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Trash Ambassadors needed to fight litter problem

Those of us who grew up in the '60s remember the national anti-litter campaign on television featuring an American Indian looking at litter along the byways with tears running down his face. Now, community-minded Highlanders are crying because there is litter everywhere on the Highlands Plateau.

If you don't like litter defaming the roads, then Mayor Pat Taylor wants your help.

The last two Coffee with the

Mayor talks, which are held at 11 a.m. in the meeting room at the Hudson Library the last Friday of every month, talked trash - that is, the trash littering the plateau.

With the great recession in the rear view mirror, construction

and litter are on the rise.

The consensus is that aside from people deliberately tossing empty cans and food wrappers out the windows of their vehicles. trash tossed in the back of pickup

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County to broadcast commission board meetings

In the spirit of celebrating Sunshine Week, the Macon County Board of Commissioners announced a move to support and encourage transparency and open government.

Beginning in April, all Macon County Board of Commissioner meetings will be broadcast live online and the meetings will be recorded and available for later viewing on the county website.

"Government always functions best when it operates in the open," said Commission Chair Kevin Corbin. "After talking with county leaders across the country at the National Association of County officials last month, we wanted to make sure the citizens of Macon County have full access to everything we do as elected officials. Larg-

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First Baptist Church to get final word on zoning change at April TB meeting

The rezoning of the First Baptist Church needs a final vote from the Town Board at the April meeting before it can become a reality.

The church wants to expand its Fellowship Hall and since there isn't room to incorporate parking, it requested its B2 zone be changed to B1-Conditional Zone the condition being an OK that it can't provide on-site parking.

All the steps were taken to achieve that goal - the planning board OK'd the plan, the Zoning Board OK'd the plan, a public hearing was set and heard at a Town Board meeting – and that's when the process fell apart.

Commissioner Amy Pat-• See BAPTIST page 5

Town kicks off Easter with annual Egg Hunt



Every year the Town of Highlands sponsors an Easter egg hunt on the grounds of the Rec Park. This year it's set for Saturday, March 26 at 11 am for ages 0-9 years old. Aside from the hundreds of eggs filled with treats, there are prize eggs for the three age groups. Participants should bring their own baskets. In addition, the Easter Bunny will be on hand for pictures. Other Easter related activities include the annual Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday where participants walk through town stopping at all the churches for scripture readings. On Easter morning, there is the annual Sunrise Ecumenical Service, this year at the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street at 6:45 a.m.All the churches in town will then celebrate Easter with their own Sunday morning services and events.

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THE PLATEAU'S POSITION

Mayor on Duty

Litter and Broadband

ast Friday's Mayor's Community Coffee was a follow up session on the plateau trash and litter problem. I want to thank Jennifer Cunningham of the Chamber of Commerce and Kristin Bowen for serving as an advisory committee in developing strategies for combating this problem.

Highlands has declared war on trash! Highlands needs soldiers in the fight. Call me at 828-506-3138 to enlist. I have your

battle gear and plan. A growing legion called the Trash Ambassadors of the Highlands Plateau is dedicated to waging an ongoing battle in our streets and neighborhoods. A huge trash battle is planned for Saturday, April 23rd with the Annual Gorge Pickup. We want to transform it into the "mother of all trash battles." It will now be called the Highlands Gorge and Plateau Pickup. With enough volunteers this pickup can be extended to all our major highways. Sign-up sheets are at the Chamber and Town Hall.

As with all military operations, there is a psychological operations component. An educational and awareness campaign is on the way to stop and reform litterbugs. More information to follow.

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Highlands Mayor Patrick Taylor

The states of Tennessee and North Carolina have filed a suit in the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the FCC ruling that opened the door for the creation of municipal broadband utilities like Highlands Altitude Broadband. The NC League of Municipalities filed an amicus brief with the court supporting the FCC decision. I appreciate the League's position.

Overturning the FCC broadband ruling would be a setback for

small towns languishing in the "digital dessert." It is not just a matter economic development. Upon further study and discussion with our consultants, I now view it more of a matter of economic and community survival. Either a community will have unlimited broadband capacity, or they will wither and dry upon the "economic vine."

Nationally some 200 small town governments are doing exactly what Highlands is doing. State legislators this past session changed the sales tax distribution formula so poor communities could receive more sales tax revenue for economic growth. I have a suggestion, don't create laws that obstruct the development of broadband networks in these underserved communities. It is counter productive the their economic development. Instead, why not allocate funds to bring broadband to these isolated areas? What's that Chinese proverb about give a man a fish . . .?

