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Expanded November festival raises concerns

By Lane Giddings
Reporter

The 10th anniversary of the Highlands Culinary Weekend is this November 10-13. In honor of the anniversary, plans for

the event have expanded and the name is now the Highlands Food and Wine Festival. The event promises to be bigger than ever.

Festival planners – some of which include Chamber of

Commerce members Mary Adair Leslie, director of PAC and Jack Austin, OEI General Manager, Marjorie Christiansen of The Laurel Magazine and members from 11 Event from Greenville,

SC – unveiled some of their ideas for the Festival at the Town Board meeting on Thursday, May 26.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Chamber of Commerce

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Bryson's Corner is full and open for business



On Thursday, May 26, tenants of Bryson's Corner, at the corner of Main, 4th and Oak streets, gathered with the Bryson family – Jim, Sheila, and Edna – at the Chamber's Business After Hours to celebrate the newest business corner in town. Present were owners of Highlands Sotheby's, Wood and Jody Lovell with their staff, owner of Easily An Artist, Jeannie Edwards-Bozeman and owner of Reign, Robyn Murphy with staff. Highlands Kids is also part of the 'corner' but representatives are not pictured. Jennifer Cunningham, director of the Highlands Visitor Center and Mayor Pat Taylor joined in the celebration. The corner is home to two businesses that expanded or relocated and two new businesses to town.

– Photo by Jim Lewicki

Mirror Lake issue finalized

In March, when the water in Mirror Lake began to drop, and then fill up and then drop again, residents around the lake and town officials became alarmed.

Turns out the Mirror Lake Improvement Association was behind the lowering of the lake with various reasons told the me

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A mama fox and her seven kits



Since May 6, photographer Cynthia Strain has been documenting the lives of this mama fox and her seven kits living in a residential area between Highlands and Cashiers. To see more endearing photographs go to Strain's Facebook page.

Macon County leaders advocate for MC

County leaders from across the state travelled to Raleigh last week for the annual County Assembly Day hosted by the North Carolina Association of County

Commissioners. Macon County Commissioners Kevin Corbin and Ronnie Beale, along with County Manager Derek Roland worked to advocate for several

county priorities at the N.C. General Assembly.

"It is always important for us as a far western county to make

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

The utopia that is Highlands

Last Thursday I had the honor of presenting a lecture at the Center for Life Enrichment.

The presentation was a response to the current exhibition at the Bascom entitled "Another Better World." My lecture was in part a response to the exhibition's theme of artistic and social visions of utopian communities.

As a former art professor, and now a mayor, I conducted a review of artists who have visualized a new utopian world, such as Buckminster Fuller, the creator of innovations like geodesic dome buildings. I also examined several 19th century utopian communities that were short-lived and failed experiments. The social and artistic ideas of the British artist and critic, John Ruskin, was of particular interest to me. My late grandmother may have been associated with Ruskin, concerning a commune in South Georgia that attempted to incorporate and apply his theories.

In my lecture, I suggested that while Ruskin's ideas were viewed as radical in the late 19th century, today especially in an almost utopian community like Highlands, they would be viewed as rather normal and



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

acceptable by many. At the end of my talk I presented what I consider to be the essential markers of a quality community. My views do not mesh exactly with Ruskin's, especially in the social structure area, but a lot of my essentials are related to Ruskin's vision of the ideal community.

Like Ruskin, a commitment to preserving the environment was one of my top markers. Ruth Dussealt's work in the exhibition explores the concept of an

"Ecotopia." We have many organizations in Highlands that embrace this vision of preserving, as much as possible, a pure and unspoiled environment here on the plateau.

My second essential was sense of the aesthetic in architecture and town design. Quality communities are concerned about appearance of things, as we are in Highlands. As side note, trash and junk are an anathema for a quality community.

My third point was that there is a safe and secure feeling of place in great communities like ours. People feel comfortable walking and moving around town whether from Main Street to K-H Founders Park, or while walking the Greenway.

Another key to a quality community has been economic prosperity like what we now enjoy. A recurring failure in the utopian communities I reviewed centered around the lack of funds and internal squabbles over limited resources.

Related to the financial problems for these communities was a critical lack of leadership of a governing body that could deliver essential services. Highlands has been blessed with decades of good leadership that built a strong capacity to provide services here on the beautiful, yet isolated plateau.

A sense of community and acceptance of diversity is also an essential marker for quality communities in this day in time. I pointed out that in the early days of Highlands people came from variety of places and pasts. For instance, there were the two former Union and Confederate soldiers that lived almost side by side in the same neighborhood. My position is that all people of good will and industry are welcomed to our town. A major problem that plagued the doomed experimental communities identi

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• MILESTONE •

Class of 2028 graduates from pre-school



Thursday, May 26, this year's graduating class from The Gordon Center for Children housed at the Highlands United Methodist Church performed "A Year in Song" to a standing room only crowd. Graduating were Aubree Brooks, Camden Westendorf, Grant Cook, Jonathan Raoul-Schott, Hudson Tilley, Patrick Spaulding, Savanna Bubenick and Wray Wheeler. Each will be attending Kindergarten in the fall.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

• LETTERS •

Needed: one kidney

Dear Editor:

From Susan - In 2010 I needed a kidney. The doctors thought I would have a hard time getting a good donor match, and my health was deteriorating steadily and alarmingly.

From Martha - Since I had worked with pediatric kidney patients at Chapel Hill, I was strongly concerned for my dear friend. Along with others, I was given a simple blood test. I said to God, "Please let it be really clear if I can give one of my kidneys." Well, how about a perfect match for positive confirmation? That began our great, and successful, adventure together.

