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Oct. 29 saw first snow fall!



Though just a dusting, Sunday morning's snow added a colorful dimension to October's foliage. See more photos on page 18

Early voting is on in Highlands

One-Stop Early voting began last week in Highlands at the Highlands Civic Center and will continue through November 4, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm and on Saturday, November 4, 9am-pm.

Election Day is Nov. 7, 2017 and the Highlands Civic Center will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm.

It is the Municipal Election and on the ballot for Highlands are three unopposed candidates: Mayor Patrick Taylor and Commissioners Amy Patterson and Donnie Calloway.

Town of Franklin residents can vote at the Highlands One-Stop Voting location for the candidates in the Franklin Municipal election, too.

Town's broadband system a go

Finally, there is movement concerning the town's mission to provide affordable, reliable broadband, internet and wi-fi to its citizens.

At Thursday's Town Board meeting, Town Manager Josh Ward announced that with the board's approval, WideOpen Networks was ready and able to do the necessary design and engineering work on the town's system.

"This is part of an overall
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A skateboard arena will soon be an offering at the Rec Park.

Skateboard arena coming to the Rec Park

Whether it's because he's an ex-highschool coach or because he's financially able, sports for the kids and families of Highlands are important to Art and Angela Williams of the Old Edwards Hospi-

talilty Group.

Thanks to them Highlands has a renovated track at Highlands School, an ice-skating rink at K-H Founders Park, a covered,

• See **SKATEBOARD** page 18

'Poop' in the park topic at Town Board meeting

It's been discussed before and it will likely be discussed again, but for now the Town Board made no movement against allowing dogs

in K-H Founders Park.

Thursday night, at the urging of Commissioner John Dotson,

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Canine Officer Ruby retires



Police Chief Bill Harrel with Ruby's handler Thomas Parker and family Thursday.

Halloween 10 years ago citizens met Highlands' first Canine Officer, Ruby. She was trained in narcotic searching and human scent tracking and the searches she performed resulted in over 55 law enforcement actions. She has also performed 13 tracking missions, finding all targets.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

The week that was in Highlands

Last week was a busy time for me. The October Town Board meeting was on Thursday night, and the Hudson Library hosted Community Coffee with the Mayor Friday morning. This coffee was the last one for the year.

The Highlands Biological Station sponsored the coffee by providing wonderful refreshments. I appreciate all the non-profit organizations that have supported the event throughout the year. The library will resume the monthly coffee sessions in February. Let me recap a few board meeting and coffee items of last week.

At the board meeting a retirement ceremony was held for Ruby, the first Highlands Police Department patrol dog. I was the magistrate when Ruby joined the force some ten years ago. Ruby was a game changer when it came to drug enforcement and tracking lost people. Ruby was always prepared for duty, and criminals couldn't fool or mislead Ruby. As a canine officer she was a loyal member of the department.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

Happy retirement Ruby with the Parker family!

The board also reviewed plans for the new Satulah water tank. The new tank will about double the current capacity of the old tank. The town will purchase a glass-lined tank that will reduce future maintenance costs. The new tank will cost more than the replacement cost for the old tank, but it will more effectively meet town needs for years to come.

Our financial staff is still tallying the costs of Hurricane Irma. The final costs will be over \$250,000. Since state storm damage costs did not exceed 15 million dollars, Highlands will not qualify for FEMA funds. Nevertheless, the Town Manager and his staff will work to secure as much reimbursement from state emergency funds as possible. But, in the final analysis the town will have spent reserve funds to cover storm costs.

Highlands has started the broadband network buildout with the board approval of hiring Wide Open Networks to do the design and engineering phase of the project. After this initial phase, the building and operational phases will follow. The board wanted to start this first stage without delay in hopes that the full network can be completed within two years.

The Highlands Recreation Department will soon have a skateboard park, just in time

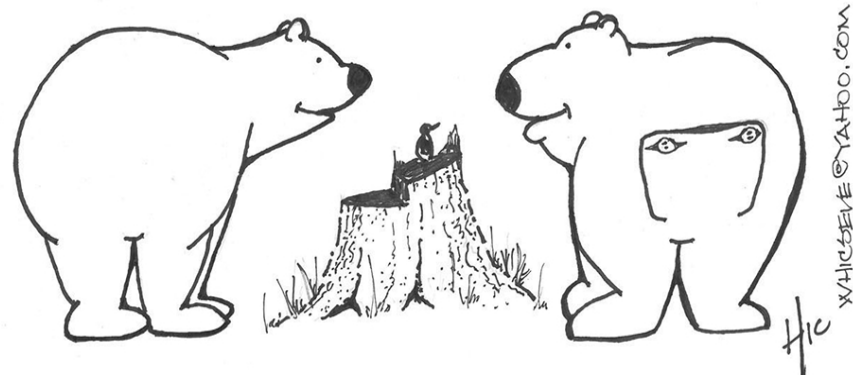
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for the 2020 Olympics where skateboarding will be a first-time event. I want to thank Art and Angela Williams for their generous lead gift. But, another wonderful part of the story is that other citizens have bought into the project. Derek Taylor, Jay Calloway, Hugh Cummins, Mark Rogers, David Conner and John Swift of the Swift Family Foundation quickly stepped forward with financial support toward completing the park. Other people and nonprofits will be offering additional support.

ditional support.

