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Delinquent accounts, Mirror Lake, rifles and more

Not a whole lot went on at last week's Town Board meeting. Most of the news came out of the Report and Consent Agenda arenas.

It's time to advertise the de-

linquent utility accounts and also time to write off the accounts delinquent since 2012 -- that was one issue Mayor Pat Taylor was pretty vocal about.

"We know that people get

upset when they get their utility bills but it's because of what we are about to do that we now have a policy in place to ensure the bills are paid," he said. "After three years we are having to write off

\$42,945.29."

Taylor said two parties are responsible for more than half of that -- Gates Nursery at \$9,420.14 and Creighton Sossomon at

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Enthusiastic members of the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team at the Highlands Rec Park.

Highlands Hurricanes set team and pool records

By Kristina Kaylor

Thanks to a year-round, enclosed pool, just a year into its rebirth the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is going strong and appealing to kids of all ages.

The Hurricanes held an intra-squad meet on Saturday, April 16, and set pool and individual records.

Led by Finneaus Garner, it set 17 pool and six team records. Garner set 10 total records: two individual team records, four individual pool records, two team and two pool-relay records.

Landon Green set five individual and relay team and pool records. Chase Kenter set four individual team records. Both Peyton Kaylor and Dusty Watson set four team and pool relay records. Both Kate Phillips and Makinzee Conn set three individual team and pool records. Connor Hughes set two

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Descendants of Furman Vinson: Tony Vinson, Betty Conard, Frances Bantum and Dale McCall with Historical Society Director, Ran Shaffner at the boat's final resting place at the Historical Village on N. 4th Street.

Retrieved from the depths of Lake Sequoyah, boat comes to rest at HHS Village

In February 2015, Lake Sequoyah was lowered for dam repair. While walking the banks of the drained lake, Chip Wisdom discovered an old boat half-buried in the sand and clay. How long it had been under water and to whom it once belonged was a curious mystery -- but not to anyone

who had known Furman Vinson.

Eighty-five years earlier, in 1930, Kenyon Zahner had hired Joe Webb and Furman Vinson to build a cabin on the edge of the new Lake Sequoyah west of the Big Creek bridge.

To create a boat landing un-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Highlands Plateau gets much needed cleanup

What a wonderful day last Saturday for the Highlands Plateau and Gorge Cleanup. Jennifer Cunningham of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce diligently coordinated the event. Based on volunteer early signed-ups, plus an estimate of how many folks would show up on that morning, we planned for around 50 participants. Well over 80 people reported for service, so supplies and resources were stretched to the limit.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

What a wonderful problem to have! With such a great turnout, we were able to cover areas that had not been cleaned up before. The response by so many concerned citizens went way beyond my greatest expectations. The turnout once again confirmed that Highlanders really care about their community.

There are so many people and organizations to thank. The Highlands Chamber of Commerce, as always, played a key role. The staff of the US Forest Service again supported the effort by operating the truck that was so critical to picking up over 300 bags of trash on the Gorge Road. My truck handled an additional 110 bags from NC 106. Metal and construction materials were also collected.

The Highlands Rotary Club, led by Christy Kelly, was on board providing road vests and volunteers. Old Edwards Inn brought a van load of young people, OEI J1 interns, who were key to cleaning up both the Gorge and Dillard Roads.

The Baptist and Methodist Churches had volunteers on the roads. They both have ongoing programs to clean up our highways. They are committed stewards of God's creation.

I was gratified to realize the cleanup was a total community effort. There were volunteers who came from Horse Cove to Turtle Pond and from the Dillard Road all the way to the country clubs on US 64. I was glad to see old friends and veterans of past Gorge Road Pickups. I was delighted to meet first time participants.

I also want to thank the Town of Highlands Sanitation Department for placing the much needed dumpsters at the Conference Center and at Lake Sequoyah. The dumpsters were overflowing by mid-afternoon. The sanitation folks stepped in and removed the trash bags by late afternoon so the bears had no mischievous opportunities.

I also must thank law enforcement for their efforts in slowing motorists down during the pick-up. Sheriff Holland had deputies on the Gorge Road coming up from Franklin, and Chief Harrell had officers covering the road going out of Highlands. Their support was essential in this effort that can be very dangerous for volunteers.

I picked up trash with Sam Green on

NC 106. Sam called me over and showed me a Bud Light box he had just found. It contained 6 crushed Bud Light cans. I guess the person who threw the box onto the road wanted to leave a "macho" marker or something. Also, in the box was an empty Red Man Tobacco pouch and numerous junk food wrappers. What struck me was that the box and contents were a remnant of a multifaceted, reckless act. First, six crushed beer cans while driving or riding in a vehicle? Scary for all of us. Second, what kind of person would pollute their body with concentrated amounts of alcohol, tobacco and junk food? That they would harm their own body with such substances is one issue, but how could a responsible human being

pollute our beautiful natural environment? Mark Twain once said humanity was, "the vermin of the earth." The person who threw out the Bud Light Box is the epitome of Twain's sentiments.

On the other hand, to see so many caring volunteers cleaning up litter on our roads was a life affirming experience. It helped me counter the distress of seeing what trashy, uncaring people had thrown out onto our roads.

