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Brunch law in effect; eclipse & broadband plans

Like most eateries and grocery stores in nearby states, retailers of alcoholic beverages in Highlands and elsewhere in North Carolina can now serve or sell alcohol beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday instead of waiting until noon.

On June 30, Governor Roy Cooper signed Senate Bill 155 - the Brunch Bill - into law; and last Thursday night the Highlands Town Board amended its Code of Ordinances to reflect the change.

A number of retailers of al-

cohol were at the meeting to encourage the board to vote in favor of the bill, but they didn't meet any opposition.

"We have a lot of demand for this; there has been the expectation of getting a beer or mimosa

for brunch and it hasn't been possible," said Richard. Delany, president and managing director of the Old Edwards Hospitality Group. "It's a customer service issue and it's a win/win. There will be an

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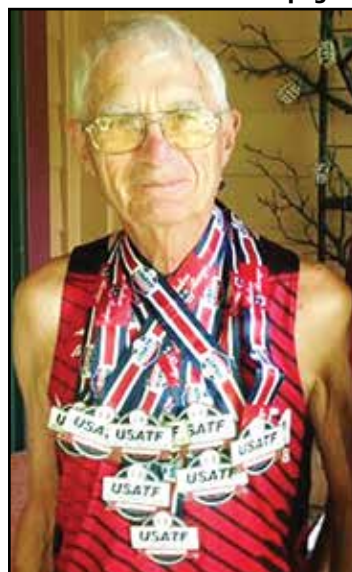
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81-year-old winner!

By Morris Williams

Jim Askew is an 81-year-old long-time seasonal resident of Highlands. Jim trains with the Highlands Road Runners Club. He is also a member of the Atlanta

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Jim Askew with his loot: gold, silver and bronze medals.

Photo by Mary Jo Askew

Fire truck rides this Saturday



The annual Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House is Saturday, Aug. 4, from 11 a to 3 p.m. at the fire station on Oak Street. Live music, fire-truck rides and free hot dog lunches. Donations accepted.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Passionate plea goes out to save 'Beck' house

At the Thursday, July 27 Town Board meeting, Richard Melvin raised the call to preserve the Beck House from demolition - possibly moving it to the Highlands Historic Village on Fourth Street.

"This is an old home, one of

the oldest in Highlands, I believe. I will raise the funds to move it if this can be arranged. The Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center has offered to donate the building," he said.

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From left, Chase Kenter, Conner Hughes, Finneaus Garner, Jack Sumner

Chase Kenter is an AAU Junior Olympic Champ

By Steve Hott

Four of the Highlands Hurricanes elite swimmers traveled to Detroit, MI this past weekend

to compete with swimmers from around the world at the 2017 AAU Junior Olympics.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

It's pickin' time

It's blackberry season, and I'm picking. I want to also pick at a few local items and share them.

One concern to me is the Mission-Blue Cross controversy concerning reimbursement rates. With the debate going on in Washington and recent area medical service changes, like relocating Franklin labor and delivery services, this issue couldn't have surfaced at a worse time. Folks in the area are very worried about future access and healthcare costs.

For me this controversy hits on two fronts. I have family members that depend on Blue Cross, and the town employee health insurance is with Blue Cross.

The town and our employees have shouldered steady, and in some years staggering, increases in premiums, coupled with higher deductibles. These increases are part of national expenditures. About 17% of GDP now goes to healthcare costs.

So as Blue Cross and Mission resolve their dispute, I hope they will be mindful



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

that people and institutions are just about at the limit of what they can pay. If Mission were to drop Blue Cross, or make it a secondary provider, the situation would become unacceptable for the town. It would also severely erode Mission's efforts to provide accessible healthcare for the folks living in the Highlands/Cashiers area.

I am sure both parties do not want to exercise their "nuclear options," and that a resolution

that is focused toward the public good can be reached. They have a co-dependent relationship and neither can afford a breakup.

There was a great turnout at last Wednesday's eclipse meeting at the Conference Center. Also, the Community Coffee with the Mayor on Friday had a good crowd for an eclipse presentation. Town staff continues to develop eclipse plans, such as the placement of portable potties around town, traffic control and directional signage placement.

I will share "eclipse tips" in the coming weeks. My first tip. When hosting house guests for the eclipse weekend, please remind them to remove all food items from their vehicles. I had relatives visit us this June and failed to do so. The bears went through their car within an hour after their midday arrival. Mama Bear really enjoyed the almonds, potato chips and candy bars.

Last Thursday the board approved the bid for the renovations to the Highlands Recreation Center. Expect construction to begin on the old stage and the lower level very soon. The plan is to work on both projects simultaneously so the period of disruption will be as short as possible.

I know there will be full coverage of our swimmers who had outstanding performances at the Junior Olympics. I want to thank Coach Steve Hott for his hard work and dedication in mentoring the young people in our swimming program. It's not far fetched at all to think one of these young athletes could one day soon be representing the US in the Olympics. But, in the long run, the Highland Hurricanes, the coaches and parents serve and enrich our community and youth.

• HIC'S VIEW



"Can you recommend a wine with a rich bouquet, complex flavors and a funny label?"

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They came back with a Jr. Olympic Champion, 13 Medals and a 12th place team finish out of 39 teams.

Chase Kenter led the Hurricanes with 76 points. He won three silver medals, swam the butterfly leg of the fourth-place medley relay, and won gold by delivering an upset victory over Jr. Olympic Record holder Sherif Zidan, of Dubai, in the 50m breaststroke. Chase was the top American finisher in the 50m butterfly, the 50m free-style, and the 50m backstroke behind only Zidan.

The Hurricanes scored 208 points

in only 25 swims. In their 21 individual swims the Hurricanes had 17 personal records, and the boys brought home 1 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze, 7 fourth place medals, 1 fifth place medal as well as 7 ribbons.

Jack Sumner scored 68.5 points, won the bronze medal in the 50m butterfly, and 4 fourth place medals including swimming the breaststroke leg of the medley relay. Sumner medaled every time he swam.