From both of us - Now our dear friend Betsy Casto needs a kidney. We hope some

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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• OBITUARIES •

Frances Lassiter Mooney

Frances Lassiter Mooney, 96, died at her home on May 16, 2016. She passed with dignity and grace just as she had lived. She was the daughter of Fred and Ellie Dean Laing Lassiter. She was born in Dawson, Georgia February 19, 1920.



Church, Vero Beach, FL.

She was owner of the Gingerbread House, an antique shop in Albany. She was an artist and was well known for her handmade jewelry. She made an impact on everyone that knew her and she will be remembered for her kindness and graciousness.

She graduated from Terrell High School in 1937. She Graduated from The University of Georgia in 1941 with a BS degree in Journalism. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority and her freshman year she was Vice President of the Sketch Club (a drawing club administered by faculty which is currently known as the Lamar Dodd School of the Arts).

Her junior year she was named one of the top eight campus beauties and was crowned Miss Pandora, which was also known as Miss University of Georgia. As Miss Pandora she traveled to New York for a semester and represented The University of Georgia at the 1940 World's Fair.

Frances was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Albany and was affiliated with The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, NC and Trinity Episcopal

in death by her husband, Dr. Andrew Neil Mooney and her daughter, Leslie Mooney. She is survived by her son Michael Neil Mooney, his wife Pamela Smith Mooney of Albany and many cousins as well as extended family. The family would like to thank her special caregivers; Margaret Bob, Dorothy Hall and Latanya Simmons for the love and care that they gave her. The family would also like to acknowledge Christopher Kimbrel and Heather Sadler of Albany Community Hospice.

The service was held Thursday, May 19 in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Church. The family requests memorials be made to St. Paul's Church.

To Share a memory with the Mooney Family, or to sign our online guestbook, please visit www.kimbrellstern.com

William G. Lewis

William G. Lewis, 86, of Highlands, NC, and known to friends and neighbors as "The Mayor" and/or "The Sheriff" of Rolling Acres, passed away on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Born in Palm Beach County, FL, he was the son of the late Robert J. and Escalene Lewis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Parks Lewis, who died November 20, 2014.



Mr. Lewis was a nature lover who enjoyed working in the yard and his garden, and he was of the Methodist faith.

He is survived by his daughter, Wanda R. Moody of Bishop, GA; his niece, Cherr Marr; his nephew, Terry Barnes (Rhonda)

and a sister-in-law, Molly Barnes.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Lewis and his son-in-law, Barry Moody.

A private service for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 171 Hospital Drive, JWB Suite 600, Highlands, NC 28741.

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

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people from this area will also pray about giving life and health to someone else. Kidney transplant protocols have changed since 2010; the match does not have to be perfect.

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Susan Coram and Martha Rodenbeck

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to fund the event again next year. Austin said this year the expanded event will require sponsorships to fund the expanded vision of the old "Culinary Weekend."

After introducing the Festival's concept they sought approval to use the town's resources during the four-day event -- mainly permission to close Main Street, the use of K-H Founders Park on Pine Street, and the hanging of banners on light poles throughout town.

The Main Event

The Main Event of the Festival is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Festival planners want to close Main Street between 4th and 5th streets to vehicular traffic and parking that day to hold a tented event in the street.

The hope is that 500 guests will buy tickets to eat, drink and listen to live music by local and national artists. Oysters, chili, craft beer, and champagne are just a few of the proposed offerings.

Though the plan is to barricade ingress and egress of Main Street between 4th and 5th streets and to block sidewalk access from the curb, the sidewalks will still be open to pedestrian traffic end-to-end and pedestrians can walk ticket-free along the sidewalks to shop in stores.

However, a ticket will be required to enter the tented area of Main between 4th and 5th -- how much the ticket will cost is one of the unknowns at this time.

Proponents believe business could be brisk for merchants along that part of Main even though prospective patrons couldn't park on the street.

According to Leslie, four merchants she spoke to were open to the idea saying "they were willing to give it a try this first year."

While promoters believe the event will bring business to all of Highlands and specifically to that part of Main Street, at least one store owner voiced concerns about closing the street, which would in turn close Main Street to parking.

"For those of us who depend on customers accessing our businesses, Main Street parking is essential, and exists for a specific reason," said Alan Mayer, owner of The Dry Sink. "With the Pine Street Park, you already have a street that can be closed, large open spaces for the event, a stage, restrooms all within easy access to the Main Street shopping experience."

Closing a portion of Highlands' Main Street, allowing the drinking of alcoholic beverages and requiring tickets to an event on a public street are just some issues that have to be discussed and weighed by the Town Board and town staff.

After making the presentation Thursday night, Town Manager Bob Frye was perturbed when Austin requested permission to proceed even though Thursday night's presentation was the first the board or he had heard of the expanded event. Frye asked the board to hold off giving the green light -- a month at least -- until numerous details could be worked out.

He said the hanging of banners on light poles shouldn't be a problem as long as they don't interfere with the town's timeline for hanging its Christmas decorations and assuming all the special hardware needed to hang the requested banners arrives in time -- within the limited window -- for the town to attach the banners.

Later, in an email, Frye said he had concerns about ticketed events on town property -- which that portion of Main Street is -- because tickets, by definition, mean limited access.

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• THE FREDSTER •

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The nose knows!



Fred Wooldridge

I was a Miami Beach cop for 28 years. Criminals were actually afraid of policemen back then and these are my stories.

Just for fun, there's nothing like starting the season off with a good ole "pick your nose" story, especially if it really happened. So here we go.

