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Employee housing high on Planning Board list of topics

Employee housing in Highlands' seasonal market has been an issue for decades – probably as long as Highlands has been the go-to place for wealthy lowlanders.

As noted by Highlands Historian Ran Shaffner, the Prince House, recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was formative in the evolution of Highlands as a seasonal recreation-based economy during the mid-20th century.

"The historic period from 1935 to 1967, during which Elizabeth Wright Prince lived at and maintained the property as a boarding house, is important because her small operation served a different type of clientele from the visitors and tourists that populated the hotels, inns, and motels in town," wrote Shaffner. "Included among these were small business owners and salaried workers who serviced the vacationers and tourists in town as well as former or prospective residents, relatives, and friends."

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Photographer Cynthia Strain wins Chamber contest



Cynthia Strain of Mill Creek Gallery & Framing entered this winning photo which got the most "likes" during the Chamber of Commerce photo contest that ran Aug. 30-Sept. 30. She won a \$25 gift certificate which can be redeemed for merchandise at the Visitor Center. Stan Cochran of Mirror Lake Antiques and Pat Allen of Pat Allen Realty honorable mentions. Stan posted an eclipse-related photo and Pat posted a photo of fall foliage.

Portion of Cashiers Road is closed for repairs

One lane expected to be open Friday

The N.C. Department of Transportation announced an emergency pipe replacement project is currently being done on the Highlands side of the Cashiers

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Thomas, Diana and their four children with retired Highlands Police Department Canine Officer Ruby, who lives with the Parkers.

HPD officer and family still reeling from effects of Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc throughout much of the southeast and here in Highlands where the home of Highlands Police Officer Thomas Parker family was hit particularly hard.

When Irma passed through the mountains of North Caroli-

na it brought devastating winds and heavy rains to an area that was already soaked from weeks of heavy rain storms. Many large trees were uprooted and caused extensive damage to homes and power lines.

Two very large trees toppled

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Cashiers Road delays explained

Last Thursday was a slow day. Normally I am in my office each morning, but leave by noon to work in my pottery studio. If something comes up in the afternoon, I may get a call.

Last Thursday I worked in my studio and then proceeded to an afternoon run with the roadrunner buddies. Many days I don't check my email until after Town Hall closes at 4:30.

I thought Friday would be a slow day, too. Our Town Manager was taking a seldom used day off. I planned on coming in by mid-morning, but events changed.

Someone called me concerning US 64 being closed between Highlands and Cashiers lasting over a week. That was news to me. I checked my email and read a message indicating that indeed the road would be closed for repairs for over a week. The email was posted at 4:35 pm on Thursday, so I was reading it for the first time.

I started making calls immediately, since the closure would have a huge eco-



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

nomie impact on our leaf season and create massive delays.

For several hours I felt like I was chasing a rabbit that was continually changing directions.

First, I learned that DOT was doing an emergency repair due to massive roadway erosion caused by the rains from Tropical Storm Nate, and that it could not be delayed for fear of another rain event wiping out an entire section of the road. After losing part of

Chowan Road due to heavy rains a number of years ago, I understood the concern.

Next, I got information that there would be one-lane traffic in the construction area during the day, but that the road would be entirely closed during night construction. That seemed a better plan.

By 11am, I had contacted the NC-DOT Division Engineer. He told me the road would indeed have to be completely closed in order to make repairs. Two large culverts spanning the entire roadway had to be replaced, and keeping one lane open was not possible. He emphasized it was a dangerous situation, and that a postponement could cause further damage resulting in a road closure lasting weeks or months.