Finally, let me provide two other updates. The state requested bids for chipping the storm debris piled up in the Recreation Department's lower parking lot. Awarding of the contract and work should start soon. Verizon is working on installing their antenna on the town's Big Bear Pen tower, and it should be operational by month's end.

• HIC'S VIEW



"Ah yes, the age old question, fashion vs. function?"

- NOTE -

• Dive-in Movie Night at the Rec Park pool is this Friday, Nov. 3. PG and PG-13 movies. 6-9 p.m., \$7 adult; \$5 children under 12. \$20 family of 4

• The pool at the Rec Park will be closed Wednesday through Sunday - Nov. 8-12 for routine maintenance.

• WEEKEND WEATHER •

	Friday 11/3		Saturday 11/4		Sunday 11/5	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	68 F	49 F	65 F	51 F	65 F	48 F
RealFeel	70 F	51 F	68 F	54 F	68 F	57 F
Winds	4 g 6	3 g 5	3 g 6	3 g 4	4 g 6	3 g 4
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Rainfall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snowfall	0	0	0	0	0	0

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• OBITUARY •

Donald Ray Carpenter



a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida. He worked for IBM as a component engineer for 32 years. He attended Grace Community Church in Boca Raton and First Presbyterian Church of Highlands.

He had a gift for cultivating plants and expressed his skill as a first-rate orchid grower. He also served as President of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society for

many years. He was an honored troop leader for the Boy Scouts of America where he was affectionately dubbed "The Old Goat" for his mountaineering skills and his fine beard. He shared his love of the outdoors with his family and spent many happy hours hiking, hunting and fishing.

A service of remembrance will be held on November 10, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Highlands Biological Foundation, PO Box 580, Highlands, NC 28741.

Donald Ray Carpenter, 83, of Boca Raton, FL and Highlands, NC was a man with an abundance of character. He died on October 5, 2017 in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital under the tender care of Four Seasons Hospice.

Donald was the son of Ellsworth Ray and Frances Bartenstein Carpenter of Beacon, NY. He was a world traveler and shared his love of adventure with his wife, Gail, for 50 years. He was a loving brother to George Carpenter (Alice), and a great father to daughters Tamra J. Carpenter (David Schankler) of Skillman, NJ and Sonya L. Carpenter (Canty Worley) of Highlands, NC, and son Ray D. Carpenter (Kelley) of Austin, TX. He had tremendous love for his three grandchildren, Aaron Schankler, Claire Worley, and Arden Carpenter.

During the Korean war, he proudly served in the Navy and successfully "defended Cuba from attack by the Koreans."

Following his naval career, he received



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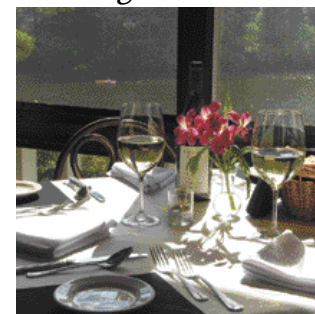


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an impassioned discussion ensued about allowing dogs – leashed or unleashed – in K-H Founders Park.

“Folks have contacted me by phone and in person about personally witnessing dogs pooping in the park with and without their owner’s present,” said Dotson. “We need Kelsey-Hutchinson Park to be dog-free and feces-free at all times. Kids roll and dance and play on the grass in the park and I have seen piles of excrement. And not all of the excrement can be picked up with bags.”

Years ago, before there was a dog park (now located at the northwest corner of the Rec Park), people took their dogs to the ballfield on Popular Street where maintenance crews once counted 28 piles of the stuff.

That and the fact that veterinarian Commissioner Amy Patterson verified that humans could contract hook and round worms from dog excrement lead to the “no dogs allowed” rule at the baseball field. Since that field is fenced, however, enforcement is relatively easy. Not so with K-H Founders Park which caused commissioners to pause.

Since the dog mitt stations are in the park, people think it’s OK to take their dogs to the park to relieve themselves as long as their owners’ pick it up. Though the mayor said he has never witnessed people letting their dogs relieve themselves unattended many others have seen people pull in, park, let their dogs out to do their thing and then drive away.

Commissioner Dotson said the poop mitt stations is the same as saying “it’s OK if your dog poops here,” and he and others suggested getting rid of them.

Hank Ross, president of Friends of Founders Park said the park was built to be to be family friendly which includes people’s dogs.

“People won’t come to concerts if they can’t bring their dogs. This is a dog-friendly town,” he said.

Diane Levine, a dog owner, but one who doesn’t want dogs in the park said it doesn’t matter if people pick up the excrement, there is still residue left behind and it’s still not healthy.

