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Free breakfast may be an option for MC students

Last year, the Macon County Board of Education approved a program that allowed all students at East Franklin Elementary and Union Academy to receive free meals during the school year. With the success of that program

and the positive impact it has had on students so far, Kim Terrell, School Nutrition Director for Macon County Schools has applied for a federal grant that would allow all students in Macon County to receive a free breakfast.

"East Franklin and Union Academy offered a different, but free meal program last year," said Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. "The program went well and we are continuing to study the results. We

are also paying attention to other districts' results as we prepare for next year."

The free breakfast grant is a different grant than the grant that provided free meals to East Frank-

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Highlands' 19-year Bolivia Mission in Montero bears fruit

A former resident of the mission orphanage tells how it shaped him into the man he hopes to become.

By Dr. John Baumrucker and Marcelo Mendoza

The Highlands Bolivian Mission, now in its 19th year, is having its fundraising auction at Highlands Country Club on Monday, August 15 from 7-9 p.m. The auction as usual will feature many items brought from Bolivia where the mission has been engaged in medical

affairs at six hospitals in Montero and surrounding cities, built 24 homes for the poor and runs a foster home for boys. Over the last two years, boys from the foster home have come to the United States to study and to learn English to better prepare them for their business lives when they leave the home.

Marcelo Mendoza spent the last

year studying in Olympia, WA and his first essay for his school there tells the story better than I could ever do so I will write it here for you, making some corrections as it was his first attempt to write in English. I found parts of it very poetic, others informative and the rest tearfully honest and beautiful. I hope you enjoy the writing.

"Hello, my name is Marcelo and I am 18 years old. I live in Montero, Santa Cruz, Bolivia in a

foster home with my brother. His name is Alfredo and he is 15 years

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Soon ... very soon



Excitement is brewing over the rise of the 4th Street Market where the old Stop n' Shop used to be. It is not only replacing an eyesore on the corner of 4th & Laurel streets, but the Shell gas/convenience store will be offering pickup breakfast and lunch offerings including fresh food options and gourmet ice cream.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Bishop sentenced for embezzling

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Kimberly Michelle Bishop, the former director of Macon County's Board of Elections was sentenced last week to six months in prison for embezzling public funds, announced Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Bishop, 44, of Franklin, N.C., was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release, the first six months which will be served

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Marcelo Mendoza sightseeing in Washington.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

There are many wonderful community events in Highlands this time of year. I participated in one on Saturday morning where folks gathered at Founders Park to go on Greenway hikes. Each summer the Highlands Plateau Greenway has a community hiking day on various sections of the Greenway. Hillrie Quinn and the members of the Highlands Greenway put on another great hiking event.



us to the Highlands Historical Society.

Back at the park, the Greenway folks provided lunch for all the participants. Members of the Greenway work throughout the year developing and maintaining this wonderful resource. It is a great volunteer opportunity. Google the Highlands Plateau Greenway to get

information about being a member and to view the map of the Greenway trails. The Greenway runs throughout Highlands and is very easy to access.

The coal ash dust settled at the end of this past legislative session. Well, maybe. Apparently the governor and legislature decided not to continue butting heads over this issue, so a compromise was reached before the speaker hit the gavel and said, "sine die."

Under this agreement, not all 14 coal ash sites will have to be remediated to where the ash is removed to another secure site. Those coal ash ponds that have been determined not be a danger to the water supply will be capped and left in place.

Kevin O'Donnell of Nova Energy, the town's consultant on all electric utility matters, is tracking our potential pass through costs for the Duke coal ash cleanup. He reports that the agreement by the governor and legislature might be a cost saving measure. Duke wholesale customers, like Highlands, may see lower cleanup fees coming from the agreement. On the other hand, groups with environmental concerns about the coal ash, and especially residents near capped coal ash ponds, may not be pleased with the compromise.

The caveat to this agreement is that the federal government is involved. The Feds will review the agreement and litigation may follow. Stay tuned, and we will keep you posted.

By the way, Highlanders do not have to go to the Rio Olympics to see great swimming. Come join me tonight to support the Highlands Hurricanes as they go up against the mighty Franklin swim team. The action begins at 6 p.m. at the Highlands Recreation Department pool. Go Hurricanes.

• LETTERS •

We are Americans first

Dear Editor,

In reference to Mr. More's letter in the June 30th edition: "Highlands Newspaper lacks serious sensitivity and misses opportunity for inclusion:"

Mr., Mrs. or Ms More demonstrates an unfortunate face of an element of the LGBT community that chooses to play the part of the victim. Obviously not speaking for everyone, most folks have come to accept LGBT as a part of our society. Both by Christian charity and by legislation they are accepted into our community without regard to their sexual preference. By the same token no segment of our society should be granted special rights or privileges. The loss of life in the Orlando massacre is a crime against our society and is correctly judged as such. Forty-nine Americans were killed by a terrorist. Whether those murdered were gay or straight is not an issue.

Pride Month is no different than any other month. If the LGBT community wishes to celebrate it that is their right but there is no obligation by others to do so; just as African Americans celebrate Black History Month or those of Italian descent celebrate St. Joseph's Day, the Irish, St. Patrick's Day, the Scottish, St. Andrew's day or the Mexicans, Cinco De Mayo.

We are a society made up of many elements but are one under the Stars and Stripes. Andy More would do well to remember that.

R. B. McConnell
Highlands & New Orleans

Hats off to ... Highlands

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the service club and or individuals who supplied the 4th of July flags all over town. To quote a great American president "We only have room for one language and one flag in this country." That great American was Teddy Roosevelt.

The Highlands Newspaper is a brave publication. I applaud the newspaper giving Fred Wooldridge a voice. His voice deserves and needs to be heard.

A far as the gay community is concerned, Highlands has and is understanding and tolerant of that lifestyle. When the lives of Americans and innocents are taken anywhere all Americans and world citizens should be outraged!

Mayor Pat Taylor, I support you as I have supported previous mayors over the years. Yes, I would very much like to turn back the clock to a time when Highlands had one policeman and one deputy sheriff and before my property on Foreman Road was annexed by the town.