Conner Hughes scored 40.5 points, with a fifth place medal in the 50m butterfly and top 16 finishes in the 200m

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• OBITUARIES •

Charles 'Gilbert' Beck

Charles "Gilbert" Beck, 76 of Highlands, NC went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. He was born in Macon County, the son of the late James William and Beulah Henry Beck. He was retired from the Town of Highlands where he worked as a lineman. After retirement he worked 10 years for Bryson's Food Store. He also retired as a member of Highlands Fire Department. He was a member of Highlands Lions Club and drove a school bus. Mr. Beck was a US Army Veteran and a very faithful member and Deacon of Blue Valley Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a friend to all.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susie Beck, daughters, Nowana Barnes (Keith), Joan Hobbs, and Gilberta Shaheen (Jon) all of Highlands, NC; grandchildren, Charissa Herron, Megan Passmore, Christopher Tallent, Susan Barnes, Michael Beck, Dillan Medlin, Savannah Shaheen and John Hayes Shaheen; five great-grandchildren;



four brothers, Sammie Beck, Jake Beck, John Beck and Butch Beck and also his church family.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Beck.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Blue Valley Baptist Church, with Rev. Oliver Rice and Rev. Allen Aiken officiating. The Highlands

Fire Department served as honorary pallbearers. Military honors were performed by the North Carolina National Guard Honor Guard. Burial was in Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Blue Valley Baptist Church, PO Box 2161, Highlands, NC 28741 or to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Beck family. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrant-funeralhome.com.

Charles Lewis Davidson, Jr.

Charles Lewis "Charlie" Davidson, Jr., 89, passed away peacefully on July 26th in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Charlie was born on March 22, 1928 in Lithonia, GA, the elder of the two sons of Charles and Florre Jo Davidson. He graduated from Lithonia High School in 1945 and then went on to earn a degree in Industrial Management at the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1949. While at Georgia Tech, Charlie was a member of The ANAK Society and the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Shortly after graduation from Georgia Tech, Charlie met the love of his life, Sarah Cecelia "Cile" McCurdy of Decatur, GA. The couple married on December 21, 1950 and thereafter enjoyed more than 56 years of marriage together before Cile passed away on February 23, 2007.

Charlie's business career was spent in the crushed aggregates industry, where he rose from a 12-year-old "water boy" to President of Lithonia-based Davidson Mineral Properties, Inc. and its affiliated entities, North Carolina Crushed Stone, Inc.,



the Gainesville and Athens Stone Companies and the Atlanta, Stone Mountain and Lithonia Railroad. After this group of companies grew to become Georgia's second largest producer of construction aggregates, the business was sold in 1970 to Koppers Co., a NYSE-listed firm.

Following his retirement, in 1980 Charlie split his time between Atlanta,

Highlands, NC and Naples, FL, where he enjoyed playing golf, fishing and hunting with his friends and family. During those years, his social memberships included the Commerce Club, East Lake Country Club and the Atlanta Athletic Club in Atlanta, Wildcat Cliffs Country Club in Highlands, and Royal Palms Country Club in Naples. In the final years of his life, Charlie moved to South Carolina where he lived near his daughter and her family in both Kingstree and Charleston.

Charlie was predeceased by his wife, Cile, and his only sibling, Everett Davidson, and he is survived by his four children, Charles Lewis "Chip" Davidson, III (and

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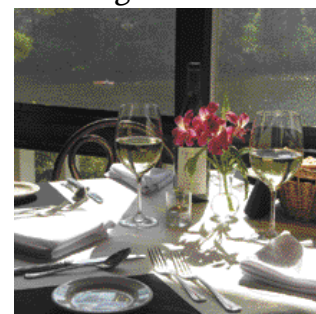


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his wife, Donna), Robert McCurdy "Rob" Davidson, Reid Holmes Davidson (and his wife, Stephanie), Leigh Davidson Connolly (and her husband, Duffy), 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Charlie will be held in the

sanctuary at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta (2799 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30305) on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Mt. Pleasant chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts to

either Northside United Methodist Church, Bethel United Methodist Church (57 Pitt Street, Charleston, SC 29401) or Beacon Hospice (501 Wando Park Blvd., Suite 100, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29494).

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting www.jhenrystuh.com.

Anthony Joseph Manasseri

Anthony Joseph Manasseri passed away July 23, 2017. Tony was born July 8, 1940, in Oswego, NY, the son of Salvatore and Rosina Manasseri. After graduating from Oswego High School and Mohawk Valley Technical Institute, he began his career as Electrical Design Engineer and Project Manager at Black Clawson in Fulton, NY, and retired as Chief Engineer at Reimelt Corporation in Odessa, FL.

Realizing their dream of living in the Smoky Mountains, Tony and his wife designed and built their beloved log home, enjoying woodworking, gardening, hiking and traveling, and for 17 years, lived in gratitude for this, their very own paradise.

A proud patriot, Tony served as U.S. Army Radio Operator during the Vietnam War.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and sister Betty Jane. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judith, daughter Michelle and son-in-law Will, daughter Karen and son-in-law Scott, sister Catherine, brother John, and grandsons Henry and Jack.

A memorial mass will be held Thursday, August 10 at noon, St. Jude's Catholic Church in Sapphire, NC. Memorial donations may be made to The Independence Fund, serving severely wounded veterans, at <http://independencefund.org>.

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A Weekend Trip to the North Carolina Mountains

We don't need an excuse to visit the mountains, especially when the summer heat arrives in Hotlanta, but the excuse for this trip was a book signing in Highlands. We gathered up some friends and headed to Otto, NC to stay in my sister-in-law's cabin.

Once everyone arrived, we sat on the porch with wine and snacks as a thunderstorm raged overhead. When the rain let up, we drove to Franklin to eat at Root and Barrel. Several of us had eaten there on a girls' trip last year. Though the name had changed since our first visit, the menu was the same and the food just as good.

Day two, we girls went back to Franklin to browse the shops while the boys visited the local hardware store and toured the mountain roads. We never know which shop will catch our attention. This time, it was the kitchen shop where I bought my first micro planer. Next was a stop at Books Unlimited to say hi to Suzanne, the owner, since she's been kind enough to carry my book.