“Why can’t we have a people park where babies can crawl on the grass and where we can put a blanket down without worrying about what’s left in the grass?” she

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Reading in the Dark



Kathy Manos Penn

No, I don't mean Dancing in the Dark, though I am a Bruce Springsteen fan. I'm talking about being so addicted to reading that, as a child, you tried reading under the covers with a flashlight late at night. Is there anyone else out there who did that?

I have a vivid memory of doing this, using the only flashlight I had handy—one of those tiny flashlights I got at the circus. Of course, I was supposed to be asleep, but I was such an avid reader, that there were a few nights that I tried to read past my 8:30 PM bedtime. When I was caught, can you guess what my mom said? I'm sure you can: "Reading in the dark will make you go blind, and then you won't be able to read at all." That was threat enough to make me stop cold turkey.

I've yet to overcome my childhood addiction to reading, and I'm sure there are worse things to be addicted to. I read one to two books per week, and look forward to reading more when I'm on vacation. On some vacations—those where we bicycle all day or stay up late sipping wine and talking—I can be hard pressed to squeeze in much reading; but on trips that combine shopping, leisurely lunches, chit-chat, and an afternoon nap, I manage to read plenty.

On one such trip, I started reading *The Last Child* by John Hart, and it was slow going at first, so I wasn't tempted to read much at night. Once I got into it, however, that changed, and two evenings I stayed up past midnight because I couldn't put it down. That would have been fine if I'd been sleeping in, as I like to do on vacation, but

since both my companions were early risers, I was up early too.

Late night reading and childhood memories remind me of a WSJ column I once read, *The Kid Who Wouldn't Let Go of The Device*. The author tells the story of a child who was given The Device at age two and couldn't put it down and carried it everywhere, a child whose addiction continued into adulthood, someone who panicked at the thought of being without The Device for any

amount of time. The punchline? She's writing about her own addiction to books and thinking of today's parents who may be worried that their kids are addicted to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and all the other technologies cropping up.

The parallels are thought-provoking for me, as I well remember being labeled a bookworm, and not in a nice way. My parents worried that my addiction would doom me to being shy and unpopular—something that never came to pass. Today's parents worry about the effect all this technology is having on attention span and social skills. Who knows? Those may be unfounded worries too.

Me? I'm happy that these days, we can all read just about anything in the dark—without a flashlight—as long as we have a tablet, a laptop, a backlit Kindle or a Smartphone. And, hey, I've been known to resort to candlelight in a pinch. After all, it was good enough for Abe Lincoln.

Find Kathy's new book *"Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch"* and 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

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•BIZ/ORG NEWS•

Rotary honors students



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Adopting a healthy lifestyle over the long term actually requires that we look at life a little differently. While we all know that we are capable of overworking, overeating, and over-stressing, we also know that sooner or later it WILL catch up with us. It is our choice to make healthy changes now, or let our excesses catch up with us later!

The path to good health is not necessarily easy. It requires a desire learn and dedication to do, but the benefits are, quite literally, priceless.

1. Be active! Daily exercise is one of the most important healthy lifestyle tips. Exercise on a daily basis for at least 30 minutes per day. A brisk walk, hiking, cycling, swimming, yoga, aerobics, you choose! Any kind of sustained bodily movement can do wonders for your health, and the more you do, the better you feel.

2. You should sleep 6 to 8 hours per day. This will help your body to replenish itself and gives your body time to rebuild its cells. Lack of sleep deprives you of your day, and can easily affect your eating habits. Adequate sleep is essential for your overall health and well-being.

3. Eat a high quality diet. Start your day with a protein-rich breakfast. Increase your intake of fresh, brightly colored and green vegetables, and add lean proteins, legumes, and good fats to your meals. Avoid foods that are processed, and work to eliminate

your intake of foods that contain hydrogenated oils, trans-fats, sodium, and chemicals. Drink plenty of purified water and healthy teas, eliminate artificial sweeteners and high fructose corn syrup from your diet.

4. Have a positive outlook. People who are positive tend to have better health and success in life than those who are negative thinkers.

5. Maintain a balanced lifestyle. Spend quality time with your spouse, children, neighbors, and community. There should be a balance between your work time and your leisure time. You will actually be able to be more productive when you make time to exercise, relax and have fun.

6. If you smoke, decide to quit. As you know, it is harmful to your health and others in a myriad of ways (i.e. heart disease, lung cancer, premature aging, etc). There are numerous ways to support your body and mind through the withdrawal phase, such as hypnosis, meditation, homeopathic and



Medea Galligan
MS Nutrition, CHHC, AADP

herbal supplements to detoxify your body, and an array of professionals that you could call on for support.

7. Take time to meditate. Meditation helps you learn how to quiet your mind. It helps reduce stress. This "time out" allows you to pay attention to yourself and can greatly assist you in implementing healthy lifestyle changes. Even if you just meditate 15 minutes per day, the result will amaze you.