I know some leaders retort that the private sector is a better provider than government. The dilemma has been that companies have been unwilling to make the in-

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er counties have television stations that broadcast their meetings, but being from a rural part of the state, that isn't possible for us. This is just one way for us to make sure Macon County operates with an open government."

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

"We understand that it isn't always easy for people to attend our monthly meetings and often times we get calls from citizens wanting to know about things that happened," said Macon County Manager Derek Roland. "By installing cameras in the boardroom and having the county's excellent IT staff manage the recordings, we will be able to record and store county meetings not just in the interest of transparency, but to have those records on file for the county as vital resources for the future."

Roland said the videos will be online in a timely manner.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners meet in the boardroom in the MC Courthouse in Franklin the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

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trucks ultimately blows out onto the road-ways.

Both intentional and unintentional littering is against the law and it's punishable with a fine and/or community service. Of course law enforcement has to see the act which is near impossible.

However, according the General Statute § 14-399. Littering. (a1) No person, including any firm, organization, private corporation, or governing body, agents, or employees of any municipal corporation shall scatter, spill, or place or cause to be blown, scattered, spilled, or placed or otherwise dispose of any litter upon any public property or private property not owned by the person within this State or in the waters of this State including any public highway, public park, lake, river, ocean, beach, campground, forestland, recreational area, trailer park, highway, road, street, or alley.

"Any person who violates subsection (a1) of this section in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds is guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$100. In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less

than four hours nor more than 12 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor commensurate with the offense committed.

"Any second or subsequent violation of subsection (a1) of this section in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds within three years after the date of a prior violation is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$200. In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less than eight hours nor more than 24 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor commensurate with the offense committed."

Nontoxic and biodegradable agricultural or garden products or supplies, including mulch, tree bark, and wood chips are not considered litter.

Though not littering in the first place is the ultimate goal, for now Mayor Taylor is looking for Trash Ambassadors – groups of people who will commit to picking up trash on a particular portion of a roadway on a consistent basis – several times a year.

"The strategy is to get teams assigned to not only cleaning the Gorge Road, but also NC 106 to Scaly, NC 28 and the Cashiers Road to the Jackson County line," he said. "We will need at least 50 participants to clean up all of the above roads."

Any group who wishes to participate is urged to call the town a day ahead and orange vests, orange bags, spiked trash sticks and litter pickup warning signs will be made available.

In addition, if the orange bags of trash can't be deposited by the group next

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WEEKEND WEATHER



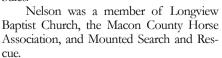
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Nelson David Stiles

Nelson David Stiles, 81, of Franklin, died Sunday, March

Born in Macon County, he was the son of the late George T. Stiles and Agnes Angel Stiles. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters. Patsy Drake and Pru Anderson and a brother Steve Stiles.



He compassionately tutored adult basic education and volunteered with children. He was an integral member of 4-H, continuously displaying his vast bank of equestrian knowledge through an inspiring passion for helping others. He also helped raise extensive funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Nelson was an avid horseman; he loved a horse race, judged many horse shows, and often participated as ringmaster. He owned Nelson Stiles Construction Company.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Betty Ruth Barker Stiles; seven children, Judson Stiles of Franklin; David Stiles and wife Ann of Pikeville, TN: Stephanie McCall of Highlands; Kim Guyer of Franklin; Gretta



Hurst and husband Floyd of Otto; Adam Yonce and wife Jessica and Tommy Yonce and wife Joanne of Franklin: two brothers. Fred Stiles of Franklin and Dan Stiles of Wavnesville; five sisters, Becky Holland, Alma Bryson, Joanne Hubbs and Jean Wells all of Franklin and Margaret Banks of Fletcher, NC; 21 grandchildren; 17 great grand-

children, and many nieces and nephews. Nelson was a devoted husband to a wife that he loved dearly, an adoring father, and a proud grandfather. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family when he wasn't riding horses or throwing shingles. His family, friends, and co-workers loved and respected Nelson as he was a man of immeasurable inteority and value.

Funeral Service were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home, Rev. Dan Stiles and Rev. Carson Gibson will officiate. Burial will be in the Longview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Grandsons served as Pallbearers.

Memorial donations can be made to the Hospice House Foundation, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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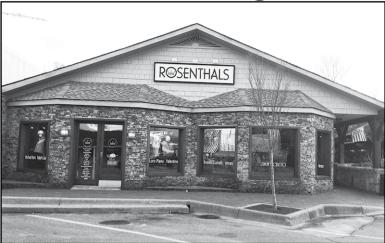
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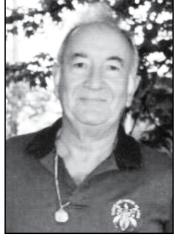
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Richard Lawrence

Richard Lawrence. 82. of Scalv Mtn. died Monday, March 21, 2016, He was a US citizen born in Hamburg, Germany, he was the son of the late Newbold and Mary Evelyn Cromwell Lawrence.