From time to time, the guys on the hooker squad would ask our Lieutenant if they could borrow a "narc" for a night or two to help them arrest hard to catch hookers. Most of these hot babes who were regulars in the hotel bars knew all the guys on the vice squad so they needed fresh faces.

For those who have been living on other planets or in Highlands their entire lives, allow me to inform you a hooker is a woman of ill repute....a lady of the evening....better known as a prostitute. And, if you happen to be a person of African descent....aka "bro," you might better know these girls as "ho's."

But I prefer calling them hookers to describe these ladies.

More nights than not, hookers would wind up in the Poodle Lounge at the Fontainebleau Hotel, a gathering spot for higher class ladies of the night. I most definitely did not fit into this elegant setting. Hey, I was a scruffy narc. My assignment was to nail this one particular girl who was as cunning and clever as they come. She was over-the-top cautious in selecting her clients.

When she walked into the lounge I could see she was as gorgeous as the vice guys described her. She had just turned 18 and had sparkling blue eyes and blond hair down to her shoulders. She scanned the bar, looking for potentials. Her eyes locked on me because I didn't fit. When she saw I was looking her way, she gave me a quick smile and looked away. Thirty minutes later she had not looked at me again so I'm thinking a bartender tipped her off.

But when she finally did look my way, I quickly looked down at my libation and shoved my finger deep into my nose. It was the beginning of a very special but short-lived friendship.

The gesture was disgusting, but it worked. Cops just don't ever do that kind of stuff, period. She had me pegged as a hayseed dupe-d-dupe with no couth.

Once she saw my finger in my nose, she was convinced the bartender must be wrong. Seconds later she was standing beside me, telling me it would be a c-note for a quicky. Out came the money and minutes later the vice guys were hauling her off to jail and I was off to fish for a new one. It would be her first arrest.

Later, while sitting in a temporary holding cell, the station sergeant had to shoo cops away who stopped to talk to her. I didn't arrest many hookers in my career 'cause my bag was narcotics. But, to this day, she is still the most beautiful girl I've ever bagged and I've never seen her since.

fied in my lecture was that many residents may have had good will, but some were not very industrious. In many instances, "free loaders" negated the good efforts of others.

Finally, in today's quality community there is time and places for individual growth and reflection through spiritual artistic and creative avenues. With our beautiful environment and our community organizations ranging from our churches, educational institutions, to our nonprofit groups, there are ample opportunities for personal growth, service and social engagement here in Highlands.

So, did I declare in my lecture that Highlands was that Utopian community that everyone has been looking for? No, but we are pretty close, and we should not stop trying to be so.

The exhibition, "Another Better World," remains on view at The Bascom through Sunday. If you have not already done so, drop by and see this interesting, provocative and multifaceted show. In the meantime, I will remain on duty working with you to make this a better community,

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Monday - Low Country Lobster / Shrimp

Boil - Maine lobster tails, wild caught
large shrimp, red bliss potatoes, summer
corn, house made sausage, all steeped in
our seasoning. Served with drawn butter
and cocktail sauce. *\$34.95 serves two*

Tuesday - Oven Off Night

Two natural chicken breasts grilled with
our Tuscan herb infused olive oil, served
on a bed of greens with stuffed brie,
spiced pecans, our extra virgin olive oil
and balsamic vinegar on the side with
two cups of homemade gazpacho and a
baguette from our bakery.
\$24.95 serves two

Wednesday - Prime Rib with Baked

Potatoes & Salad - Premium Angus
standing rib roast, cooked medium rare
w/ red wine au jus. Two baked potatoes
& a large Caesar salad. *\$34.95 serves two*

Thursday - Two Racks of Baby Back Ribs

- cooked until fall-off-the-bone-tender.
Served with house made bacon/apple
baked beans and potato salad.
\$27.95 serves two

Friday - Wild Caught Shrimp: fried or

steamed. Wild caught North Carolina
shrimp either lightly breaded in our
seasoned corn flour mixture, and then
properly fried in peanut oil & served w/
hush puppies; or steamed to order in our
low country seasoning. Both come with
coleslaw and rosemary sea salt broiled red
potatoes, tarter & cocktail sauce.
\$28.95 serves two

Saturday - In-House Smoked BBQ -

Hand rubbed pork butt, pit-smoked
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lic unless it is a small venue for a specific event where nonprofits benefit," he said.

For instance, the town is allowing the Low Country Shrimp Boil on the plaza in K-H Founders Park where the ice skating rink is erected because it is a fundraiser for the park, itself. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and drinks.

"I'm not sure how this is going to work on a portion of Main Street – which again is why I asked for 30 days to do a proper assessment," said Frye. "I have concerns over limited public access to a public street during an event. All I can say is what I said multiple times Thursday night, I and my staff need time to assess the proposal."

Frye said since the Chamber had to have an answer upon completion of the presentation, the board approved the concept "but it may be subject to change as we do our due diligence."

"It may prove that portions of what the Chamber wishes to do may not be allowed. I and my staff have thus far identified about 10 concerns that are going to have to be addressed and that is just our first-round review. I hope to have answers to or at least to identify the problems in time for next month's meeting."

Austin said the Chamber understood that drinking on Main Street would require permission from the ABC Board and there would be a permitting process.

Police Chief Bill Harrell, who likewise hadn't heard of the event in advance, said though nothing is insurmountable, he would need time to assess how much manpower he would have to provide for setting up barricades and patrolling.

Truckin'

Since the Festival wishes to embody as many aspects of the modern culinary experience as possible, including the new Food Truck phenomenon sweeping the nation is paramount.