8. Reduce your intake of alcohol. It is best if you could avoid it, but if you cannot, make sure that you only consume alcohol in moderation (a glass of wine or a can of beer per day). If you have a stubborn 5 to 10 pounds that you can't seem to lose, try giving up all the sugars that reside in your bev-

erage of choice. Again, you'll be amazed.

9. Surround yourself with friends and family members who are supportive. A research by Australian scientist suggested that people who have friends that they can count on to be there for them, live longer. (As reported by the BBC news <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/4094632.stm>)

10. Be appreciative of your life, your health and whatever you have. Gratitude is good for your soul as well as your health.

Marinated Gourmet Cooker Beef Roast

Always a crowd pleaser, warm and wholesome. There is something about the smell of this roast beef with vegetables recipe that will make the whole family come running when you serve it up! This recipe adds a bit more flavor with a wine marinade.

Ingredients for marinade:

1 beef roast that will fit in the four or six quart gourmet cooker. For the cut of meat, the first choice would be a rump roast; other choices would include sirloin tip or chuck roast. If you are able to use

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“grass finished” beef, don’t be afraid to keep the fat on the meat as the natural fats from these animals is healthy for you. Older recipes would even call for adding a small strip of pork fat in to a slice in the meat that goes the direction of the grain. Using a very lean piece of meat can result in a very dry tasting roast that is not as desirable.

6 – 8 cups thinly sliced or shredded carrots, onion and celery stalk using approximately even amounts of each. Use enough based on the size of the pot and roast you will be using.

Several sprigs of fresh herbs such as: sage, thyme and rosemary.

2 bay leaves

2 whole cloves

2 halved cloves of garlic

1 bottle young red wine, such as a Burgundy or Chianti

½ cup extra virgin olive oil.

Sea salt and pepper

Directions for marinade:

Place about ½ of the sliced or shredded vegetables in the bottom of the gourmet cooker.

Rub the roast with salt and pepper then place the roast on top of the vegetables.

Cover the roast with the balance of the vegetables, the garlic, cloves and some fresh herbs.

Drizzle with the olive oil then pour in enough wine to come up about half way up the roast.

Cover and refrigerate for 6 – 24 hours, turning several times if possible.

Before cooking remove the roast from the marinade and drain on a rack, then dry thoroughly with paper towel before browning. Temporarily remove and reserve the marinade and vegetables from gourmet cooker.

Ingredients for cooking:

Marinated roast and vegetables from above.

4 – 6 cups of your favorite vegetables to go with your roast such as: carrots, celery, onions, parsnips or potatoes cut into the size pieces.

4 cups beef stock

Directions for cooking:

Preheat empty gourmet cooker over medium heat.

Brown roast on all sides.

Add marinade with vegetables back into the cooker with the meat and boil on high until reduced by half.

Add beef stock until it comes about two thirds the way up the roast, then bring to a simmer on the stove top.

After the stock begins to simmer, cover and transfer the pot to the gourmet cooker base on a setting of about 2 ½.

Turn the meat if possible a few times during cooking.

The meat is done when a sharp two pronged fork can pierce it easily.

About ½ hour before the roast is done, mix all the vegetables together (carrots, onion, celery etc.) and waterless cook them in a separate, appropriately sized pot. Leave the vegetables covered until you are ready to serve them. (See waterless cooking basics section of this website if you need help in this area.)

When the meat is done remove it from the gourmet cooker and set it on a large serving platter, keeping it warm.

Strain the vegetables from the juices and stock left in pan. Discard the vegetables cooked with the roast leaving the drippings for making a sauce or gravy.

Turn pan on high and thicken to a gravy using your favorite thickener, such as a roux. You can also mix 1 tablespoon cornstarch or arrowroot with 2 tablespoons of port wine.

When the gravy is thickened appropriately, remove from heat and pour into a gravy boat or suitable serving container.

Place the waterless cooked vegetables around the roast and drizzle just a bit of the gravy over the top of the meat and vegetables. Garnish with a few sprigs of fresh herbs and serve.

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asked.

Commissioner Dotson agreed saying the park is a public gathering place, a public park, not a dog park.

“We should discourage people with dogs in the park all the time,” he said.

Commissioner Donnie Calloway said he was more bothered by the number of dogs in the park at events, specifically concerts, where he has seen dog fights, people getting entangled in leashes and even a baby bit by a dog.

In the end, the mayor formed a committee consisting of Ross, Commissioner Dotson, Rec Park Committee members Commissioners Brian Stiehler and Amy Patterson, Town Manager Josh Ward, Rec Park Director Lester Norris and Town Planner Andrew Bowen to come up with a policy that may include a leash law and an ordinance by which people who don’t pick up after their dogs if they relieve themselves in a public place on town property can be cited and fined.

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commitment but if we want to partner with another company once the system is built-out we can," said Ward. "In any case, when we are ready, the engineering will be in place."

WideOpen Networks corporate headquarters is in Blacksburg, VA. According to its website "it helps network owners and communities take control of their network, reduce the cost of operations, and increase average revenue per user (ARPU).

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"In addition, WideOpen Networks puts together a professional management team to provide every facet of business development needed for success."