He was President of BBW Concrete Materials; a Freemason, Rotarian, Knight Templar and Shriner. He was a very active member and volunteer in The Episcopal



Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC.

Mr. Lawrence is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barbara Dell Lawrence; much loved two stepdaughters; six children, and numerous grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter, Baby Alice.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Newbold Lawrence, Ir.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 4pm at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands with Rev. Dr. Bruce Walker officiating and Masonic Rites performed. Friends are invited to a reception following the service at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Highlands Cashiers Humane Society, PO Box 638, Cashiers, NC 28717 or the Pastoral Care Committee of the Highlands Church of the Incarnation.

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

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terson reminded the board that years ago, the board ruled that Main Street churches, regardless of their zoning district, weren't required to provide on-site parking. Since that is the case, at Patterson's urging, the church was directed to request a Special Use Permit for new construction from the Zoning Board instead of a zoning change. She also said according to the way she reads the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) a Special Use Permit is required regardless.

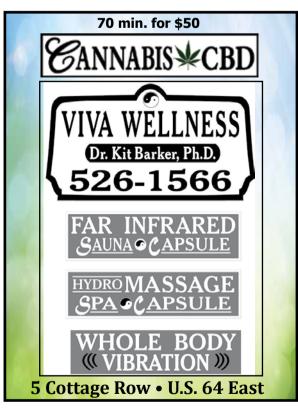
However, Town Attorney I.K. Coward believes it is

debatable whether a SUP is needed in the conditional zoning process. He said there is a super-technical glitch in the UDO where in the flow chart for the process an SUP is needed, but it isn't in the conditional zoning text in the UDO and therefore the UDO needs to be amended so all portions match.

However, since the Conditional Zoning process was already in the works, commissioners asked Coward to advise

At documentation presented at last week's Town Board

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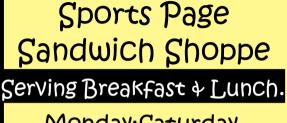
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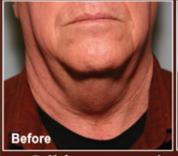
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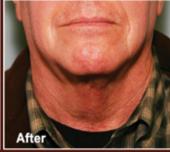
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HS Track – Coach Ryan Kean, Remy Adrian, David Rogers, Jesus Damian, Freddi Garcia, Carson Talbert, Montana McElroy, Blakely Moore, Caden Smolarsky, Jody Thorske, Cole Drummonds and Alexis Healey, manager. – Photos by Kim Lewicki

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meeting, Coward indicated that conditional zoning decisions are legislative and the Board of Commissioners are required to act after prerequisites have been met, basically that the Planning Board and in this case also the Zoning Board signed off on the plans.

Furthermore, since the church requested the legislative action from the Town Board in the first place and since actions were taken in that regard, it must remain with the board instead of changing course and requesting a SUP from the Zoning Board. Coward said at this point the church only needs approval from the Town Board.

Therefore, in three separate votes,

Commissioners voted 3-2 with Commissioners John Dotson and Amy Patterson voting no and Commissioners Donnie Calloway, Eric Pierson and Brian Stiehler voting yes to allow the conditional zone change, to amend the zoning map to reflect the change and that the change is consistent with the town's ordinance.

However, since it's a zoning matter and since the votes were not a super majority – that of 4-1 – all three aspects must be voted on again at the April meeting. At that time the votes can be 3-2 to pass.

Coward also suggested that the Unified Development Ordinance be amended so that the words in the text part of the ordinance match the flow chart.

- Kim Lewicki

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to their home garbage receptacles or in the Rec Park dumpster, town garbage trucks will travel the route to pick them up.

Meanwhile Highlands own awareness/education campaign is in the works.

A logo is being created and signs and posters will be placed in key locations like Reeves Hardware, gas stations, grocery stores, takeout restaurants, the biological station, the school and even places in Franklin where people stop before coming up the Gorge Road.

Though it's just one road once a year, the annual Gorge Road Pickup is set for Saturday, April 23 and the Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers.

It starts at the Highlands Visitor Center at Main and First streets at 9:30 a.m. Participants will be given a portion of the road to clean up and appropriate litter pickup paraphernalia. The effort ends with lunch at Cliffside Lake where everyone will get a T-shirt commemorating the day.