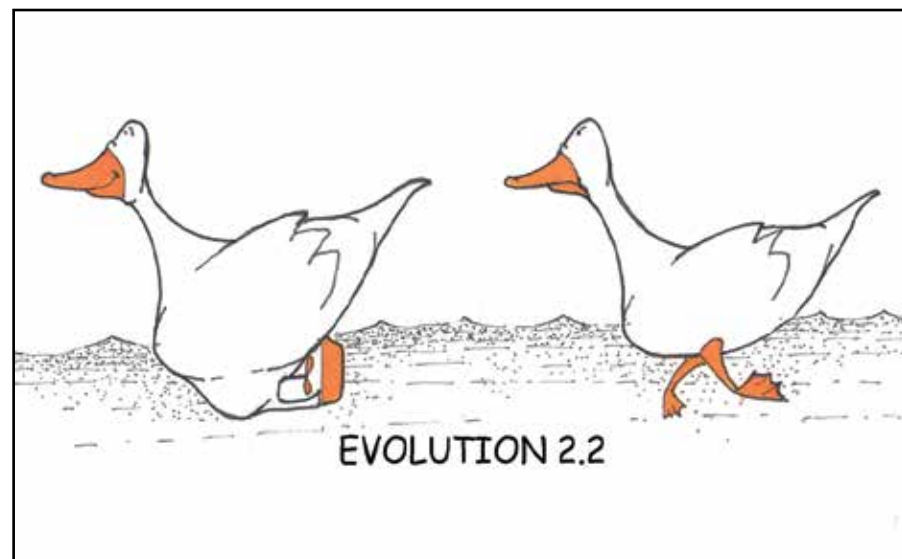
I consulted with Jim Tate, the Macon County Commission Chairman, and Kevin Corbin our state representative. Kevin had been working with DOT to speed up the repair to where the road would be closed for only 72 hours. Representative Corbin got DOT to give the contractor a bonus if the road was back opened by 4 pm today. After that it will be one lane until paving is complete by late Friday.

I appreciate Tate and Corbin's leadership in solving this problem.

My take away is that we should have been in the DOT communication loop from the beginning.

Town Hall received many calls, but initially had no information. Sometimes Highlands is overlooked as the economic force and municipality on this plateau. I will communicate our need for timely information about plans that impact Highlands.

• HIC'S VIEW



• LETTERS •

In defense of 'rich' people

Dear Editor,

I appreciate Mayor Taylor's recent newspaper column about "the important role the arts play in the economic vitality and overall quality of a community," and I especially appreciated his acknowledgement of the fact that the arts depend greatly on philanthropy; to quote the mayor, "most significant art venues require donor support at a very high level."

While the media fan the fertile flames of identity politics and class warfare, could it be that rich folks aren't so bad after all and may actually contribute good things to society?

Alice Nelson
Highlands

There's something amiss

Dear Editor,

There's something amiss in the country that I love.

There seems that any identity to our past is looked upon with suspicion and we need a more generic worldview or global inclusion, where we look upon a new era, starting afresh where the encumbrances of the past are gone and a new day is coming. Beliefs, values, morality are all inclusive, there's no boundaries, life is unfettered from the narrow mindedness of the past.

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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• OBITUARIES •

Roberta Keener Tate Dendy

Roberta Keener Tate Dendy, 91, passed away Thursday, October 12, 2017.

Mrs. Dendy was born November 4, 1925 in Macon County, NC to the late Will L. Keener and Nettie Ray Keener. She was married to her first husband, John Phil Tate, Sr., who preceded her in 1979 and her second husband, Clyde A. Dendy, who preceded her in 2000. Mrs. Dendy along with her first husband Phil owned and operated several restaurants in Highlands. Roberta loved to cook, travel, garden, and visit with family. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Highlands and grew up in the Goldmine Baptist Church in her younger years.

Survivors include her sons, John Phil Tate, Jr. (Anne) and James W. Tate (Susan) both of Highlands, NC; two grandchildren,



Jim Tate (Allison) and John P. Tate, III; two great-grandchildren, Ethan Tate and Eliza Tate; and two sisters, Ella Mae Zoellner of Highlands and Betty Dills (Johnnie) of Payton, CO.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; and two brothers, Len Ray Keener and Lee Keener.

A memorial service was held Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the Goldmine Baptist Church with the Rev. Perry Robinson officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Mt. Moriah Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Owens, 21 Pinecone Dr., Franklin, NC 28734.

Online condolences may be left at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Dendy family.

Mack Ernest Holland

Mack Ernest Holland, 74, of Cullowhee passed away Friday, October 13, 2017. He was born September 18, 1943 in Jackson County to Harry and Ruth Watson Holland.

Mr. Holland was a builder and he enjoyed hunting and fishing and he loved NASCAR.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Jessie Holland; sons, Michael Ernest Holland, Ricky Edward Holland (B. J.) and Timothy Charles Holland; seven grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Yellow Mtn. Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Ashe, Rev. Nathan Moss and Rev. Johnny Norris officiating. Burial followed in Pine Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Online condolences are available at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Holland family.

Madge Owens Munger

Madge Owens Munger, 82, of Highlands passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Born in Rabun County, GA, she was the daughter of the late Hayman Luther and Ethel Miller Owens. She was married for 61 years to Fred Munger who preceded her in death on August 31, 2016.

