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Counties are trying to determine best use of lodgings' 'room tax' money

Across North Carolina, \$206 million in room occupancy tax was collected at all accommo-

dation levels in fiscal year 2014, according to the Local Government Division of the North Carolina

Department of Revenue.

That revenue is returned di-

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The story of a family and the Bear Shadow at Rhodes Big View

If you pass by Rhodes Big View on Route 64 East between Highlands and Cashiers, you may have noticed that in the fall and late winter there is a shadow of a bear that walks across the valley below around 5:30 p.m. That shadow has become legendary and draws crowds to watch the "bear," especially in the fall when the trees on the hillsides are gold and red.

The story of a family who lived and loved Highlands for more than 100 years is the reason all who live in this region and those who visit the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau have the permanent benefit of the view and the phenomenon of the bear shadow.

The story goes like this: Rosine Raoul came to Highlands from her home in Atlanta in 1916 to be treated for tuberculosis at Dr. Lapham's Sanatorium. She bought the house where the post office is located today. Sadly, Aunt Rosine did not survive and her home soon passed to her sister Rebecca Raoul Alstaetter. Rebecca's daughter Antonia (Toni) grew up spending her summers in Highlands.

Toni loved Highlands so much that she wanted to be married here in 1942. Unfortunately for her fiancé, Bob Rhodes, there was a three-day waiting period to be married in North Carolina, and he could only get a three-day pass from the Navy, and that was not long enough to get here from Vir-

ginia and return a married man. Bob was on the bridge of the ship bemoaning his dilemma when the officer next to him said, "North Carolina? I can get the governor to waive the three-day requirement for you!" R. J. Reynolds, Jr., son of the tobacco baron, did

• **See BEAR SHADOW page 24**

Mountain Fresh says 'thanks' to town employees



To show appreciation for their everyday efforts and extra efforts during Hurricane Irma, Mountain Fresh Grocery had a luncheon for all 65 town employees on Wednesday, October 4 in K-H Founders Park. The menu was ribs and chicken with sides and dessert. "They serve all of us and Mountain Fresh Grocery was proud to serve them."

HS Middle School teams are conference champs

This past Saturday Highlands School middle school volleyball and soccer teams won TRI-STATE conference championships.

Both teams beat Rabun Gap in the championship games and

both teams finished with undefeated conference records.

"We are extremely proud of the teams for their accomplishments this season," said HS Head Coach Brett Lamb.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

How art vitalizes a community

Growing up I was always required to attend fall revivals. I went on a road trip last week where Sallie and I experienced a revival of sorts, an art revival.

We traveled to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit a museum. No, not the Walmart Museum, although we saw that, too. We went to the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art which was founded by Alice Walton, one of the heirs to the Walmart fortune.

Our road trip revived my passion for the visual arts, and also it gave me the opportunity to compare Highlands with other small towns in the country. Let me share a few observations.

First, I was reminded of the important role the arts play in the economic vitality and overall quality of a community. Now some folks may come to Bentonville to visit the original Walton 5 and 10 Store Museum, but the massive number of people I encountered came to visit Crystal Bridges. Thousands of people visit that museum every week. It is a signature community venue, just as our arts organizations are points



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

of pride and value for Highlands.

Crystal Bridges is a spectacular art museum that could only have been built with major philanthropy. Most significant art venues require donor support at a very high level. Highlands has enjoyed such philanthropic support of the arts. That continued support will be essential for community vitality in the future. Like what Alice Walton has done for Bentonville, support of the arts here is a long-term community investment.

investment.

On our way to Bentonville, and while there, we stayed in 21 C Museum Hotels. The 21 C facilities are being built all over the country by philanthropists and art collectors Steve Wilson and Laura Lee Brown. These hotels also function as museums that feature the work of 21st Century artists. Maybe this hotel/museum model will one day come to Highlands.

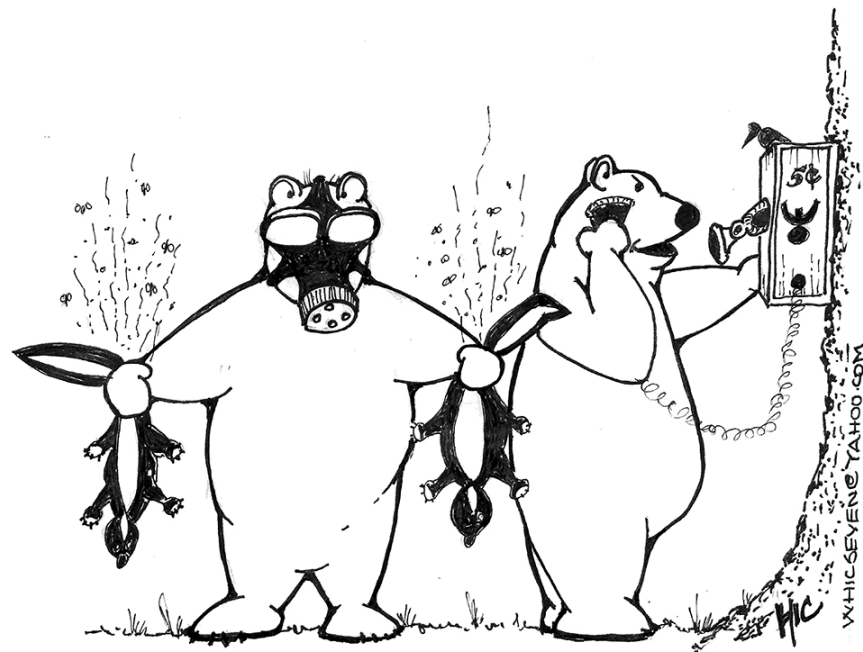
Visiting Crystal Bridges and the hotel museums made me pause to think about contemporary art. My art education was grounded in more traditional media, but contemporary artists are incorporating new technologies in their work. Fiber optics, digital media, video, light and sound are now on the palettes of artists, as well as paint and charcoal. For instance, I saw a piece where the artist had produced a sketchbook of pen and ink drawings. Instead of framing the works and hanging them on the wall, the drawings were animated, set to music and shown in a continuous video in a small theater space. It was a wonderful aesthetic experience.