To sign up call Jennifer Cunningham at the Visitor Center at 828-526-2114.

Highlands Gorge Road Pickup coinicides with the NCDOT Litter Sweep April 15-30.

- Kim Lewicki



The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 24

7pm Maundy Thursday in the Chapel

Good Friday, March 25

12 noon Community Stations of the Cross

1:30 Good Friday Liturgy in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, March 27

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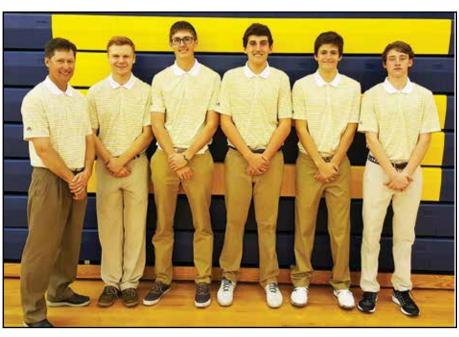
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Spring is in the air here in Western North Carolina. For most creatures, warm temperatures, bright sunshine and flowers all lead to Spring

Certainly Mark Twain understood the yearnings of spring when he said: "It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

Come celebrate the arrival of spring with the Highlands Biological Station! Bring your friends for an entertaining program called "Spring Fever: Mating and Dating in the Animal Kingdom." on Saturday, April 2 at 7:30p in the Highlands Nature Center.

This game show mashup promises to be filled with adult-only hilarity delving into the seductive world of animal courtship rituals. The lengths that animals go to in order to impress a member of the opposite sex are truly awe-inspiring.

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Ongoing

- · 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.
- · Anyone interested in taking Adult, Child and Infant First Aid/ CPR/AED certification class needs to contact the Highlands Recreation Department.

Last Sundays

• At The Wellness Center, donation based Sound Healing Concert. Learn how to use Music to heal your Nervous System and Reduce Your Stress Naturally at 3pm. 468 Dillard Road (828) 526 9698

Mon. Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.

 Movies at the Playhouse: 2. 5 & 8 p.m. Call 526-2685 for weekly movie.

Mondays

- Shortoff Baptist Church nondenominational Men's Meeting at 7 pm first Mondays.
- •High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:25 p.m.

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• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to Ip. For more information, call 828.342.2498. Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30am at the Rec Park.
- · Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

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, Sponsored by the local affiliate of NAMI. For info call 828 369-

Tuesdays

- The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Monday 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.occupy-

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

Last Tuesdays

• At the Wellness Center, donation based Belly Dancing 101 at 6:30 p.m. 468 Dillard Road (828) 526 9698

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

Wednesdays

 At the Wellness Place at 6:30 p.m., donation based Art of Meditation, 468 Dillard Road (828) 526 9698.

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 ValleyCall Lisa 828-506-3555.
- NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

2nd Thursdays

 Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

3rd Thursdays

- Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: from 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center. Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474
- Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: from, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

Fridays

- 99ers Bridge at the Rec Park
- At the Wellness Center, donation based Pinterest Fridays at 6:30p. : Essential Oils, Appetizers and Crafts

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Every 3rd Friday

 Senior Dinners are at noon November through April.

Saturdays

- At The Wellness Place Donation based 9am Yoga For Dummies at 9 a.m. Fun, Judgement Free Zone, All Levels and All Ages! 468 Dillard Road (828) 526 9698.
- At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.

Sat., March 26

- · Highlands Rec Park Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday at 1 I am For ages 0-9 years old.
- Mountain Synagogue is having a Purim Service at 10 am in the Parish Hall of St. Cyprians Church, 216 Roller Mill Rd. Franklin, NC. For more information, call (828) 524-9463
- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6-mile moderate-tostrenuous hike, elevation change 700 ft., in Pantertown Valley, from Salt Rock entrance to Schoolhouse Falls, up and over Little Green Mtn. and on to Wilderness Falls, passing by Granny Burrell Falls. Meet at Cashiers Recreation Park at 10:00 a.m. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles. 743-1079, for reservations, Visitors welcome, no dogs please.
- · Easter on the Trail. Meet at the NHC Club House at 8:30 am to assemble bags of food snacks for hikers on the Appalachian Trail. Contact Elena Marsh for information, 369-8915.

