break-fast bar on main level & a second complete kitchen on the lower level. Enjoy the sound of Mill Creek from the decks or screened porch. Natural yard w/native plants & shrubs.

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Highlands Falls Country Club. This lovely 3br, 3ba home lives large all on one level with tall ce lings, lots of glass and an expansive deck to enjoy the gardens with water feature. \$497.000 MLS#82682



Holt Knob. Just what everyone wants! Walk to town with a great mountain view. 3br/2.5 furnished with a large deck. \$515,000. MI S# 76583



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 ½ in main house. There is also an amazing guest cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 ½. \$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 MountainView! 3/2/I 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



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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



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



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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 freestanding, 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 I.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, eatin kitchen plus dining room, tile baths. Lower level has a family room with fireplace, fullkitchen 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



Sweet Mirror Lake area cottage in a nice quiet neighborhood close to town. Keep a canoe in your backyard & enjoy Mirror Lake. 3/3 plus a family room w/fireplace. \$349.000 MLS # 77220



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long as they issue safe mortgages that follow the new procedures. These safe mortgages are called 'qualified mortgages'.

The new ability to repay rule means that it will be nearly impossible for a borrower to get a mortgage without documentation of income. Self-employed borrowers will have to make sure they can prove at least two years' worth of sufficient income to get a mortgage. Plan in advance and make sure you can provide adequate information to your lender before applying for a loan.

In addition to the stricter

guidelines that most lenders have been following for the past several years, loans applied for after October 3, 2015 will take longer to proceed from under contract to close due to the new guidelines lenders and closing attorneys must follow.

The new procedures that are now in place with the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA) hold the lender to very strict standards and time frames for processing your loan. In fact, the lender will now be producing the Borrower's Closing Disclosure (formerly the Settlement Statement or HUD-1). If you are a Buyer applying

for a loan under TILA, plan on at least 15 days longer between going under contract and closing a residential purchase. A good conservative time frame before was approximately 45 days from contract to close. With a loan applied for after October 3rd, that time frame is now 60 days. The largest timing questions are related to the fact that there must now be 3 Business Days between

the Buyer's Receipt of the Closing Disclosure and the Closing. This time will be increased if any changes need to be made to the Closing Disclosure.

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• Real Estate Snapshots •



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The above only scratches the surface of the new rules and lending procedures. It's more important than ever for buyers to have a seasoned professional realtor to work with them every step of the way to navigate and coordinate their real estate purchase.

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had four goals: to get the park approved and built; to try to find a way to acquire the Sossomon property to double the size of the park and to acquire the Macon Bank property so it can be permanently used as an amphitheater," he said.

The fourth goal is yet to be eliminated from the list – funding the final phase of Phase 2 – about \$350,000 is still lacking.

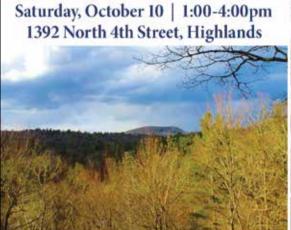
"We will have the Town Square portion completed in time for the ice rink to get up and running in November, and will have the grading and pathways completed," said Bazan. "We still need money to do the fountain and the monuments we are going to be putting in the second part of the second phase."

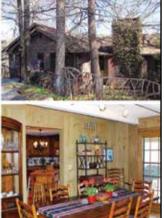
With fundraising for Phase 2 just started, Bazan is confident money will come in and the second phase will be completed by May 31, 2016 – exactly one year after the first phase was done.

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- Kim Lewicki







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go but I think I'll come out in a casket," my brother said he felt daddy's hand on his shoulder. "Son."

To the relief of his wife and my aunt, he decided they would stop.

My sister, who I hadn't spoken to, and my nephew and I unloaded about half our packs and we trudged on the eight miles to the Gooch Mountain Shelter in the pouring rain. This trail was much harder and every time we stopped to sip our water, I said, "Thank God they stopped. They could not have made it."

Again, we stumbled exhausted into the shelter area before dark and pitched our tent on the rocky red Georgia clay. There were more campers here. about six other tents. Two guys who had grown up together in Wyoming hiked into camp. One was a coffee junkie and pulled from his pack a coffee grinder and made a huge production of making this fabulous gourmet coffee. Starbucks on the Appalachian Trail. My sister and I were both getting headaches

without caffeine and I was practically salivating. Since we had dumped our stove and all extras, we pulled out our meager little bars and ate dinner. The only place for our tents was on a slope and all night my sister and I would slide down to the bottom, pull ourselves back up and slide down again. That night I kept repeating, "I am not here. I really am not here."