Mrs. Munger worked at Highlands Pharmacy for 34 years. She loved flowers and she was a member of Highlands First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Barnes (Toby) of Clayton, GA and Gloria Munger of Highlands; one son, Rick Munger (Sheila) of Clayton, GA; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one



sister, Dorothy Keener of Social Circle, GA and three brothers, Cleveland Owens and Jayco Owens both of Clayton, GA and Clinton Owens of Kentucky.

A funeral service will be held at 1 pm, Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Highlands First Baptist Church with Rev. Oliver Rice, Rev. Rusty Wolfrey and Rev. Clinton Owens officiating. Burial will follow in Highlands Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Saturday from noon - 1pm prior to the service at the church.

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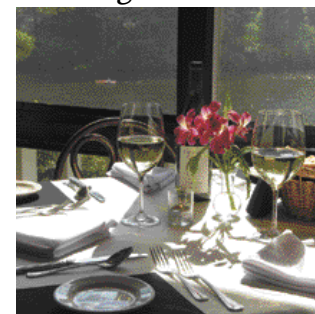


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If you want to take the knee to our flag while anthem is sung, you have a right to do so. If you want to slander and disrupt just about everything, you have a right to do so. From the president, the college campus, to our city streets, even within our families, we want to express this pent up anger and seek the freedom we think will release this turmoil from within.

This view suggests a higher calling in which to follow. Many elected officials, people of prominence, college professors, encourage this hate and outrage. We take their cue and follow what seems is our personal right.

Rebellion is in vogue, and if we believe in nothing but self, we rebel in everything. But worse, if we believe in everything there's nothing in self worth fighting for.

We are a wandering people, we think of little except self. We've lost our way, we lack internal reasoning and direction. We knock down fences without asking why they were there in the first place. We say life is the greatest value, but live our lives in disrespect of others ... even celebrating death.

What hope do you give your children? What values do you place in them? Or are values left for them to define, because your lacking in values yourself? Do we just encourage them to learn more so they financially make more to satisfy a never ending quest for more? Is there anything

worth hoping for that makes sense of life than this ever ending madness we revolve around. This fence is in place for humanity's sake; shouldn't be taken lightly. Unbridled freedom is not freedom at all but chaos, both for a society and deep within the individual – which is so evident. The family unit is more influential than any other system on earth, and should instill respect, dignity, trust, honesty, integrity, thoughtfulness, all within a love for family, friends and the one who is the essence or embodiment of it all – God, the one we seek least. History is littered with past hopes of trying to find its way. There's a hope in science, world systems, even religion; all hope that someday we can save ourselves in some distant future. What good is this for the present? How cruel and hopeless. Deep inside we know and search for something more, not so much for the future, but for the now. God is forever more and the never ending now.

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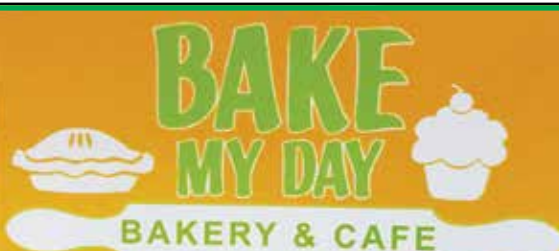
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•THE INK PENN•

Memories light the corners of my mind

Can you hear Barbara Streisand singing? Though Streisand's "The Way We Were" is one of my favorite songs, this week's column is about memory, not music.

Does this happen to you? You're having a conversation, what you hear triggers a thought and before you can utter it, it's gone – poof? It happens to me all too often these days, and it's a good thing I have a sense of humor about it.

I have friends who either worry or laugh about their forgetfulness, depending on the day, but most of us have a standard story to the effect that there is just so much in our brains that we can't possibly sort through it and pull something out on a moment's notice. You've heard the line about not being able to access that drawer in the mental file cabinet, right? I like this description from Science Blog:

"One of my favorite Roz Chast cartoons shows a woman dumping out the high-falutin' contents of a filing cabinet drawer — 16th-century art, or something like that — to make room for a new drawer full of information about new TV shows. This is the finite filing cabinet model of memory, in which you toss out one set of memory to make room for new information... Memories have been considered, the last decade or so, to be in there somewhere, but perhaps just inaccessible. The old 'I haven't forgotten it; I just can't recall it right now' situation."