From there, we wandered into the Art Room. As one of my friends is an artist, we usually do find at least one gallery to explore. We spent time with a local artist as she showed us a cat portrait she was

painting. By then, it was time for lunch, and our new artist friend recommended Rockin' Rollie Pollies.

We weren't starving but wanted a little something to tide us over 'til dinner. The three of us all wanted to split the grilled pimento cheese sandwich. Overhearing our dilemma, the waitress suggested we order a sandwich and a half. Problem solved. It was a delicious choice.

Dinner that night was at the cabin. I'd made Bolognese sauce and brought the ingredients for a Greek salad, and another couple had made bread and butter to bring the mountains. Yes, you read right, they made butter. Is your mouth watering yet? I tried out my new micro planer on the asiago cheese I'd brought, and we enjoyed a Mediterranean feast.

Day three, we headed to Highlands for my book signing. While the gang investigated other shops, Banjo and I spent several hours at The Molly Grace, the gift shop that carries my book. Banjo's book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" comes out soon, so he worked on perfecting the royal act of rolling over for belly rubs as I signed books and shopped. I could easily have come home with bags and



Kathy Manos Penn

bags of treasures but bought only a purple shirt made by Trust Your Journey, a company founded by two women with the simple message: "Wherever life takes you—Trust your Journey." That's just one of the many unique items you can find.

Meanwhile, my friends visited the hardware store—a recurring theme—and a few other shops. One friend had been on an unsuccessful quest for stoneground grits to take back to her husband. Stephanie, the owner of The Molly Grace, called the Dusty Rhodes Superette to see whether they had them, and sure enough, they did. That was our last stop on the way out of town.

We all had a grand time and agreed we needed to schedule a return visit. Lord Banjo already has plans for a book signing at The Molly Grace on the day of the Highlands Christmas Parade, so hopefully, that date will work for all of us—if we can wait that long.

• Look for Kathy's new book "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" due out in late August and find her collection of columns, "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday," locally at The Molly Grace in Highlands and Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

...OBITUARIES from 6 Jeanie Long

Jeanie Long, 64, of Franklin, NC entered eternal life with her Lord Jesus on Thursday July 27, 2017 with her family by her side. Born in Red Oak, IA, August 25, 1952, she was the daughter of the late Paul Earl Long and Ruth Gladys Silkett Kempton-Hayes. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son Jason Scott Boylan.

Jeanie graduated from Lewis Central High in Council Bluffs, IA. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling from United Christian Bible Institute. She was an ordained minister through the United Faith Christian Ministries. Jeanie worked at Franklin Auction with her longtime friends the Vernelson family. Her Australian Shepherd Jett was her daily companion at work and everywhere she ventured.

Jeanie was a strong independent woman that was a friend to all. Her presence will be missed; her memory we will treasure, loving her always.

Those left to celebrate her life include her daughter Carissa Buckson (Noel) and grandsons Parker, Maddox, and Teagan of Warrensburg, MO, as well as her granddaughter Sophie Boylan of Anderson, MO and her sister Cindy Richter (Jerry) of Sydney, IA.

Please join us for a celebration of Jeanie's life at Franklin Auction, 113 Bowling Lane on Saturday, August 5 at 4pm. Condolences can be made at carissaeve@gmail.com.

Hike the Kelsey Trail from Whiteside Mountain to the Highlands Rec Park and finish with a picnic lunch

On August 26, you can hike the historic Kelsey Trail from Whiteside Mountain to the Highlands Recreation Park thanks to the Highlands Plateau Greenway organization.

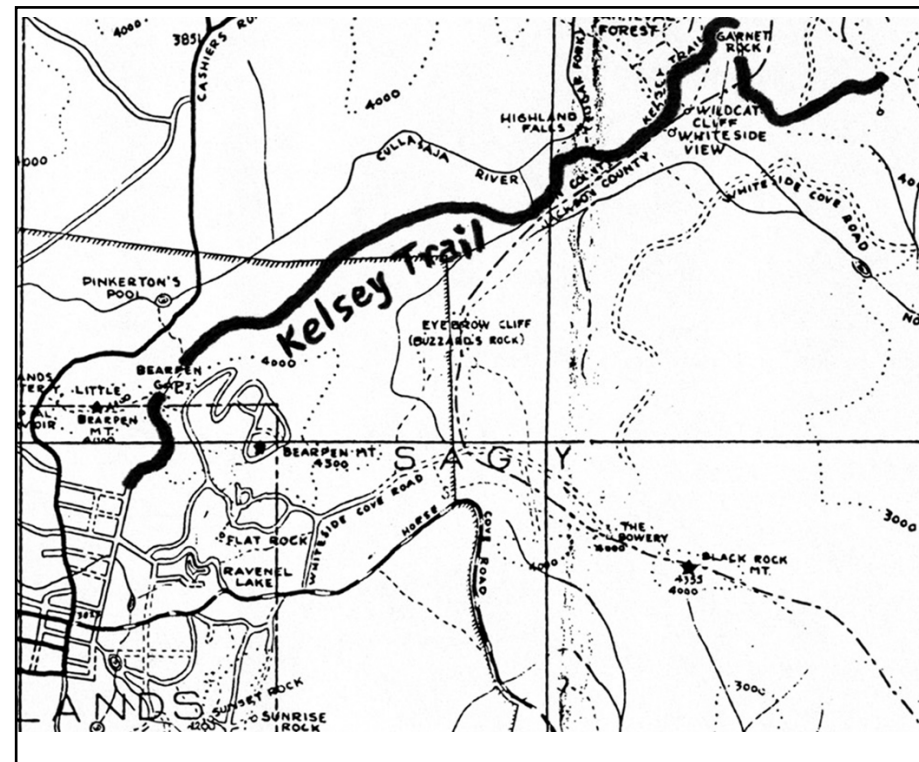
When Highlands was founded in 1875, there was no road to Whiteside Mountain. So in 1881 Samuel Kelsey began work on a road that would end a quarter mile from the top of Whiteside. One resident who questioned the public benefit of such a road argued it was "...of no earthly use to the town, that it goes nowhere and ends in nothing." But Kelsey persisted, recruiting subscriptions and days of labor from citizens in and outside of Highlands, and after 500 work days, the first wagon made its journey on July 10, 1883.