This was an era of a dry Macon County. Beer, wine and liquor were plentiful, though. One had to go to Waynesville to buy legal beer in NC and to GA and SC to buy bottled in bond and moonshine. The shiners and bootleggers had a field day.

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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Mayor Taylor, I appreciate you, our police department, firefighters and other town employees who help make Highlands unique.

Highlands has many patrons of the arts whose generous contributions make our community a world-class place to live and visit. Thank you one and all.

Philip Powell
Highlands

• MILESTONE •

A shirt is worth 1,000 words!



Lifetime Republican, Carolyn Chabora, a summer resident of the Lake Glenville community, wore this shirt to the July 5th rally in Charlotte for President Obama and Hillary Clinton. The shirt's message spoke to dozens of attendees with cameras flashing, as well as several journalists, and ultimately, to Hillary and the President who came over to thank Carolyn and shake her hand.

• OBITUARIES •

Aileene 'Tommie' Pennington

Early the morning of July 2, 2016 Aileene Pennington of Cashiers gently closed the door to her life here and entered her long sought life everlasting. She was 86 years old.

When she was a toddler her Uncles Ham and Paul bestowed the nickname "Tommie" to her and she has affectionately been known as "Tommie" by family and friends ever since. A lifelong resident of Jackson County, Tommie was born in Whittier January 28, 1930. She moved with family to Cashiers in early childhood and remained there the rest of her life. Tommie was a devoted Christian



and dedicated member of Cashiers Baptist Church. She loved the mountains, flowers, nature in general and all of God's creatures, especially birds. Taking pictures, hiking and exploring roads she had never been on were favorite pastimes. Tommie is survived by a son, James D. Pennington (Beverly) of St Augustine, FL, grandchildren, Dr. Catherine A. Pennington of Indianapolis, IN and J. Matthew Pennington (Miranda) of St Augustine, FL; sisters,

Bobbie J. Moore of Asheville, NC and Eloise Hunter of Brevard, NC; nieces, Rebecca Kitchen and Sherry Bloedel; and many cousins.

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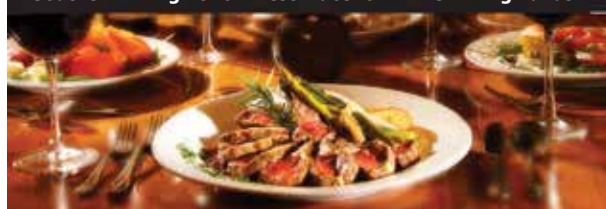
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ins from the Whittier area. A small family gathering to celebrate Tommie's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cashiers Baptist Church, 213 US 64, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Pennington family. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Alma Bolick



Alma Bolick, 98, of Franklin passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Rose Ella Holland Moss. She was married to John D. Bolick who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bolick was a loving mother and grandmother. She loved sewing and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. She is survived by a daughter, Velma of Franklin; a son, Michael of Franklin; two grandchildren, Kimberly Hall and Lonna; five great grandchildren, Maranda, Nathaniel, Erica, Tyler and Kale-

na; two great-great grandchildren, Kaetlyn and Cameron and one sister, Dovie McCall of Highlands.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a daughter, Trula Cabe.

A graveside service was held Friday, July 8, 2016 at at Sugarfork Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Greg Rogers officiated with burial following.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Bolick family. Online condolences are available at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

James Edward 'Ed' Woods



James Edward "Ed" Woods, age 81, of Tuscaloosa, a native of Hood River, Oregon, and resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, since 1969, passed away July 8, 2016, after a brief illness. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tuscaloosa with Father Michael Deering officiating and Norwood-Wyatt Chapel Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Edward and Marguerite Sandman Woods

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Watson Woods; sons, Scott Edward Woods (Lisa) of Atlanta, Georgia and Douglas Richard Woods (Jill) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; grandchildren Turner Elizabeth Woods, Caitlyn James Woods, James Edward (Jay) Woods II, Nicholas Scott Woods, Sarah Corbett Woods and John Douglas (Jack) Woods; sister, Susan Hofmann; and host of other relatives.

Ed grew up in Denver, Colorado where he attended East High School and met the love of his life, Sharon Watson. Sharon and Ed were married in the fall of 1956 and would have celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 5th of this year.

Ed went on to attend the University of Colorado and joined Chi Psi fraternity, where he served as President. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1956. He served in the United States Naval Air Force until 1958 when he joined Weyerhaeuser Company and established a career in the packaging industry. In 1969, he joined Gulf States Paper Corporation and served in a series of executive roles until 1993, when he became the first non-family member in the private organization's history to be named

president and chief operating officer. He retired from Gulf States Paper Corporation as chief executive officer on November 1.

Ed was dedicated to both industry and community, serving as chairman for the Paperboard Packaging Council, and as member of the board of directors for: the American Forest & Paper Association; Mercedes Benz U.S. International, Inc.; and Am-South Bank. He was a member of the President's Cabinet at the University of Alabama, and served on executive committees for the University of West Alabama and Tuscaloosa

County's Challenge 21. In October, 2000, a month prior to his retirement, he received the Robert Gair Award from the Paperboard Packaging Council, the group's highest award for lifetime service to the industry.

Ed was an avid golfer and played an instrumental role in the development of North River Golf Club. He and Sharon were also founding members of the Cullasaja Club in Highlands, N.C. where they spent most of their time in recent years. Ed was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons and grandchildren.

Ed and Sharon traveled extensively after his retirement and enjoyed visiting locations in Europe, Africa, New Zealand, North and South America.

The Woods family would like to acknowledge the exceptional care that Ed received from Dr. Gorman Jones at Camellia Medical Group and the staff at UAB Hospital's MICU and Palliative Care Units.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to The Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Arts and Autism Program of Tuscaloosa in honor of Tuscaloosa Fire Station #10.

• THE FREDSTER •

A bridge to nowhere – one more time

Back in the fall of 2009 I wrote a piece on the card game of bridge. The column turned out to be very popular, even for those who don't play the game. Sooooo by popular demand this week's column is a repeat of this insane and popular card game. And yes, I have the Meeters' permission for this reprint so don't get your shorts in a wad. Here it is. ENJOY.