Mayor Pat Taylor said the town wants to move forward as soon as possible in building the broadband network. The first stage is to do the design and engineering of the system.

"We compared costs from different providers. The cost quoted by WideOpen was in line with other estimates. Since we will have to have an initial design and engineering phase, we asked WideOpen to proceed with completing this phase. Whether we continue our relationship with them, or another provider, this first stage will be complete and can be used as we go to the buildout phase," he said.

The town is responsible for the aerial buildout phase, but can't move on that until the design and engineering plan is complete.

Ward said he expects the engineering and design plan to be completed by the end of December or the first of January 2018. Once complete, the town will move into the private/public partnership part of the plan.

Meanwhile, to that end, the town is also in the due diligence

stage with WideOpen.

"We are reviewing WideOpen's operational and financial plans with a third-party assessment," said Mayor Taylor. "With an expected positive evaluation in the next few weeks, the town would enter negotiations with WideOpen to create a formal contract where there is a public/private partnership."

Though the public/private partnership will not go beyond the town limits, it's possible that the "private" partner, possibly WideOpen, would be in the position to service customers beyond the town limits.

"Once service is in the town, there would be no prohibitions on WideOpen serving folks outside of town," said Mayor Taylor. "The possibility of extended service makes for a more attractive business model for a private company."

Altitudes, the town's current broadband/internet provider that has been providing wi-fi and fiber to homes and businesses over the past year, would cease to exist once the town enters into the public/private partnership. Altitude would be purchased and become a part of WideOpen, or whichever private company the town partners with.

"Wireless service to customers would continue at least until the fiber network goes on line," said the mayor. "If WideOpen, wanted to continue with wireless, let's say beyond the city limits, that would be their option."

Commissioners OK'd the \$255,600 required to complete the design/engineering plan.

The mayor said he expects the public/private partnership and all it entails to be on line within two years.

Entering into the public/private partnership will enable all citizens in town to get fiber not just those homes and businesses closest to town center.

— Kim Lewicki

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Ross said he will also research a spray that could be applied to the grass in K-H Founders Park to kill

worms and germs left from excrement residue.

— Kim Lewicki

• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

Ongoing

- The pool is now open for public swim 3-6p Mon-Thurs.

Mon-Fri

- After School Program for Kids at The Healing Garden, 470 Dillard Road, Highlands. The school bus drops off at Dusty's. Ages Kindergarten through 8. Activities, wholesome snacks, homework time, outdoor and indoor play. Discount for monthly enrollments Pick up time 6 pm. Call Michelle at 828-526-9698.

- Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Movies: Fri-Tues, 2, 5 8 p.m.

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.occupy-wnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Third Tuesday

- 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.

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.

- 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 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 River-view St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

2nd and 4th Thursdays

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

Thurs., & Sat.

- Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from 11a to noon. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

First Friday of Every Month

- Dive-in Movie Night at the Rec Park. PG and PG-13 movies. 6-9 p.m., \$7 adult; \$5 children under 12. \$20 family of 4 (\$4 for

each additional person) Free popcorn per admission. Bring your own float. Food allowed in designated areas. For movie title call 828-526-1595 or 828-526-3556.

Fridays & Saturdays

- Art's at the Lodge. Live Music 4-8 p.m.. Cocktails in Art's or on the lawn at the Lodge. On Spring Street.

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.

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29

- At The Bascom, Youth Pottery Class. 10am - Noon or 3:15 - 5 pm. Love Is The Sound of a Potter's Wheel. Learn the basics of throwing on the wheel to make ourselves better potters! Ages: 8 and up. Fee: \$80

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Nov. 7, 9, 14, 16, 28, 30

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Thurs-Sun. Nov. 9-12

- Highlands Wine & Food Festival. Call the Chamber of Commerce for details.

Fri., Nov. 10

- Movie at The Playhouse, "Chef" on Friday at 2, 5, and 8 pm.

Sat., Nov. 11

- Movie at The Playhouse, "Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent," at 2, 5, and 8 pm.

Sun., Nov. 12

- Movie at The Playhouse, "Big Night" at 2, 5, and 8 pm.

Fri., Nov. 24 or Sat, Nov. 25

- At The Bascom. Gingerbread House class. 10 a.m. until Noon or 1-3 p.m. Everything needed to decorate the gingerbread house of your dreams! Participants may enter their house in a contest to be judged by popular vote. The winner will receive a Bascom gift certificate.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Toxic Faith Stinks



Pastor Dr. Gary Hewins
Community Bible Church

Occasionally, “ministries” hurt people. Sometimes ministry leaders fail in their responsibility to provide authentic, Christ-like, loving, biblical leadership to people in need and harm comes to those who only want acceptance, purpose and grace in everyday life.

Many are aware of controlling, stifling religious practices that leave people confused and spiritually arid. We all have heard of sexual abuse among supposedly godly spiritual leadership. The Bible is clear about false teachers and legalists who lord themselves over people with guilt, control and condemnation. These type of ministries, are few in number but destructive to many. I think such leaders are more harmful than those who persecute the church. A persecuted and hated church thrives and flourishes, a toxic church dies while killing people's hopes and dreams.