For the next 70 years the Kelsey Trail

became one of the most popular excursions for the people of Highlands. Although the road was closed to the public in the 1950s, the Highlands Plateau Greenway will sponsor a nostalgic walk.

Along the way, small groups will be led to Leila's Rock, Garnet Rock, Highlands Falls, and Soldier's Cave where you will meet characters from the past. Shuttles will leave from the Highlands Rec Park on Saturday, August 26, at 9 a.m.. The five-mile walk, mostly downhill, takes less than four hours, and will end with a picnic at the Rec Park.

Wear good hiking shoes, bring rain gear, water, a daypack and camera. Residents and visitors can register for the walk at highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at (828)-526-2385. The \$50 cost of the walk includes the picnic lunch and free membership in the Highlands Plateau Greenway.





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Track Club Masters Team and participates in the 80-84 age division.

A few weeks ago, Jim traveled to Baton Rouge LA to compete in the USATF Masters Outdoor Championships. The meet is usually dominated by the Southern California Track Club, but not this year. The Atlanta Track Club made a concerted effort to bring the team championship back to Atlanta. Jim played a major role in helping the team achieve that goal.

There were 109 teams and nearly 900 individuals entered in the meet. The Atlanta Track Club led all teams by scoring 1,143 points with second place going to the So. Cal Track Club with 697 points. That is the biggest margin of victory ever during the 50-year history of the meet.

Jim accumulated 53.5 points while the 24th place team in the meet scored 51 points. No other person in the meet scored more points than Jim.

Many of the members of the Atlanta team participated in events which were new to them hoping to get a few extra points. Jim participated in nine events and scored points in every event.

The meet was contested over a four-day period. On Thursday Jim became a National Champion in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 28:38 scoring eight points. Two and a half hours later Jim came back and got another National Championship in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:45 which gave the team another eight points. On Friday Jim participated in the 5,000-meter Race Walk which was a first-time event for him. He walked to a second-place finish and six points in a time of 41:36. In the afternoon he also picked up another 2nd place finish in the 400-meter run for six more points with a time of 1:35.

On Saturday Jim got another National Championship in the 10,000 meter Run for eight more points with a time of 1:01:30. Later in the day Jim dropped down to a lower age division and ran an 80- meter leg on a relay team in the 70-79 age division that took second place for six points. Jim's share of the points added another 1.5 points to his total.

Sunday was a full day for Jim. He got another National Championship in the 1,500 meter run for eight more points with a time of 7:52.

In another first-time event for Jim, he took 3rd place in the Long Jump and four more points with a best jump of seven feet 5.5 inches.

At the conclusion of the meet Jim again dropped down to a lower age division as a member of two more relay teams. He was on the first place 4 X 100-meter relay team and the first-place 4 X

400-meter relay team. His share of the team points added four more points to his amassed total.

Another Highlands Road Runner member, Charlie Patterson, also participated in the Baton Rouge meet.

Charlie is the leader of the Atlanta Track Club 70+ division. Charlie was instrumental in the success of the Atlanta team. It was reported that he was the busiest person at the meet handling administration duties such as monitoring the schedule, tallying team and individual points and making sure team members got to their events on time.

On the running side of his trip, he became a three-time National Champion in the 5,000m (27:04), the 10,000m (58:38) and the 2,000m Steeplechase (10:28). He also got 3rd place in both the 800m Run (3:19) and the 1,500m Run (6:34). He got 5th place in the Shot Put (21Ft. 8.75 in.) and he ran on three-relay team giving him 39.5 points.

Together Jim and Charlie accumulated 93 points, which was more points than all but 15 team totals in the meet.

I almost forgot to mention that the heat index on the track at LSU was reported to be 102 degrees. If you would like to race National Champion Jim Askew in significantly cooler conditions, enter the Fifth Annual Rotary Club of Highlands Twilight 5K which will be held at 6 p.m. on August 19 at the Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park. For information about the race visit: www.highlandstwilight5k.com

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freestyle and the 50m backstroke and swam the freestyle leg of the fourth-place medley relay.

Finneas Garner scored 15.5 points, including a fourth place medal for the backstroke leg of the medley relay and three top 16 finishes in the 200m free, the 50m butterfly, and the 50m breaststroke.

For more coverage of the Hurricanes' trip to the Junior Olympics follow this link to the team's blog. <https://highlandshurricaneesswimteam.tumblr.com/>

The Highlands Hurricanes are a Highlands Recreation Park age group swim team with swimmers aged 4-17. The team practices at the Highlands Recreation Park pool Mondays through Thursday evening and Saturday mornings. All practices are not mandatory.

For more information please call Steve Hott, Head Coach at 828.421.4121 or the Highlands Recreation Park Pool at 828.526.1595.

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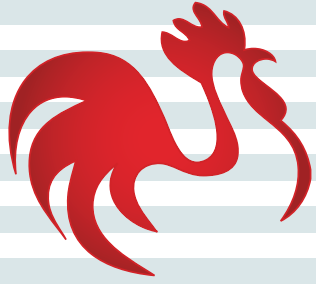
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increase in taxes paid and an increase in revenue.”

Owner of Mountain Fresh Grocery JT Fields echoed Delany.

“There is really no negative impact to

this. It’s a revenue generator and it’s beneficial for residents and guests in town,” said Fields.

Though Chairman of the Highlands Planning Board concurred, his stance was a

bit different.

“On the Planning Board we don’t like to hear the reason to do something is because the benefit is revenue. But I see this as a continuity of the experience guests have when they come to Highlands. I had this experience yesterday; why can’t I have it today?” he said.

Commissioners voted unanimously to amend the code to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

“If selling alcohol is legal, it’s legal. What does a clock have to do with it,” said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

Solar Eclipse

Mayor Pat Taylor updated the board and citizens about Solar Eclipse preparations.

He said the town has received numerous requests to close roads so visitors to Highlands on Monday, Aug. 21 can’t park in neighborhoods.