Fred Wooldridge

No, no, no, not the infamous, stupid "bridge to nowhere" Congress approved years ago for 50 million dollars. By the way, doesn't 50 million sound like a trivial amount these days? President Obama's vacations are more than that.

No, I'm talking about another bridge to nowhere. It's where people assemble several times a week and play a card game called bridge and get absolutely nowhere for their hard work. Since I'm a fellow player, I'm qualified to report on these loonies.

For starters, you must show your AARP card to even get into a bridge room. The biggest game in town is at the Highlands Rec. Park, run by Duane and Marge Meeter. This different couple have managed to stay married, even as bridge partners throughout the years. The divorce rate among bridge partners is as high as police divorces.

Spouses have been shot and killed at bridge games. Hey, look it up. The Meeters are called bridge directors and run the show. Marge is the sergeant of arms and you most definitely don't want to piss off this woman. But Duane is a softie and the main director. He carries a police whistle to show his power and authority. Actually Duane needs to go to "whistle school." He would be run over and killed instantly if directing traffic at a busy downtown Miami intersection. But for wimpy bridge players, his weenie technique seems to work.

Not only is Duane an expert bridge director and whistle blower, he also sings. Just before the game, Duane breaks into song, giving us one of his famous ditties about a bridge rule. Are you falling asleep?

Not only that, he encourages his many players to chime in for the chorus. If you are caught not chiming in, you'll be excluded from next week's game. We chant, at just the right time, "Face down, face down," which doesn't mean you put your face down on the table. Could I make this up?

For a small fee, I could smuggle you

into the room for a firsthand look at this insanity. And if Marge catches you not singing, there will be hell to pay.

Anyway, here's how the system works.

You enter the bridge room at your own peril with your money in hand and approach Marge at a table. You try to give her your money but she says, "No tickie, no washy," meaning you must fill out a bridge ticket and then get back at the end of the line. Also, make sure your AARP membership hasn't expired. Once Marge assigns you a seat, you go there and wait quietly for the sound of Duane's whistle.

This is also a good time to go over plans with your partner on how you're going to cheat. The room is abuzz with players plotting with each other on how they'll cheat.

Since I play bridge only for the free candy, I use the candy as my secret signals. By the way, here's a tip. If you eat five dollars worth of candy per session, you play Bridge free. Bittersweet Hershey's morsels are my favorite. The manner in which I peel open the wrapper is a signal to my partner on what I want her to do. How do you think we're able to always come out number one?

The game lasts for about three plus hours. During that time, players waste every brain cell they have playing this complicated game against some very talented players who, if they wanted, could own their own whistles.

If I cheat really good and win, where does it get me, you ask? Nowhere, absolutely nowhere but a belly full of candy. Where do I take my winnings? Well.... please, use your imagination. Most players are official members of an organization called the ACBL, not to be confused with the ACLU or ACL which is a tear in the knee. Most players already have an ACL.

The ACBL, on the other hand, is a tear in your brain rather than your knee and is a national organization of duplicate bridge players. This is how "bridge to nowhere" got started.

You go to a Bridge tournament sponsored by the ACBL. You pay to play bridge 24/7, then pay your five-day hotel bill, gather up your gas and meal receipts and head home exhausted, having caught the flu from one of the five thousand grumpy players at the tournament.

TA DA, you just earned one point.... maybe.... maybe not. Of course, these points are worth absolutely nothing. After

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to spend their QTR. Here are the reasons that convince many folks to make this their home:

1. Weather. The cool summers and moderate winters allow us to enjoy the outdoors twelve months a year;
2. Natural Beauty. The lush landscape and dramatic views continue to marvel us on a daily basis.
3. Social Network. The diverse and interesting backgrounds of the people attracted to this area are truly

amazing.

4. Cultural Amenities. For an area so sparsely populated on a year-round basis, the lively and vibrant opportunities for cultural enjoyment are enormous.

5. Family and Friends. Moving from Atlanta, for example, the quick two-hour commute allows us to stay connected to our children, grandchildren and old friends while providing us an opportunity to meet new friends from all over the world.

6. Medical Facilities. With the new partnership with Mission Hospital in Asheville, we are fortunate to have medical facilities with its excellent medical staff in our community.

7. Air and Water Quality. Water is the new "gold" with many parts of the country continually in drought. The pristine mountain water with an average of 90 inches of rain per year should never be taken for granted. The EPA evaluates areas by the Air Quality Index (AQI). This index is on a scale of 500-0 with 0 being the best air quality. This area is rated 39 which is in the very top range of good air quality.

8. Safety and Crime. When the most common incident in the police reports is "barking dog reported," you know that you are living in one of the safest spots in this crazy world.

9. Traffic. Driving behind a slow driver in the season is annoying, but getting "stuck" in traffic and wasting years of your life just does not happen here.

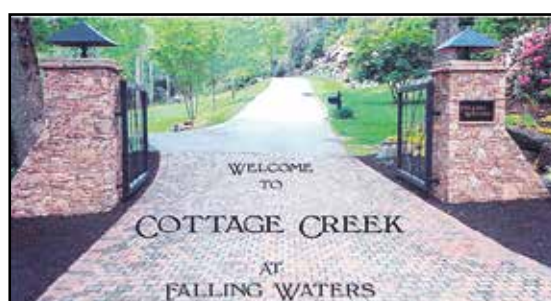
10. Investors like YOU. The commitment of homeowners to support the community with its five-star restaurants, the art scene and the fabulous shops that we have supports the economy and vibrancy of this bucolic paradise.

May we all grow old together while enjoying our QTR in one of the most special places on Earth.

• Jody and Wood Lovell own Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, local leaders in the real estate market for the last sixteen years. With offices at the corner of Main Street and Highway 64 and at the gate of Cullasaja Club, their 20 brokers are ready to serve all of your real estate needs. Call them at (828) 526-4104.