Pastors, priests, chaplains and whoever else seek to represent Christ are sometimes misguided, wounded people themselves who have no business being in ministry. Legalistic, toxic ministry is deadly poisonous. People waylaid by legalism spend years trying to overcome the toxicity of such spiritual calamity. Dead religion is highly poisonous. People impacted by such uncaring and controlling ministries need time, love and the real Jesus to overcome such intense pain.

The authentic church, often gets perceived and subsequently indicted as abusive and dictatorial because of spiritual morons who hurt others in the name of God. I have counseled with many over the years who have run from the bogus church while barely, if at all, holding out for a hope that they still can connect with God.

These precious walking wounded need to reestablish trust with others as they are nurtured into the joy of loving, serving and worshipping Christ (some, for the first time). In the meantime, life is often filled with anger, bitterness and the sting of denying the faith and living without the reality of daily fellowship with a loving heavenly Father.

Maybe you have been hurt by such bogus ministries run by wounded, moronic leaders. These wolves in sheep's clothing will be dealt with but in the meantime, may I encourage you to not lose hope? There are many loving, biblical ministries in the world that the Lord Himself would love to have you enjoy. There is a way to live with a passionate pursuit of life where your gifts, your life, your mission bring you fulfillment and joy.

As a pastor, I know you are due an apology. In the absence of true repentance among those who crushed your faith, I offer my sincere apology in their silence. You are special. You are called. You are the “apple of the eye” of God. You are set apart and commissioned to enjoy a vi-

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Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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• HS SPORTS •

with Kedra McCall

Soccer playoffs and All conference volleyball players announced

This week high school soccer played Hayesville for their senior night. They won 5-0, sending the seniors out of their last regular season with a bang.

The team has received a 1st round bye in the 1-A state playoffs for soccer. They will play the winner of Hayesville and Uwharrie Charter.

The 2nd round game is scheduled for Saturday but the time to be announced.

The weather forecast is calling for thundershowers and rain on Saturday so



the game could possibly be played on Friday or Monday, this call will be made later in the week. Watch for updates!

Varsity Volleyball is over but their All Conference has been named. The girls who received All Conference are Maddison Lloyd, Jordan Carrier, and Kedra McCall. Maddison Lloyd also received Player of the Year. Along with

All Conference, girls received Honorable Mentions. Hannah Holt and Abby Olvera earned these.



Pictured from left with Varsity Boys Soccer Seniors are: Coach David (Buddy Parrish), Max Renfro, Jose Jimenez, Juan Garcia, Manny Contreras, and Coach Chris Green.

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brant and functional church family and not a dysfunctional nightmare that seemingly never ends. I am so sorry you were hurt. I hate that you still hurt and with all those ministers who side with the grace and love of Christ, I am sure they hurt with you as well.

Jesus put it this way... "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).



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to occupy their homes. Whether your home is in a gated community, a one-road subdivision, or in the middle of the woods, we all have something in common. We're all neighbors, and we all need practice in good

neighboring.

What better way to practice than to attend a Town Board meeting? I attended the last one, and at first I thought "Boy, security sure has gotten tight as a good many of the chairs were taken up by police officers."

The first thing on the agenda, however, was a retirement ceremony for officer Ruby, the K-9 officer, retiring at 74 years (in dog years). Turns out Highlands owes a lot to Ruby.

The meeting progressed smoothly as talk about retirement plans, water tanks, power lines, and a new skateboard park were discussed; and all were met with approval or tabled for later discussions.

Then, when it was time for the last thing on the agenda, the meeting went to poop.

No, really. Poop in the park. I'm glad Officer Ruby had already taken her absence, or she may have been asked to snatch on friends. Who knew poop in the park would've been such a hot topic?

After a town commissioner suggested the poop mitts be removed from the park to discourage the poopers, hands began popping up from the peanut gallery. Some agreed and some disagreed, with good arguments heard from both sides.

"We already have a dog park, why don't owners take the dogs there instead?" "What about diseases coming from poop?"



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"It's a family park, and dogs are a part of the family, why shouldn't they be allowed?"

Several people, including the Mayor, routinely inspect the park, and at least one admitted to picking up poop negligently left by unleashed dogs, or overlooked by their owners.

The discussion could've gone on forever. One person in the crowd (nameless) suggested "The whole

world is full of poop!" The commissioners finally agreed (well, most of them) to continue to allow dogs in our park, keep the mutt mitts handy for those that obey the "Pick up after your pet" sign, and most of all enjoy the park.

It all boils down to being a good neighbor.


Would you purposely let your dog poop on your neighbor's lawn without picking it up?

Would you be upset if your neighbor's dog used your lawn?

Remember, we're all neighbors, whether it's physically next door, or miles down the road. It's the person holding the leash that has the final control, it's not the pet's fault.