What's next? Education, more enforcement and public support. But, now let's all be thankful for the folks that participated and supported the cleanup.

The Community Coffee with the Mayor is at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the library.

• THANK YOU •

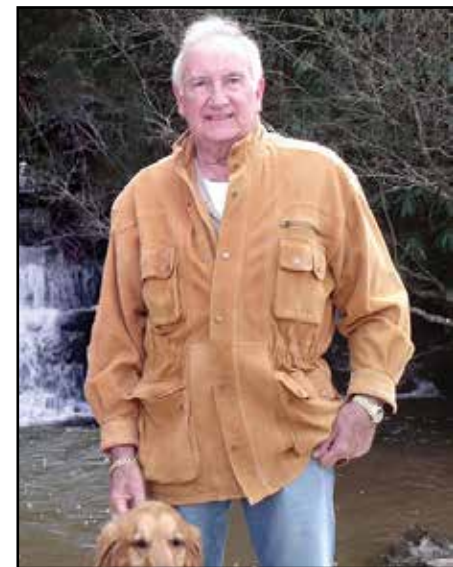
Remembering Dick

Thank you for the messages, cards and prayers after the death of my beloved husband Richard (Dick) Lawrence who passed on March 21 in Highlands Hospital.

Dick lived life to the fullest, a pilot, sailor and business executive, always looking for the next project.

He was always optimistic until the end, a loving husband, dad, stepdad, grandad and a new great-grandad. He was truly loved by his family and friends in St Maarten, USA, England and worldwide.

I am grateful for the many memorial donations made in his honor to the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands N.C. Thanks for the tender care of the Doctors and Nurses at Highlands Hospital and the EMS of Macon County.



Dick Lawrence

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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individual team and pool records.

The Highlands Hurricanes Winter Swim Team finished the season on April 28. The Summer Team starts practice Tuesday, May 31 at 6:45 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park Pool. If you can swim one length of the pool, come join the team. Call Steve Hott, head coach, with questions at the Highlands Rec Park Pool at

• MILESTONE •



Old Edwards Hospitality Group's litter pick up team was part of the 100 volunteers who turned out to pick up litter on Saturday.

Saturday's plateau litter pick up sets records!

According to Highlands Visitor Center Director Jennifer Cunningham records were set Saturday in terms of the number of volunteers (100) and the amount of litter picked up on the plateau. Volunteers scoured the Gorge Road, NC 28, NC 106 and various roads in town proper and filled 450 bags averaging 20 lbs which equals 9,000 lbs of trash (4.1 tons). "This is a new record for the annual litter pickup," she said.

Hopefully, citizens, visitors and workers can keep the plateau and its in-roads clean.



Mayor Pat Taylor with 100 bags of junk in his truck after Saturday's plateau-wide litter pickup.

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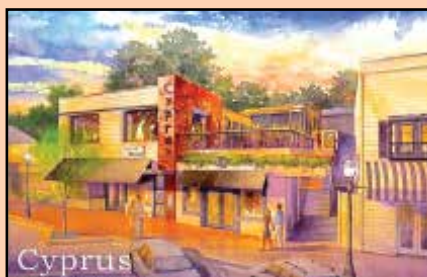


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2016 BizWeek honors 'Young Entrepreneur' and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

Macon County's Economic Development Commission hosted the 2016 BizWeek Banquet & Awards last week at Bloomsma Barn in Franklin, touting the business accomplishments of the county.

Brett Murphy, owner of Arrowood Construction, was named 2016 Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

The award, in its second year, was created to recognize the growing number of young entrepreneurs in Macon County. To be considered for the award nominees must be under 35 years old, have a business in Macon County which has been in operation for at least one year and that has made an economic impact through innovation, vision and job creation.

Murphy noted Highlands in his comments.

"While the year-round population of Highlands is relatively small, the economic impact that it has had in Macon County is large," said Murphy. "I am very fortunate to work in Highlands and be a part of construction in that area. Most people who work in construction have been employed in Highlands at some point. Our service industry workers have also worked in Highlands at some point. We are very fortunate as a county to have that destination within our bounds and I hope to see some nominees for young entrepreneur next year that have businesses in Highlands."

Jim Tate, Vice-Chair of the Macon County Board of Commissioners and County Commissioner Ronnie Beale, both liaisons to the Macon County Economic Development Commission, recognized the 2016 BizWeek honorees.

County officials also recognized the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for its outstanding contributions to the business community in Macon County.

Tate commended Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for the economic impact it has on Highlands. Tate said that he could easily tout the hospital's influence in the community and tell of how the hospital impacted his life personally,

from care he received there as a child, to the more than a decade he served alongside the hospital as an EMS driver; but the banquet is about the economic benefits the facility has on the community.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital stands as the number two employer in Highlands with 150 workers. The hospital, located between Highlands and Cashiers -- the two areas it serves, takes in \$25 million annually in revenue. It was chartered in 1947 and opened on January 2, 1952 with eight beds available for patients. In 1993, the hospital expanded with 24 patient beds and 80 nursing home beds and was relocated to its current location on the 40-acre complex located on Highway 64.

