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## County passes budget; increases allocation to schools

*Highlands School gym roof to be addressed in FY 2016-'17 allocation*

Tuesday night the public was given an opportunity to speak to county commissioners regarding the proposed \$47,696,749 budget – however no one signed up

to speak during public comment. With no concerns from the public, the MC Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the budget Tuesday night.

Before voting, commissioners were presented with changes from County Manager Derek Roland regarding the allocation to the Macon County Board of Educa-

tion. Originally, Roland proposed reducing the school system's operating budget while increasing the district's capital outlay budget.

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Mayor Pat Taylor with Angie Jenkins at a celebration in her honor on Sunday, June 12 at First Presbyterian Church.

– Photo by Marty Boone

## Jenkins celebrates 40 years as 1st Presbyterian's organist

*Her outreach is music: pastors and others speak out*

For 40 years, Angie Jenkins has been a part of the music ministry of First Presbyterian Church. How she has grown in those years – in the beginning, not quite old enough for her feet to reach the pedals until today with feet dancing over the foot pedals of the pipe organ.

As she grew, she helped our music grow. She welcomed the challenge of going from the Allen

Electric Organ to the 1,000 pipe Wicks organ. She embraced the opportunities various choir directors presented.

She worked to make new dimensions of music: summer interludes, use of guest musicians, hymn sings, and the joy of singing with the children of the Highlands Community Child Development Center and The Gordon Center.

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## EMS grant to expand in-home Paramedic Program

Since March of 2015, Macon County EMS has been operating the Community Care Paramedic (CCP) Program, which allows Macon County EMS to provide in-home care to patients to reduce the number of hospital visits and ambulance rides patients experience.

The initial focus of the program was to reduce the number of hospital re-admissions within a 30-day period. Since inception, the program has also seen reduction in workload of transporting EMS units, according to Macon County Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe.

Due to its success, Cabe asked commissioners to approve a grant application to expand the patients it serves to include mental health patients.

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At Saturday morning's camp from left are Gavin Small, Brady Jolly, Haley Small, Madison Jolly, Bella Rogers, Mia Rogers and Coach Paul Herron.

## Rec Park offers free tennis camp for kids ages 6-12

This summer the Highlands Rec Park is sponsoring junior and adult groups, semi-private, and private tennis instruction for Highlands area residents and their families with Coach Paul Herron.

There is a free Junior Tennis Camp for ages 6-12 for beginners and Level 1 intermediate players. from 9 a.m. to noon most Saturdays in June and July. Students will

learn footwork, stroke production for forehand and backhand groundstrokes, approach shots, volleys, serving and overheads.

“Coach Paul” was the assistant tennis coach at Highlands School last year. He is a former NCAA collegiate tennis coach, PTR-certified tennis instructor, and Director of Tennis & Head

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Commissioners have lots to decide about 'Food and Wine Festival'

At the end of April, the Chamber committee planning the Highlands Food and Wine Festival rolled out a new plan to stakeholders which was followed by a presentation at the May Town Board meeting.

Two key components were, placing food trucks in the park for one event, and the closing of part of Main Street for the Saturday main event. The board voted to support, in concept, the plan with the understanding the Food and Wine Festival Committee would provide specific plans for final approval after consulting with key town staff, such as the police, fire and the recreation departments.

Plans for the Highlands Food and Wine Festival, aka the former Culinary Weekend, will require careful town review. Last Thursday the Food and Wine Festival committee had a productive meeting with representatives of the town. Bob Frye, the town manager, will give an update on the proposed plan at tonight's board meeting. I anticipate a final review of the plan at the July meeting.

Some folks have raised concerns in the newspapers, to town staff, the mayor and commissioners. Here is my analysis.



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

Let me stress that the Town of Highlands is not a sponsor of the event, although we want to be supportive of any public event that enhances the community. The town is directly involved in this event because some activities will be held on public property, therefore town policies, ordinances and state regulations have to be followed. If the food festival was at private venues, the town involvement would not be a major issue.

The town has a peddling ordinance on public property which means merchandise cannot be sold from trucks. For instance, as a potter I cannot park my truck downtown and sell pottery from the tailgate. Someone cannot simply trailer a barbecue cooker into the park and sell barbecue at lunch time, although cooking and selling barbecue in the park in conjunction with nonprofit fundraisers, like the Rotary Club 4th of July Cookout and last week's Car Show, both are permitted.

So, bringing food trucks in for a limited time in the context of a large event may be acceptable, but it does raise concerns by many folks. Is this an introduction or segue for allowing food trucks in the town limits of Highlands? Coupled with the traditional concern about drive thru fast food franchises, I suspect many Highlanders do not view food trucks as a good fit for the town. Any permanent change in the ordinance concerning peddling and selling from trucks would have to be made by the Town Board, as will food trucks for a one-day food festival event in the park. Current policy requires such activities to benefit local, nonprofit/charitable organizations.

Another final approval will be for the closing of Main Street from 4th to 5th Street. Since the closing is not in the middle of the season, the board will consider the request. Several requirements, such as fire department access to buildings, will have to be met. Also, public access to all street areas will be required. By policy and code, the town cannot allow a public space to be roped off for a ticketed event. For example, ticketed music concerts are not allowed in the park, events have to be open to all. The same concept would apply to street closings. Currently, when streets are closed, for example for Halloween, full public access remains. Finally, procedures for the Sip and

Stroll event will need to be refined. I have received feedback concerning folks carrying open containers on the street as they stroll. That is a violation of NC statutes. I am certain that procedures can be developed to ad-

vert this problem.