Therefore, Festival planners requested the use of K-H Founders Park and its Pine Street for this event, deemed 'Truckin'', which is set to take place on Friday, November 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is estimated that 6-8 local and regional food trucks will be the focus of the 'Truckin'' event and there will also be craft beer distributors selling their wares and live music. This event is estimated to bring in 350-400 guests.

However, the 'Truckin'' event would be a for-profit event for the food truck proprietors as would the selling of beer by the craft beer distributors. The town's Rec Park policy says a significant portion of proceeds from the sales of items in the park must go to a nonprofit. In fact, the Village Square Arts and Craft show recently lost the park as a venue because town officials believe the proprietor was making too much money with not enough going to the nonprofit umbrella sponsoring the event.

So now the question on staff and some board members' minds is how will this event work with the town's usage law and would it be right to make exceptions?

Though Austin said President of the Chamber of Commerce Bob Kieltyka – who was unable to attend the Town Board meeting – would be quick to say that the Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit, commissioners said the food truck proprietors are not.

Banners

To advertise the Festival, the planners proposed the idea of displaying banners on Main Street lampposts. The banners would hang November 1-14 and would be approximately 30" x 84".

The idea is that the banners would spread word about the Festival prior to the

event while creating excitement. The banners would also greet the incoming Festival-goers upon arrival to Highlands.

Sip & Stroll Event

As has become the custom during past Culinary Weekends, the Festival will include a Sip & Stroll event along all of

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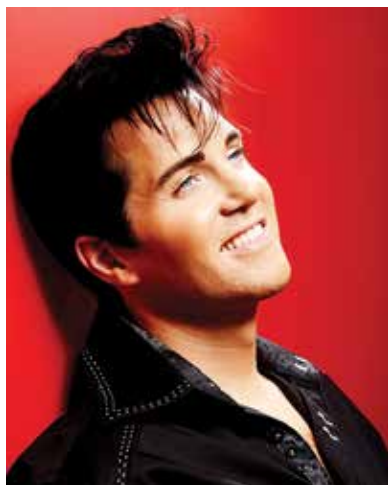
• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. To sign up contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.

Daily

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, wine flights.

Mondays

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'The Best Young Elvis' in concert at PAC June 17 & 18

The NY Times called him the Best Young Elvis...Travis LeDoyt will be performing in concert at the Highlands Performing Arts Center on Friday & Saturday nights, June 17 & 18, 8pm. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047

Join HBF for hike on Bartram Trail

The Southern Appalachian mountains are renowned for biological diversity with nearly 10,000 documented species known to exist here. The hike to Whiterock Mountain beautifully expresses the lush diversity of plants and animals that can be found in the southern Blue Ridge.



June 17 from 10a-2p. Either kayaks or canoes are available, along with instruction from an experienced guide. Cost: \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members.

These trips are all hands-on, interactive experiences that are best enjoyed with close-toed shoes and

clothes that are okay to get dirty. For more information or to register, visit www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/.

Don't forget to drop by the Highlands Nature Center for the annual Owl Prowl on June 9 at 7:30pm. This program is a perennial favorite for all ages and will include a presentation by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls. Afterwards, join members of the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society to look for owls as we prowl in nearby areas. This program is a collaborative effort between the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society and the Highlands Biological Foundation. Call (828) 526-2623 for more information.

On Friday, June 10 from 10a-2p join the Highlands Biological Foundation for a hike along one of the most extraordinary sections of the Bartram Trail; packed with stunning wildflowers, endless vistas, and a fascinating geologic history. This hike is \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Throughout history humans have been drawn to water, not only as a necessity, but to enjoy the gentle currents of a stream or bask in the sun while waiting for a fish to bite. If you are looking for a breezy trip on the water as the weather continues to warm come float down the Little Tennessee River with your friends from the Highlands Biological Station on

tional 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 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 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,

Ms. Patti's 'Entertainment Tonight' to raise money for FUMC missions Sat., June 4

Patti McClure is once again putting together a fantastic variety show to help raise money for missions for the Franklin First United Methodist Church. This show, called "Entertainment Tonight" will be held at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. Admission for this showcase of talent is \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or at the door.

A host of talented entertainers are scheduled to perform. Blue Ridge will open the show, followed by singers, dancers, piano players, skaters and other musicians such as guitar and banjo



players. Talented entertainers from Macon County and all around such as our one and only Blue Ridge, Quashona Smith, Scotty and Nikki Corbin, Kevin, Kelly, Mark, Ren and Grady Corbin, David Beam, Brandon Scruggs, Ed Hill, Jay Baird and Limited Distance, Mary Pittman, Teddy

Burnett, Shawn Burrows, Mountain Voices, Ilana Lubitsch and David Moffitt, Rhonda and Luke Bateman, Danny Antoine's Demonstration Team, Vinnie Jones, Kaylyn Brown and Sarah Shepard.

"Entertainment Tonight" is one show that is not to be missed. Veterans will be honored during the program.

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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 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 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.