While it's true that "when you gotta go, you gotta go," most of the time, pets can be steered to a place that's not in an area of heavy traffic, or places used by

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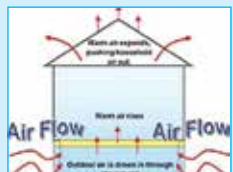
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LOT LISTING

1.36 Acres, buildable, flat wooded lot. Centrally located between Highlands and Cashiers. Great buy! \$69,900 MLS #85497



Spectacular in-town living with little to no maintenance! Quaint stream runs length of property. Beautiful stone fireplace, built-in entertainment center and hardwood floors in living room. Master on main level with 2 guest rooms, full bath and sitting area on second floor. \$365,000 MLS #86329



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LOT LISTING

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LOT LISTING

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BIZ/ORG NEWS.

Highlands Biological Station Director receives award

Highlands Biological Station executive director and WCU biology professor James T. Costa was recently honored with the silver Alfred Russel Wallace Medal in London, recognizing his contributions to the study of nineteenth-century naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913).

Wallace, best known today as co-discoverer with Charles Darwin of the principle of natural selection, is recognized by science historians as one of the most important scientists of the modern period, whose discoveries and landmark books launched several fields of biological study still relevant today.

Costa delivered the 4th annual A. R. Wallace Memorial Lecture at University College London, after which he was presented with the Wallace Medal by George Beccaloni, director of both the London-based Wallace Correspondence Project and the Wallace Memorial Fund.

In presenting the award Beccaloni cited Costa's contributions to Wallace scholarship, including two books published by Harvard University Press (On the Organic Law of Change in 2013, and Wallace, Darwin, and the Origin of Species in 2014) and numerous scholarly and popular articles about Wallace's life, thought, and his relationship with Charles Darwin. Costa is the third recipient of the silver Wallace medal, following the renowned British nature documentary presenter Sir David At-



tenborough and British comedian and television personality Bill Bailey, who produced a three-part TV documentary on Wallace's life.

The sterling silver medal, the Wallace Memorial Fund's highest award, is a scaled-down replica of a portrait medallion of Wallace dated 1906 by Irish sculptor Albert Bruce-Joy (1842-1924), modeled from photographs and from life. Costa has been a professor at Western Carolina University since 1996 and executive director of Highlands Biological Station since 2005. His latest book is Darwin's Backyard: How Small Experiments Led to a Big Theory.



Rotary acknowledges HS September 'Students of the Month'

Highlands School Students of The Month for September were Emma Barrette, High School, Davis Ingate, Middle School, and Todd Vilardo, Elementary School. Congratulations Students – we are so proud of you!



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Sunday morning's dusting of snow was a prelude to Highlands' winter wonderland



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year-round pool at the Rec Park, a new gym floor in the Civic Center, a renovated baseball field on Popular Street and now a soon-to-come first-class skateboard arena at the Rec Park.

At Thursday's Town Board meeting, Recreation Director Lester Norris told commissioners that the skateboard arena folks have been dreaming about will become a reality as soon as April 1, 2018.

"Three weeks ago, Art and Angela Williams offered to pay \$223,000 to have the skateboard arena built at the Rec Park," said Norris.

The 86' by 109' structure will be where the outdoor basketball court is now located on the south side of the tennis court.

The existing playground will have to be moved to accommodate the skateboard structure at the cost of \$44,000 but that, too, will be paid for by someone other than taxpayers.

"We need donations from the community to make this work," said Norris.

Happily, an anonymous donor is giving \$22,000 toward that part of the project and the Swift Foundation has promised \$11,000 with a match of \$11,000.

The match has been promised by citizens and clubs. The Highlands Rotary Club has promised \$1,000 and Derek Taylor, Jay Calloway, Mark Rogers, David Conner and Hugh Cummins have promised the rest with Taylor saying he will personally make up any shortfall.

Since the playground will be dismantled it will have to be rebuilt to current ADA standards and a retaining wall will have to be built to support it in its new location.

"We have to come up with the money for this," said Commissioner Brian Stiehler. "This isn't a deal we can beat if the community is getting involved."

The board voted unanimously to accept the Williams' offer.

— Kim Lewicki

•BIZ/ORG NEWS•

3rd printing of Highlands, North Carolina... The Early Years Volume I coming soon

Publisher Ran Shaffner looks on as Angie Jenkins signs the contract for the third printing of Highlands, North Carolina...The Early Years Volume I.



Highlands, North Carolina...The Early Years Volume I, by seventh generation Highlander Angela Lewis Jenkins will soon again be available in area stores. Published by Faraway Publishing, the popular coffee table book which first became available in the fall of 2007, has been out of print since August 2014. The book features 200 pages of historic Highlands photos with captions. The third printing which recently went to the printer in Ashland, Ohio, is dedicated in honor of Jenkins' mother, sixth generation Highlander Jane Anderson Lewis, and in loving memory of her late father, longtime Highlander A. Alan Lewis who passed away in September 2016. The books are scheduled to arrive in early December.