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old. My sister lives in an orphanage for girls and she is 11 years old. We are separated, but we see each other at times when we go to church or mass.

Now I want to tell my story.

When I was three years old we lived in the countryside, which was the place for people with limited resources and we were one of them. My younger brother was born when I was three and my sister was born when I was five. I started to help my father with his work when I was five. The work was not easy, cleaning sugar cane of the "gray hairs," carrying the cane and cutting it. This work was hard, but that was the work my father had and I had to help support the family. I did this work until I was seven years old. But, before that something horrible happened to me, when I was six.

"I was putting on my boots to get ready for work with my father. It had rained a lot that day. There was a apasanca (a tarantula) in my boot and my mother usually checked the boots before I put them on, but didn't this day. That day something strange happened and I was not able to help my father. I fainted after the bite and when I woke up my foot was bandaged. Then my mother told me what happened. She told me a friend told her what kind of bandage heals a bite of the apasanca. She said to smash the spider and put it on the area of the bite. Some people cannot resist the poison of the bite and it is fatal. My mother was surprised to see me awake. I think she was overjoyed to see me alive! For me it was a miracle that God let me live. Finally, I healed enough to let me work with my father again.

Another thing happened to me later when we were living in the city. We were

playing tag in the street. We call the game La Mancha. It is a game where one is called "La Mancha" and that person has to tag someone else and that person is then called "La Mancha" and so on. I climbed a tree, even though I was afraid of heights. Another boy also climbed the tree and so I climber higher. I did not realize that there was an electrical wire in the tree and when I touched me I passed out and fell a long distance from the tree, but I survived the fall.

Another terrible thing happened when I was seven years old.

We lived in a house made of straw and covered with a tarp. The tarp was for the rain. It turns out that my father had gone to work and I had not gone with him that day. My mother was cooking in the kitchen. What happened next was this: my brother was naughty and was playing with matches. I had not seen him as I was playing with friends outside the house, when suddenly my mother left the house running. Then my brother came out and I saw our house was in flames. My mother told me to run into the house and rescue our sister. I tried to pull her out, but I couldn't. Fortunately, there was a young man there who broke into our house and brought out our sister who had burns over half of her face. Then we acted fast and took her to the hospital. We had to find a taxi as we had no car, but finally we reached the city and reached the hospital. She was taken to the emergency room where they attended to her and were told that the medicines were very expensive. My parents did not have enough money to pay for all those drugs to cover the healing of my sister.

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"Since then, I have never forgotten that day. When my father found out what happened, he went to the hospital and spoke to my mother. They decided to take their children to a nursery, you know, a place where single mothers take their children when they work and can't keep their children. In a nursery, they take the children to school and feed them, but only lunch and my mother had to pay monthly.

"We were there only four months and my mother couldn't pay the fees so we went back home and after four months, my mother asked us if we wanted to go to a foster home, a Hogar. She explained to us that this was a beautiful place and that they have a park to play on and a soccer field and they have free food and we can play with other children and be safe. As we were children, we said, "Yes." I liked to play. The next day my mother took us to the Defender of Children (Social Services) and she spoke to the person in charge. She signed some papers and the next day we were taken to three different places that they decided would be ideal for us. As we lived out of town, it took four hours by car, but we finally got to the place that they told us about.

"After talking to the manager of the home (the foster parents) they accepted us, but they could not take our sister as the home only has boys. They took my sister to a girl's orphanage.

"I remember well the day we arrived at the Hogar John Baumrucker. It was a Sunday and all the boys were playing soccer on the field. I had never seen a soccer field before. In that moment, I imagined myself playing soccer on that field. I was

also glad to see the park (a playground). I had never seen a real park before either.

"Then the tutors of the home told me to call them Mama and Papa because they care for us 24 hours a day. They gathered all the boys around us and welcomed us, telling us all their names and their ages. Then they told us the rules and what we needed to do. Then they showed us the bedroom and presented us with our bed and showed us the place to put our clothes. At that time, I was happy because I felt that everything had changed and I had things that I never had before because my parents were poor. Then they showed us the bathroom, the room to do our homework and the TV room where we could watch videos. Then they showed us the dining room where we could all eat together and finally showed us the kitchen where we could also learn to cook. For a while I thought everything was going to be fun, but they showed us the garden where we had to till the soil and pull weeds and sow seeds to grow food for our own consumption.

"After that they asked us if we wanted to play soccer with the other children and I said yes. This was the most fun I had ever had! Then at 6pm (it gets dark at 6pm every day of the year in Montero as it is so close to the equator) we bathed and then had dinner. The next day we all got up at 6:30 as they told us to do and prayed the rosary. I didn't know what that was, but eventually I learned to pray it. After that we had to clean different parts of the house. It took a couple of weeks to learn all that was needed to do. Then we went to breakfast. That day we had a good breakfast like I had never had before,

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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NOTICE

• Summer Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Sundays 5:30 and 8 pm; Mondays and Tuesdays, 2, 5, and 8 pm;

• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. Contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.

Daily

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main

Street, wine flights.

Mondays

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

• At the Rec Park, 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. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more information, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

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 at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. 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.occupywn.org or call 828.331.1524

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

• 499ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 8:45 a.m. Be seated by 8:30.

• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

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.

• Zahner Lecture Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. Free

• 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. as First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's Funnel Home and across the street from the Lazy Hiker Brewery 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 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

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

The Eroica Trio is back with HCCMF!

Another wonderful week of music with the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival begins Friday, July 15. The Eroica Trio probably needs no introduction to festival goers as they've been sharing their talents with the Highlands and Cashiers areas for many seasons.

The unique history of the players of the Eroica Trio goes all the way back to childhood. Sara Sant'Ambrogio and Erika Nickrenz first met at age 12, when Erika came to study with Sara's grandmother, the founder of Red Fox Music Camp. Two years later, Sara collaborated with violinist Sara Parkins at the renowned Meadowmount School of Music, where they became fast friends, and later became roommates when they were both students at The Curtis Institute of Music. Sara Parkins and Erika Nickrenz also met in their teens, playing together as students at the Pre-College division of The Juilliard School and at the Tanglewood Music Center. That same year the Eroica Trio was formed at The Juilliard School. This intricate web of early connections helped forge a lifelong bond between the three women of the Eroica Trio.