Hope to see you tonight for the Highlands Town Board Meeting. There will also be a public hearing for the FY 2016/'17 town budget.

## • LETTERS •

### Words well said

Dear Editor,

Concerning the June 9 edition of Highlands Newspaper, Alice Nelson's letter ... something to think about ... Fred, something might be bigger than ourselves.

Jared McClure  
Marietta, GA

• See LETTERS page 3

## • MILESTONE •

### Pastors at CBC earn doctorates



Gary Hewins



Greg Steely

Something unusual occurred on May 7, concerning two ministers in the Highlands-Cashiers area. Gary Hewins, Senior Pastor and Greg Steely, Assistant Pastor, both of Community Bible Church, were awarded Doctoral Degrees in two different cities from two different institutes of higher learning.

Dr. Hewins earned his Doctor of Ministry from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, MA and Dr. Steely earned his Doctorate of Strategic Leadership and Foresight from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA.

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# • OBITUARY •

## Dr. Charles William Bauknight, Sr

Dr. Charles William Bauknight, Sr., of 2010 Magnolia Drive, Highlands, born December 25, 1934 to John Edward and Theodosia Brock Bauknight, was raised in Walhalla, S.C. He attended prep school at the McCallie School in Chattanooga and graduated from Emory University and Emory Medical School. He trained at Johns Hopkins and Grady Memorial in Atlanta. He served in the Air Force in Columbus, Mississippi before practicing obstetrics and gynecology for 30 years in Anderson, S.C.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Johannah Armbricht Bauknight, his son Charles William Bauknight, Jr. and daughter Johannah Bauknight Plyler (David), his grandson Charles Conrad Plyler and his brothers Clarence Brock (Harriet) and John Edward III (Susan).

He was a basketball player, a runner, a tennis player, a golfer and an avid bridge player (ACBL Ruby Life Master 2016). He loved birds, books and wildflowers. Memorials may be made to Eckerd Living Center, Highlands.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at [maconfuneralhome.com](http://maconfuneralhome.com)

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Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to last week's letter entitled "Please Explain the Unexplainable."

The Chamber of Commerce is a registered 501(c)(6) nonprofit and is accountable for the guidelines set forth for such organizations. The word "commerce" refers to the mission of the Chamber to foster the success of businesses in Highlands. Culinary Weekend—now called Highlands Food and Wine Festival (HFW)—is not, and was never intended to be, a revenue generator. Like the Chamber-sponsored Saturdays on Pine and Friday Night Live,

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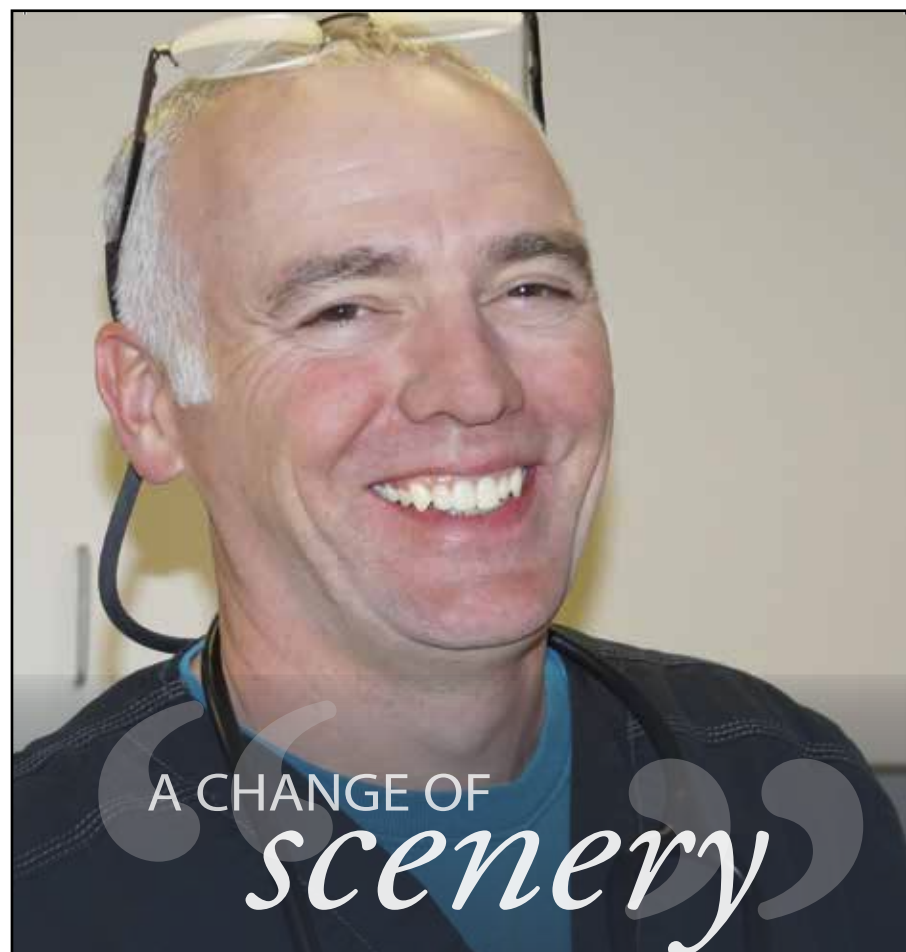
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Greg Demonet discovered his love for exploring the natural world around him in Bryson City after taking a wilderness leadership course in his twenties. There, he built his foundation, and then moved to Colorado for a season, but he soon found himself back in the beautiful mountain town in North Carolina guiding people down the river, gliding on zip lines across the forests and biking or hiking the Great Smoky Mountains. Now a nurse at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Greg finds joy in guiding people on a journey of health and healing.