But he said that is something the town is not going to do. He cited the lack of police officers to carry out such a request nor will people be allowed to man road blocks themselves.

“Joe Citizen isn’t trained as to what they can and can’t do,” said Police Chief Bill Harrell. “This is just not practical or feasible.”

There are some private roads like Satulah Road that the town isn’t in charge of and Commissioner Eric Pierson said he has heard that the residents along the upper portion of that road intend to block it off to vehicular traffic that day.

Mayor Taylor said only town road that will be closed to vehicular traffic is to Sunset Rocks “because it’s a safety issue.”

He also said the police aren’t going to be concerned about cars parking along streets or on the side of roads.

“It’s technically not allowed, but there will be no parking enforcement that day. The police will be prioritizing their duties.”

Mayor Taylor said there will be many stresses put on small communities like Highlands in the path of the eclipse.

For instance bathrooms – there are 30 public toilets in town but that might not be enough. The Chamber of Commerce has reserved six porta-potties and Thursday night the board agreed to get a number more at \$70 a pop to help alleviate what could become a big problem. They will be put up in K-H Founders Park and in other areas around town.

He has asked the churches to allow the public to use their bathrooms and to also serve food during the day and in the evening.

The chamber of commerce has asked

merchants to let visitors use their bathrooms as well.

Food is another issue. Fields said he estimates 500 restaurant seats in town and with turnover that will go up to 1,000.

“But if even 1% of the estimated 25,000 come, they won’t be able to get food,” he said.

To that end, two nonprofits will be selling food in K-H Founders Park on Monday, Aug. 21. Mountain Fresh Grocery and Bryson’s Food Store plan on having grab-and-go options.

On a positive note, NC DOT doesn’t believe the estimated number of day-trippers will show up on Monday. It thinks they will stay down in Clayton, Dillard and Franklin along US 441 what it called a “natural boundary.”

“It’s going to be 4th of July on steroids. We need to plan for the worst and hope for the best,” said Fields.

Broadband

The town is getting closer to its broadband solution. Four finalists are being considered for the town’s public/private broadband enterprise.

Each contender submitted a Request for Information outlining what it could do for the partnership.

“They have all offered solutions for internet, telephone, TV and even 4K TV,” said Matt Shuler, MIS/GIS director. “Now we have to go over all the particulars.”

Since HB 129 is still in effect, municipalities can partner with one private enterprise instead of an unlimited number of providers, which means it’s a financially feasible proposition even with just 3,200 clients.

Shuler said all four finalists offer long-term expertise as it pertains to knowledge and finances that will see Highlands far into the future.

Cars in the Park

Commissioner Donnie Calloway expressed concern about cars parked in K-H Founders Park during the music in the park on Saturdays from 6-8 p.m. He said he saw a child almost get hit when someone attempted to move their car.

Commissioner John Dotson said safety is a huge concern but in addition aesthetically cars in the park take away from the experience.

“Having cars there lessens seating space and everyone has to negotiate around the vehicles to see the band.”

Mayor Taylor said he and Town Manager Josh Ward will come up with a solution which will likely involve signs informing people that the park is closed to vehicles after a certain time.

– Kim Lewicki

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Part of the Highlands Historic Village occupies Highlands Rec Park property; in fact the Bug Hill cottage is technically on the Rec Park. Melvin suggested moving the cottage elsewhere on the Historic Village property and putting the Beck House in its place.

Commissioners didn't voice opposition but as it turns out, the Highlands Historical Society, though a preserver of Highlands history housing the old Hudson Library (now a museum), the Prince House, and Bug Hill Cottage at the Historic Village, said the Beck House, for several reasons doesn't fit into its mission.

"First we don't have any room to place it," said Obie Oakley, president of the Highlands Historical Society. "The land belonging to HHS is very small, in fact the Bug Hill cabin sits on the Rec Park's property. Second, we cannot take on the financial aspect of maintaining it. That's no small thing which we know from keeping the Prince House in proper condition. Third, although the Beck house is old, it is not unique from an historical standpoint. Other houses in Highlands are older and also worthy of preservation. HHS cannot become a repository for the town's losses of this size. Hopefully it can be moved to a site large enough to accommodate it."

Highlands historian Ran Shaffner offered the following on the structure.

"The McKinney-Beck House at 483 Chestnut Street, now owned by the Performing Arts Center, is one of the typical early homes of Highlands. It was built by Charlie McKinney between 1904 and 1909.

"Charlie's older brother, Al McKinney, was the first child born in Highlands. His father, John Palmer "Dock" McKinney, grandson of the man who settled Cashiers Valley, was one of the first settlers in Highlands. Charlie's grandmother, a Cherokee, was 12-years-old when she had trouble keeping up on the Trail of Tears march to Oklahoma and was adopted by a local family. Charlie himself was a carpenter who built his home next to his father's house, which once stood where the Performing Arts Center stands today.

"Although currently deteriorated, Charlie's home was in its time a beautifully constructed two-story, two-bay, single-pile frame structure with gabled roof, interior chimney, poplar wallboard, and cut nails. Despite its location today on Chestnut Street, its rear ell with its attached porch originally served as the front of the house, facing Laurel Street.

"Charlie and Elzora McKinney owned the house until 1920, when they sold it to Walter Bryson. From 1941 until last year it belonged to Jim and Beulah Henry Beck, from whom PAC purchased it. It's a home worthy of preservation as typical of early Highlands architecture if someone had the land to which to move it," he said.



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H-C Players opens 23rd season in August

The delightful New York romance *Crossing Delancey* (made into a movie starring Amy Irving in 1988) opens the Highlands Cashiers Players' 23rd season on Friday, August 18, to run through Sunday, September 3.

Directed by veteran actor/director Dr. Ronnie Spilton, the women in the cast include Lynleigh McLain playing Isabelle, a single young career woman, Faye Siegel, her grandmother, and Barbara Jamison, a new actor to HCP, playing the matchmaker hired to find a young man for Isabelle. Lance Trudel plays Sam Posner, presented to Isabelle as a candidate, while Chris Hess plays Tyler Moss, the self-centered author with whom Isabelle is besotted. Though Isabelle is not at all pleased when she learns that Sam



Cast of *Crossing Delancey* Front row from left: Faye Siegel, Barbara Jamison. Back row from left: Chris Hess, Lynleigh McLain, Lance Trudel

is the owner of a pickle business, who lives on the "wrong side" of New York's Delancey Street, further acquaintance with him changes her mind.