Thurs., June 2

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**Friday,
June 9 through
Sunday,
June 12**



Join us for our 9th annual motoring festival from June 9-12. It's a four-day event organized and administered by car enthusiasts. All net proceeds go the charity benefit of the Literacy Counsel of Highlands. Participants will have driving opportunities on newly-paved mountain roads around the waterfall country of western NC. There will be a "Motoring to the Beach" banquet and dance at the Bascom Art Gallery in Highlands on Friday night. The actual car show will be all day Saturday at Pine Street Park; one block from main street Highlands with its restaurants and boutiques. There is always an eclectic field of pre-1990 classic cars which are judged in eight classes. The featured marque for 2016 is BMW to celebrate the company's 100th anniversary. Live music in the park will follow the car show. The final event will be Sunday morning's "Cars & Coffee on Main St." For further information, please visit our website: www.highlandsmotoringfestival.com

Exclusive Cherokee exhibition coming to The Bascom June 12

The Bascom is pleased to announce their upcoming exhibition, *Of Land & Spirit: Cherokee Art Today*, curated by Anna Fariello, author of the *Hands of our Elders* book series. The exhibition features works from current Eastern Band Cherokee artisans as well as rare historic pieces and will be on public display from June 12 to September 18, 2016.

Of Land & Spirit: Cherokee Art Today is an exhibition which will tell a story of the Eastern Band of Cherokee as seen through the lens of art objects. Some of the highlights of the exhibition are a rare and include original Bear Mask, circa 1930, by cultural historian Will West Long on loan from the

Museum of the Cherokee Indian; works from Cherokee elders including Effigy Pot by Amanda Swimmer on loan from the Mountain Heritage Center; baskets on loan from Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual including nationally recognized weaver Lucille Lossiah; a center piece sculpture Circle Dance by Pete Long on loan from Harrah's Casino; and a clan mask collection carved by Snowbird sculptor Billy Welch on loan from the Emergency Operations Center. Several works from local collector, Lambert Wilson, will be included, such as Josh Adams' *Booger of Rebellion* and Bud Smith's *Cranes*. Adams and Smith are sculptors following in the footsteps of acclaimed sculptor



Booger of Rebellion, by Joshua Adams

Amanda Crowe as students, and then as carving teachers at Cherokee High School. The exhibition is rounded out by unique installations by M.F.A. artists, Luzene Hill and Jeff Marley. Marley's installation ends the story with his work *We Are Still Here*, proclaiming the persistence and longevity of the Cherokee people.

The public is invited to the opening reception on Sunday, June 12, 5 to 7 pm at The Bascom Center for the Visual Arts, in Highlands, NC. Admission for exhibitions is always free and open to the public. For the duration of this exhibition, an Eastern Band of Cherokee docent will be available from 10 am to 4 pm to speak with the public about Cherokee culture and art. Additionally,

there will be a children's Cherokee camp from June 28 to July 1. All educational opportunities, including the Cherokee docent, were made possible by The Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

The Bascom Visual Arts Center focuses on providing excellent exhibitions with free admission; a robust education department which features classes and workshops for people of all ages; and an expansive community outreach program. The Bascom is open year round, Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 pm. For more information, please visit The Bascom website www.thebascom.org or call 828-526-4949.

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• Rotary Bingo supporting the Free Dental Clinic at the Community Building at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., June 3

• Friday Foray with the Highlands Biological Station. Venture off the beaten path for a few hours and explore the biological diversity of the Highlands Plateau with the Highlands Biological Foundation. On Friday, June 3rd, we will be heading out with fern expert Tom Go-forth to learn more about the wide diversity of fern species native to Highlands, from identification to habitat requirements to the basics of propagation. Ferns and friends will be from 10am to 2pm and cost \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, visit www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/.

Sat., June 4

• Birding in Highlands. Meet at K-H Founders Park at 7:30 a.m. Loaner binoculars will be available.

• On National Trail Day, the Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation change 1100 ft., on the Appalachian Trail from Deep Gap to Raven Rock Overlook for beautiful view of Shooting Creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 8:30 am, drive 40 miles round trip. Call leaders Bill and Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no dogs.

• At 7:30 p.m., Smokey Mountain Per-

forming Arts Center in Franklin, storyteller Patti McClure is once again putting together a fantastic variety show to support local missions. A host of talented entertainers are scheduled to participate including Blue Ridge, Susan Pons, Scotty and Nikki Corbin, Grady, Mark and Ren Corbin, David Beam, Brandon Scruggs, Ed Hill, Jay Baird and Limited Distance, Teddy Burnett, Shawn Burrows, H2O Cloggers, Mountain Voices, Arpheia Brimmer, Ilana Lubitsch and David Moffitt, and Rhonda and Luke Bateman. Entertainment Tonight, as always, will be a spectacular show you don't want to miss!

Sun., June 5

• At the Episcopal Church, "Inquirers Class.." Adults 9-10 a.m. and youth following the 10:30 a.m. service.

• At Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, inaugural event, Sundays at Sotheby's, from 1- 4 p.m. The Director of Ceramics, Frank Vickery, and the Ceramic Artist in Residence 2015-2017, Samantha Oliver, from The Bascom will share their talent, inspiration and their works. The first Sunday of each month, we will feature various artists at Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, 114 N 4th Street.

Mon., June 6

• Audubon potluck dinner at the Highlands Civic Center at 6 p.m. followed by Avian Communication. Please bring a dish to share with serving utensils.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library in Cashiers, NC at 6 p.m. After the presentation a raffle will be held

• At the Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station, Garden Tour: Pollinators 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free.

Tues., June 7

• Join Appalachian Art Farm for a 10% donation night @ Sneak-E Squirrel Brewery in Sylva, NC on Tuesday from 6-9 pm. Live musician and a Paint & Pour event. Info: appalachianartfarm@gmail.com

Sun., June 9-12

• At K-H Founders Park, Highlands Motor Festival.

Thurs., June 9

• NC Woodturners Club meets at Blue Ridge School in Glenville at 6 p.m.

• At the Nature Center, Owl Prowl at 7:30 p.m. Bring a flashlight. Free. Donations accepted for Carolina Raptor Center.