Apparently, brain hiccups are a hot topic. If you go down the rabbit hole of Google, you can read about memory



Kathy Manos Penn

and the lack thereof for hours. As a mystery fanatic, I found the Sherlock Holmes take on memory fascinating. It's similar to another line I use about not wanting to clutter my brain with too many details. Sherlock likens a man's brain to:

"...a little empty attic... you have to stock it with such furniture as you choose. A fool takes in all the lumber of every sort that he comes across, so

that the knowledge which might be useful to him gets crowded out, or at best is jumbled up with a lot of other things, so that he has a difficulty in laying his hands upon it. Now the skillful workman is very careful indeed as to what he takes into his brain-attic. He will have nothing but the tools which may help him in doing his work, but of these he has a large assortment, and all in the most perfect order... Depend upon it there comes a time when for every addition of knowledge you forget something that you knew before. It is of the highest importance, therefore, not to have useless facts elbowing out the useful ones."

I'm sticking with Sherlock's rationale for not remembering every little thing, and I'm also fond of the Far Side cartoon, "Teacher, teacher, my brain is full." Hmmm, I wonder if the person who once gave me a t-shirt with that cartoon on it—the person I can't for the life of me remember—was trying to tell me something.

• 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.

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If you would like to use a whole chicken for this soup instead of the two chicken breasts, simply

double the ingredients for the broth and the soup and use an 8 or 12-quart pot instead. Be sure to add the cooked rice noodles to each individual bowl if you plan to have leftovers (adding them to the whole pot and then reheat-



Medea Galligan
MS Nutrition, CHHC, AADP

ing the soup the next day can cause the noodles to get quite mushy).

This soup also freezes very well, just don't add the noodles or the raw toppings to your freezable portions.

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 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
 3 teaspoons Herbamare or sea salt

For the Soup:

1 medium onion, cut into crescent moons
 3 to 4 stalks celery, sliced into diagonals
 3 carrots, cut into matchsticks
 2 to 3 cups sliced shiitake mushrooms
 cooked chicken pulled from the bone and chopped
 sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Optional Additions/Toppings:

rice noodles
 chopped fresh basil
 chopped fresh napa cabbage
 chopped fresh cilantro
 chopped fresh thai green chiles
 lime wedges

To make the broth, place all ingredients for broth into a 6-quart pot. Cover and bring to a boil, reduce heat medium-low and simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Strain broth into a large bowl or another pot using a colander. Place chicken breasts onto a plate to cool. Pour the broth back into the pot. Once chicken is cooled, remove the skin, pull the meat from the bone and chop the chicken into bite-sized pieces.

Place all of the veggies for the soup (onion, carrot, celery, and shiitake mushrooms) into the pot with the broth. Cover and simmer for about 15 to 20 minutes. Add the chicken. Season with sea salt and pepper to taste. Simmer a minute or two more or until vegetables are cooked to your liking. Ladle soup into bowls and serve with a handful of basil, cilantro, and cabbage on top. Sprinkle with thai chiles if desired. You can also add a handful of cooked thai rice noodles to each bowl if desired. Squeeze a little lime juice over each bowl. Make sure to have some tissues handy if you are using the thai chiles, and enjoy the benefits of this healing, nourishing soup!



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over onto the Parker's rental home pretty much cutting the home in half and barely missing the family who at the time was riding out the storm gathered in

their living room.

The house incurred severe structural and water damage. Fiberglass insulation, drywall and roof debris fell into the home as

the storm's winds and rain tore through the house. The family escaped to nearby relatives.

Currently they are staying with family, but will need to find a rental as soon as possible in order to return to some normalcy of life.

Diana is a full-time Mom and home schools their children. Thomas is a former Marine and currently works as a Master K9 Police Officer in the Highlands Police Department, dedicating his life to the protection and service of others.

Though Macon County was declared a "state of emergency" by county, state and local officials, Governor Roy Cooper said FEMA assistance and reimbursement for expenses incurred due to the hurricane would not be available. He said at that time that other areas in the country were first in line for any FEMA funds.

Now the Parker family needs help to replace their belongings as they work to put some order back into their lives. Unfortunately, they didn't have renters insurance so all these expenses will be coming out of their own pockets.

Contributions are urgently needed to replace the items destroyed in the storm including beds and bedding, clothing, appliances, furniture, school supplies and books.

These are just some of the essentials that need replacing in a long list of items. To add to their financial burden, they have extensive major medical expenses.