On Tuesday, there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of its planned \$6.7 million Emergency Department expansion.

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derneath the cabin, Vinson built a boat to remove the dirt. Unfortunately, he over estimated the boat's capacity and filled it too full. The boat promptly sank to the bottom of the lake.

Chip Wisdom's discovery inspired local Highlanders and the Highlands Historical Society to retrieve the boat, still filled with the dirt that sank it and move it to the Historical Village for preservation.

Of the 36 celebrated Joe Webb log cabins, the Zahner cabin was among the first dozen built and one of the most remarkable for its rustic design. Unfortunately the cabin, which was used as a summer home, burned in 1971. The only artifact associated with it today is the boat rescued from the mud and clay of the drained lake.

As an integral part of Joe Webb lore and early Highlands' history, it is also a fitting testament to Furman Vinson's high standards of craftsmanship.

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"After three years, they just don't have to pay," he said angrily.

According to Town Clerk Rebecca Shuler, the prior administration didn't make people pay their full bill if they couldn't afford it - if they owed \$300 and could only afford \$50 that was allowed. All the while late charges accrued while the accounts were still open and running up larger balances.

"This is the last huge write-off, there will be subsequent write-offs but none this big," Shuler said. "People have been paying off their delinquent accounts and our new policy doesn't allow anyone to get that deep in arrears."

In lieu of writing utility debts off, according to the UNC Institute of Government, under G.S. Chapter 105A, utility providers may submit a delinquent claim to the state's debt set-off program for recovery against the debtor's state income tax return or state lottery winnings, if any.

"We have done that," said Shuler, "but many of these are people who live out of state and

don't pay state income tax."

Mirror Lake

During the Reports and Comment period, Commissioners voiced concern about the recent draining of Mirror Lake.

Evidently, the Mirror Lake Improvement Association has drained the lake so NC DOT can clean out culverts that empty into the lake, but a clear timeline hasn't been defined.

"I understand they are working with DOT but who knows when they will do it? It could be a year from now," said Commissioner Eric Pierson.

Commissioners are concerned with the visual effects of the draining, as well as the silt that likely ended up in Big Creek which is the town's drinking water supply.

"We need a way to measure the turbidity of the water draining from the lake," said Commission Amy Patterson.

She also questioned the legality of the draining since a permit was not issued by the town's Watershed Administration, which is the Town Planner.

According to the Unified Development Ordinance, Sec. 11-54,

Sec. 11-54, a permit is required before an impoundment can be drained.

The permit must be requested from the Watershed Administrator in writing not less than 30 days prior to draining, specifying the name of the impoundment, the location of the impoundment, the surface area of the impoundment, and the size of the contributing drainage area.

"The owner or his agent shall not proceed with the draining without issuance of an impoundment draining permit from the watershed administrator," it reads.

Furthermore, for impoundments either more than one-half acre in surface area at full pool, or receiving the surface water runoff from more than 75 acres of contributing drainage area, a plan must be submitted by a N.C. professional engineer, indicating the method to be used in draining and the measures to be taken to prevent the release of sediment from the impoundment.

A time schedule for completion of the draining is required and the limit is 60 days without written permission from the watershed

administrator. Evidently, none of this was done prior to the draining of Mirror Lake and technically financial penalties could be levied.

Watershed Administrator and Town Planner Randy Feierabend said he would look into it.

Rifles

A couple of months ago, Police Chief Bill Harrell requested and got a grant to purchase 12 A-15 rifles that required matching funds from the town. The town OK'd the request, but as it turns out, the rifles were donated to the town so the grant wasn't needed.

"I have been negotiating with the vendor of these rifles for weeks and finally got them to see our inherent need and safety concerns. After a recent company board meeting, they agreed to provide the rifles to us at no cost," said Chief Harrell.

That's a \$7,000 savings to Highlands' taxpayers.

"These long guns are years overdue, as our nation's climate toward catastrophic violence has changed over the years. We are simply outgunned. Our sidearms and shotguns are outmatched by rifles that simply have a lon-

ger outreach, especially in these woodland demographics," he said. Harrell said Highlands is probably the only public safety/law enforcement agency in the area that isn't equipped with a rifle that can be accurate at a distance farther than 40 yards and carry many rounds - guns that attackers often have and use, he said.

"These rifles are not fully automatic like most assailants use, but it gives law enforcement a fighting chance by carrying more ammunition and ensuring accuracy when used from a covered approach using safer tactical barriers."

Harrell said his officers won't carry these rifles on their persons during regular patrol -- they are locked in the cruisers in a mount that can't be accessed by anyone other than the officers, as needed.

"We simply need to be equipped to handle these unpredictable incidents and provide the public the safety they deserve and expect," said Harrell.