Fri., June 10

• SOAR Charity Pasta Dinner at the Highlands Civic Center from 5-7 p.m. \$10 per person.

• Friday Foray with the Highlands Biological Station. Hike to Whiterock along one of the most beautiful sections of the Bartram Trail, one packed with stunning wildflowers, endless vistas, and a fascinating geologic history. This hike will also be from 10am-2pm and \$15 for members, \$35 for non-members. For more information, visit www.highlandsbiological.org/forays

Sat., June 11

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 8.5 mile hike, elevation change 800 ft., to Noland Creek in Smoky Mtn. Nat'l. Park. Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9:00 am, car-pooling to Bryson City, then on Lakeview Rd., "road-to-nowhere" where trail begins at the Bridge. Meet at Bi - Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9:00 am. Call leaders Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no dogs.

Sun., June 12

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an

easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike to Cliffside Lake Park, climbing 400 ft. to gazebo on Clifftop Vista, then descending to walk around the lake. Meet at Bi - Lo parking lot in Franklin at 2:00 pm, drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Jean Hunnicutt, 524-5234, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no dogs.

Thurs., June 16

• At the Nature Center, Feeling Foggy at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person.

Fri., June 17

• 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/.

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 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.

• At CLE, POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GLOBAL MARKETS 10a to noon.

• 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 8:00 am, drive 130 miles round trip. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations. Able visitors welcome, no dogs.

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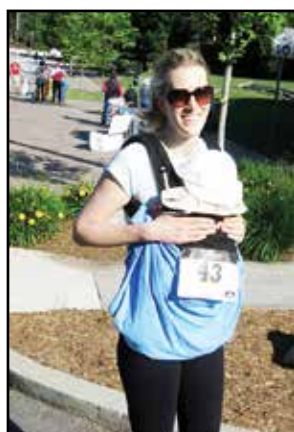
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Memorial Day Weekend Happenings in Highlands



It was an outdoor fun kind of day with perfect weather. The Highlands Historic Village Open House featured live music by WellStrung and costumed characters from Highlands past with Mary Ann Hardman dressed as Dr. Mary Lapham. The annual 5K race started and finished in K-H Founders Park with runners of all ages participating. The group from Highlands Sotheby's International Realty racked up required volunteer hours at the race.



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Main Street where people with tickets can get wine in shops that choose to participate. Patrons buy tickets for this portion of the event and they are not supposed to leave the shops with wine in their cups, but do take their cups with them to the next shop.

Proponents believe the Highlands Food and Wine Festival will bolster business in Highlands during this particular "shoulder season" Nov. 1-14.

Mayor Pat Taylor said he was caught by surprise Thursday night.

"I did not anticipate any board action; I was under the impression it would be an information presentation. There are still a lot of issues and items that have to be resolved," he said.

One such issue is the closing off of a public place for a ticketed event which according to town policy is not allowed.

"For instance, the food truck event cannot be open to only folks having an admission ticket

to the park," he said. "There are also nonprofit status issues that need to be clarified."

He said the numerous unanswered questions is why Manager Frye wanted to delay approval until everyone on the staff and board could get more information.

"We had no information about the event in our packet Thursday night. Usually, the board gets a proposal or formal request in the agenda packet before making a decision. There is work to be done on the details," he said.

The Festival and the group's requests were contemplated by the Town Board and with very little discussion commissioners voted unanimously to accept the concept of the Festival with the understanding that there are a lot of unanswered questions and logistics to consider. The Festival will be further discussed at the June 16 Town Board meeting.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Being a witness in challenging times

By Mark Ford

First Baptist Church Highlands

There's no doubt about it, we are living in challenging times if we are committed, Bible-believing followers of Christ. And by "Bible-believing" I don't mean eisegesis or reading meanings into the text, giving priority to our preference and world-view – but exegesis, the drawing out of the text its plain and intended meaning. We do exegesis all the time when reading the newspaper or other publications and books, but for some reason resort to eisegesis when handling God's Word. Our discomfort with and manipulation of the Scriptures is a message for another time. But the nagging questions are "What are we to make of these days we live in?" and "How are we to respond?"

Paul aptly described the culture of his day nearly 2000 years ago when writing to the Christians in Rome, and it reverberates loudly with the day we live in – maybe more pertinent to our times than in his day. In Romans 1:18-32 he describes his world, and it says to us in the 21st century, "You are here!" First, Paul tells us that the judgment of God (2:1-2) falls on those cultures that deny God as creator. In 1:18-23, a culture in demise looks for alternatives to God as creator. With darkened hearts and futile thinking, evolution in our day attains gospel status and unquestioned allegiance despite the acknowledged facts that such an amazing biological world is far too complex to come about by chance. The tireless, pervasive propaganda to exclude God as the source of life and the material universe is our culture's way of delegating the Biblical account to the realm of unsophistication and myth – simply beneath our profound knowledge and scientific acumen.

Second, having successfully set God aside as irrelevant, and leaving ourselves alone in a materialistic and humanistic world, we must search for a substitute to worship and reverence – for after all, it is deeply ingrained in all of us to search for meaning and purpose. Sometimes we look outside ourselves to the material world and even creation itself, or we look inside ourselves, becoming the center of our universe. Regardless, we create idols of our own making, "serving the creature rather than the Creator" (Rom. 1:25). Paul says such cultures have successfully exchanged the truth of God for the lies they want to believe (Eisegesis?). For after all, the ultimate goal is indulgence of the carnal and fleshly lusts and impurities as they "dishonor their bodies among themselves" (1:24). Or put more crudely, the truth in the head and heart gives way to the temptations of libido. Our new gods are infatuations and excitements found in malls, sporting events, money, stuff, the internet, and impure behaviors. The heart and spirit coerced by the Creator no longer has a voice in directing the soul. The body, fleshly desires, and existential pleasures rule the soul. They are our new gods.