Becoming a nurse wasn't in Greg's plans, but his knack of caring for others revealed itself when he got his EMT certification to help care for people at the wilderness center. After nearly twenty years with the wilderness center, he decided it was time for a mid-life change. He took his EMT certification a few steps further, graduated from nursing school in July 2014 and landed a job one month later with Mission Health at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

The small community hospital has been the perfect place for Greg to transition and develop his skills from the wilderness to the emergency department. He recognized there was much he didn't know as a new nurse, and the supportive environment and kind staff have embraced his eagerness to learn and seek positive outcomes.

Greg loves that he can experience life in the beautiful region of Highlands and Cashiers, while maintaining the life he cherishes with his family in Bryson City, about an hour away. He knows that's possible because of resources like housing and online education that are available through Mission Health. Greg looks forward to growing in his practice by becoming a certified emergency nurse and earning his BSN.

From the rope courses to the emergency department at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Greg has thrived in the change of scenery, exploring new ways to empower others to pursue a life well-lived.

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The total allocation to the school system would experience a \$142,899 reduction overall. When Roland initially proposed his budget, he noted that the proposed cuts were centered around increased funding on the state level, as well as the school system building a fund balance that is expected to exceed \$2 million by the year's end.

Since Roland's budget was first released, Macon County School leaders have been working with commissioners to develop a compromised budget that leaves the district's operating budget flat.

Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin spoke to commissioners during a public work session asking for the operating budget to remain at \$7.3 million so the district can continue providing quality education for students. According to Dr. Baldwin, the district relies on both the \$7.3 million from the county and the \$2 million fund balance to adequately prepare for the coming school year and be able to manage any funding mandates on the state level.

Macon County Commissioners Ronnie Beale and Gary Shields, liaisons to the school system, spent this week working closely with

the school system on a funding compromise that would benefit both groups. On Tuesday night, Roland presented commissioners with a new funding plan that allows the district to keep operating funds flat.

Roland proposed having the school board allocate \$200,000 from the district's fund balance for operating costs, which would leave the operating budget at \$142,899 less than last year. Roland said to make up that difference, the county would provide the funding out of the proposed budget's county building renovation fund.

In Roland's budget, \$150,000 was budgeted for improvements to Macon County's Robert C. Carpenter Community Building as well as the public playground, Wesley's Park, located in town. Roland suggested transferring those funds to the school system. He explained that the building renovations, especially at Wesley's Park, which has significant safety concerns, will still be addressed in the upcoming fiscal year, but suggested that when the time came to fund those one time capital improvement projects, the county consider using money from

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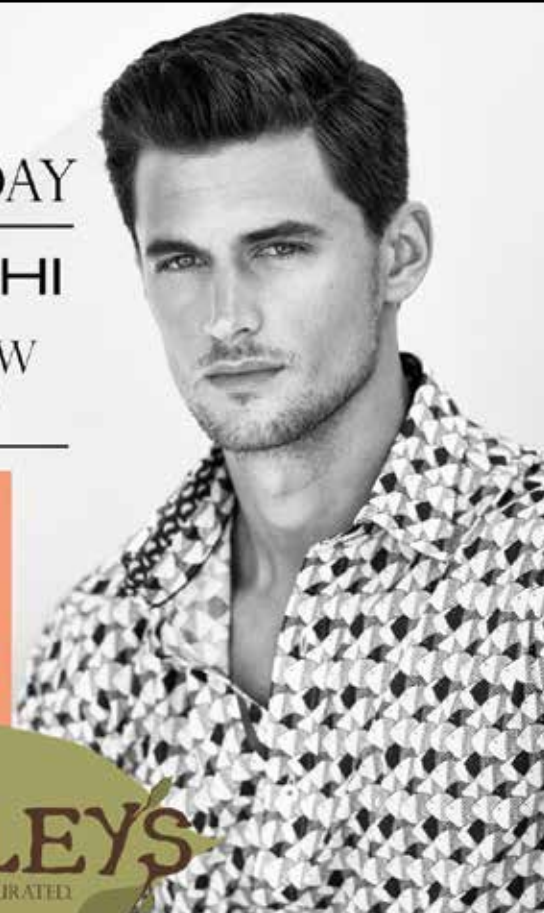
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Currently, patients with a diagnosis of Congestive Heart Failure, COPD, Sepsis, Diabetes, Myocardial Infarction, CVA/Stroke, post Cardiac Arrest patients or those with High Fall Risk are considered "high risk" and are the most commonly served by the CCP program.