With the influx of visitors coming to view the solar eclipse in Highlands, the Players have added three extra performances, Aug. 18, 19, and 20, all starting at 7:30. The regular season begins Aug. 24, with evening shows beginning at 7:30, and the two Sunday matinees, Aug. 27 and Sept. 3, at 2: 30

p.m.

The box office opens Aug. 10 for season subscribers to make their reservations. Others may make reservations beginning Saturday, Aug. 12. Call 828-526-8084 and leave a message for a call-back or check the website, highlandscashiersplayers.com, to reserve tickets for this charming play.

August 9 Interlude Concert features soprano Pamela Dillard

At 2pm on Wed., Aug. 9, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature Pamela Dillard, soprano. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church.

Dillard is a professor of Voice at Spelman College in Atlanta, where she also maintains a private voice studio. A native of Atlanta, She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Newcomb College of Tulane University. She received her Master's in Music at Boston University, and was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Graduate Fellowship.

In 1992, Dillard made her professional operatic debut as Irina in Kurt Weill's *Lost in the Stars* with the Boston Lyric Opera. Pamela's many roles have included Siebel in *Faust* (Opera Columbus), Maddalena in *Rigoletto* (Op-



era Carolina), Suzuki in *Madame Butterfly* (St. Louis), Mercedes in *Carmen*, Rosette in *Manon*, and Gringerde in *Die Walkure* (San Francisco), Tituba in *The Crucible* (Tulsa Opera), Lily in *Porgy and Bess* and *Third Lady* in *Die Zauberflöte* (Atlanta Opera), and numerous others. She was also the featured soloist for the Grammy nominated soundtrack to Stephen Spielberg's *Amistad*, with music by conductor John Williams.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual- come as you are. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Ongoing

• Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Summer Movies: Sun., 5:30 and 8p; Mon., 2, 5, 8p, Tues., 2, 5, 8p.

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

• The Nature Center will be open Tuesday-Saturdays from 10am-5pm and from 12pm-5pm on Sundays. The Nature Center is closed on Mondays.

• The Glenville Area Historical Society Museum is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 AM to 3 PM until October 14. The Museum that traces the history of Glenville from it's founding to present day though wall displays and items of historical value, is located at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville. For information call 828 743-1658, email historicalsocietyglenville@glenville.com or go to www.glenville-lecommunity.com

Mondays, July 3, and Aug. 7

• Botanical Garden Tour. 10:30 am - 11:30 am • Free. All ages. At the Highlands Botanical Garden. Learn to identify and remove non-native invasive species from your garden and the surrounding forest.

Mon., June 5, 12, 19, 26 (4 sessions)

• Thinking Bridge: Play of the Hand (intermediate), 9:30-11:30 Cost \$80/\$90 Instructor: Duane Meeter. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

First Mondays

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

Mondays

• At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:25 p.m.

Mon. & Thurs.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-9:30am. Contact Janet Avery at 828-200-7508 for more information.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

Mon.-Fri.

• Lap Swim Monday-Friday 7am-10am 6 lanes and Monday -Thursday 5pm-6pm 1 or 2 lanes. Sharing pool with Water Aerobics @ 5:15.

• Water Aerobics Monday-Friday 10:15am-11:15am and Monday-Thursday 5:15pm-6pm (sharing pool with lap swimmers) and Saturday mornings from 11:15-noon.

Tuesdays

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

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets

every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library.

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 369-7385.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the 7PM in the Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Third Tuesdays

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights Rd., Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. Call 828-369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays

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

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

• Exercise Class with Tina Rogers are held Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15p.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.

Wednesday-Saturday

• The Highlands Historic Village is open June-October. It's free. Visit the Highlands Historical Museum, the Prince Houe, Bug Hill Cottage, Furman Vinson's Boat, The Old Jail while taking a break in the peaceful setting that commemorates Highlands' past.

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.

• Indivisible Highlands, a non-partisan activist group meets weekly at the Hudson Library at 5p. For more information call 770-823-0601

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15 pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's Funnel Home. 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

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Fridays & Saturdays

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Saturdays

* Farmers Marketplace in K-H Founders Park from 8a-12:30p.

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

• Scrabble at Hudson Library from 1-4 p.m. Bring board if possible. All are welcome. 727-871-8298.

• The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon or downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

• Music in K-H Founders Park 6-8 p.m. Bring a picnic!

Thursdays, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24

• Bridge Mistakes to Avoid-Novice Plus and Intermediate, 9:30-11:30 Cost \$80/\$100 Instructor: Brenda Manning. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Thur., Aug. 3

• Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 6:30 p.m. Darwin's Backyard.Free

• IRAN:A Regional Superpower, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Akram Khater. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Fri-Sun, Aug. 4-6

• Last concert of the regular HCCMF season and the Final Gala Dinner. For tickets to these events, visit their website at h-cmusicfestival.org or call their offices at (828) 526-9060.

Fri., Aug. 4

• Who Goes to Heaven? 2:00-4:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Jeffrey Small, Jr. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Mon., Aug. 7

• Aery Chiropractic & Acupuncture. Free Health Lecture Series from 6-7 p.m. Upstairs – 2655 Dillard Road. This week: Dr. Sue, Injury!

• The Great Eclipse of 2017, 10-noon. Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter Steve Danford. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• "Moonrise Wine & Cheese on Laurel Knob" Join us for wine and cheese atop one of our premiere properties in Jackson County as we watch the August "blueberry moon" rise. Learn about the fragile ecosystem we protect there that features a vertical cataract wetland, created by a stream that flows over the rock face on this easy to moderate early evening visit. Reservations required. \$35 donation for new friends includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a one-year membership to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, \$10 for HCLT members. To reserve: info. hitrust@earthlink.net or 526-1111.