Third, the by-product of such God-forsakenness is a laundry list of behaviors that should sound very familiar. In Rom. 1:24-31, Paul speaks of such things as

• Sexual perversions – think of redefinitions of marriage, sexuality and gender identity

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 22

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from April 29. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

April 29

At 5:30 p.m., a larceny from the building at the ice rink was reported where three Yamaha speakers were taken.

May 9

At 2:45 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at the Citgo station on Main Street.

May 18

At 9:30 a.m., Highlands Fine Art and Estate Jewelry reported damage to a safety glass on an outside window where someone had attempted to cut it.

May 19

At 11:30 a.m., Jessica Elizabeth Keener, 29, of Franklin, was arrested for shoplifting. She was issued a \$1,000 unsecured bond. Her trial date is June 2.

At 3:33 p.m., officers received a report about a lost wallet.

At 10:09 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 28 near Spring Street.

At 11:40 p.m., officers responded to one-vehicle accident on US 64 east.

May 22

At 4:35 p.m., officers dealt with two parties fighting over who was to take children.

May 23

At 1 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

At 1:39 p.m., officers were called to Mountain Fresh where a man was disturbing the peace.

At 5:05 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at the Farmers Market.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from May 24

May 24

At 7:06 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

At 7:29 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Big View.

May 25

At 12:59 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Knot.

May 26

At 12:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence Falls Village Court.

May 27

At 11:48 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

May 29

At 8:13 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Happoldt Drive.

May 30

At 11:03 a.m., the dept. was first-

responders to a residence on Big View Dr.

May 31

At 6:03 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Big View Dr. and then went on to the hospital.

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Thanks for another successful plant sale!

To the Highlands Cashiers Community:

THANK YOU and that is an all caps shout out. The Mountain Garden Club thanks you for your enthusiastic support of our 34th annual plant sale on Saturday May 28. Because of your support, we are able to continue our history of sponsoring youth gardener activities at Highlands School, scholarships for college students, and garden therapy at the Eckerd Living Center, as well as support other projects in our community including the Founders Park, Highlands Biological Station, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and Center for Life Enrichment.

We were blessed with a perfect day, lots of wonderful plants, hardworking friends, and loyal customers. This year we once again had great student volunteers from Highlands School assisting customers. We also had help from our scholarship students, Ann Marie Crowe, Blakely Moore and Dennis Cabe. It was a pleasure watching them work with the public. These hard working young people do our community proud.

Many friends in the community help make this success possible. Among those who deserve special mention are Wanda and Chuck Cooper, Steve Day, David Sims, Bud and Tina Rogers, Nin Bond, Carl Zoellner, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Allen Haas of the Carolinas Dahlia Society, John Newsome, Jim Askew, Wayne and Jeri Crowe, Betty McCall, Rick Summersill, Buck Davis, Claire Harrington. More special thanks to 'The Laurel Magazine, The Highlander, Highlands' Newspaper, Lester Norris, Maxine Ramey and the whole Rec Park Crew. Highlands School teachers Joy Archer and Stephanie Smathers plus their students were involved in our success. A very special thanks to our many friends who opened their gardens for us to dig the plants that make this possible. We could not have done it without you.

We hope to see you at next year's plant sale.

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sure Raleigh remembers Macon County," said Macon County Commission Chair Kevin Corbin. "Opportunities like County Assembly Day puts us directly in front of our state leaders and lets us not only be heard on issues facing county government

as a whole, but issues like mental health and rural broadband access which directly affect Macon County citizens."

At its Jan. 13, 2016, meeting, the NCACC Board of Directors adopted three priorities for the 2016 Short Session of the

North Carolina General Assembly. The Association is seeking:

- An end to statutory authority that allows local school boards to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education;
- Additional flexibility with existing revenue options; and
- Legislation to preserve local option and authority where needed to ensure community access to critical digital infrastructure needs.

In addition, counties continue to advocate for the restoration of the 40 percent of lottery proceeds for school construction.

"Pushing for the restoration of lottery funds is something that our commissioners have advocated for, for years," said Roland. "Commissioner Beale and Commissioner Corbin continued to do that week in Raleigh. Counties are getting less than 20 percent of the lottery funds, and that just isn't acceptable. Seeing those funds returned to the county at the 40 percent originally promised could mean significant and needed funding for our schools."

County Assembly Day is an opportu-

nity for North Carolina county officials to meet with and hear from state legislative leaders. The event started with an address from Speaker of the House Tim Moore from Cleveland County.

After the morning session ended at 10:30 a.m., attendees worked the halls of the N.C. General Assembly to advocate for county issues and meet with members of their delegation.

Commissioner Beale made it a priority to continue advocating for reform of the state's mental health system. Beale has served as an advocate for mental health for as long as he has been a commissioner and continues to push for more accessibility and greater awareness, especially in the western region of the state.

About the NCACC: The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is the official voice of all 100 counties on issues being considered by the General Assembly, Congress and federal and state agencies. The Association provides expertise to counties in the areas of advocacy, research, risk management and education and leadership training.

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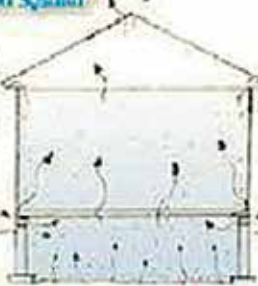
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dia and the town.