Sun., March 27

 Sunrise Easter Service ~ 7am. Join all the churches at K-H Founders Park

Mon., March 28

· North and South lackson County Republican Monthly Meeting The monthly meeting of the Jackson County Republican Party will be on Monday, March 28th at Ryan's in Sylva 6 PM to eat;6:30 PM to meet. Come to meet the two Republican candidates running for Commissioner in Jackson County. Mickey Luker is running for the District 4 seat now held by Mark Jones and Ron Mau is running for the District 3 seat held by Vicky Green. Say hello also to Mike Clampitt the newly elected Republican candidate for District 119 NC House. Plans will be made for the District and State Conventions. Republicans, unaffiliated voters

and others interested are invited

Highlands Events

to attend all GOP meetings and events. For Jackson County GOP information, please call Ralph Slaughter @ 828 743-6491 or email: jacksonctygop@yahoo.com. Like us on Facebook at Jackson County Republican Party.

Sat., April 2

- At PAC, The Met Live via satellite at 12:45 p.m.
- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile easy-to-moderate hike, elevation change 300 ft., to Alarka Falls and Walton Smith Memorial Trail, a unique bog area in Cowee Valley. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 10:30 am. Call leaders Kathy Ratcliff and Bill Crawford, 349-3380, for reservations. Visitors and friendly dogs are welcome.
- Mating and Dating in the Animal Kingdo." at 7:30 in the Highlands Nature Center. Desserts and drinks will be offered along with a prize for the top couple. Registration is required. So find your mate (friend or other) and call (828) 526-2623 to register.

Sundays, April 3-May 29

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Sun., April 10

• At PAC, Live in HD, Bolshoi Ballet at 12:45 p.m.

Tues..April 12

• American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Macon County Library, 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin, 10 am to 7 pm. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call Sandy McMahan at (828) 524-3600

Starting Sat., April 16

 The Highlands Marketplace in K-H Founders Park every Saturday 8a until noon.

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March 24
Maundy Thursday Service at 6pm

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Good Friday Service at 6 pm

March 27

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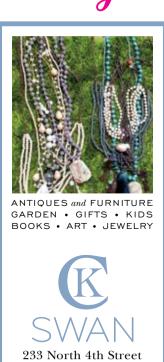
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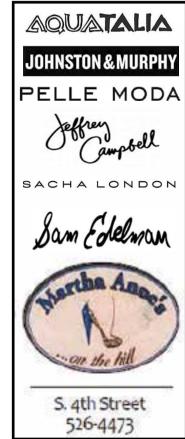
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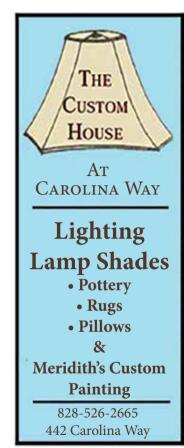


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Located in the popular Mirror Lake area, this 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath is quality appointed. The floorplan is open and airy, with huge decks for outdoor living. Master has private balcony and a bath. 2 bedrooms with a bath and huge family room downstairs has a separate entrance. Offered at \$699,900. mls #83064



Close to town, this 3 bedroom 2 bath enjoys end of the road privacy and minimal yard upkeep. Wonderful screened porch with the sound of the waterfall at the Millhouse. New heat and air in 2015, newer roof, porch. Offered at \$299,000. mls #83091



Great mountain views of Shortoff and surrounding mountains with this 3bed/3bath. Open floor plan with master and guest bedroom on the main level. Lower level has sitting room/bedroom and bath and 2 car garage. Loft upstairs. Offered at \$619.000. mls #83337



Wonderful setting on this 2.6+/- acres with charming Highlands Cottage. House features 2 bedrooms and 2 baths with updated kitchen and baths, wood floors and fireplace. A great weekend getaway. Offered at \$325,000. mls #80941



In town living in the heart of Highlands with this lower entry level Highlands Manor Condo. Open great room with dining, stone faced, wood burning fireplace with over sized windows. A screened porch overlooks Mill Creek accessible from the living room and both of the bedrooms. Offered at \$335,000 mls #83138



In Highlands Falls Country Club on the 13th green, this spacious home has high ceilings, black and white kitchen. 4 bedrooms. 4 baths, family room on lower level. 2 car garage. Huge porches and decks. Offered at \$750,000. mls #81943



In the Webbmont community, only a few minutes from downtown Highlands, this home was renovated in 2006 to include an expanded master bedroom; the living room has vaulted ceilings and a wood burning fireplace. Offered at \$375,000 on .87 +/- acres. mls #83330



Tucked away in the woods with a nice mountain view, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath is in move in condition. Lovely great room with screened porch off side and large deck to enjoy the mountain view. A great first house for our mountain getaway. Offered at \$350,000. mls #83217



This home has beautiful views of Fish Hawk and Buttermilk Mountains on nearly 2 acres just a 15 minute drive to Main Street Highlands. Custom milled Cyprus siding, gorgeous hard wood floors, upscale kitchen, great room, Master suite on the main with guest suite on upper level. Lower level has 1 bedroom and a spacious living room with workshop. \$449,000 MLS #82911.