In short, the trip revived my belief in the power of the arts to express our inner most thoughts and feelings through creative and diverse media.

The trip also revived my concepts about viable towns. Like Highlands, Bentonville conveys a planned aesthetic presence, a sense of place. It has a beautiful park square, and it is pedestrian friendly. By comparison we drove through some Ozark mountain communities full of junk, trash, flashing signs and abandoned buildings. Although these towns are in the mountains, unlike Highlands or Bentonville, they were not attractive places to stop and visit.

For a related story, Google The Bitter Southerner and click on, "Arts Dollars Make Business Sense."

• HIC'S VIEW



"That's right mayor, we have weapons of massive stink. We want two large pizzas with extra worms and bugs or else!"

• LETTERS •

Empty Bowls committee is full of gratitude

Dear Editor:

This letter comes filled with grateful thanks to the over 300 people who made our recent Empty Bowls fundraiser such a success.

The Empty Bowls Project is a unique combination of creativity and dedication to an important cause that raises funds

and awareness concerning hunger in our community. Every guest at our October 1st luncheon took home a hand-made bowl to keep as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. In Highlands, proceeds benefit the Food Pantry, a collaborative project of

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •

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• OBITUARY •

Patricia Ann Scholtens Cannon



Following a 10 year and one day battle with cancer, Patricia Ann Scholtens Cannon went home to glory at 8:35am on Sunday, October 8, 2017 surrounded by her beloved family and close friends.

She was born on Sunday, June 20, 1948 in Joliet, IL to Albert and Carolyn (Johnson) Scholtens. She attended Wheaton Academy and Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL.

Patti took up photography in her early 20s and worked for a newspaper in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She was also an accomplished seamstress and tailor. When she married Michael in 1973, they partnered in their clothing business, Jeans South, Inc. They opened their second store in Highlands, NC, where they owned a summer home and Mike was involved in developing commercial and residential properties.

While Patti had many talents and interests, her real passion was teaching and reaching others with the Gospel. With a heart for children and love for Jesus, she

wrote and developed programs and teaching materials that were used throughout the world reaching well over 40 million children.

Patti is survived by her husband, Michael; daughters Kelly and Lisa; sons David, Scott, Jon, and Marc; her mother, Carolyn McVeigh; her brothers David and William Scholtens; her sisters Bonnie Wong, Joy Gregoo and Beth Ann Chard; her nine grandchildren; her four great grandchildren; and several nephews, nieces, and beloved friends who will continue to cherish her memory.

Many thanks for the wonderful care Patti received from the Highlands Four Seasons Hospice Center and especially Nurse Patty, as well as Dr. Baumrucker, Dr. Patti Wheeler, and the wonderful and competent staff at the Highlands-Cashiers hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Four Seasons Hospice Care and Sonrise Mission. A celebration of Patti's life will be held at Community Bible Church with date and time to be announced.

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the Friendship Center, Highlands United Methodist Church, along with other churches and organizations in town.

Since our local effort was initiated by The Bascom Center for the Arts in 2011, The Bascom has provided space and equipment to craft hundreds of bowls for simultaneous events in Highlands and Cashiers.

We are grateful to the Dave Drake Studio Barn members at The Bascom for providing their time and artistic talent to meet the goal of 250 bowls for Highlands. Special thanks to Frank Vickery, Ceramics Program Coordinator, who not only worked tirelessly to see that goals were met but also created many bowls for the luncheon and several stunning items for the Silent Auction.

This year exquisite wood turned bowls were a new addition to the Silent Auction and we thank the Western Carolina Wood turners for their artistic donations.

The First Presbyterian Church of Highlands has hosted the event since its inception. The logistics of planning, ticket selling, chef recruiting, soup collecting, heating, serving, setting tables, re-setting tables, and cleaning up for a luncheon of this scope would not be possible

without the enthusiastic participation of First Presbyterian Church members and many other community volunteers. We are indebted to every volunteer, most especially the Empty Bowls Committee: Barbara Landwehr, Chair Emeritus, Will Barcliff, Marty Boone, Jennifer Creswell, Ann Greenlee, Betty Fisher, Carol Hughes, Jane Jerry, Deborah McNight, Marty Rosenfield, Andrea Smith, Gerri Tulley and Donna Woods.

This year our guests enjoyed delicious soups prepared and contributed by Fresh Rosemary's Catering, Lakeside Restaurant, Meritage, Sport's Page, Highlands Country Club, and Marty Rosenfield. Desserts and bread were generously made and gifted by Bake My Day, Old Edward's Inn, Martha Porter and Marty Rosenfield.

The proceeds from this event provide essential sustaining funds for the Food Pantry's efforts to provide good, nutritious food for the Pantry's clients. Our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to and attended this benefit.

— Jane Jerry, Chair, 2017 Empty Bowls Committee, Peter Ray, Board President, Friendship Center, and Andrea Smith, Director, Friendship Center

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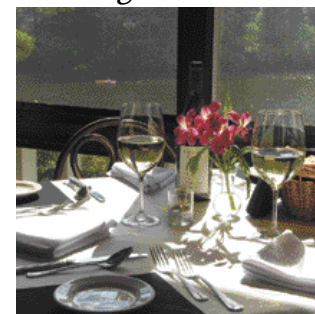


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Area non-profits receive funding from Mountain Findings

Mountain Findings (your community thrift shop) continues its legacy of helping area non-profits by distributing the earnings from the retail operations to area non-profits. In 2017 thirty-five (35) organizations received donations from Mountain Findings totaling \$ 90,000.

Organizations submit their funding requests each year outlining how folks in the community benefit from their programs. Then the Mountain Findings volunteers vote on the requests to fund.

Mountain Findings is entirely volunteer driven—no paid staff. From the folks who work on the truck to make pickups and deliveries to the folks who receive, clean and organize the donations, and the cashiers who make the sales—everyone says Thank You.

None of this would matter without the people who donate their gently used items and the shoppers who come looking for bargains. It is a win-win situation for everyone.

Since its inception in 1969 Mountain Findings has returned more than \$ 1.2 million back to the community.