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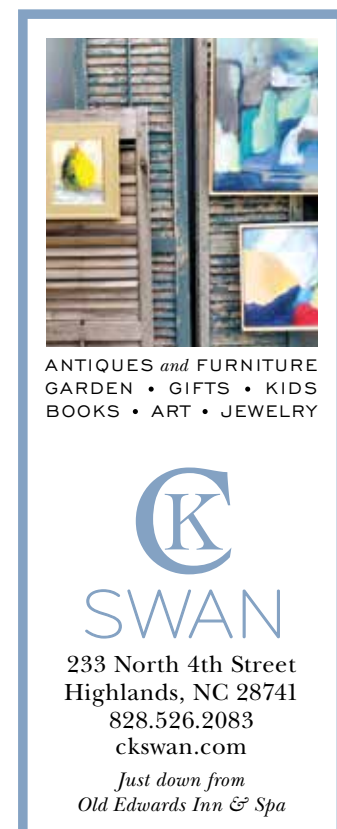
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— Peter Gomes, Harvard theologian

As a young girl growing up in Highlands, I spent the majority of my time outside — climbing trees, building forts in the woods behind our house, playing in the yard, or swinging from an apple tree below Crane's potato field. Swinging from the apple tree at this time of year was an absolute treat for us; as our hands gripped the long branch over the bank, and as the weight of our bodies shook the tree, pink and white blossoms would occasionally fall into our hair and onto the ground around us like a pastel, spring snow. For the brief moment we were airborne when our feet left the bank (and before we had jumped to the ground below), we were invincible. Free. We flew!

My sister, Anne, and I reasoned that if we had the proper attire and a high enough perch, we could fly for real. So, we tied on our Batman capes (no kidding), and jumped out of the tallest trees and off the tallest banks we could find. Deeply skinned, bruised, and grass-stained knees never once dissuaded us from trying again and again and again. To this day, in fact, there is a part of both us that still believes human flight is possible with a Batman cape and the sheer power of belief.

I found (and find) utter peace and connection to the world through Nature. Even as a young girl, I knew that the creeks, woods, mountaintops, trails, lakes and rivers in the Highlands area each possessed a certain magical and mysterious quality. It was something beyond the beauty of the place; our grand, old, soft, nurturing mountains held a secret for only blessed few. And you could hear it only if your heart and spirit were engaged and listening.



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I quickly discovered that I could ask any number of questions to the towering pine and poplar trees and receive the guidance and answers I sought. I would pose my questions in a yes or no answer format, look up, and wait. Soon, the treetops would bend in the wind in the direction indicating their counsel. I had my answer! It was much later as an adult in the woods seeking answers, when I learned that my tree guidance method was merely my connecting with my own intuition — or was it?

In classical Roman religion, the concept of genius loci means the protective spirit of a place. I now know that what I felt as a child (and continue to feel as an adult) is the genius loci of Highlands. It is what in Celtic mythology is referred to as a "thin space" — a place where there is an ethereal blurring of edges where the spirit world touches the physical plane and each space is a bit of both. A place where we finally find our heart's truth, who and what we truly long for, the stillness our souls seek, the connection to our past/present/future, and the songs that only we can sing.

A place where you can, in fact, fly — with both feet on the ground.

• Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/ Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her areas of expertise include real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her clients. White Oak Realty Group's sales office is located at 125 South Fourth Street in the heart of the retail district in Highlands. For more information, visit WhiteOakRG.com or call (828) 526-8118.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from April 16. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

April 16

• At 5 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

April 20

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

April 20

• At 3 p.m., officers received a report of a larceny from a motor vehicle parked at the Asia House on Helen's Barn Ave. where the vehicle registration was taken.

April 22

• At 3:47 p.m., Jackson Robert Leitch, 17, of Cullowhee, NC, was arrested for larceny of property or goods valued at less than \$1,000 and possessing stolen property. He was issued a \$3,000 unsecured bond.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from April 13.

April 13

• At 5:18 p.m., the dept. responded to an incident on Main Street where a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle. There were minor injuries.

April 14

• At 3:33 p.m., the dept. responded to a call from a residence on Cole Mountain Circle about a brush fire.

April 15

• At 1:35 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD on a brush fire.

April 17

• At 1:48 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Scaly Fire and Rescue on a brush fire.

April 18

• At 2:01 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

• At 3:32 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD.

April 20

• At 1:07 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Highlands Plaza.

• At 3:34 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Highlands Plaza.

• At 4:13 p.m., the dept. stood by at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

April 23

• At 5:09 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west. There were no injuries.

Welcome Carl Romberg!

Landmark Realty Group is proud to announce that **Carl Romberg** has joined our Highlands office. Carl is a native of Northeast Georgia and grew up with a love of the outdoors and mountains, established by family trips and through his journey to become an Eagle Scout. He attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and received a BS in Industrial Management. The first segment of his career focused on construction project management and commercial banking. During the second segment of his career, he joined a family business as a third generation owner, focusing on the financial and operational management. Since the sale of that business, he is finally able to focus on his true love of real estate. He has owned a second home in Highlands for 15 years and now lives here full time. Carl has always been active in the community, with a specific focus on the visual arts and community visioning. **Stop by Landmark's Highlands office at 255 Main Street to say hello and find out what Carl can do for YOU!**



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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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HBF's 'Wildflower Whimsy' is May 6-7



The Highlands Biological Foundation will be celebrating this event with the 4th Annual Wildflower Whimsy on May 6th and 7th, an event to help support the mission of the Foundation, which is to foster research and education focused on the rich natural heritage of the southern Appalachians. The event will kick off with a lecture given by Dr. Alan Weakley, followed by a wine reception, cocktail buffet, live music, and native plant auction on Friday night, with guided wildflower walks taking place on Saturday.