Close to town, on over 3 acres with a ridgeline view and easy care yard. The dwelling is spacious, with a mountain contemporary flair. 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 car garage, plus an office, family room, and outdoor living room. 2 possible additional building sites. Offered at \$995,000. mls #82990



3 bedroom, 2 bath within walking distance to Skyline Lodge. Large stone fireplace, living room, kitchen, dining room, laundry, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on main level. Large master bedroom and bath upstairs. Offered at \$349,000. mls #83294



4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 bath home is quality construction and features a Fairway and Mountain views. Main Floor has 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, lower level has a bedroom/family room and bath with a 2 car garage. Offered at \$975,000. mls #83045



This house has huge stone fireplaces, granite kitchen and bathrooms, stainless steel appliances. Waterfall with water wheel and pond and boat dock with large screened porch across the whole back of the house. Privacy with your own lake on 1.25 acres. Offered at \$789,000. mls #82534



3/4 bedroom, 3 bath on a knoll lot with a nice mountain view of Whiteside, Bearpen and mountain vistas. Custom kitchen and wood floors with vaulted ceilings, large covered porch. Terrace level has a guest suite. 2 car garage. Owner wants an offer! Offered at \$945,000. mls #83356

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Easy Living in Highlands Falls Country Club



Beautiful home with lovely stream view! Located in Laurelwood community of Highlands Falls Country club. This 3BR/2BA home has an open floor plan, large kitchen with a breakfast nook, breakfast bar, and a wet bar. The private master suite is on one end of the house with guest bedrooms on the other. Stone fireplace surrounded by built-in shelving. Open and covered deck space, with a double attached garage. Easy one-level living in a beautiful, gated community.

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Amazing waterfalls and bold streams with 700 feet on Buck Creek and 700 feet on other side of the creek and bordering USFS. Exceptionally built home on 5.48 acres with all the bells and whistles. \$995.000 MLS #82444



Sequoyah Point Way. Homesite on Lake Sequoyah with exceptional views of the lake, privacy, city water and sewer. Great reduced price! \$347.000. MLS# 77522



4/3 home located in the private gated community of Whiteside Estates. Home features beautiful hardwood floors throughout with pine wood walls and brick fireplace. Great deck with a covered area of the master bedroom. MLS #82461 \$347.500



Wonderful home in prestigious Wildcat Cliffs CC. Just a two minute golf cart ride to the club house. Fantastic views from the back porch of Whiteside Mountain and Cullasaja Club golf course. MLS#82872 \$375,000



Beautiful pastoral view of the paddocks and stables plus Shortoff Mountain. Newly remodeled chefs kitchen plus sizable bedrooms and exquisite views and proximity to town make this property a BARGAIN! MLS #82080 \$525,000



Highlands Mountain Club with great mountain view. Spacious 3br/2ba, two bath spacious condo. Enjoy the pool, tennis, and clubhouse. It comes furnished, with dishes and linens, so just move in. \$249,000. MLS #82270



Highlands Falls condo with 3br/3ba and great golf course view, sunroom, stone fireplace, vaulted ceiling. Just reduced to an amazing \$295,000! MLS# 73808



Every space in this 3/3 home was updated. Two tired deck with views of the mountains the lake and the 5th fairway at Highlands Falls Country Club. The floor plan is perfect for entertaining. In addition, there is a one bedroom guesthouse with a new kitchen. MLS #82523 \$759,000



This timeless home was once owned by the renowned botanist Thomas Grant Harbison and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Enjoy the 3+ acres of lush native plantings combined with colorful annuals and perennials in several gardens. Professional style stove, along with open kitchen and dining area that include a stone fireplace. 5/3 & sleeping porch. MLS #82122 \$960,000



Best buy in Highlands Falls Country Club! 3br/2ba single unit detached Golf Villa with lake and fairway view. Reduced to \$229.000. MLS# 78712



Highlands Falls Golf Villa has the best view of all with golf, lake and mountains plus an easy walk to all amenities. Golf or Social Membership is available but optional. Easy living, all on one floor with a large kitchen and open greatroom. MLS #78624 \$350,000



Great in town location, completely remodeled in 2008 on nearly 2 acres. 3BR, 3BA, 2 Half BAs plus an office and 2 car garage. New kitchen, hardwood floors, new custom cabinets with granite countertops, SS appliances, French doors and new baths. MLS #66051 \$697,000