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Thanks to everyone who makes Mountain Findings the success that it is.

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An Evening with Nelson DeMille



Kathy Manos Penn

Down here in Atlanta, I attended an author event that was a prologue to the Marcus Jewish Community Center (MJCCA) Book Festival coming up in November. That evening, I heard Nelson DeMille and Alan P. Gross.

As a mystery and thriller lover, I've long been a Nelson DeMille fan. You may recall "The General's Daughter" which became a movie starring John Travolta. If not that one, perhaps you've read one of the seven books that describe the exploits of John Corey.

If you're new to Nelson DeMille, you're just in time to read "The Cuban Affair" featuring a new character. I had to smile as Mr. DeMille described Simon & Schuster suggesting he create a new and younger character, a thirty-five-year-old. Since John Corey first appeared in 1997, he's aged and likely not as much into derring-do as he once was. Time for new blood.

"The Cuban Affair" introduces Mac McCormick—a thirty-five-year-old, of course—a college graduate and US Army combat veteran. DeMille hinted that there could be a second book about Mac.

I found it interesting that DeMille writes his books longhand with a #1 pencil and a legal pad. In his humorous style, he told us he took typing in high school because there were more girls in the class than guys, but he never was good at it. These days, he has two assistants who type up his longhand.

DeMille extensively researches his books and visited Cuba in 2015 to gather background for this one, his twentieth. Both he and Alan Gross describe the Cuban people in glowing terms.

And, you may ask, "Who is Alan Gross and why did he partner with DeMille in this presentation?" Alan Gross is a humanitarian who was arrested by Cuban authorities in 2009, accused of working for American intelligence services, and

sentenced to 15 years in prison. He lost 114 pounds, five teeth, and some vision during his five-year imprisonment. On December 17, 2014, the first day of Hannukah, he was released in a humanitarian prisoner exchange.

Despite his ordeal, he too describes the Cuban people in positive terms: kind, warm, generous and innovative. Gross explained that it's uncanny how DeMille captures the essence of

Cuba. Both men are easily able to separate the Cuban people from the Cuban government, and Gross describes the people as having been enslaved by their government for sixty years.

In an interesting twist, the connection between these two men goes further than how they see Cuba. Upon Gross's release, he gave a nod to DeMille's character John Corey by quoting his words: "It's good to be home." DeMille says he got numerous emails and letters letting him know and wanted to reach out. As you'd expect, Mr. Gross was not immediately available.

There's yet another interesting twist: When MJCCA members Bea and Bob Grossman attended DeMille's last book signing for "Radiant Angel," they spoke with DeMille and mentioned that their friend Alan Gross had used the "Good to be home" line. Together they thought, "Wouldn't it be nice to connect Gross and DeMille." Fast forward a few years, and there the two were, sitting on a stage at the MJCCA telling their stories.

I'm looking forward to reading DeMille's latest and to gaining more perspective on how Cuba is faring. As an avid reader, I consider it a bonus to enjoy a good mystery and also learn something along the way.

• 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 at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

•CORRECTION•

In the Oct. 5 edition in the front page article entitled "MFAC fills holes left by state and federal funding cuts" we said that the group meets in the Macon County courthouse boardroom. It doesn't. MFAC meets in the boardroom at the Macon County Schools Administration Office.

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for its anticancer properties, but has long been known for its ability to reduce inflammation, improve circulation and even aid in weight loss. Everyone loves ginger for its warmth, and Chinese medicine, Ayurveda, and Western nutrition all include ginger at the top of their list

of warming winter spices. Ginger calms an upset stomach, aids digestion, and serves as an anti-inflammatory. Since colds and flus spread more often in the winter, ginger can be a beneficial addition to foods. Ginger has a multitude of uses; it can be simmered in tea, added to soup, or sautéed in a stir-fry. I use organic ginger in my homemade miso-ginger salad dressing, and it also adds a delicious zing to my



Medea Galligan
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and Asia where it has been cultivated for at least five thousand years, basil is a highly fragrant plant used for seasoning throughout the world, from Vietnam to India and Italy. Basil boosts the immune system, reduces inflammation, and has natural antibacterial properties. Garlic not only adds delicious flavor to vinaigrettes, nourishing

soups and bone broths, but it reduces inflammation and pain in the body because of the bio-active sulfur compounds it contains.

So as the leaves begin to fall with the outdoor temperatures, remember all the delicious ways that you and your family can stay warm and healthy this winter!

Rosemary-Garlic Chicken

Medea Galligan,
MS Nutrition, CHHC, AADP

Ingredients

2 TBS organic, unrefined coconut oil or grass-fed butter

1-1/2 pounds skinless, boneless hormone-free chicken breast halves or thighs

1 9-ounce package frozen artichoke hearts

12 cloves garlic, peeled & pressed

(always use fresh instead of jarred for the health benefits!)

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chicken broth

2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed

1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon cold water

Lemon wedges (optional)



Directions

1. Melt the coconut oil or butter in a stainless steel skillet on medium-low heat. Brown chicken, half at a time, in hot skillet. In a 3-1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker, combine frozen artichoke hearts, garlic, and onion. In a small bowl, combine broth, rosemary, lemon peel, and pepper. Pour over vegetables in slow cooker. Add browned chicken; spoon some of the garlic mixture over chicken.

2. Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 6 to 7 hours or on high-heat setting for 3 to 3-1/2 hours.

3. Transfer chicken and artichokes to a serving platter, reserving cooking liquid. Cover chicken and artichokes with to keep warm.

4. If using low-heat setting on slow cooker, turn to high-heat setting. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and the cold water. Stir into liquid in slow cooker. Cover and cook about 15 minutes more or until slightly thickened. Spoon sauce over chicken and artichokes. Garnish with lemon wedges and serve with sautéed asparagus or broccoli.

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Twilight 5K raises \$18,500

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Highlands Booster Club, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Derek Taylor and the Highlands Rotary Club for the generous donation of the proceeds from the Twilight 5K run to the Highlands Booster Club. This donation of \$18,500 will be crucial in allowing us to finish the Highlands School track project. We

are so fortunate to have an organization in Highlands that supports Highlands School on many levels other than just The Booster Club.