Alan Weakley will present Friday night's lecture at 5:30pm, "Plant Genealogy: The Origins of our Southern Blue Ridge Flora." Alan Weakley is a plant taxonomist, community ecologist, and conservationist specializing in the flora and vegetation types of the southeastern United States. He is also currently Director of the UNC Herbarium and an adjunct professor at UNC-Chapel Hill.

His lecture will focus on the wonderful and lush diversity of plants we see around Highlands, which has arrived here from diverse directions and backgrounds. Our improved knowledge of past geologic and climatic change, combined with our increasing ability to do genetic testing of the genealogy of plant species enables us to understand better when the plants we see here came to the party, and why they decided to stay. Join us Friday, May 6th to hear more from this dedicated researcher, taxonomist, and author. Tickets are on sale now at \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. Visit www.highland-sbiological.org/wildflower-whimsy/ for more information and to register.

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Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Meeting at 7 pm first Mondays.

• High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:25 p.m.

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.

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• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. Sponsored by the local affiliate of NAMI. For info call 828 369-7385.

Tuesdays

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library,

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

• The Beyond the Walls Book discussion group meets at 4 PM at The Ugly Dog Public House. Each week a short story discussed.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

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

Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale is May 28



Lenten Roses are just one of dozens of plant varieties you will find at the 34th annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale,

Saturday, May 28th, 9am - Noon. These beauties bloom during the Lenten season, and seem to thrive here on our plateau. The plant sale is the only fundraiser held by the club; proceeds benefit local student scholarships, programs at Eckerd Living Center, Highlands School, and community beautification.

Save the date- May 28, and we will see you at the baseball park on Highway 64 E, Corner of N 4th & Hickory.

Every 3rd Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry club in Franklin meets at 7 pm at the Cooperative extension office on Thomas Heights Road. For more Information call 369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5.

• Pickle ball is played from 11:30a to 1p in the gym at the Rec Park.

Wednesdays

• Open Duplicate Bridge at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45.

1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

• Recently released movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

Thursdays

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 5 pm at Christ Church of the Valley 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: from 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: from, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

Fridays - Tuesdays

• Movies at The Highlands Playhouse, 3 and 7 p.m.

Fridays

• Open Duplicate Bridge at the Rec Park at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 p.m.

Every 3rd Friday

• Senior Dinners are at noon November through April.

Every 2nd Saturday

• A group that will meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at Highlands Hudson Library at 10am. Group will have speakers, videos, recipes, health tips, and more to educate people about any health issues. Group is a non-profit. Contact Kelly Woods 828-421-3520 or live4above@aol.com

Saturdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park at 10 a.m.. \$5.

• At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.

• Highlands Marketplace at K-H Park 8a

• See EVENTS page 13

Spring Home Improvement

Add Your Personal Style to Your Home

(StatePoint) You may feel locked into the style you inherited when you purchased your house. But you have more power than you think to transform your reality

home into your dream home.

To make a big style impact, consider these upgrades and projects:

Stunning Curb Appeal

Don't settle for a drab or standard home exterior, particularly when it comes to your roof. A beautiful, colorful update will enhance your home's exterior design and boost curb appeal.

For long-term durability, consider a polymer slate or shake roofing product, like those from DaVinci Roofscapes, which are offered in 50 standard colors and a variety of striking color blends.

However, picking the right exterior color scheme and style can be daunting without guidance, say experts.

"Many homeowners are afraid to shake things up

with color because they don't want to make a mistake," says Kate Smith, a color trend forecaster with Sensational Color.

Luckily, free resources can provide guidance and tips on understanding your home's exterior features and how to play off them with color accents. For example, Smith has written a free 36-page guide, "FRESH Color Schemes for Your Home Exterior." The guide explores color options for seven different home styles and eases the process of choosing color palettes to complement your home exterior. To download the free guide, visit davinciroofscapes.com.

An Interior Oasis

An ancient tub, a leaky toilet -- these are bathroom

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Three Ways to Maximize Space in a Smaller Kitchen

(StatePoint) Too often, the kitchen is the first room of a home to suffer the consequences of tight living quarters. But there's no need to forfeit big-scale cooking in a small-scale kitchen.

Ditch the compromises and maximize the space you do have to make your kitchen work for you, and all your culinary aspirations.

Cut the Fat

Do a top-to-bottom inventory of your kitchen implements to assess what you need and what you can discard or donate.

Sleek newer designs of certain appliances tend to take up less space than their clunky, older counterparts. They also offer more multi-functionality.

For example, ovens that contain a warming drawer that can be used for slow cooking, potentially eliminates the need for a standalone slow cooker. Blenders that come with food processor attachments can help you de-clutter your countertop.

A periodic audit of your kitchen can keep things running smoothly and efficiently.

Space Efficient Appliances

New appliance options designed for compact kitchens can help ensure that lim-



ited space is not a deterrent for those passionate about cooking. For example, Verona Appliances offer upscale, space efficient ranges at 24 and 30 inches with both gas and electric options.