They will be joined by pianist William Ransom who regularly appears in recital, as soloist with orchestras and as a chamber musician around the world.

The first concert of week number 3 will be held Friday, July 15 at 6 P.M. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street where the four artists will perform music by Brahms, Bartók, and Mendelssohn. Saturday, July 16 the same pieces will be performed at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library at 5 P.M.

Cellomanics take over week 3 when cellists Lexine Feng, David Hancock, Benjamin Karp, Sara Sant'Ambrogio, James Waldo and Guang Wang play several pieces for cello accompanied by Alyona Waldo on piano.

These performances will be held Sunday, July 17 at 5 P.M. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center and Monday, July 18 at 5 P.M. at the library in Cashiers.

For more information on special events, tickets and the complete schedule for the 35th anniversary of Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, call (828) 526-9060 or visit the website at H-CMusicFestival.org.



July 20 Interlude features Trey Clegg Chamber Singers at 1st Presbyterian



At 2pm on Wednesday, July 20, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature the Trey Clegg Chamber Singers, Atlanta [formerly St. Paul's Episcopal Chamber Choir]. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church. There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual- come as you are. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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Fridays - Tuesdays

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

Fridays

• 199ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45 a.m.

• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

• Friday Night Live, 6-8pm in Town Square. Live music. Free

Every 2nd Saturday

• A group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Highlands Hudson Library at 10am. There are 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

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tastings from 1-3 p.m.

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

• Highlands Marketplace at K-H Park 8a to noon.

• All knitters, crocheters and other needle craft artists are invited to join The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon. In event of cold/rain, meet downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

Thurs., July 14

• Civil War and Revolution in Central

America – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• At Hudson Library, in honor of its summer reading theme – Wellness, Fitness, and Sports – the library will have a Game Day on July 14th, at 2:30pm. Registration is required.

• Zahner Lecture: The Florida Wildlife Corridor: Protecting and Conserving Existing Natural Pathways at The Nature Center at the Highlands Biological Station at 6:30pm. Free

• The July meeting of the Western North Carolina Woodturners Club, Inc. will be at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ridge School in Glensville, NC.

The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center, Riverview Street, Franklin. Special Guest speaker will be a representative from the local Social Security Administration office to speak about Social Security disability benefits for terminally ill patients. There will be door prizes and light refreshments served. Anyone is welcome.

Fri., July 15

• On the front lawn of First Baptist Church a free VBS carnival from 6-8 pm on the front lawn!

• How Bright is South Africa's Future? – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• "Let's Get Acquainted with our Birds" walk led by Russell Regnery, President of the

Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. 24 different species of birds, including Eastern Phoebe, Red-winged Blackbird, Blue-headed Vireo, Chipping and Swamp Sparrow are often seen in this area. Meet at 9 AM Friday, July 15, at the Cashiers Recreation Center parking lot (downtown Cashiers). Bring binoculars (the Audubon Society will have extras). Lasts 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

• King Creek Falls and Walhalla Fish Hatchery. Good family hike, an easy 30-minute

hike to a picturesque waterfall where King Creek topples over a tiered rock face that slants backwards, making the falls seem much higher than 70-feet. The fairly level trail runs through a mixture of hardwoods, rhododendron and mountain laurel. A hiking stick is recommended to negotiate a stream crossing below the falls. Meet at the Sapphire Valley Community Center at 9:30 AM on Friday, July 15. You will need to sign a release form

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Upcoming Events at the Nature Center and beyond

Black-throated Blue Warbler

Birds of a Feather

Are you a beginner bird-watcher interested in learning just what to look for here in the southern Appalachians? Join the Highlands Biological Foundation's Zahner Conservation lecture: "Birds of a Feather Researched Together: Bird Monitoring in the Southern Appalachians," given by Mr. John Gerwin. This free lecture is sponsored by Melissa and Richard Delany and will be held on July 21st at 6:30pm in the HBS Nature Center.

John Gerwin is a 27-year veteran with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. His work with birds includes research and educational projects, in collaboration with other biologists, which has taken him around the State and into the tropics. For this presentation, he will discuss a few of his projects relating to the southern Appalachians. These include work with the breeding population of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Hermit Thrush, and work on the Black-throated Green Warbler in the Uwharrie Mountains and southern Appalachians.

Gerwin currently conducts research on the life cycles of migratory birds in North and South Carolina, with a focus on breeding biology. He uses radio telemetry to study how these birds use the habitats they live in, and their nesting and reproductive success. Gerwin enthusiastically conducts outreach events to groups of all ages throughout the State of NC, and occasionally elsewhere.

Soiree on Satulah

Join the Highlands Biological and the Massey family for the centennial celebration of Windrush, the beautiful home of the Massey family. This historic property on Satulah Mountain features breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains, a beautifully designed garden and, of course, the remarkable home. On the evening of July 24th the doors will be opened wide for delightful festivities. All proceeds from this celebration benefit the North Campus Project at the Highlands Biological Station, which includes: an entrance gateway on Lower Lake Road, a pollinator garden, a nature trail encircling beautiful Lindenwood Lake and a new lakeside teaching pavilion. The new pollinator garden will serve as a safe haven for native pollinator species while also providing informational displays and a teaching space to help better educate the public on the importance of native pollinators and plants and what we can do to preserve them. Please join us for this celebration and help support the new initiative of the Highlands Biological Foundation. Tickets are \$200.00 per person. For a full schedule of lectures, programs, and more information on the Satulah Soiree, please visit www.highlandsbiological.org/foundation/ or call the Highlands Biological Foundation at (828) 526-2221.

RSVP by July 20 for PEO Luncheon



Pictured are: Sarah Wallin, coordinator, Mary Heffington, Fran Leftwich, Nancy Butler, Joyce Sildon, Sally Bernstein, Kathy Bethea, Harrietta Floyd, Margaret Moedt, Janet Chitty and Gail Carpenter.