3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home in Highlands Falls Country Club Community. Raised ceilings in the upstairs living areas, a 3 car garage plus golf cart storage. A wonderful wrap-around glassed/screened covered porch is perfect for entertaining. \$777,000. MLS #81880



Walk to Downtown Highlands. Impeccably maintained 2 br/3 ba home with additional lovely guest suite, extra sleeping quarters and bath. Granite countertops in kitchen and baths, wood floors, additional fireplace on porch and two car garage. MLS #83227 \$545.000



Immaculate home just a short distance from down town Highlands. Vaulted ceilings, stone fireplace in living room. Porches on upper and lower levels. Hardwood floors throughout, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths. MLS #81406 \$265,000



Charm exudes from this 2013 remodel. 3/2 Main house with fantastic Master Suite plus two studio bedroom cottages with full bath for guests. Very private setting on road with more expensive homes. MLS #82269 \$399,000



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Great mountain views from this 13.8 acres with a creek and three streams. Home has 3 br/2 ba with beautiful native stone fireplace and great stone barbeque outside. Owner will consider financing. MLS #74052. \$325,000.



The perfect walk to town cottage, just minutes from Main Street and Harris Lake. Totally updated with two living areas in this open floorplan. Upscale kitchen, two bedrooms, three baths. \$575,000 MLS #81068



This cottage has been remodeled & updated throughout. The main house has 2br/2ba, vaulted & beamed LR w/stone fireplace, newly appointed kitchen. New screened outdoor living space with mountain view. The guest house has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths \$649,900



Wildwood Forest home with beautiful mature landscaping. Open deck and covered porch. Features 2 master suites. Home is fully furnished, well maintained and would be a great investment opportunity.MLS#81577 \$400,000

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not needing deferred maintenance. When you put a home on the market that requires repairs, it may stay on the market for a good while and you may have less showings.

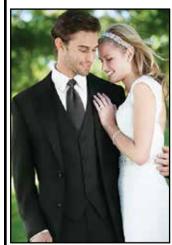
This is the time to emotionally remove yourself from your home. It is tricky to remove ourselves from our environment, however it is very necessary. Yes, you still need to impersonalize your home by taking down personal photos and items. But also think about updating bedspreads, possibly paint inside or out and clear the clutter. You may not appreciate the change, but buyers will respond better.

I am personally in the same situation in considering selling my own home. I feel the same as anyone else in this position. It's a hard pill to swallow to make our homes impersonal, when it's one of the most personal places in our lives! But to sell, we need to do it. I'm preaching to myself as well.

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Biz/Org News

HS students visit FELC



Resident Buck Trott

On March 10, the Highlands School Teen Living class, art students and the Interact Club went to the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center to give gifts they made to the residents. With fabric that donated by Irina Taylor at Village Kids of Highlands, the students made over 115 items which took over a month to finish. These items include dog bone pillows, neck pillows, dignity bags, lap throws and walker bags.

Gale Garrett, from the Art department, also had her students paint pictures of birds, using colors coordinating with the fabrics used, to brighten the rooms. The items were distributed to each resident and they were overjoyed to receive a gift and get a visit from the students.

Friday March 25, there will also be a Easter party and several of the students are planning on attending to volunteer.

• Spiritual Ly Speaking •

'I Am the Resurrection and the Life - John 11:25

By Sam Forrester Whiteside Presbyterian Church

esus in speaking to Martha, the sister of Lazarus, after Lazarus' death, before his resurrection, tells her this amazing truth about himself. He declares "I Am the resurrection and the life." This is a powerful statement. The way he puts this reinforces this teaching. He uses a predicate nominative where the subject and predicate are interchangeable. Like when I might say "I am Sam" which is the same as saving "Sam am I." He does this to show that both the resurrection and the life are rooted in him. It is important to notice the order in which he gives these. The resurrection precedes life because without the resurrection their can be no eternal life.

Jesus is the resurrection, thus he is also the life. Both of these are completely dependant on him. In his person and in it alone do you find the blessed life of God. In him only can you find his glorious attributes; omniscience, wisdom, omnipotence, love, holiness, etc. Because he is all of these things, he is also the root or source of your marvelous resurrection. Without Jesus Christ there is nothing but death. With him there is resurrection, victory over death, and life, eternal life. Iesus came into this world as the Prince of Life to be the conqueror of death. He came from the Father to live the perfect life required by the law for man to enter into God's presence. He went to Calvary's cross to pay the price for man's sin. According to what he told Adam in the Garden that penalty was death. He went into the grave to show the debt was paid and through his resurrection opened heaven's gate to all who would hear and believe his message of hope.