These ranges include features like space-saving drawers for pots and pans, multi-function ovens featuring a closed-door broil, European convection fan, heavy-duty racks and a broiler pan, and multi-functional

warming drawers with settings suitable for proofing dough and slow cooking. For more information, visit veronaappliances.com.

For a stylish, sophisticated option, consider the 24 inch Nostalgie Gas Range from ILVE, which comes fully equipped with the benefits of the brand's larger ranges, but is small enough to fit into virtually any kitchen with a gas connection. Four high power

BTU burners, a full width warming drawer and multi-function oven with convection bake and broil and a defrost mode can make cooking compactly a cinch.

And powerful compact cooking can also extend to cooktops. For instance, ILVE also offers a 15 inch Gas Griddle Cooktop that works with accessories like a steam

• See KITCHEN page 16

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A New Remodeling Trend is Adding Resale Value to Homes

(StatePoint) Whether you're looking to sell your house or just want to make a smart update that's worth your time and money, consider a design trend that is both attractive and proven to add value to your home: manufactured stone.

"Manufactured stone is exploding in popularity, in both exteriors and interiors," says Phil Wengerd, vice president of Market Strategies for ProVia, a leading manufacturer of home building products.

The numbers agree. Manufactured stone veneer projects offer a 92.9 percent cost recovery, according to Remodeling Magazine's Cost vs. Value Report, a detailed comparison of the average cost of remodeling projects with the value those projects retain at resale in 100 US markets.

If you're looking to make a home upgrade using manufactured stone, Wengerd says to consider the following trends:

- Popular style: While homeowners once attempted to emulate materials available in the local natural environment, the elegant look of dry stack



stone now dominates nationwide. The material features the look of smaller stones, providing an elegant natural look that's versatile in both exterior and interior applications.

- Exotic colors: Color blends continue to feature earth shades, however, more reds, purples and burgundies are being mixed in to complement colors in carpet, walls or window treatments. To respond to the demand, brands like ProVia's manufactured stone are adding new stone

color options.

- Versatile project ideas: As technology has made manufactured stone more accessible to the masses, today it's showing up on more than just a home's exterior. In interior applications, stone adds a dramatic frame for kitchen stoves and islands, and is used around bathtubs to create a spa-like retreat. It's also a popular choice for masonry surface application in finished basements or for stone fireplaces. Exterior stone accents, like an

outdoor kitchen, deliver plenty of wow-factor without the wallet cringe that a traditional stone-laying job would entail.

For style and color inspiration, as well as free resources, such as a visualizer design tool and videos on installing manufactured stone veneer, visit provia.com/stone.

Recapture home equity by seeking out projects and upgrades like manufactured stone, with a proven ability to add value.



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5 Tips for Prospective Homebuyers

(StatePoint) If you're serious about homeownership in the near future, getting prepared is crucial. Consider these five tips:

- Get your financial house in order: Good credit is key to getting a mortgage

at a reasonable interest rate. If it's been more than a year, find out what your credit score is. You can improve your credit by paying your bills on time, working with a no-fees housing counselor, and beefing up your credit literacy. Free online resources

can help, such as Freddie Mac's CreditSmart online training.

- Figure out how much you can afford. What do you earn? What do you spend? How much do you have in savings? Answering these questions will help you learn whether you are financially ready for homeownership. Make a budget and use free online tools and calculators to determine how much you can afford and the amount you have for a downpayment. If you're short, reduce optional expenses and set up a monthly, automatic deposit into your savings account.

- Explore your mortgage options. Don't assume you don't have enough for a down payment or won't qualify for a mortgage without 20 percent down. In fact, about 40 percent of today's homebuyers are making down payments that are less than 10 percent and a recent study found that 87 percent of U.S. homes would qualify for down payment help.

Find out if you're eligible for any local or state down payment assistance programs. Remember, some options may be

as low as three percent. But keep in mind that if you're not putting at least 20 percent down, you'll pay extra each month for mortgage insurance. Contact several mortgage lenders to shop around and get the best deal.

- Get pre-approved for financing. It's highly recommended that you work with your lender to get pre-approved before you begin house hunting. Pre-approval will tell you how much home you can afford and can help you move faster and with greater confidence in competitive markets.

- Rely on professionals. The typical homebuyer will look at 10 homes over a 10-week period so finding and working with the right team is critical. Housing counselors, realtors and lenders all play an important role in the home buying process. These professionals have the expertise to advise you every step of the way.

For more tips and resources, visit my-home.freddiemac.com.

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Thurs., April 28

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• Wolfgangs and ...on the Verandah are participating in Dine Out for Life. 20% of gross proceeds will go toward Western North Carolina AIDS Project.

Fri., April 29

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor in the Hudson Library meeting room this week from 10 to 11 a.m. Updates on Projects and the Budget.

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Mad Hatter's Dance", Friday night, at the Macon County Community Building, GA

Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Marty Northrup from Columbus, NC will be the caller. Debbie McClain and Mike McDonald will do line and rounds. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. New classes will begin May 2nd. Everyone is welcome.

• At Hudson Library, Traditional African Music at 7 p.m. in the community room. Free.