Jenkins self-published a second coffee table book, Highlands, North Carolina...The Early Years Volume II, featuring another 200 pages of historic Highlands photos in 2012. The majority of the photos featured in Volume II are from private collections- having never been seen by the public before the book was published.

Jenkins is a direct descendant of Barak Norton, one of the area's earliest pioneers. Her children and grandchildren, all native Highlanders, represent the eighth and ninth generations of the family.

A well-known musician in the Highlands area, Jenkins has served as Organist/Pianist at Highlands First Presbyterian Church since 1976.

The Matt & Dooley Morning Show

Mike Carrier and Jeremy Dooley are broadcasting videos about Highlands events and Highlands businesses on their new Mike & Dooley Morning Show every Friday. You can watch them on Facebook and YouTube or Instagram.

So far, they have done shows at the Highlands School Fall Festival and Highlands annual trick or treating on Main Street on Halloween with more events to follow.

Their goal is to let residents and visitors know what's going on in town and to spotlight a local business each week. So far, they've broadcast from Creative Concepts, Kilwins, the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., The Molly Grace, and White Harvest Living. Already 15 companies have requested a show broadcast from their



Order of Fraternal Police honors Canine Officer Ruby at retirement ceremony

Al Caiata, president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 81 Macon/Jackson counties spoke highly of Ruby and presented her with a certificate of appreciation at her retirement ceremony at the Town Board meeting last Thursday night. Ruby is 12 years old and served with the Highlands Police Department for 10 years. She is pictured with Caiata and her handler Master Officer Thomas Parker. She lives with the Parker family.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

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

Oct. 19

• At 12:55 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehic-

le accident on Main Street.

Oct. 20

• At 9 a.m., officers were called about a burglary without forced entry at a residence on Dog Mountain Road.

Oct. 27

• At 1:20 p.m., officers were called about a vandalism incident where a pumpkin was thrown through the double paned exterior door of M Equals 3 restaurant a N. 4th. St. Damage is estimated at \$200.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Oct. 25

Oct. 25

• At 12:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cottage Lane.

Oct. 27

• At 3:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Country Club Drive.

• At 3:53 p.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 10:02 p.m. the dept. the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Shortoff Lane.

• At 10:33 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

Oct. 28

• At 1:09 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Hickory Knut Gap.

Oct. 30

• At 4:20 a.m., the dept. responded to a structure fire on Mirror Lake Road. and returned later when it rekindled.

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concert-goers laying on blankets, or children running bare-foot after enjoying the splash pad.

I get it. As much as I'd like to believe otherwise, dogs will be dogs, and they will never be as human as we try to make them out to be. They like to be loved, fed, walked, let in, fed, let out, fed, walked some more, loved and petted more, etc. They may not necessarily enjoy festivals in the park, or Downtown Trick-or-treat, and especially Fourth of July celebrations. It's us, their owners that want them with us, and in the end, most dogs just want to make us happy.

Whether you're in the mountains as a year round resident, or this is your second home, or you're just visiting for a weekend or for months at a time, consider it home. Be a good neighbor. Practice the Golden Rule, and we will all live in a much happier neighborhood.

• Jeannie and Tucker Chambers are owners of Chambers Realty & Vacation Rentals, and their dogs, Hunter and Maggie enjoy their day job at the office which involves long naps, treats and walks.

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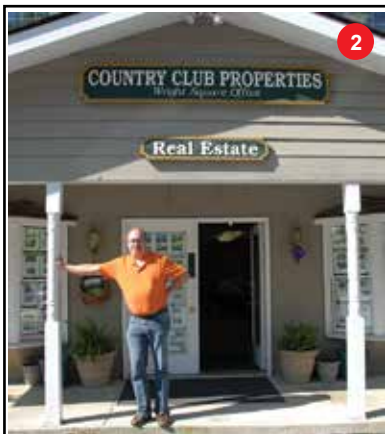
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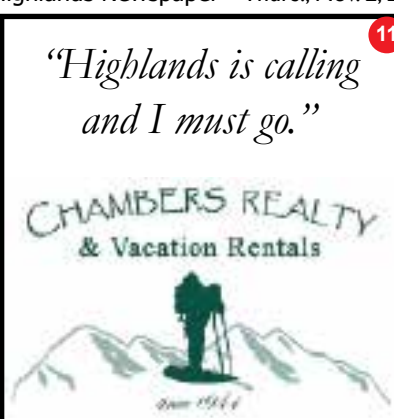


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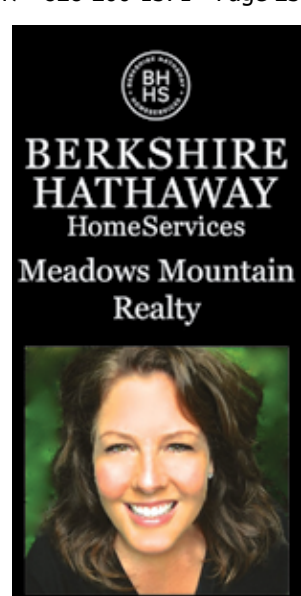


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