Most often Cabe said the role of EMS working the program is to assess and connect to resources. If treatment is needed, EMS can perform any treatment under the EMT-Paramedic Scope of Practice and often confer with Primary Care Physicians or Emergency Room Physicians as to the best treatment for the patient. In this at-home setting, it is of utmost importance to have a plan for the extended care of the patient, he said.

The program keeps about 20-30 patients and works with them for about a month. Cabe said the program isn't supposed to provide long-term care for patients, but rather to help patients who often fall between the cracks in times of transition. When patients improve, or are able to be placed in the appropriate care facility, or if their condition changes, they "graduate" from the program.

Cabe asked commissioners to allow Macon County EMS to apply for a \$34,499.28 grant from the Evergreen Foundation to allow the current program to broaden its scope through additional education of current paramedic providers, field technicians, and emergency dispatchers.

While the paramedics are well versed in chronic disease management, additional training and understanding in aiding patients managing their mental illnesses could help serve the needs of the community.

Cabe said CCP programs are rare, and those who serve mental health patients are even less common, but something more emergency departments are starting to explore. Existing programs work to reduce the number of involuntary commitments by as much as 80 percent, something that Ma-

con County leaders have advocated for for years.

The grant provides for one additional full time employee and will allow Macon County EMS to expand the CCP program from three days a week to five, which will increase the number of patients being served.

It also includes an education component so Macon County EMS can partner with Smoky Mountain LME/MCO in handling patients with mental health issues. Commissioners unanimously approved Cabe's grant application request.

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HFW was created to bring a sense of community and festivity to the downtown area of Highlands for residents and visitors. Events like this have been shown through research to be an indicator of economic success for towns whose main source of revenue is from visitors. Creating a fun place to live and do business helps foster a sense of community, and a sense of community helps attract and engage visitors that come for the slice-of-life appeal found in Highlands.

The Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center board is made up of citizens and businesspeople in the Highlands community who volunteer their time to help make Highlands a better place to live, visit and do business. Its board

members are elected by the Chamber membership—businesspeople in the community—and nobody is excluded based on their place of employment within the Highlands community. The current chairman, Jack Austin, and the entire board, have an interest in seeing HFW continue to succeed in generating business for inns, shops, restaurants, vacation rentals and service organizations, in what was historically an extremely slow weekend in Highlands.

Participation in Culinary Weekend has begun to dwindle over the past couple years, and the dedicated community volunteers that have worked tirelessly to produce the event each year had taken it as far as they could. For this reason, the Chamber engaged an

events company to help produce HFW in its 10th year, and to bring new and interesting activities to reinvigorate this signature event—which has played a key role in positioning Highlands as a culinary destination.

The proposed food truck event in the park is one of the new daytime events planned to create more of a festival feel throughout the weekend and to engage Highlands visitors around this popular culinary phenomenon. (The lamp-post banners are also intended to provide a sense of welcome and celebration for visitors coming to town for the festival.) The HFW committee is working to create a fun event that is inclusive for the community, that also brings a benefit—perhaps charitable—and that meets with The Town's established guidelines for park use.

For the proposed Main Street event, members of the Highlands Food and Wine committee have been meeting with business owners along the area that would be closed to vehicular traffic to get their blessing on the street closure for that event. This includes the

businesses at Old Edwards Inn and Spa, who have nothing more to gain or lose than the other businesses on that block in having the road closed—which is the only part of Main Street that can be closed, as it is not part of the

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# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

## NOTICE

• No movie this week at The Playhouse. Upcoming Summer Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Sundays 5:30 and 8 pm; Mondays and Tuesdays, 2, 5, and 8pm;  
• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. To sign up 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.  
• 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 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.occupywnc.org](http://www.occupywnc.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.

• 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 Outreach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's Funnell 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 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

• 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 3rd Friday

• Senior Dinners are at noon November through April.

## 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

## The best young ELVIS this weekend!

The Highlands Performing Arts Center opens the Summer Concert Season with Travis LeDoyt, The Best Young Elvis, Friday and Saturday, June 17 & 18, 8pm.

Growing up Travis was exposed to a broad variety of musical styles, from Country to Swing, to Rock & Roll, as well as Classical. His fascination with music and instruments led to formal piano lessons at the age of 9. Before long, Travis was writing his own songs. Over the years, Travis LeDoyt has developed into a truly remarkable talent; singer, performer, songwriter, and musician (piano, keyboard, guitar), but most of all he is fast becoming one of America's most convincing, jaw-dropping tribute acts to ever grace the stage. Although not an immediate fan of Elvis, as Travis got to know more about the man and his music, he came to understand why Elvis was dubbed and will forever be known as "The King" of Rock & Roll. Particularly appealing to Travis are Elvis' early years, the Sun recordings, and a



time when a kid out of nowhere became a legend, not only for his music but for his generosity, his humility, and his desire to be an individual who his peers would not only admire... but respect.

It is with the utmost admiration and respect for Elvis that Travis LeDoyt offers his tribute to the man who shaped a generation. Born in 1977, the year Elvis died, Travis never had the opportunity to see the King. Through his remarkable resemblance and his incredible talent to emulate, to perform the voice and style, Travis flawlessly captures the essence of Elvis in his prime. Specializing in the 1959-1962 years. He performs a one to two hour historic concert tribute with his band.