Sat., April 30

• At PAC, The Met Live via satellite at 12:45 p.m.

Sun., May 1

• The Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Gap Singers will be singing during the 11 a.m. wor-

ship service at Highlands First Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The group is directed by Mirna Valerio. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service.

Thurs., May 5

• Chestnut Hill Retirement Center Wellness Fair 10a to noon, at the clubhouse on Clubhouse Terail. Have your blood pressure checked, get a hand massage and a snack. After stay for a free lunch in the dining room. Dr. Sue Aery, DC, MS will speak briefly on Cellular Health and Whole Food Nutrition. For lunch please RSVP by 4 p.m., Thurs. May 2. Call 828-526-5251.

Master British composer to conduct May 7 Choral Concert

At 7 pm on Saturday, May 7, Highlands First Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir and other area singers will perform in a sacred choral concert in the church's sanctuary following a choral workshop which will take place that day. The public is cordially invited to attend.



terian Church Chancel Choir member Nan Hunter. Concert repertoire will consist of Philip Stopford compositions. Accompanist for the event will be Pianist/Organist Ann Tiner of Cullowhee, NC.

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands is located at the corner of Main and

Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Youth Choir to Sing at First Presbyterian May 1



The Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Gap Singers will be singing during the 11:00 worship service at Highlands First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 1. The group is directed by Mirna Valerio. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service.

2016 'Run for the Park 5K' is set for May 28

Spring is finally here and it's a great time to start getting ready for the second annual Run For The Park 5K, set for Saturday, May 28.

Mountaintop Rotary and the Highlands Roadrunners Club are again sponsoring a run/walk this spring to raise money for Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park and local athletic scholarships. While the bulk of the proceeds this year will go toward completion of Phase II of the park, \$1,000 will go to the Highlands Roadrunners Club to provide two scholarships to graduates of Highlands School who continue running or participating in other athletics at the collegiate level.

The race begins at 9 a.m. at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park at the corners of Pine and Fifth Streets and will follow a certified 3.1-mile course. It is the same course utilized last year for the Run For The Park and by the Highlands Twilight Rock and Roll 5K for the last several years. The Twilight Rock and Roll 5K is scheduled for Aug. 20 this year.

Participants can register on line at www.active.com or www.webscorer.com, or by mailing in forms available at the front desk of the Highlands Recreation Park, the Hudson Library, the Cashiers Glenville Recreation Center, Highlands



Jerry Moore finishing last year's race.

Decorating Center, or The Highlander Newspaper. Race day registration begins at 7:45 a.m. under the breezeway of the new park entrance and restrooms. The entry fee for those that pre-register is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students (13 and older) and \$10 for those 12 and under. Race-day registration is \$35 for adults, \$25 for students, and \$15 for those 12 and under.

In addition to trophies for first place female and male overall winners and master winners (over 40), awards will be presented to first-, second-, and third-place male and female winners in each five-year age group

(15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and over). All youngsters under age 15 will receive a participation medallion. The first 120 runners and walkers who register will receive a race T-shirt.

Water, sports drinks and fruit will be available for all runners and walkers at the finish line. Awards will be presented on the pavilion stage, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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features to bid farewell to forever. Your bathroom should be more than just a functional space; it should be an oasis from busy, stressful days.

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If you're unsatisfied with your house, consider making key upgrades and replacements that will add elegance, beauty and a touch of your own personality.

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• HS SPORTS NEWS •

By Brett Lamb
HS Head Coach

BOYS GOLF UPDATE:

The boys finished 3rd in the 2-day Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament this week.

Round one was held at Cherokee Golf Course in Murphy and round two was held at Sapphire National.

Swain was the overall winner with a tournament total of 691, Murphy was 2nd with an overall score of 703, Highlands 3rd with a tournament total of 719 and Hayesville 4th with a tournament to-

tal of 746.

The top four teams advance to regionals May 2nd at The Ridges course in Hayesville.

The top teams and individuals from the regionals will advance to the state championships held in Pinehurst the following week.

As for individual honors, Highlands's seniors Austin Nichols, Kyle Gabbard and Johnny Lupoli received all-conference by being in the top 6 individual scorers.

The regional match is next week. More to come.

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Founders Park Skip Taylor and Nick Bazan asked and were granted permission to use some of the \$50,000 donated to the park by Macon County for extending pavers and sidewalks around the park.

In a separate request they asked the town for \$12,000 to purchase tables and chairs, umbrellas and planters.

Town Manager Bob Frye suggested the town consider this allocation during upcoming budget talks – the first is Thursday, April 28 from 3-5 in the Community Building.

If OK'd the funds would be allocated

after July 1, 2016 which begins the 2016-2017 budget year.

Landscape Architect Hank Ross, who has designed the park, asked that the money be allocated before the season starts rather than in the middle of the summer.

Closed Session

The board came out of closed session and went back into open session at which time it unanimously voted to adopt a new position description for a Financial Director. The board also decided to advertise the position starting July 1.

– Kim Lewicki

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Truth Matters



By Pastor Steve Kerhoulas,
Christ Church of the Valley

Many politicians fail the truth test. Surprise! Staffers must remind the candidates about what they previously said, which wasn't true, so the next time they are asked the same question they can retell the same lie. Which brings us to a principle:

"If you don't know the truth, you will believe the lie".