We would also like to thank all those who helped to organize the event and worked at the race. If I try to name all involved, I will surely leave someone out.

Kevin Vinson
Highlands Booster Club
President

•BIZ/ORG NEWS•

Bespoke unveiled at TJ Bailey's



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...ROOM TAX from page 1

rectly to the counties in which it was generated to fund tourism promotion, advertising, and improvement projects across the state.

Macon County is one of 81 counties in the state that have a county-wide 3% occupancy tax on all lodging facilities within its boundaries.

For more than three decades, beginning in 1983, local occupancy taxes enacted via legislation passed by the North Carolina General Assembly have been a popular and effective means of growing the visitor economy in communities across the state.

These taxes paid by lodging guests based on and in addition to the cost of their rooms have generated billions of dollars in direct tax revenue, and indirectly many billions more in visitor spending, sales taxes, and economic impact.

Tourism is a backbone of the economy in many North Carolina communities, including Macon County, employing thousands of people, supporting numerous entrepreneurs, and generating revenue for small and large businesses in industries as diverse as banking, construction, and professional services.

While the majority of counties collect the tax on a county-wide basis, another 96 municipalities collect an additional room occupancy tax as well.

In Macon County, Franklin is one of those 96 municipalities across the state, while Highlands is not.

Though many counties and municipalities across the state generate the tax, there is no uniform way on how the tax is spent or who oversees those funds from county to county.

The allocation of occupancy tax revenue is often more of a differentiating factor between communities in North Carolina than the tax rate charged to consumers.

For example, a 3% occupancy tax in one community that is allocated entirely to destination promotion isn't necessarily comparable to the same 3% tax in another community where 2% goes to destination promotion and 1%

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...ROOM TAX continued from page 10

goes to destination product development.

The law that established the room occupancy tax states that "The net revenues must be administered by a local tourism promotion agency, typically referred to as a "Tourism Development Authority," that has the authority to determine how the tax proceeds will be used, is created by a local ordinance, and at least 1/2 of the members must be currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the taxing district and 1/3 of the members must be affiliated with organizations that collect the tax."

How the tax is administrated varies significantly across the state, and even varies in Western North Carolina.

In Macon County, county commissioners contract with the county's two chambers of commerce, the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

For the 2013-'14 year, Macon County collected \$592,366, the majority of which was allocated to the Highlands Chamber.

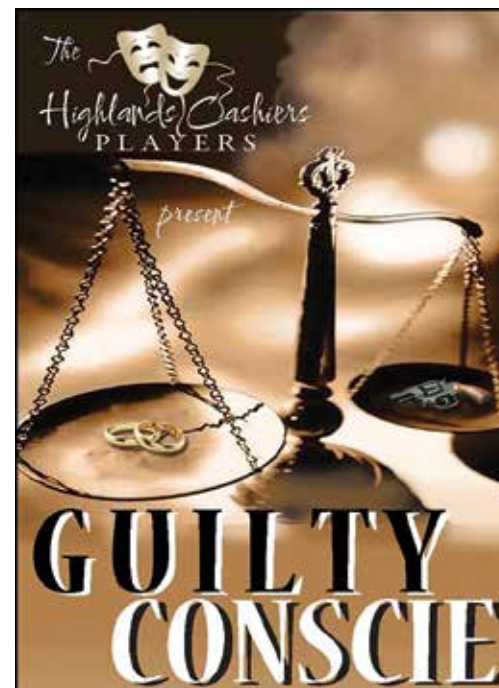
The contract with the county gives the respective chambers the authority to spend the room occupancy funds to promote travel and tourism in Macon County.

The taxes collected in Franklin and Nantahala are distributed annually to the Franklin Area Chamber while the taxes collected in the Highlands area are distributed to the Highlands Chamber.

Macon County, however, has a countywide Tourism Development Com-

mission, which serves as an advisory board to both the chambers, to oversee their annual budgets as they pertain to occupancy tax allocations and use.

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Middle school volleyball played both Tallulah Falls and Rabun Gap. They played 3 out 5 sets against Tallulah Falls and lost. On Saturday they played Rabun Gap for conference championships. They won in 2 sets and left as conference champions. They do not have any more home games but will be playing a jambo-ree on Saturday, October 14th and in Blue Ridge, October 16th.

Middle school soccer played Tallulah Falls, Swain, and Rabun Gap. They won them all and ended the week as conference champions along with middle school volleyball. They beat Tallulah Falls 3-0, Swain 6-1, and Rabun Gap 1-0. They played Rabun Gap on Saturday for the championship game and fought hard to win. They will not



have any more home games but will play in Cherokee on Thursday, October 12th.

High school volleyball played Swain and Hiawassee Dam. JV lost to Swain in 2 sets and varsity went to 5 sets and finished with a win. Jv lost to Hiawassee Dam in 2 sets and varsity lost in their 5th set. Their next home game will be Thursday, Octo-

ber 12th against Rabun Gap. JV will start at 5 pm and varsity after them. It will be Senior night so come out and support our seniors.

High school boys soccer beat both Andrews and Murphy this week. They beat Andrews 7-0 and Murphy 7-1. Their next home game will be Wednesday, October 18th against Cherokee starting at 6 pm.

Come show your Highlander's support as their season gets closer to the end.



Maddie Lloyd stopping it at the net against Hiwassee Dam.

• 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 Wellness Place, 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.occupywnc.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.

Wed. through October

• "Where Art & Science Meet" events at Carolina Gallery, 411 N. 4th Street. **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 Cot-

tage, 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 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

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• Indivisible Highlands, a non-partisan activist group meets weekly at the Hudson

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Police & Fire Reports

The Highlands Police log entries from Sept. 10 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Sept. 10

• At 5:30 a.m., Joshua Jeremiah Jackson, 29, of Charlotte, NC., was arrested for contempt of court, perjury, and court violations.

Sept. 29

• At 12:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

• At 6:45 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Upper Lake Road where someone was parking on private property while possibly impaired.