**The Highlands Performing Arts Center presents the extraordinary Guy Bavli, Master of the Mind. Guy performed at Las Vegas' Caesar's Palace for three years (400 times each year) and was the star of NBC's hit series Phenomenon. Saturday, June 25, 8pm. Tickets are still available: [highlandspac.org](http://highlandspac.org) or by calling 828.526.9047. 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands NC**

The reincarnation witnessed through his dynamic show is truly spectacular and offers for those who never saw the King, the next best thing.

Friday & Saturday, June 17 & 18, Highlands Performing Arts Center.

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## 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, we meet downstairs in Bascom Library room.

## Thurs., June 16

• Feeling Froggy at The Nature Center at the Highlands Biological Station at 8:30 pm. \$3 per person.

• At CLE, The Great American Photographic Road Trip – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• At CLE, The Creation of Lexus – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For

more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

## Fri., June 17

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "All Singing Calls Dance," Friday night, at the Macon County Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Dr Jim Duncan from Otto NC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels.

• Friday Foray with the Highlands Biological Station. Float down the Little Tennessee river from 10am-2pm. Kayaks and canoes will be available, along with instruction from an experienced guide. This foray will cost \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, visit [www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/](http://www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/)

• At CLE, Carnival in the Americas – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• At CLE, iPad Pro – 10:30 am – 3:30 pm – CLE Classroom, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• Obagi Open House at the Center for Plastic Surgery. 10a to 4p. Call 828-526-3783 for more information..

## Fri. & Sat., June 17-18

• At PAC, Retro Rock: Travis LeDoyt. The best young Elvis. Call 828-526-9047 for tickets.

## Sat. & Sun., June 18 & 19:

• Highlands Village Square Art & Craft Show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. New location at Highlands (Bryson's) Plaza on Hwy. 106. Regional art & crafts, live music. Sponsored by Macon County Art Assn. FREE! For info call (828) 787-2021.

## Sat., June 18

• At CLE, Political Economy of Global Markets – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• At HUMC, tea and crumpets with Mary Kay Andrews, shares the story from her latest book, "The Weekenders." She is known for her mysteries, as well as her novels. This fun-filled afternoon is a fund-raiser

for the Highlands United Methodist Church's new Faith & Fellowship Center. Tickets are \$20. Call 828-526-3376 or 828-526-2746.

• Annual Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park from 10a to 2p.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a very strenuous 9-mile hike, elevation change 3800 ft., to Gregory Bald from Sam's Gap in Smoky Mtn. Park, through Cades Cove, one of the most natural garden spots in the Park. Meet at Dillsboro Huddle House at 8 am, drive 130 miles round trip. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations. Able visitors welcome, no dogs.

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a – 12. If you are interested in participating, please email [highlandsgreenway@nctv.com](mailto:highlandsgreenway@nctv.com) or call 828-526-2385. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot behind the Recreation Center at 9 AM for a brief orientation session, and you will be furnished with the necessary

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## The Bascom's Mountains in Bloom event announces horticulture call to entry



Tucked away in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains is Highlands, NC. At 4,118' elevation, the tiny town of Highlands boasts gorgeous mountain views and a breathtaking forest of native trees, shrubs, plants and flowers.

Highlands receives between 87 to over 100 inches of rain per year, classifying it as a temperate rainforest. The climate is idyllic with four mild seasons throughout the year – most noticeably cool and mild summers. It is because of this unique climate that the Highlands/Cashiers Plateau boasts more than 100 native trees, more than 500 types of moss and ferns, and more than 1,400 flowering plants.

In celebration of the Plateau's diverse plants and flowers, Mountains in Bloom will feature a Horticulture Show. Entries are free and open to the public, and should be brought to The Bascom on Thursday, July 14 from 8 to 11 am. The judging will begin at 1 pm and the plants will be on exhibit Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16. Rules for the plant entries can be found at [www.mountainsinbloom.com](http://www.mountainsinbloom.com) and are also available at The Bascom. The highest honor awarded for the Horticulture Show is the Balentine Award. Participants are asked to provide common and botanical names for their plants.

The Horticulture Show will be open to the public, free of charge, Friday, July 15 to Saturday, July 16. The Bascom, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, always offers free admission to exhibitions. For more information regarding The Bascom, please visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

## Celebrate Dad's day at the Village Square Art & Craft Show



This year the show of regional artists and crafters, is in Highlands Plaza near Bryson's Food Store. Treat Dad to a meal at one of the restaurants in the plaza. The show is free and goes from 10a to 5p both Saturday and Sunday. Follow the signs for dedicated on-site parking. Sponsored by the Macon County Art Assn. Call (828) 787-2021 for information.



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tools and safety equipment. Following the work day, Greenway will hold its Annual Meeting from 12:30 – 2 at the Rec Park's picnic area to which the public is invited.

- Shrimp Boil fundraiser to benefit Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on the plaza in the park at 6-8 p.m. Proceeds will help complete the Monument Garden, the Sitting Fountain and the Historic Fireplace. \$50 ticket includes the Low Coun-

try Boil Dinner and 3 drinks including wine and beer. \$5 wine and beer tickets available at the plaza. Live music by Goldie & The Screamers. Tickets are available at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Dry Sink or online at [www.founder-sparkhighlands.org](http://www.founder-sparkhighlands.org).

- World Wide Knit In Public Day. The Bascom Knitters will be celebrating by sharing their crafts and skills with demonstrations on the Terrace at The Bascom

from 10 am until noon.