Case in point. When Israel was divided into the Northern and Southern kingdoms, the north had 10 tribes and the south only two. In order to prevent unification the king of the north placed golden calves close to his border. He told the people that these were the gods that delivered you from slavery so instead of traveling south they stayed in the north thus preventing a reuniting of the splintered kingdom. Lies! And the sad thing is by not knowing the truth, the people believed the lie and worshipped the idols. Crazy right? Golden calves were the reason the Jews were delivered from bondage? Nonsense! Just plain stupidity!

The fact is we have become a nation of uninformed people who swallow the lie.

OK so what to do? I vote for a truth revolution. Let's stop supporting those whom we know are not truth tellers. What a concept!

So many Americans vote for those running that they know are liars. How insane.

A truth revolution will begin when we stop supporting liars with our votes, no matter what party they represent. Hey, here's an idea, let's stop sending liars to Washington. When you are considering a candidate why not apply the truth test. Probably sounds silly to some of you, especially those who always vote for the party and not the candidate. I'm challenging you to consider something. Should they have a record of "terminological inexactitudes" don't support her or him. We live in a nation of liars who will tell us what they know is a lie because we have become so dumb we can't tell the difference. Honesty hurts. We have become so used to lies we think they are true. It's time to hold our feet to the fire before we end up with more of the same.

Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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• OBITUARY •

W.E. 'Gene' Houston

W.E. "Gene" Houston, 81, of Rabun Gap, GA, died Thursday, April 21, 2016, at his home.

A native of Macon County, NC, he was the son of the late John Walter "Walt" Houston and Edna Roper Houston. He was a Golf Course Superintendent; skilled woodworker and an avid gardener. Gene was a member of Head of Tennessee Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and on various committees.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Emily Potts Houston; two sons, Steve (Mary Beth) Houston of Rabun Gap, GA and Randall "Boone" (Michele) Houston of Cutler Bay, FL; two daughters, Brenda (David) Keener of Highlands, NC and Vickie Chambers of Highlands, NC; 12 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one brother, Bobby (Sammie) Houston of Highlands, NC; as well as numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, April 27 at Head of Tennessee Baptist Church. Rev. Allan Pierce and Rev. Jim Kinard officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to Head of Tennessee Baptist Church, 895 Franklin Street, Dillard, GA 30537. Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.com

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •



From left: Highlands seniors graduating from Rabun Gap Nacoochee this spring: Ali Mae Walsh, daughter of Jim and Laure Walsh; Christian Travathan, son of Rick and Cindy Trevathan; Christy Kelly, Rotary President; Dr. Anthony Sgro, Headmaster; Bailey Baker, daughter of Scott and Rebecca Baker and Gardner Davis, son of Carter and Dinah Davis. Additional Highlands seniors graduating from Rabun Gap this year (not pictured): John Innacone, son of Paul and Britt Innacone; John Jones, son of Ms. Jo Jones; and Juliette Lupoli, daughter of John and Anita Lupoli.

Highlands Rabun Gap-Nahoochee seniors

Rabun Gap Nacoochee Headmaster Dr. Anthony Sgro introduced Highlands Seniors and presented the fascinating history of the school to members of the Highlands Rotary Club recently.

In his introduction of Dr. Sgro, Rotarian Rick Travathan noted that, in addition to the seven graduating seniors who live in Highlands, many Rotarians have had children who have graduated from Rabun Gap.

Additionally, Rotarian Stell Huie, Trustee Emeritus was honored for his years of service on the Rabun Gap Board.

Andrew Ritchie and his wife Addie

founded Rabun Gap Industrial School, as it was originally named, in 1905.

Ritchie was the first person from Rabun County to graduate from college. He worked his way through school, attending several colleges and eventually graduating from Harvard University. In the course of his education he became intrigued with the philosophy of educating high school students at boarding schools.

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS

Highlands Rotary in a nutshell



The Rotary Club of Highlands held a Club Assembly on Tuesday, April 19th. The Students of the Month were announced by Nicole Lui. Aiden Dendy, Seth Staffelbach, and McKayla Hensley were honored. Carl Norman was introduced as a new Rotarian to the club. Donations were made to the Highlands Cashiers Players to assist in their computer system upgrade; Leadership Highlands 2016 Class for their Class Project and to the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge for Cancer Research in memory of Evie Byrnes. Brian Egler ran the Boston Marathon last Monday for this cause. Bob Henritze announced that the Rotary Club of Highlands will host an Exchange Student from Brazil for the next school year.



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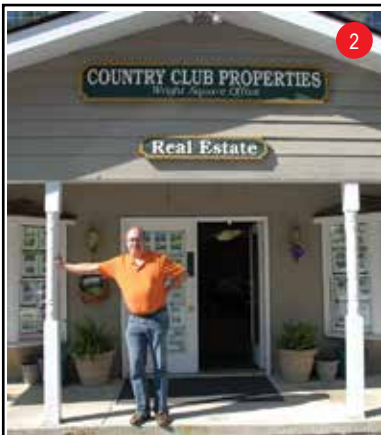


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