Tues. Aug. 6

• "Voiceless" at Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts at 3 p.m. It's free but donations accepted for SMPCC.

• At The Bascom, the third an-

nual 'Rise and Shine' event for the Highlands Community Fund at 6:30 p.m.. So Rise and Shine for the Highlands Community Fund and come enjoy a night of great food, entertainment. Tickets to this event are \$100 and the dress is mountain casual. For more information contact Highlands Community Fund, 'Rise and Shine' Chairpersons. Ann Klamon at Ann Klamon faek@comcast.net, or at 1-404-432-06004, or Cindy Treva- than at cindytreva@gmail.com, or at 828-526-2336.

Tues., August 8

• At The Nature Center, Myths and Mysteries of the Night Sky - 6 - Adult • 9:00 pm – 10:30 pm • \$3. Ancient people looked to the night sky for navigation and explanation. Learn the most com-mon summer constellations and the myths that surround them. Advanced registration is required as space is limited. Please bring a flashlight. Note that this program is weather dependent. For info, call 526-2221

• Mosaics of Faith: Unearthing artistic Treasures in the Middle East, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Karen Britt. To Register Call 526-

8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Tue. & Thur., Aug. 8-10

• Apple Computers (MacOS Sierra 2017 Part I) 10:30-3:30 Cost \$135/\$150 Instructor Nigel Sixsmith. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Tue.-Fri., Aug. 8-11

• At The Bascom, Summer Camp: Session 8 – 9a-noon and 1-4p. A little Bit of Everything. Dabble in a little bit of everything in Session 8 of The Bascom's Summer Programs. Explore drawing, painting, mixed media collage, and printmaking. To register call 526-4949.

Wed., Aug. 9

• Ancient Rome and Modern American: Apt Parallels and Flawed Comparisons, 10-noon. Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Vicki Szabo. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• At 2pm the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature Pamela Dillard, soprano. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church. It's free.

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Last concert of regular HCCMF season is this week

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will be presenting the last concert of the regular series and the Final Gala and Dinner, August 4-6.

The festival is celebrating the end of its 36th season with an impressive and popular roster of talent that includes Cellist, Zuill Bailey, David Coucheron on violin, and the Vega String Quartet. These final regular season concerts will be held Friday, August 4 at 6 P.M. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center, and Saturday, August 5 at 5 P.M. at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library.

Grammy award winner, Zuill Bailey grew up in a family of musicians and is considered one of the premiere cellists in the world. Violinist, David Coucheron, Concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony, has given solo recitals at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and other venues around the world. The Vega String Quartet, a favorite of Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival audiences for many years, is the quartet-in-residence



David Coucheron



Zuill Bailey

at Emory University. Following their concerts this week, they will return in October for a fall mini-residency.

Sunday is reserved for the Final Gala Concert and Dinner. The concert performers include Bailey, Coucheron, and The Vega String Quartet, with the addition of Tania Clements on viola and Helen Kim on violin. An elegant dinner at Highlands Falls Country Club follows the concert.

Helen Kim is the Associate Professor of Violin for the School of Music at Kennesaw State University. She has appeared as a soloist with the Boston Pops at Boston's

Symphony Hall, as well as with the Milwaukee and Atlanta Symphony Orchestras. On viola is Tania Clements, Coordinator of Strings for Georgia State University. She has a prolific recording career and appears on almost one hundred CDs covering orchestral, solo and chamber repertoire.

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'Rise and Shine' fundraiser for Highlands Community Fund is Sun., Aug. 6

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The Highlands Community Fund will be hosting the third annual 'Rise and Shine' event at the Bascom on August 6th at 6:30p.

There will be an evening of enjoyment starting with cocktails, then a delicious Barbeque dinner catered by Lovie's of Atlanta. There will be a time to kick up your heels with dancing music provided by the Caribbean Cowboys.

This is an evening of pure enjoyment and a time to get to know the Highlands Community Fund Board and the wonderful support it does for the Highlands community.

Since 1966, the Highlands Community fund has raised permanent endowment funds for our community. Each year, the earnings from these funds are used to make grants to nonprofits serving Highlands. In partnership with

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, the Highlands Community Fund since inception, made over 100 grants to more than 30 organizations totaling more than \$700,000.00.

Recent grants have supported projects at The Literacy Council of Highlands, The Hudson Library, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Highlands, the Middle School Courtyard Project at the Highlands School, the Bascom, the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, the Gordon Center for Children, Highlands Community Child Development Center, Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project, Highlands Cashiers Land Trust,

the Peggy Crosby Community Service Center, Community Care Clinic of Highlands and the Highlands Emergency Council.

So Rise and Shine for the Highlands Community Fund and come enjoy a night of great food entertainment. Tickets to this event are \$100 and the dress is mountain casual.

For more information contact Highlands Community Fund, 'Rise and Shine' Chairpersons. Ann Klamon at AnnKlamon@comcast.net, or at 1-404-432-06004, or Cindy Trevathan cindytreathan@gmail.com, or at 828-526-2336.

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Thur., Aug. 10

• North Carolina's Revolutionary Era: The Militia, the War and Violence, 10-noon. Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Wayne E. Lee. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Fri., Aug. 11

• Anglo-Indian Conflicts in North Carolina: Colonization, Co-operation and Resistance, 10-noon. Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Wayne E. Lee. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• The Bascom Barn Dance: Do-Si-Don't Miss. Bring the Whole Family to Celebrate Local Tradition Bluegrass, Contra, and Square Dancing plus a live caller and music by Silly Ridge RoundUp. Barn Dance T-Shirts and

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Sat., Aug. 12

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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.
\$26.95 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. **\$35.95 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.
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Friday - Wild Caught Shrimp: fried or

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seasoned corn flour mixture, and then
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hush puppies; or steamed to order in our
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Do Smaller Homes Mean Lower Neighborhood Property Values?

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

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If you were to drive throughout a typical suburban neighborhood in the '80s and '90s (and in some cases today), you would have seen sprawling, mass-produced McMansions noted for their lack of character and almost comical, overbuilt nature. The lots beneath them seemed to groan from the weight of these beasts and the endless amount of stuff contained inside their walls. America was in full-on consum-

erism mode, and everything that was bigger was better: houses, hair, heels, and horsepower.