### Sun., June 19

- At PAC, WCU presents Shakespeare at 5 p.m. The performance is \$20; the Fish n Chips dinner is \$50. For tickets call 526-9060.

### Mon.-Fri., June 20-24

- South Macon Baptist Church, 2949 Clarks Chapel Road, Franklin will have its Vacation Bible School, "Cowabunga Farm," Monday through Friday, from 6 until 8 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 6 p.m. If transportation is needed, leave a message at 828-524-0919.

### Mon., June 20

- Garden Tour: Bog Carnivores at the Botanical Garden from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free.

- At CLE, Frederick Law Olmsted in the South – 2 – 4 pm, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. Contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

### Tues., June 21

- Guided adventures led by experts in their field. Reservations required. \$35 donation for new friends includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a one year membership to HCLT, \$10 for HCLT members. Contact Julie at [julie.hitrust@earthlink.net](mailto:julie.hitrust@earthlink.net) or 526-1111. Balsam Mountain Preserve Expedition- Our visit will include a hike through the renowned landscape that some call a living laboratory for scientific research and exploration as well as a visit to their on-site nature center to meet the wildlife that reside there.

- The Rathskeller CoffeeHaus & Pub in Franklin will host an open-mic poetry night for adults on Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. All area poets and lovers of poetry are invited to read or recite their original works, as well as share their favorite works by other poets, in the Rathskeller's relaxed atmosphere. There is no admission charge.

- Nocturnal Nature at the Nature Center at 9 p.m. \$3 per person.

- Like playing with Legos? The Hudson Library is starting a Lego Club that will meet once a month. The first Lego Club from 2:30-4pm.

- At CLE, Japan and US in the Cold War – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. Contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

### Wed., June 22

- At CLE, BEES, PLEASE: Native Bee Diversity in Your Garden and Beyond, 2-4 p.m.

- At CLE, Unending Conflict on the Korean Peninsula – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. Contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

### Thurs., June 23

- At CLE, FBI-Post 9/11 – 2 – 4 pm, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- At CLE, Highlights of NC Museum of Art – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. Contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- Needlepoint exhibit at Chestnut Hill of Highlands from 4:30 - 6 pm. Refreshments.

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state road system.

Lastly, the "ultimatum" to The Town to approve the ideas on the same evening they were presented was an unfortunate miscommunication. The pressing need to move forward with marketing, schedules, ticket sales and sponsorships drove the need for a decision one way or another so that we could begin developing the events presented or modify them accordingly. The Mayor, the Town Manager, and the Commissioners graciously proceeded with the discussions at the meeting in spite of that error on the Chamber's part, demonstrating a cooperative spirit that we greatly appreciate. The Chamber is now working with The Town in hopes of creating a 10th Annual Highlands Food and Wine Festival that will bring residents, businesses and visitors together in a sense of revelry and celebration around some of our greatest community assets: our talented chefs and amazing restaurants, our beautiful Main Street, and the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park.

**Bob Kielyka**

President, Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

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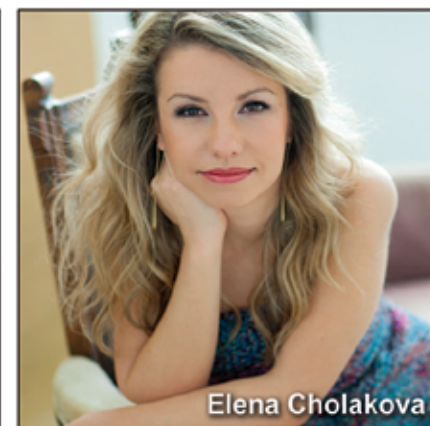
off by 2mm (that is, a tiny margin of error), you are going to be waiting a long time to sell. Conversely, if you buy right and build right, you will find you are under contract within weeks, not months.

There is a surge of energy in this market – it is palpable. In addition, there is an even greater renewal of demand from buyers. I can assure you if you build the right house in the right location, they will come.

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# • INVESTING AT 4,118 FT. •

## Calling All Spec Builders and Investors!

"Whatever good things we build end up building us." ~ Jim Rohn

I am fascinated by real estate market vagaries and trends. I study the market for gathering intel for my clients, as well as just for fun – there is never a shortage of intrigue and interesting goings on.

Approximately two years ago, I began talking with investors about considering building on spec, relaying to them the coming dearth of new inventory close in to town, as well as the changing demographics and interests of buyers. Several folks listened intently, but they a) felt I was too optimistic about the strengthening market, and b) were still wincing from their experience during the downturn in the market (not only in Highlands, but also in the primary home markets).

I rang the bell again last year and had a few folks start seriously



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tuning in and begin investing in properties with the intention of building on spec or completely renovating a property from top to bottom (so that it was essentially a new home). I began this calendar year with a notice to my investors, reminding them again of this opportunity.

I just did a search in the Highlands-Cashiers

MLS and see that there are 1,324 homes on the market. When I refine the search to pull the number of homes on the market that were built no earlier than 2009, the number drastically drops – to 70 (and again, this is the entire Highlands-Cashiers MLS inventory which includes everything from Lake Toxaway to north GA). Guess what happens when you pull the number of newly-built homes that are inside the Highlands city limits? The inventory is all of 3 properties!

Guess what the hottest segment in the market is right now?