Sept. 30

• At 2:11 a.m., officers were called to a residence on Smallwood Ave. about someone playing music too loudly.

• At 5 p.m., officers were called to store on NC 106 where two men were arguing.

Oct. 2

• At 8:15 a.m., officers were called to Nancy Fancys where a chain on the driveway was vandalized.

• At 2:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on N. 4th Street where a previous renter removed a stove and refrigerator from the residence.

Oct. 14

• At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Oct. 5.

Oct. 5

• At 2:39 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Walhalla Road where they provided mutual assistance to the Satolah FD.

Oct. 6

• At 8:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible search on Cold Mountain in Jackson County.

• At 11:35 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 2:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Clubhouse Trail.

• At 5:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a medical alarm

• See **POLICE & FIRE** page 23

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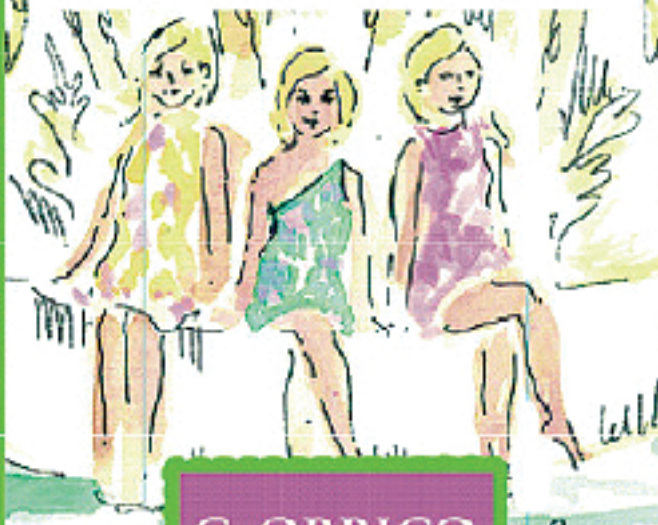
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

An ill wind

By Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran Church

There is an old English saying that "It is an ill wind that blows anybody no good." said to show that even a very bad situation must have some good results

In the past month we have experienced two "Ill winds" – hurricanes Harvey and Irma. They are storms of such magnitude and destructive power that it is hard to imagine any good resulting from them.

August through October are months with a history of storms---Hurricane Hugo, Katrina, Sandy, Matthew and now, Harvey and Irma.

These occur amid deceptively halcyon days of blue skies and pleasant temperatures as well as the changing colors of the fall season, perhaps nature's apology for the cyclones that blow in from the Atlantic this time of year.

I know that some of you have homes and families in the affected areas, and indeed, we may ourselves suffer some effects of the current storm here in the mountains.

We pray for safety for all in harm's way.

And there in these prayers are the "good results" of even an ill wind.

We talked last week about the best of human nature—the compassionate response to disasters that send folks rushing to help those in difficulty and danger, putting aside any regard to race, creed, or religion.

In our reading from Paul's epistle to the Romans, we find Paul encouraging his flock in Rome to do just these things---to wake from self-centeredness, to put on the armor of light and love our neighbor as ourselves.

St Paul writes about love. This "Agape love" was used by the early Christians to refer to the self-sacrificing love of God for humanity, which they were committed to reciprocating and practicing towards God and among one another.

This type of love, in its purest form is not possible without forgiveness.

In that we are forgiven for all our sins, past, present and future by the One who forgave even his executioners, we must practice forgiveness to ourselves and to others, even those who persecute us.

It was on a beautiful day in September 2001, when almost 3,000 people lost their lives in a different type of storm, one of terror. As time goes by, the memory of 911 is fading.

We must allow this, not because of the terror, but because of the love that resulted from that awful day.

It is the worst circumstances that bring out who people truly are.

Despite all our differences – our political views, our social issues and all the rest that is ugly about humanity--it is in true crisis that our real selves emerge and we come together.

As a nation, I have witnessed again and again the caring and the love that we have for each other, when tragedy strips away our veneers of pettiness and self-

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Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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10:45am: Worship Service

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Thursdays: Holy Eucharist Rite II.

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Dr. Mark Ford, Pastor

220 Main Street, Highlands NC 28741

Sun.: Worship 10:45 am; Sun.: Bible Study 9:30 am

Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 am; Prayer Mtg 6:15 pm; Ch. 5p

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Curtis Fussell & Emily Wilmarth, pastors

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Sun.: Worship: 11 a.m.; School: 9:30

Mondays: 8 a.m.: Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast

Wednesdays: Choir: 5:30p

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Sunday: School 9:45a, Worship 11a & 7p, Bible Study 6p

Wed. Kidsquest 6p.; Worship 7p.

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Randy Reed, Pastor 828-421-9172 • 165 S. Sixth Street

Sundays: Worship: 11

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Pastor Dan Robinson

670 N. 4th Street (next to the Highlands Civic Center)

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

Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Randy Lucas 526-3376

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

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

rehearsal, 6:15; Choir Rehearsal 7. (nursery provided); 7pm

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Pastor Zane Talley

Sundays: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11, Choir: 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg.: 7 p.m.

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.

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Sun.: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Worship: 6 p.m.

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Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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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.

Thurs-Sun., thru Oct. 22

• Highlands-Cashiers Players production "Guilty Conscience" at PAC. For tickets call the HCP box office, 828-526-8084, or reserved on line at highlandscashiersplayers.org.

Thurs., Oct. 12

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. There will be a guest speaker and light refreshments. Free gifts for all in attendance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 13-14

• At the Highlands Biological Station, a Tree ID Workshop. Cost \$150. To sign up, call 828-526-2602 or visit www.highlandsbiological.org. No prior experience required.

Fri., Oct. 13

• At TJ Bailey, Cashiers, 104 Hwy 107 south. Madison Creek Trunk Show.

• The Vega String Quartet will perform for area students at 7 p.m. at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. Wear pajamas and come for hot chocolate and musical bedtime stories. It's free.

Sat., Oct. 14

• Highlands Own Art & Craft Show at the Highlands Civic Center at the Rec Park 9a to 4p. Professional and closet crafters with a little something for everyone.