On Thursday, July 28 – Calling all P.E.O.s. Luncheon at Highlands Falls Country Club at 12:15 p.m. Registration is 11:30a until noon. \$25 per person. Please RSVP by Wed., July 20. Make checks payable to: P.E.O. Chapter BJ. Mail checks to Mary Ann Ray, 104 Lake Court #130, Highlands, NC 28741. For more information call 828-526-8251.



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there. Bring a lunch, water, raingear and comfortable shoes. Transportation will leave promptly at 10 AM to the Walhalla Fish Hatchery for a quick tour there; then departing to the King Creek Falls trailhead five minutes down the road.

- Chattooga East Fork Trail and Walhalla Fish Hatchery. This mostly flat 2.5-mile trail runs along the East Fork gorge, filled with hemlocks, mountain laurels, winterberries, sweet pepper bushes and unusually large white pines. The trail ends at the "Forty Thousand Dollar Bridge" where the East Fork Trail meets the Chattooga River Trail, site of a picnic area where we'll have lunch. You'll finish your outdoor adventure at the Walhalla Fish Hatchery, a must-see attraction after your hike. Meet at the Sapphire Valley Community Center at 9:30 AM on Fri-day, July 15. You will need to sign a release form there. Bring a lunch, water, raingear and comfortable shoes. A hiking stick is suggested. There will likely be two or three separate groups for this hike. Bus transportation to the trailhead will be available, but carpooling may also be necessary.
- The High Mountain Squares

will host their "Beach Party Dance" from 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., at the Macon County Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Mr Kenneth Perkins from Pelzer SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. New classes will begin September 12th. Everyone is welcome.

Sat., July 16

- The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a – noon, Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please email highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at 828-482-1451. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot behind the Recreation Center at 9 a.m. for a brief orientation session, and you will be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment.

- Author, Jenny Pruitt booksigning of "Beneath His Wings, at Highlands Sotheby's International Realty 114 N. 4th St., Highlands from 2-4 p.m.

- Titans of Chamber Music: Schubert – 10a – Noon, CLE Lec-

ture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 10-mile strenuous hike, elevation change 700 ft., to Charlie's Bunion on the Appalachian Trail in Smoky Mountains NP, starting at Newfound Gap, hiking 4-miles to the bunion for spectacular views and walking out to the Jump Off on the way back. Meet at Dillsboro Huddle House at 8:00 am, drive 70 miles round trip. Call leader Don O'Neal, 828-586-5723 for reservations. Hike is limited to 10.

Tues. & Thurs., July 19 & 21

- Apple Computers Basics: 10:30a – 3:30p, CLE Classroom, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Tues., July 19

- Pacific Power – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Wed., July 20

- Summer Interlude Concert at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. The Trey Clegg Chamber Singers, Atlanta

Thurs., July 21

- At the Highlands Nature Center, Zahner Lecture: Birds of a

Feather at 6:30 p.m. Free.

- Great Discoveries in Astronomy – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- Bascom: Cherokee Culture – 3:30 – 5p, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Sun., July 23

- At Cliffside Lake, Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust and live raptors at 11 a.m.

- Titans of Chamber Music: Mendelssohn – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation change 1100 ft., from Deep Gap to Raven Rock off the Appalachian Trail with great views into Shooting Creek and Lake Chatuge. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 8:30 am, drive 90 miles round trip. Call leaders Bill and Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. New hike leaders are welcome to come for a mentoring session with the leaders.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 7-mile moderate hike, elevation change 670 ft., to Black Balsam Knob off the Blue Ridge Parkway on the Art Loeb Trail to Tennent Mountain for 360 views, to Ivestor Gap, Tennent Mt. Gap, and Black Balsam Mountain at 6214 ft. for views of the Pisgah Mountains and Shining Rock Wilderness. Meet in Sapphire NC at the old filling station and Amore restaurant at 9:00 am, drive 60 miles round trip. Call leader: Robin Lurie, 954-632-7270, for reservations.

Sun., July 24

- A Satulah Soiree, by the Highlands Biological Foundation at Windrush, the home of Mary Ann and Knox Massey. \$200 per person. For more information on the Satulah Soiree.

Tues., July 26

- Village Nature Series on Ca-shiers Village Green. Free family friendly programs, the final Tuesday of the month from at 5:30 PM, rain or shine. No reservations required, everyone welcome. Go Green with Moss - Explore the Green Advantages of Mosses in Sustainable Landscapes and Traditional Gardens with Annie Martin. *\$20 supply fee for your own handmade moss garden.

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real bread and chocolate milk. Then we went to the study room to sing praises to the Lord and then we all got in a line to get toothpaste and we had to brush and brush our teeth.

"After working, we cleaned up and got ready for lunch. Following lunch, we went to the study room and began practicing things about school and each of the boys grabbed his notebook and began to study. At 5pm we played soccer again. On Sunday we went to church. I had never been to church before. I liked it. Every week was the same until the time to start school, since I arrived at the Hogar in summer (January is summer in Bolivia) we didn't have school. They enrolled me in the school and since all my papers had been burned in the fire, I had to start in first grade again. It was not difficult for me as everything was the same. The house parents were very demanding with me, telling me what the tasks were and this was a good thing. Over the years the house parents changed three times and the directors also changed. We were enrolled in a private school and then a Foundation with 15-17 people on the board was developed and they sent us to a middle-class school where the study was a little harsh as we were all expected to graduate and go to college. When you graduate, you will have four titles to take to the university. I liked the school. Out of 10 I would rate it a 7.

"We have a founder of the foster home who lives in North Carolina. He is a doctor and visits Bolivia once a year for several weeks. He taught us to make pens that we sell to support the home and help pay for our college education. Thanks to him and the Foundation, I am here (In Olympia,

WA). We have to be 18 years old to get a passport and visa. You are an adult in Bolivia when you are 18. Before that you need your parent's permission to get a passport and who knows where our family is? Next year they are planning to bring another youth to this country with the same purpose of my other two brothers who came here last year.