Knowing that we would meet the shuttle the last morning, I got up at the first light of day and began taking down the tent in record time. The gourmet coffee maker gave my sister and me a cup of coffee. Oh, it was the best damn coffee I have ever tasted and it really did perk me up. My nephew got a good picture of my sister and I who hadn't spoken laughing like fools.

Because half of our group had gone to a motel, we decided to cut our hike short as well and rather than hiking to Woody Gap for the planned 21 miles, we called the shuttle at 19 miles so the others wouldn't have to wait. Plus, my nephew was checking back into college. I could have finished the hike but a third night on the trail would have been tough. I was glad to see the shuttle and head home to a shower. Somehow I managed to gain two more pounds out on the trail.

A few things learned

- 1. You definitely need to start walking with a loaded pack several weeks before you go. I was not in shape but I did up my game as far as walking. Hopefully. Ĭ will keep it up.
- 2. Pack light. Get a good tent, air mattress, sleeping bag, water purifier, walking sticks, head flashlight, a comfortable pair of shoes. I walked in sketcher tennis shoes with Dr. Shoal in-
- 3. By spending the night at the hostel, you have a drop off, pick up and don't have to worry about parking cars in different places. It was well worth it at \$50 for the night.
- 4. It did make me appreciate all the comforts of home. I thought about prisoners of war who are made to feel like animals. I know I was only out there for two nights but civilization quickly gets stripped away.
- 5. I did think of the importance of water and how many people in the world have no clean water. A good portion of their day is spent getting and hauling water. Once, we could drink right out of our streams but not any-

- 6 There are some really good people who keep sections of the trail in order. We found bottles of water left by a trail angel in one strenuous part of the
- 7. I am for the government spending money on parks and national forests. We are so lucky to have these parks in our own back vard.
- 8. I am thankful, very thankful, that I could even do this physically. Several years ago, most in my family were too over weight or drank too much to

make this trip, besides being in an all-out war. If we are lucky enough to keep living, we may get it right. I think there are easier ways to start speaking to a sister but that was one positive result

- 9. I wished. Oh how I wished I had done this with my son but I was glad I could do it with my nephew.
- 10. Would I do it again? After getting all the equipment, it is something I am thinking about but I definitely don't need to go all the way to Mount Katahdin.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

What Is Truth?

By Mark Ford First Baptist Church of Highlands

late asked Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). The concept of truth is challenged today at every turn, whether it be in the media, our universities, government, and even our local coffee shops. Our culture's rampant political correctness and secularism forbids expressions of truth or even the search for truth, as relativism and individualism declares truth a private domain and nothing more. Sadly, even in the church, the idea of absolute truth is being challenged as the Word of God is being eroded by doubt and pseudo biblical and textual criticism of varied stripes.

But we were warned in 1978 by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn at an address he gave at Harvard University that our nation was in the beginning throes of an anemic loss of truth. He made many uncomfortable and even received "boos" from the assembled intelligentsia. Solzhenitsvn had already stared down a brutal communist regime and survived their infamous Gulags. He would win the Nobel Prize in literature, and be celebrated for his stand against communism. But in this speech, he condemns both communism and the West, and then has the gall to speak about truth – a subject already reviled by the elites of that day. At the start he says, "Truth eludes us if we do not concentrate our attention totally on its pursuit...truth is seldom pleasant; it is almost invariably bitter." As he continues, he incisively analyses our prevailing worldview of the past and present, declaring that the West has exchanged belief in unchanging truth for a relentless legalism that challenges all truth claims. Add to this the absence of "civil courage" where there are individuals willing to live and die for the truth at all costs.

He offers three proofs for the demise of the West. First, we suffer in the West from a "destructive and irresponsible freedom that's been granted boundless space." Simply, we promote a poorly defined freedom that is absent of virtue. Christians believe that virtue can only be substantiated by truth – God's truth which limits freedom. Second, Solzhenitsyn pointed out our lack of great statesmen and the decadence of art. Any casual observation will notice the dearth of principled leadership in national and international affairs, and moral voices that command respect in our day. When we think of the arts and even our need for heroes, the West is defining greatness down by promoting the exceptions to truth and standards of refinement and beauty, and demoting the exceptional because it overshadows the pedestrian and prurient desires of the masses. Or more to the point, our heroes no longer make history and our arts are no longer classical. Our heroes make touchdowns and CD's, and our leaders depend on image more than message. Third, Solzhenitsyn noted the loss of a truly civil society, the "thin, smooth surface of our social system being quite unstable and unhealthy." Simply, it doesn't take much to disturb our calm, and when the inevitable crisis comes, we seem intent on self-preservation over communal good.