But then a subtle gnawing of knowing began to awaken us.

We began to notice that owning a bunch of stuff did not make us any happier. Nor did the ginormous home and yard that were never-ending maintenance projects. The similarly large mortgage demanded two salaries, sucked away free time and quality time with family, and clicked into place a set of 30-

year shackles.

We discovered we were paying thousands of dollars a year for someone else to house the stuff we couldn't stuff inside our homes and garages any longer. We had forgotten what was even inside those storage units and made mindless trips to push older stuff to the back of the unit so that there'd be room for the new stuff in front.

We felt the drag on our energy and psyches and started to look for solutions. We got crystal clear that we wanted greater self reliance, fewer costs, more time, and free-flowing energy. We wanted high design and sophisticated innovation in use of space and materials. Smaller felt better, more manageable, and fostered the movement to purge any and all stuff that no longer had use in our lives. Minimalism in all forms gained traction, and the tiny home movement was born.

Initially, many people who built a smaller home (let's say 1,200 sf and under) looked to secluded parcels where living more independently (and even completely off the grid) was possible. Privacy and resourcefulness were of primary concern with homeowners seeking sites suitable for gardening, harnessing solar power, and collecting rainwater.

Over time, the demographic and interests of those seeking smaller homes have broadened significantly to include every age group and desired lifestyle. Now, many of those wanting a minimal, downsized life are looking to build in neighborhoods that were once the havens of larger homes only. This newer demographic is seeking self reliance with a twist of convenience to shopping, cultural events, restaurants, and nightlife.

And neighbors are starting to panic. What will happen to the property values of the larger homes in a neighborhood where newer, smaller homes are being built?

According to Tom Horn, appraiser, there is nothing to worry about.

Horn notes in his blog, "Every area and situation is different, but for the most part, smaller homes in a neighborhood do not generally affect the value of



Susie deVille
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larger homes in a negative way just because they are smaller." Appraisers are going to use comparables that are of similar size with similar features and amenities.

In fact, newer, smaller homes boasting high design and fresh approaches to landscaping may very well boost the overall values in neighborhoods. New construction (if done properly) brings new energy into an area and enlivens what may have been a

stale section of the community. In fact, once new construction and renovation begin in an area, neighbors tend to get excited and follow suit. Soon, you'll see other renovation projects launch, as well as efforts to spruce up and freshen properties. Further, those seeking to purchase in such areas will be heartened to see activity and new investment, and, therefore, will be more confident in investing there themselves.

There is one caveat, however. If you are the owner of a very large home in a neighborhood of predominantly small homes, you will have overbuilt for the neighborhood. Obviously, this is not a desired category for valuation. Having a solid mix of home sizes throughout the neighborhood, however, is (in my opinion) healthy and very desirable.

I believe we are in a fascinating new world of home building, and, more importantly, a new vision and set of approaches to building sustainable, healthy, and balanced lives. I do not have a concern that smaller homes negatively affect values in neighborhoods; in fact, I see them potentially driving a new definition of neighborhood potential and attractiveness in the marketplace.

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

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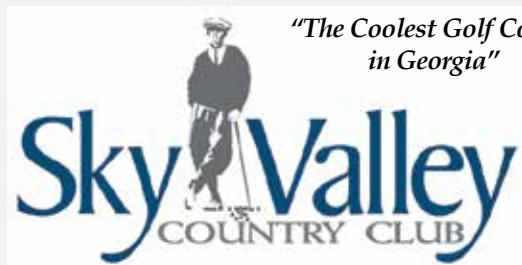


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.POLICE & FIRE REPORTS.

The Highlands Police log entries from July 19. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

July 19

- At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of criminal damage to property when someone banged on the door of a home on Pierson Drive until the wood frame came loose and the door latch was dislodged. Damage is valued at \$50.

- At 5:10 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on S. 5th Street.

July 21

- At 7:30 p.m. officers were called about a man disturbing people by dancing lewdly in Town Square.

- At 8 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Smallwood Ave.

July 22

- At 11:50 a.m., officers received a report of a larceny and aggravated assault at El Manzanillo Restaurant where someone fled the restaurant and drove a vehicle at another person.

July 23

- At 1:20 p.m., officers responded to a call of a resident on Cook Road leaving dogs on the back porch of the residence without food for several days.

July 24

- At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

July 25

- At 9:59 a.m., officers responded to a call about a bear getting into trash cans at a residence on Lucerne Drive.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from July 24.

July 24

- The dept. was first-responders to N. 5th Street.
- The dept. responded to a vehicle fire on N. 4th Street.

July 25

- The dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm on Oak Street.

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hutchinson Court.

July 26

- Twice the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hemlock Circle.

July 27

- The dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on N. 4th. St.

July 28

- The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Holt Circle.

- The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Moon Mountain.

July 30

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at VZ Top.

July 31

- The dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

Aug. 1

- The dept. was first-responders to Bust Your Butt Falls.

Proverbs 3:5

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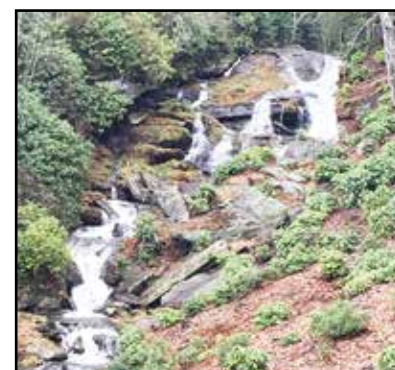
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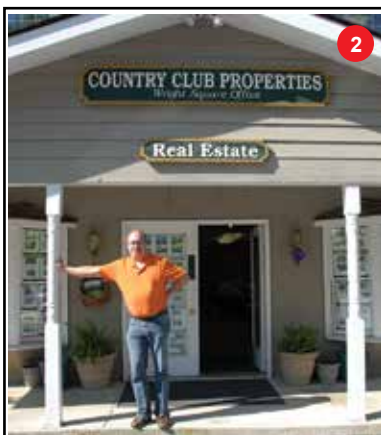


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