"Well, I am here in the United States and I am studying. I want to improve my English and learn new things here to take back to Bolivia. When I return, I will do my military service and I will try to go to college. For the future, I want to be a businessman and be sure of getting a good job, but first, I want to be the founder of another foster home to help the people of my country. There are a lot of drug addicted children and alcoholics. I want to prevent many of these things in my country, so I am going to help young people."

— A final word from Dr. Baumrucker

I couldn't have said it better myself, so I let Marcelo tell it in his own words. Reading this essay, I feel our work in Bolivia is beginning to bear good fruit. If you would like to help you can come to the Auction on August 15 or just donate to the mission.

The cost of the auction is \$125 and that includes dinner, a silent auction and the live auction. Reservations can be made by calling 526-3605 or the Highlands United Methodist Church at 526-3376 or mailing a response to 209 Hospital Drive, Highlands, NC 28741. The mission is always looking for volunteers to come and work in Montero and if God moves you to come you can contact Dr. Baumrucker at 526-3605 or come by the Highlands Marketplace on Saturday morning at the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street and talk to him in person. Marcelo told me he doesn't like to write, but this letter shows me he is a very good author.

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lin and Union Academy, but have the same intent.

The grant is a federally funded through Fuel Up to Play 60, a program managed by the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association. Fuel Up to Play 60, the nation's largest in-school nutrition and physical activity program, works in 73,000 schools nationwide to increase physical activity, healthy eating habits and access to nutritious foods through student, teacher and parent involvement.

The program is a partnership between the National Dairy Council (NDC) and National Football League (NFL), in collaboration with the USDA and is administered in the Southeast by SUDIA.

"We are hopeful that we will be awarded this grant for the same reasons we worked to provide meals for East Franklin and Union Academy," said Dr. Baldwin. "Each day there are students who cannot,

or did not eat breakfast. There is considerable evidence from schools that have participated in this program which suggests that students perform better in the classroom and are generally more successful and more ready to learn if they have had breakfast."

Dr. Baldwin and Terrell are currently waiting to find out if the district has been awarded the grant. "It will be a few weeks before we know if we have been awarded the grant," said Dr. Baldwin. "But if so, it will go into effect during the 2016-17 school year should we receive it."

The Fuel Up to Play 60 program is intended to help students make positive changes in their schools by improving opportunities to consume nutrient-rich foods and get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

The ultimate goal is to ensure sustainable, positive changes at schools that com-

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If you have read any of my articles you know that I am a big fan of the past. I love history. For some crazy reason I decided to read several big books about the Revolutionary War period. All total I read about 30,000 pages. Like I said I love to read history books. Recently I picked up a copy of "Hitler's Cross" by Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer. It is an excellent overview of how Hitler came to power.

One of the striking facts Lutzer points out is the courage of a minority of Christians to speak out against the atrocities taking place and their willingness to help the Jews at the cost of their own safety and lives. One quote, from an unlikely source, spoke volumes about the part Christians played during the darkest period of human history.

As Hitler's intentions were starting to be revealed, a segment of the population began to resist his policies. As this happened one exiled Jew said this:

"Being a lover of freedom, when the [Nazi] revolution came I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks.

Only the Church [Confessing Church] stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing the truth. I never had any interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it because the Church alone had the courage and persistence to stand for the intellectual and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly." Albert Einstein

Yes, admittedly the church can do more. And yet, as pointed out, in comparison with all other groups and institutions it has no reason to be ashamed; it has accomplished far more than all the rest. The church may not do all that it should, but at least it does something. The role of the church is unmistakable in the history of the world and anyone who is allowed to be apart of it has experienced one of life's greatest privileges.

Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE REPORT •

The Highlands Police log entries from July 1. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

July 1

• At 10 a.m., a resident on Williamsburg Court called for service when she thought someone had cut off cameras on the property.

July 4

• At 8:15 a.m., criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported at Entegra Bank on Carolina Way where a driver backed over the curb, knocked over a street lamp and destroyed landscaping.

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident near the Mountain Fresh parking lot near 5th Street.

• At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 28 near Many Road.

July 5

• At 7:13 p.m., a burglary without forced entry and larceny from buildings was reported at a residence on Highlands Manor Court where a .38 special 6-shot snub nose Smith & Wesson revolver worth \$499 was taken.

• At 8 p.m., a burglary with non-forced entry and larceny from buildings on Pierson Drive was reported. An old rifle was taken.

July 6

• At 3:11 a.m., Hugh Alexander Anderson, Jr., 47, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, was arrested for DWI and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a \$1,500 unsecured bond. His trial date is Aug. 9.

• At 12:47 p.m., a shoplifting incident was reported at C.Orrico where three dresses valued at \$600 were taken.

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on S. 3rd Street.

July 7

• At 10:17 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Post Office parking lot.

• At 5:05 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 near Trillium Place.

July 9

• At 10 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Mount Lori Drive.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from June 7.
July 4

• At noon, the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 11:35 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on S. 4th Street.

• At 8:12 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

July 5

• At 10:27 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Blue Valley Road.

• At 12:41 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 4th Street.

• At 12:57 p.m., the dept. helped the Scaly Mountain Fire & Rescue in a search.

• At 4:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Highlands Manor Court

• At 9:48 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on S. 4th Street.

July 6

• At 9:32 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Highlands Manor Court.

• At 12:35 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 1:23 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA

helicopter.

• At 6:36 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Road.

July 7

• At 8:16 p.m., the dept. helped a motorist on US 64 west.

July 8

• At 11:43 a.m., the dept. stood-

by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

July 9

• At 3:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Cove Road.

July 10

• At 3:08 a.m., the dept. provided mutual assistance to the Cashiers F&R.

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under home detention, and to pay \$68,705.26 as restitution.

U.S. Attorney Rose is joined by John A. Strong, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Charlotte Division, and Tom Ammons, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) in making the announcement.