Solzhenitsyn concluded, "Is it true that man is above everything? Is there no Superior Spirit above him?" As Christians, our response to this anemia of truth is simple and set forth by excellent examples. In times like these we need to imitate Spirit led individuals like William Wilber-

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Police & Fire Reports

The Highlands Police log entries from Sept. 21. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Sept. 21

- At 11:40 a.m., officers responded to a call about someone who was drunk and disorderly entering a hotel room that wasn't his at the Old Edwards
- At 4:14 p.m., officers received a call about someone picking a pocket at Bags on Main where a wallet with money was taken from a purse.
- At 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a call about an employee pocketing \$60 at the Highlands Playhouse.

Sept. 24

• At 7:02 p.m., officers responded to a one vehicle accident on Mirror Lake Road.

Sept. 28

 At 2:20 p.m., officers responded to a call about a bear entering the garage and house of a home on Sagee Drive.

Sept. 29

• At 9:20 a.m., officers responded to a call about a bear in a tree near behind Asia House on Helens Barn Ave.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Sept. 30

Sept. 30

• At 3:47 p.m., the dept. responded to an oven fire at a residence on N. 4th Street.

Oct. I

 A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a Co alarm at a residence on Old Edwards lane

Oct. 2

- At 9:48 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 5th Street.
- At 10:06 a.m., the dept. providing public assistance where a tree had fallen down on the Cashiers Road.
- At 11 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row.
 - At 11:25 a.m., the dept.

provided public assistance at a residence on Spring Street to investigate an odor.

Oct. 3

- At 8:30 a.m., the dept. responded to a transformer fire on North Drive.
- At 4:24 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid for a water rescue in Franklin but the call was cancelled en route.
- At 9:23 p.m., the dept. responded to a downed power line on Deer Run.

Oct. 4

•At 5:03 a.m., the dept. provided mutual assistance to the

Cashiers FD on a structure fire.

- At 8:44 a.m., the dept. responded to a downed power line on Rocky Ridge Road.
- At 2:48 p.m., the dept. rescued a woman who had slipped on rocks near the edge of Bust Your Butt Falls who needed to be carried out..

Oct. 5

- •At 10:53 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Country Club Drive.
- At 11:11 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Chestnut Lane.

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force and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Not certain of the outcomes they remained steadfast in their stand against slavery and an oppressive anti-God regime respectively. We don't know the future of our culture and nation, but that is not up to us. What we must do is courageously commit ourselves to the Truth, love God and our neighbor, and reach out to the growing victims of our "truth-less society." Truth will win out one day, but in the meantime, stand for the Truth of God's Word.

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Business/Organization News

Glenville Area Historical Society Museum to open in summer 2016

Donnie Shuey and Mary Shuey, owners of Signal Ridge Marina in Glenville, handed the key of their former boat rental building to the Glenville Areas Historical Society for use as the group's historical museum.

The Shuey family, after having moved their marina operation to larger and more modern quarters, decided to make a lasting contribution to the community. The Glenville Area Historical Society turned out to be the lucky recipient of the generous donation for the use of the building.

The building, renovated and updated by the Shueys, is now ready for the GAHS move in. The group plans to have permanent historical exhibits as well as a schedule of temporary shows throughout May to October beginning in 2016. Permanent exhibits will make use of the extensive materials, from interviews, research, document and photo



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GAHS plans to open the museum

doors in early summer 2016 with a Grand Opening planned for July. Volunteers are welcome and needed for exhibit installations as well as for manning the museum during open hours.

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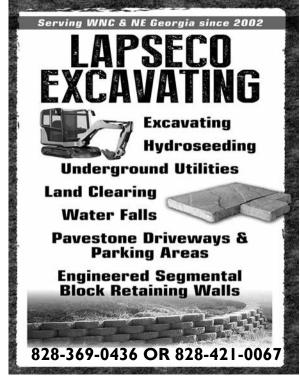
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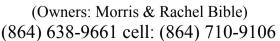


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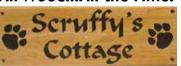
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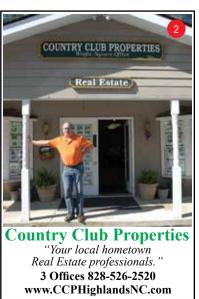
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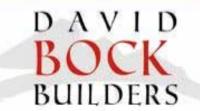
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