Newer homes, located closer in to town.

If ever there was a "Blue Ocean" opportunity for real estate investors, this is it (if you are not familiar with that term, check out the book entitled Blue Ocean

Strategy; essentially, this is the creation of uncontested market space!)

Having said all that, this kind of investing is not to be done without either knowing precisely what you are doing and/or hav-

ing excellent advice from an experienced professional. In order to win the game, investors need to buy in the precisely right locations, and then build precisely what the market wants. If you are

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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Grow a heart of wisdom

**Dr. Curtis Fussell, Co-Pastor,  
First Presbyterian Church**

The prayer of Psalm 90:12 says, “Lord, teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” This prayer suggests that we live our lives within brackets – only so many number of days. How vital it is then for us to fill our bracketed life span with a “heart of wisdom.”

His name was Steve Hayner. At the time of Steve’s death from pancreatic cancer in January 2015 at the age of 66, he was the President of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. After his death, his wife Sharol published a book called, Joy in the Journey: Finding Abundance in the Shadow of Death which recounts the experience that Sharol and Steve shared through his battle with cancer.

One might well ask, “Can anything good come out of dying?” The answer is “Yes, it can! But only if you have grown a heart of wisdom over the years.” Here are a few of the wise insights about living that Steve wrote just weeks before his death.

“Facing death has a way of clarifying life. So let me tell you a few things that I’ve learned in the last months. First, as long as I have life on this earth, I have a call. Over my lifetime I have had many roles to play and many jobs to fulfill. But it is not the particulars of being a husband, a father, a grandfather, a friend, a seminary president, or anything else that ultimately matters so much as the underlying call to be faithful. Every day, no matter how sick I become, I still have a call.”

Something else, “God will never give up in his work to transform me into the likeness of Jesus. I fail every day at being and doing what God has intended. But God has promised to use everything in my life to continue the process of helping me. At this stage in my life, God is using my disease to teach me. It’s not easy, and I don’t like to change. But God loves me too much ever to give up on me.”

Finally, Steve wrote, “Joy is not about my circumstances but rather about being held and sustained by God’s love. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God — not suffering, not want, not abundance, not sin, not anything. God loves us from beginning to end and through every circumstance. If there is one thing I can trust, it is God’s love for me in Jesus Christ.”

On January 1, 2015, only weeks before his death, Steve was admitted to Hospice and was facing the hard reality of the final days of his life. Yet, he wrote: “Today, I’m not afraid, though some fears will undoubtedly sneak up on me as I get sicker. Today, I’m trying to be attentive to what is happening to me without feeling like I have to be responsible for everything. Today, I am living once again into joy.”

The prayer, “Lord, teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom,” encourages us to seek a wise heart as we move through the days of our lives. It is a worthy goal for our lives.

Let me ask you to write down these dates for this summer: August 21 and 22. Sharol Hayner will be in Highlands to deliver a sermon and a lecture on her husband Steve’s “heart of wisdom” at First Presbyterian Church. I am sure we will find her words relevant, encouraging, helpful, and faithful as we continue to live towards the goal of a wise heart.

## Proverbs 3:5

### BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965

Sundays: School: 10 a.m., Worship: 11

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Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting: 7 p.m.

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464 US Hwy 64 east, Cashiers

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Bible Study & Supper at homes - 6 p.m.

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Tues. Guys study 8am, Gals 10am.

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Testimony Meeting 3rd Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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1st & 3rd Sunday night Service: 7 p.m.

Wednesdays – Supper at 6 p.m.

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Wed.: 5pm Dinner (\$7 adult, \$2 child), 6pm CBC U.

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Wed. Kidsquest 6p.; Worship 7p.

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Sundays: Worship: 11

### HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sun.: Morning Worship 10:45 a., Evening Worship, 6:30 p.

Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.

### HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376

Sun: School 9:45a.; Worship 9:09, 10:50.; Youth 5:30 p.

Wed: Supper: 5:15; youth, & adults activities: 6; Handbell

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.

### SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

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### SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from May 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

## May 27

• At 3:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 28 near Spring Street.

## June 1

• At 12:10 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Spring Street.

## June 2

• At 4 p.m., officers received a report about fraud by impersonation and identity theft from a resident of Azalea Circle where a statement with charges not made by the victim was found in the mail.

## June 3

• At 12:53 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Poplar Street.

• At 3:34 p.m., officers received a call about a burglary with forced entry at a rental unit on NC 106.

• At 4:10 a.m., officers received a call about a bear outside the front door at a residence on Dogwood Drive that was getting into the garbage and making dogs bark.

## June 6

• At 1:30 a.m., a simple physical assault was reported at the Lost Hiker where a girl was being pushed.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from May 26

## June 7

• At 2:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a false alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Dr.

## June 8

• At 6:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

## June 10

• At 12:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Main Street.

## June 11

• At 9:16 a.m., the dept. responded to a false alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.

• At 7:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cinnamon Lane.

## June 12

• At 3:50 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 7:42 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Ravenel Ridge Road.

• At 9:48 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Raoul road.

• At 11:35 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cheyenne Drive.

## June 14

• At 10:42 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hicks road.

• At 3:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a brush fire on NC 106.

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the fund balance.