• At The Toy Store at 364 Main Street, Hopscotch Bunny at 11a and 1p. 828-526-9415.

• The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present the MET OPERA's production of Die Zauberflöte at 12:55pm. There will be a pre-opera discussion led by Beverly

Wichman at 12:30pm. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling: 828.526.9047 Highlands Performing Arts, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands

• At TJ Bailey, Highlands, Town Square. Madison Creek Trunk Show.

• Fun-filled auction to benefit HUMC's new Faith & Fellowship Hall from 5-7pm at Scudder's Gallery. For more info, contact 828.526.3376.

• The Vega String Quartet will perform at the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands at 5 p.m., by reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. To reserve your place for the concert and for further information, please call the festival's office at (828) 526-9060.

Sunday, Oct. 15

• "Bending the Arc" documentary about the work Dr. Paul Farmer, Ophelia Dahl, and Jim Yong Kim have done to provide world-class level medical care in unlikely places like Haiti. It will be shown at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center as a fund-raiser for Highlands Friends of Haiti at 6 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$50 and are available at incarnationwnc.org and beginning October 1st at the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands.

Mon., Oct. 16

• At Yoga Highlands Free Fall Open House, 6 - 7:15 pm, Yoga & Ayurveda. Dive deeper than surface of yoga. Join Ashby, Diane and Rachel for an introduction to Ayurveda, the sister science of Yoga. This evening class will be led by Ashby. All are welcome! Join us for a community Fall Open House practice and discussion

• The All Male Beauty Pageant at the Highlands Playhouse with festivities beginning at 7 p.m. with a free wine bar. The show begins at 8 p.m. For tickets and more information. Call Dr. John Baumrucker at 200-0902.

Wed., Oct. 18

• "Where Art & Science Meet" lecture at Carolina Gallery, 411 N. 4th. Street hosted by Highlands Biological Garden Director Dr. Jim Costa.

Thurs., Oct. 19

• At Jannie Bean Custom Jeweler on South 2nd Street, Highlands, Men's Night Out 5-8 p.m. Great food, beverages and door prizes.

• Wildcat Cliff Country Club will once again host the annual Scholarship Golf Classic. The event kicks off at 7:30am with breakfast and practice on the range tee and putting green. A 9am shotgun start is followed by cocktails, lunch and awards ceremony. The cost for the event is \$150 per player. For information or to register your team, please contact event co-chairs, Rebecca Shuler (526-2118) or Brian Stiehler (787-2778).

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• At The Bascom's Dave Drake Barn, BARN SALE, 10a to 5p. On going demonstra-

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Swain County Manager Kevin King said Swain County also contracts with the county's chamber of commerce to distribute room occupancy taxes. Like in Macon County, the Swain County Chamber of Commerce accepts grant requests from local businesses and organizations to promote events and festivals that promote tourism and room occupancy dollars and room oc-

cupancy funds are also allocated in the budget to fund chamber operations.

Other Western North Carolina counties do not contract with their chambers of commerce, but rather have completely separate Tourism Development Authorities established within their counties to oversee the funds.

In Haywood County, the counties TDA is in the midst of

a review that may change the way they operate completely.

Haywood County collects a 4% room occupancy tax and uses 3% of the tax to promote the county as a whole, and the other one percent is distributed between about the five zip codes in which the tax is collected.

Haywood County's TDA has subcommittees for each of the county's five zip codes that review

funding requests applications from the community and makes recommendations to the TDA. While this set up has been the status quo since 2007, Chris Cavanaugh with Magellan Strategy Group recently made recommendations to the TDA for changes, including eliminating the subcommittees, to make the TDA run more smoothly.

Jackson County used to be similar to Macon County, but in 2013, the county combined their efforts into one strategic marketing arm to focus on the entire county.

While Jackson County has been collecting the occupancy tax since 1986. After seeing a raise from 3 to 4 percent in 2013, the county formed the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority, which presented the opportunity to market the entire county with a cohesive, synchronized advertising strategy across print and digital platforms.

Rather than having the chambers of commerce in Jackson County contracting with the county to be responsible for the room occupancy tax, the Jackson County Tourism Develop-

ment Authority contracts with the county's two chambers to provide visitor center services.

"The total for both Chambers' contracts is \$162,874," said Nick Breedlove, the Director of Tourism and Development for Jackson County. "The chambers receive occupancy tax dollars through the TDA under our contractual agreement which provides for a large scope of work conducted by each chamber."

Since Jackson County realigned their Chamber of Commerce in 2013, which included hiring the tourism development director, their tourism dollars have grown from \$750,594 to \$1,033,643 in 2016. Breedlove noted that the current year is projecting another increase topping \$1,144,523.

Though the increase in tourism and hence visitor spending is a great thing for Western North Carolina and Macon County in particular, it comes with a price to the municipalities and counties who house and service the visitors.

Like everything else, there's an up side and a down side.

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Downtown Commercial Opportunity!



Fabulous downtown Highlands commercial opportunity! Vast potential for this unique space, at the top of 4th Street. Immense foot and vehicle traffic year-round. B-1 zoning permits the addition of a second level with luxury apartments incidental to commercial use on lower level, thereby increasing potential cap rate exponentially. Easy walk to the Ugly Dog Pub, restaurants and shops, and the Old Edwards Inn & Spa.