Jesus wants vou to understand, eternal life is found in him and in him alone. To be a part with him, in the resurrection, you have to believe he is who he says he is. He is the only begotten Son of God. He was sent into this world to do for those who believe in him what they could not do for themselves. To come into this resurrection you have to believe on Jesus as the One sent from God. The apostle Paul declares in Roman 3:23 that all men are sinners. That means according to Ephesians 2:1 all men are dead in their transgressions and sins. What hope can they have? There is nothing in them that could cause God to look upon them. Psalm 14:3 says there are no men who do good, not even one. This means no one because of anything in his own heart can be saved. This is what makes Christ's statement about him being the resurrection and life so important. Jesus opens the door of salvation by his perfect life, atoning death and resurrection victory. Only the person who sees himself as a sinner and his need of a Savior and recognizes that Savior as Jesus Christ can come through Christ's resurrection into heaven and eternal life.

The hope of the Christian is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the ground for everything Christ brought. Nothing else, in this world, carries such a powerful message. Open your ears and listen. Open your heart and believe. Jesus Christ came into this world to bring hope. He is, as he declares, "the resurrection and the life." You must respond to his declaration as Martha did "Yes, Lord, I

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The Highlands Police log entries from March 12. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

March 12

• At I p.m., officers were called to a home on Raoul Road where a bear had destroyed a shed door valued at \$150 and a trash can valued at \$25.

March 13

• At 2 p.m., a case of identity theft was reported when a false ID was given to a state trooper.

March 14

- At 9 a.m., officers were called to Reeves where someone used another's account to make a purchase without permission.
- At 9:50 a.m., a breaking and entering with larceny was reported at a home on Dog Mountain Road. A 40" Samsung LCD TV valued at \$350 was taken and a wooden entry door valued at \$300 was destroyed.

• At 9:48 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east at Little Rear Pen

March 15

• At 10 a.m., a possible breaking and entering was reported at Green Mountain Builders on Laurel Street where a vehicle was broken into

March 16

• At 2:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from March 15.

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 \bullet At 4:21 p.m., the dept. assisted in a search in Scaly Mountain.

March 16

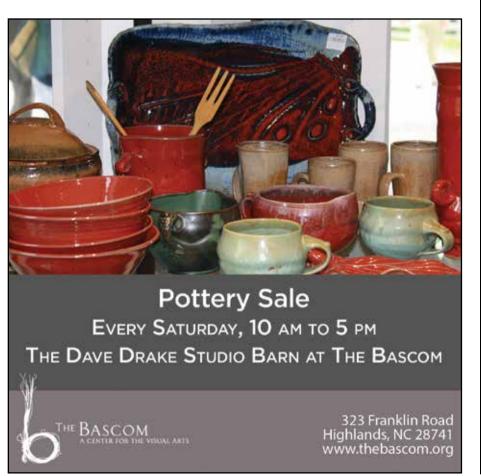
• At 4:55 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a business on Main Street.

March 18

• At 9:43 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Hospital.

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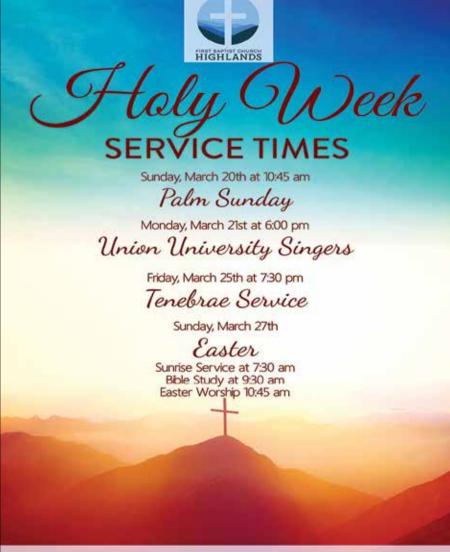
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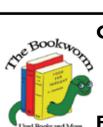


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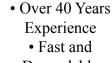
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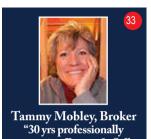
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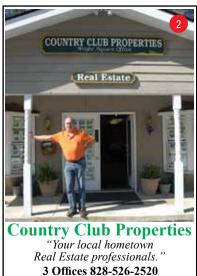




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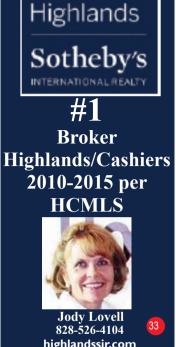
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