The county's \$500,000 allocation to the school system for capital improvements also stayed the same. Roland specifically noted that of that \$500,000, \$200,000 of it needed to be earmarked to either repair or replace the gym on the Highlands roof. Both the school and the county have been in discussion on the best way to repair the roof, which has leaked and caused infrastructure problems for more than a decade. Dr. Baldwin informed commissioners that professionals are currently looking at the roof and bids and estimates on that project can be expected soon.

While the county and the school system worked out a compromise on funding for this school year, Franklin High School

• At 7:05 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookings Lane.

## June 5

• At 7:39 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Rocky Ridge Road.

teacher John deVile spoke to commissioners Tuesday night urging them to pass the same resolution passed earlier this month by the Board of Education which asks the state to restore funding to 2008 levels.

Commissioners supported the intent of the resolution, which has been passed by school boards and county governments throughout the state, but shared concerns with some of the wording. Before approving the resolution, which would be sent to state leaders, commissioners proposed working with deVile on the resolution's language before voting to approve it.

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Applications are available at Town Hall or may be downloaded from the Town's website at [www.highlandsn.org](http://www.highlandsn.org) under Employment. Resumes may be submitted in addition to applications. All completed and signed employment applications may be submitted in person to Sonjia Gibson, HR Director, at the Town Hall, 210 N. Fourth Street, Highlands, NC, by email to [sonjia.gibson@highlandsn.org](mailto:sonjia.gibson@highlandsn.org), by fax to 828-526-2595 or by U.S. Mail to the attention of Sonjia Gibson, HR Director, PO Box 460, Highlands, NC 28741. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The Town of Highlands is an Equal Opportunity/Drug-Free Employer. This position has a closing date of 07/01/2016, and applications will be reviewed as received.

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The recent annual report from the music committee testifies to Angie's impact on music—an essential component of the church's worship and witness.

Equally important is Angie. Apart from her excellence as a musician at the organ or the Steinway, is Angie the person. She carries in her heart day to day, a love for this church reflected in her care for its members and various ministries. She has an unrelenting fervor for the light on the hill (FPCH). It beams wherever she goes: the grocery store, the bank, the post office. We are grateful to God for the gift of Angie Jenkins. She puts a song in our hearts not only on Sundays but each day of the week.

**-J. Hunter Coleman,**  
pastor, 1997-2007

I first met Angie when she was a little girl 4 years of age and, as her pastor, I came to know her and her family well. From the beginning it was evident that she was an extraordinary person. Over the years, I have observed her growth into a gracious lady of many accomplishments, not only as a fine musician but also as a creative writer, publisher, inspiring leader, a winsome public spirited citizen, and an exemplary and winsome Christian.

I am delighted to join in honoring my wonderful friend, Angie Lewis Jenkins!

**-G. Daniel McCall,**  
pastor, 1961-1965

Angela Lewis Jenkins is a remarkably talented person who started early. She started playing the piano for Sunday school and later for church services at the First Presbyterian Church 50 years ago. She was honored June 12 for having served as our church organist for 40 years! Accompanying all her many talents, Angie has two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren. Her grandchildren are 9th genera-

tion Highlanders, who live in Highlands with their parents. Angie's mother and father, Jane and Alan Lewis, are also Highlanders and long-term members of our church.

Angie is the longest tenured organist in the history of Highlands area churches!

Yet, Angie Jenkins is much more than a church organist. Her title is Organist and Music Coordinator. Being music coordinator takes as much if not more time than her duties as organist. She is truly an initiator not just a coordinator — she conceives and coordinates many of our music programs.

For instance, it was her idea to have the Patriotic Concert on the 4th of July, her idea to have Faculty Showcase Concerts with Western Carolina University, her idea to have the old fashioned Hymn Sings, her idea to invite certain musical groups to perform at our church, and she is currently initiating a concert of spirituals featuring soloists from our choir and elsewhere. Angie is always thinking creatively.

With her dual responsibilities, Angie makes sure everyone knows what is to take place and what their respective responsibilities are - and that all activities are within budget. She secures all guest musicians for our 8:30 a.m. worship services and rehearses and accompanies them; invites or coordinates the appearance of guest musicians at our 11 a.m. service. Angie also acts as a "den mother" for our student interns. She manages our music library and assists our Director of Worship and Music in the selection of music. Angie handles all administrative matters relating to our many music programs, including the initial preparation of the music departmental budget.

Thank you Angie for being "ours" and for your dedication and faithfulness.

**- Stell Huie,**  
Chair, Music Committee FPCH



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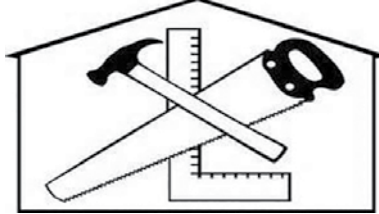
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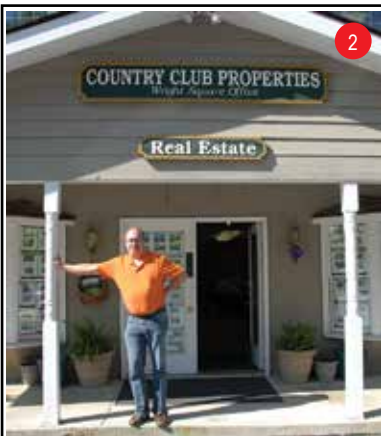


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