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Great 2br/2ba, recent remodel of historic barn bordered by Mill Creek. Hay loft is now a huge master ensuite. Private well with some of the best water on the mountain. Wide plank flooring, original locust posts and beams, new insulation, new roof, upper deck looks at creek. \$284,9000 MLS #82974

LOT LISTING

Easy build .81 acre lot in prestigious Cold Springs Saddle & Lake Club. Private lake access and just minutes to downtown Highlands. \$82,500 MLS #83190



Updated 2bd log cabin with exceptional long range mountain views on over 10 acres. Drive to the top and see a wonderful flat building site with even better long range views. Property on Atlanta side of town, minutes to downtown Highlands. \$685,000 MLS #84525



Highlands Mountain Club with great mountain view. Spacious 3br/2ba condo. Enjoy the pool, tennis and clubhouse. Fully furnished. \$229,000 MLS # 82270



Close to town 3bd/3ba home with some mountain view. Kitchen, living room and master on main are bright and cheery. Bring the outside in with a solid wall of glass. Lower level offers guest rooms & family room with wood stove. \$287,000 MLS #82336

LOT LISTING

2.2 acre lot in gated community. Offers private boat ramp to Lake Glenville and deeded slip access at community dock just below property. Lake views with minimal clearing. \$299,000 MLS #86449

LOT LISTING

Rare find on Cullasaja Drive. 1.12 acres with with Mirror Lake frontage. Site and house plans available. \$395,000 MLS #72715



Architecturally unique home with a great lake setting on Cold Springs. 3/3 main house plus a 2 car garage with apartment above. Adjoins conservation easement so you can enjoy the peace and serenity of the lake while maintaining privacy. \$967,000 MLS#79848



Safe and quiet community of Teague Estates, immaculate 3br/2ba home! Enjoy mountain views and sounds of Buck Creek from the back deck. Located between Highlands and Franklin. \$217,000 MLS #84749



Built from a Pennsylvania barn, this 5br/5.5ba home in exclusive Highgate is the epitome of a mountain home. Beautifully landscaped, large covered decks w/ fireplace and an amazing guest cabin. \$2,175,000 MLS #85692



Pristine custom built 3bd/3ba villa in Highlands Falls CC. Greatroom has beamed & vaulted ceilings with a stone fireplace and wood flooring. Enjoy the cool mountain air from the screened porch or either of the 2 open decks. Master suite includes large jetted tub, tiled shower and his/her vanities. \$495,000 MLS #86821



16 acre estate with stream and mountain view. An adorable 2bd/2ba cottage with den. Sit on the deck and enjoy the view and the forest. Walk the many trails on property. \$279,000 MLS #84135



Great home in pristine condition. 3bd/3ba + 2 half bath in Highlands Falls with open kitchen/living area with access to large covered deck and amazing views. Master on main with guest suites, office and family room on lower level. \$895,000 MLS #86445



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tions during the sale.

Fri., Oct. 20

• At TJ Bailey, Highlands, Town Square.

Rodd & Gunn Trunk Show.

• At TJ Bailey, Cashiers, 104 Hwy 107 south. Mac Jeans Trunk Show.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 21-22

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the High-

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lands Civic Center at the Rec Park from 10a to 5p. www.artleaguehighlands-cashiers.com

Sat., Oct. 21

• The Sky Valley Fallfest from 10a to 4p. Admission is free. Live entertainment, arts, crafts and food. Haybale trail and rides. Pumpkin painting, games, inflatables and more. For more information call 706-746-2204.

• At TJ Bailey, Highlands, Town Square. Mac Jeans Trunk Show.

• At TJ Bailey, Cashiers, 104 Hwy 107 south. Rodd & Gunn Trunk Show.

Mon., Oct. 23

• With Dr. Sue Aery at the Highlands Civic Center at the Rec Park from 6-7 pm. BEMER Technology, will discuss the breakthrough medical technology from Germany, that increases Blood Flow- Your Life Force. Learn how com-

promised blood flow effects your health and what you can do to improve your function through better circulation? It's free.

Tues., Oct. 24

• Highlands Parks and Recreation will have a Halloween Spooktacular Event on Tuesday night from 6-8pm. The event will include pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing and other games geared to ages 5-12, but everyone is welcome. Wear your spookiest costume or come as you are. We look forward to a fun event for the whole family.

Thurs., Oct. 26

• At the Nature Center, Halloween Enchanted Forest - All Ages • 6 – 7:30 pm • \$1/ person. Celebrate Halloween the natural way! Guided tours of our Botanical Gardens will lead you trick-or-treating around the trail to

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activation at a residence on Old Walhalla Road.

- At 5:41 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

- At 5:38 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Road.

- At 10:24 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sagee Woods Drive.

Oct. 7

- At 1:22 a.m., the dept. re-

sponded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

Oct. 8

- At 3:37 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a downed tree blocking Shortoff Road.

- At 3:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a downed power line on Panther Mountain Road.

- At 7:36 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at VZ Top.

- At 7:51 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on Walhalla

Road.

- At 9:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Arnold Road.

Oct. 9

- At 3:12 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row.

- At 1:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Mack Wilson Road.

- At 2:58 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Upper Brushy Face Road.



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indeed get the governor to waive the requirement. Toni and Bob were married in the family home by the Reverend Rufus Morgan, Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. After the death of her parents, Toni inherited the home, which is where she and her family spent summers.

When Bob retired to Highlands to live year-round in the early 1970s, he and Toni bought the land above the Big View.

In 1983, they bought the Big View itself from Beatrice Ravenel. Living above the view, they would watch the bear shadow appear in the fall and late winter, as well as all of the other animal shadows one can spy at sunset.

The land was a wonderful refuge for wildlife and native flora in addition to having the most spectacular view of the surrounding mountains.

It was during the years they spent in Highlands that the Rhodes children learned from their parents and grandparents their love of nature and their respect for the local residents.

On October 20, 2006, Rebecca Rhodes Thomas, Margaret Rhodes Shaffner, and Robert Rhodes, III, returned to Highlands



some of what Highlands had given them. They gave the Big View to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

"We could think of no better way to honor our parents than to preserve their beautiful view of the mountains in their name," said Margaret.

And now you know the rest of the story: this hundred-year-old love affair with Highlands by the Raoul-Alstaetter-Rhodes family is why we all enjoy the view, especially when the shadow of the bear passes across the valley each year. This view and parcel of land is protected in perpetuity by the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for the benefit of the public, thanks to the generosity of this family.

For those who love these mountains, whether you call them home or just your home away from home, consider supporting Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

It promises to continue the work ancestors started a century ago protecting not only the unparalleled views these mountains provide but to protect the quality of the air we breathe, the water we drink and healthy habitat for all who live here.

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Municipalities feel the strain, but counties say increased tourism and hence room tax proceeds keeps the ad-valorem tax in check.