“Bishop abused the trust placed in her by the public. As a director on the Board of Elections, Bishop stole public money to enrich herself and her lifestyle. She is now a federally convicted felon, a title she earned through her greed and theft. Federal laws are very effective in addressing this type of corruption. Let this be a message to other elected officials who may seek to violate the public's trust through illegal activity,” said U.S. Attorney Rose.

“This was a complex investigation that took teamwork, from both the SBI and FBI, to

accomplish a positive outcome. We have built a strong relationship with the FBI, and enjoy the partnership developed with investigating public corruption cases. Our goal for this investigation was to ensure that justice was served so the community knew this type of behavior by a leader within the county would not be tolerated,” said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Ammons.

According to information contained in filed plea documents and the sentencing hearing, from about 2002 to January 2014, Bishop served as director of the Board of Elections (BOE) for Macon County. In that capacity, Bishop had access to BOE's expense budget and was authorized to initiate check requests to pay for BOE-related services. Beginning in about June 2013 and continuing through January 2014, court records show that Bishop submitted check request forms and caused checks to be issued to four individuals to supposedly pay for their work on behalf of BOE. BOE

had not, in fact, approved these four individuals as BOE workers and they were not on the county's payroll.

Bishop has admitted in court that in order to cash these checks, on some occasions she forged the endorsement signature of the payee and signed her own name on the back of the checks, then cashed them at local financial institutions. On other occasions, court records show that two of the named payees would sign their names as endorsers, cash the checks and split the money with the defendant. In total, Bishop's embezzlement scheme caused Macon County to issue checks for over \$68,000. Bishop pleaded guilty in February 2016 to one count of federal program fraud.

In making the announcement U.S. Attorney Rose thanked the FBI and the SBI for their investigation of this case which is ongoing.

The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Edwards of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville.

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plement an academic environment. Families, communities and local governments all have a role in helping today's children learn about the importance of proper nutrition and physical activity, say grant proponents.

"We are excited about the possibility to

offer breakfast to all of our students," said Dr. Baldwin. "Students who have a good breakfast perform better and have fewer discipline problems. This is a program that will be very beneficial to our students and schools."

• BIZ/ORG. NEWS •



New teacher Monette Chilson joins Yoga Highlands

On Thursday July 28th and Thursday August 4th the Hudson Library is hosting "Yoga at the Library" at 11am in the Community Room of the library. The program is presented by Yoga Highlands and it's FREE.

Monette Chilson joins Yoga Highlands to offer a Wednesday evening transformative series which runs through Aug 3. Wednesday Wisdom Circle will blend spiritual faith and personal development with yoga's tenets of building a flexible body and strong mind. Monette is the author of Sophia Rising: Awakening Your Sacred Wisdom Through Yoga. She describes the Wisdom Circle experience, saying, "We will create a safe, sacred space to explore our inner landscapes through practices including breath work, journaling, meditation and simple yoga postures. We will come to reclaim our truest self, no matter how deeply out of touch we may be with it." Contact 828-526-8880 for details on how to participate, or stop by 464 Carolina Way to register.

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Christian Trevethan and Taylor Schmitt



Remy Adrian

In Highlands boyscouting is 'cool'

In recent ceremonies, Christian Trevathan, Taylor Schmitt and Remy Adrian were awarded their Eagle Scout awards. Christian, Taylor and Remy are all members of Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands.

Mission Health named 2016 Most Wired; Technology makes for a better patient experience

Mission Health has been named one of the country's "Most Wired," joining just nine other health systems in North Carolina that received this distinction.

Hospitals & Health Networks named the Most Wired Hospitals and Health Systems in the 18th Annual Health Care's Most Wired® survey, released today by the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Health Forum.

"Mission Health is investing heavily in information technology to improve patient experience and optimize our operating efficiency," said Jon Brown, Chief Information Officer of Mission Health. "Technology is a key driver in our commitment to furthering our BIG(GER) Aim: To get every person to their desired outcome, first without harm, also without waste, and always with an exceptional experience for each person, family and team member."

Most Wired hospitals are using technology to build patient engagement with the individual's lifestyle in mind, which includes electronic access to their care team. Evidence of the growing effectiveness of Most Wired Hospitals includes:

- 68 percent accept patient-generated data through the patient portal.
- 26 percent of Most Wired organi-

zations offer E-visits through a mobile application.

- 61 percent use social media to provide support groups.

"Hospitals are breaking-out of their traditional four walls and providing care where and when patients need it," said Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the AHA. "These Most Wired hospitals exemplify this transformation by harnessing technology, engaging patients and offering services remotely. And, removing policy and other barriers to telehealth will allow even faster adoption of these amazing technologies."

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The Coalition for Nonnative Invasive Plant Management (CNIPM) is sponsoring a free seminar for property owners and the general public on Friday, July 29 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 at the Community Building, next to the ball park in Highlands. A light lunch at 12:30 will follow the morning session for those who preregister. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join us. An optional field trip to the Botanical Garden will follow at 1:30 to see examples of eradication and control techniques for the invasive plants at the Botanical Garden. Moderator will show examples of native alternatives. To preregister for lunch please email swansondollie@gmail.com or call 828-526-2609 by July 22

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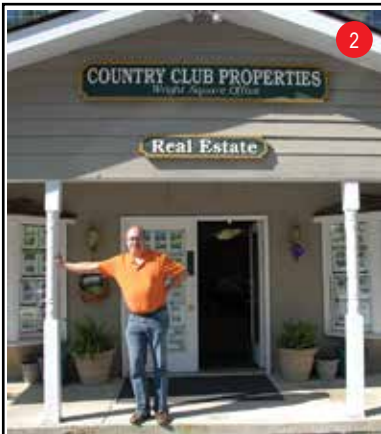


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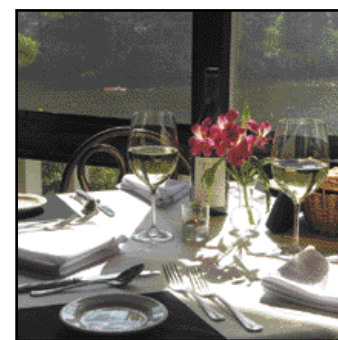
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