The first story was the water was being lowered to enable NCDOT to clean out culverts that drain into the lake. The next version was the water was being lowered to enable engineers to look at the lake bottom to consider dredging the silt buildup.

Once the valve at the dam was repaired, and regardless of the purpose, the water in the lake began disappearing over a matter

of days to reappear after rains and then to disappear again – escaping out of the valve into Big Creek.

The problem?

No one notified the town or acquired the necessary permit to lower the impoundment prior to doing so. This alarmed the Town Board because after tons of silt escaped Randall Lake more than a decade

• See **MIRROR LAKE** page 19

Mountain Garden Club presents: Wildflowers along NC highways June 13



Red corn poppies grown just off I-40 on Exit 31 near Canton.

Ever wonder who dreamed up the stunning swaths of poppies, daylilies and wildflowers along the highways of North Carolina? And who makes it happen? The Mountain Garden Club invites you to learn the answers Monday, June 13, at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, corner of N.5th Street and Main. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., guest speaker Derek Smith, an Environmental Engineer with the NC Department of Transportation, will present an exciting 45-minute slide show about the NC Wildflower Program. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call 828-200-0699 for reservations now!

ago, the town enacted an ordinance requiring notification and a permit prior to lowering or draining of any impoundment in its watershed.

At the Thursday, May 26 Town Board meeting, a war of words were exchanged between commissioners and Town Planner and Watershed Administrator Randy Feierabend.

In Feierabend's mind, the lake wasn't drained, rather the water was merely lowered and since the valve that was opened to do so was not at the bottom of the dam, the possibility of silt flowing out with the water was slim. And so permit was needed.

Back in April and again Thursday night, Commissioner Amy Patterson stressed that the town's Draining of Impoundment Regulations in the Unified Development Ordinance was clear.

According to Section 12.6.2: Before the owner of any impoundment drains an impoundment he shall first notify the town's Watershed Administrator. The owner shall not proceed with

the draining without issuance of an impoundment draining permit from the Watershed Administrator.

That's when the war of words began. Is letting water escape through a valve draining the lake or just lowering it?

Feierabend said the lake wasn't drained; instead the water was merely lowered seven feet and due to the scope of the project, permits weren't required by the state or the federal government.

"This is not about semantics or technicalities. This was a potential environmental hazard and that's why we require a permit as outlined in our ordinance," said Commissioner Patterson. "Whether you drain the top layer of the water or the bottom layer, water is escaping. The purpose is to prevent the accumulated sediment from going downstream."

She said the town should have been given the required 30-day notice so it could take turbidity measurements prior to and after the act. She contends a permit is required regardless of where the valve is located on the dam top or

bottom.

Feierabend suggested a letter notifying neighbors of intent in the future, but Commissioners Patterson and Dotson said the ordinance is clear.

In the end, commissioners asked staff to send a letter to owners of the 10-12 impoundments in the watershed reminding them that if they want to drain or lower their impoundment they must notify the town and get a permit.

Commissioner Eric Pier-son suggested the ordinance be amended to include the word "lowering" and not just "draining."

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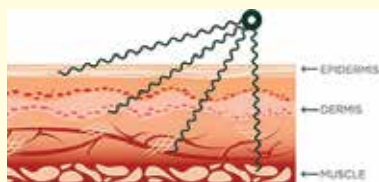
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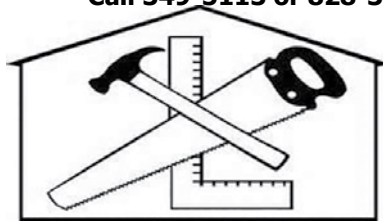
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Highlands Sotheby's International Realty ranked #1 in sales volume for 2014 and 2015 in the Highlands area. Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates, LLC reported that in 2015 its affiliated brokers and sales professionals achieved approximately \$80 billion in U.S. home sales volume (transaction sides multiplied by average sales price).

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Although new to Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, Sheryl, Tammy, Jerry, Don and Betty have extensive local market expertise. They each bring a wealth of knowledge to our strong team of real estate professionals. Contact us today for all your real estate needs. 828.526.4104 or 828.526.8300



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- Greed – think of the credit crunch debt, volatile markets, housing problems
 - Full of envy – think of greed fueled by the advertising industry that facilitates discontent
 - Strife – people striving for position and power at the expense of others
 - Deceit – think of cheats in business, politicians on the make
 - Gossips – think of the slanderous that goes unchallenged and our tabloid world
 - God-haters – people who don't believe in God, but are angry with Him (!?)
 - Insolent – think of and pity teachers and our police who deal with the challenges to their authority every day
 - Inventors of evil – easy enough here! Think of the Internet
 - Faithless – think of the loss of commitment to marriage, church, and nation.
- And all of this is applauded and approved (1:32)!
- And so the second question, "How are we to respond?" Paul said it plainly, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." (1:16). The challenges are the same for us as they were the early church – just more intense given the globalization and technology of our times. The witness and answer remains eternally the same – the Good News of Jesus Christ is powerful for salvation, for both souls and societies.



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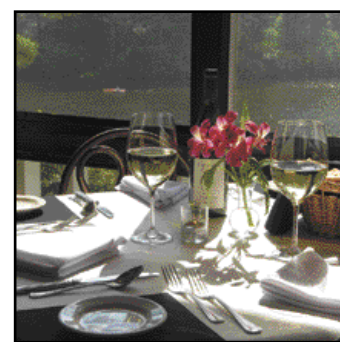
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