"Tourism has played a crucial role in Macon County's ability to retain one of the lowest ad-valorem property tax rates in the state of North Carolina," said Macon County Manager Derek Roland. "The increase in tourism dollars has resulted in an increase in sales tax revenue coming into Macon County. We can use this revenue, as opposed to revenue generated from the ad-valorem property tax, to continue providing top quality public services to both tourists and full-time Macon County residents."

But Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor said at meetings with other mayors and administrators discussions of common concerns related to tourism have taken place.

"A recurring common concern is about room tax being used for advertising and generating more tourists, yet the towns have to rely on other revenue sources to provide infrastructure and services to cope with tourism increases," said Taylor.

He said in the future Highlands may want to consider creating a Tourism Development Authority.

"The NC League of Municipalities is working with the legislature to allow part of the room tax revenue coming to TDAs and

TDCs to be earmarked for infrastructure needs in the downtown areas like sidewalks and parks," said Taylor. "Under the current setup the town has no input or oversight as to how room tax money is allocated or spent. The County Commission, the Tourism Development Committee and the Highlands Chamber of Commerce oversee use of the tax revenues."

He went on to say there may be a better way of managing room tax revenue that is generated within the town.

"At present I have limited information as to how these tax funds are being spent. I am delighted that Commissioner Brian Stiehler has agreed to serve as a member of the TDC," he said.

There are supposed to be seven members on the Highlands TDC: Jim Tate who is the district's county commissioner; one member from the chamber board of directors who is Bill Futral; two owner/operators of lodging facilities -- one under 10 rooms and one over 10 rooms who are Tucker Chambers and Chris Alley, respectively; one Town of Highlands representative who will be Brian Stiehler, two people in the tourism business -- Jack Austin from Old Edward Inn (who also sits on the Chamber of Commerce Board) and one other not yet appointed; as well as one at-large person yet to be appointed by the county commission.

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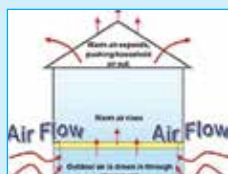
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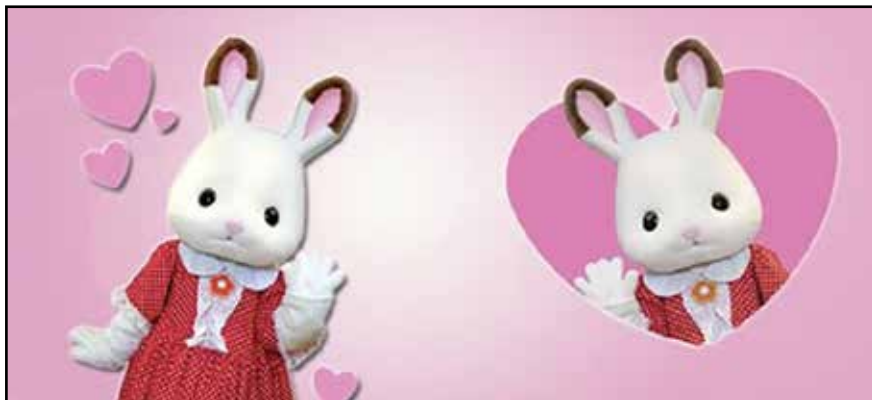
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Cast and director of *Guilty Conscience* in a giddy mood contemplate the opening night. (L-R) David Spivey (Franklin), Megan McLean (Sapphire), director Michael Lanzilotta (Highlands), Lauretta Payne (Sky Valley GA) and Adair Simon (Cashiers)

There is something so exciting about an opening night --whether it's a Broadway show or a play by your own hometown community theater—in this case, the Highlands Cashiers Players. On opening night the actors are all aglow—if somewhat nervous—they've been rehearsing forever and now they are eagerly looking forward to the response of an audience. It's a suspenseful, thrilling moment for actors and audience alike when the lights go up on stage and the action begins.

The play opening on Thursday, October 12, at Highlands Performing Arts Center is *Guilty Conscience*, a clever murder mystery by Richard Levinson and William Link which is sure to keep the audience guessing till the final moments. Directed by Michael Lanzilotta, the first rate cast includes David Spivey as the successful but unscrupulous defense attorney, Adair Si-

mon as the relentless prosecutor. Lauretta Payne as the attorney's long-suffering wife and Megan McLean as his mistress.

Even if you can't make opening night and come later in the run you'll see the actors settled comfortably into their parts for a polished performance. Either way, this play, which first opened in 1980 (and became a movie in 1985), has been continually produced by theaters through the years never seeming to lose its appeal.

At the Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, *Guilty Conscience* runs Thursdays through Sundays, October 12 through 22, evening performances at 7:30, Sunday matinees at 2:30. To reserve tickets call the HCP box office at 828-526-8084 and leave a message for a call-back or access the Players website, highlandscashiersplayers.org, to select your seats on line.

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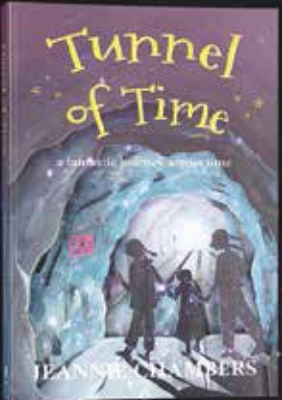


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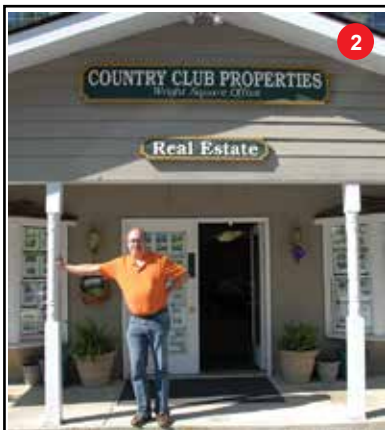
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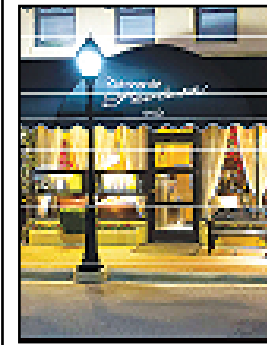
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