Any and all donations will be very much appreciated!

Checks should be made payable to Thomas Parker and can be dropped off at the Highlands Police Dept. or mailed to:

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Road about a mile from the crossroads.

Two old pipes under U.S. 64, about one mile west of the intersection with N.C. 107 in Jackson County, need to be replaced because they have ruptured and the east-bound lane has been compromised.

U.S. 64 is closed and a temporary detour via Norton Road has been established during the repairs.

The work is expected to be completed Friday and if so, one lane of the road will be open to through traffic as crews patch and pave the road.

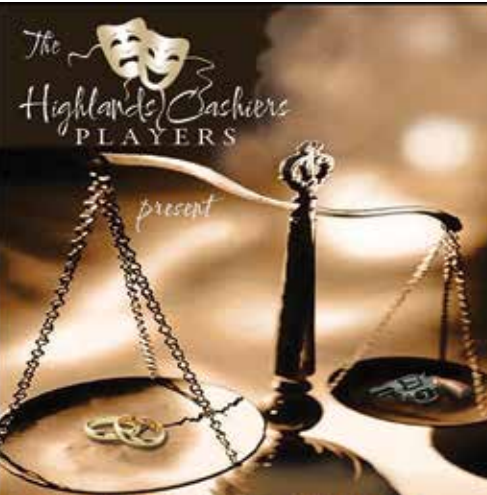
The 10-mile detour — taking an average of 20 minutes — directs westbound drivers to take N.C. 107 North to North Norton Road and then to Norton Road and U.S. 64. The opposite applies to east-bound drivers.

The Cashiers Road was closed to through traffic at 4 p.m. Monday. NCDOT expects the work to be completed in three days.

Once the new pipe installation is completed the roadway will be gravel. It will take another day to repave the road.

In light of the Leaf Looker season, the contractor has been offered an incentive if the work is completed early but will be penalized if the entire job takes longer than Friday to complete.

For real-time travel information, visit DriveNC.gov or follow NCDOT on Twitter.



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The Oct. 23 varsity soccer game is at home and it's 'Senior Night'

This week was up and down and a constant fight.

Middle school volleyball played Cullowhee Valley, played in a jamboree, and played Blue Ridge this past week.

The team lost to Cullowhee Valley in 2 sets.

On Saturday the team participated in a jamboree where they came in second place.

Blue Ridge was the team's last game of the season. They lost in 3 sets, but as conference champs, they had a very good season.

Middle school soccer played Cherokee and Blue Ridge last week.

They beat Cherokee 6-0. They also played their last game against Blue Ridge. They beat them 7-2. They ended the season undefeated conference champs.

High school volleyball played Blue Ridge, Rabun Gap, and Robbinsville last week.

JV beat Blue Ridge in 2 sets, and vari-



ty beat them in 3. JV also won in 2 sets against Rabun Gap.

Varsity lost in their 5th set against Rabun Gap. JV beat Robbinsville in 3 sets, and varsity lost in 3 sets.

They are now done with regular season games and will find out today if they made it to state or not.

Highschool boys soccer played Tallulah Falls, Blue Ridge, Polk County, and Swain last week.

They only had one loss this week, against Polk County, 4-1. They beat Tallulah Falls 4-1. They beat Blue Ridge 4-1 and also Swain 5-0.

Their next home game will be Monday, October 23rd. They will play Hayesville at 6 pm. This will be their senior night so come out and support the boys for the last go round at home.

There is only a little bit of the fall sports season left. Come on out and show your support!



Destin Gearhart throwing it in against Blue Ridge.

• 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 Oct. 5 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Oct. 5

• At 8:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Spring Street.

Oct. 7

• At 1:29 a.m., a vehicle on NC 106 swerved across the double yellow line damaging the department's jeep Cherokee with a value of \$3,500.

Oct. 10

• At 4:22 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Mountain Fresh Grocery parking lot on Main Street.

• At 7 p.m., officers responded to a call about a man communicating threats at a residence on Memorial Park Drive.

Oct. 11

• At 8:59 a.m., officers assisted US Marshals with apprehending a fugitive at a residence on Dogwood Ave.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Oct. 9.

Oct. 9

• At 3:04 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• 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 2:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Upper Brushy Face.

• At 3:04 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

Oct. 10

• At 12:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on the Cashiers Road.

• At 3:07 p.m., the dept. re-

• See **POLICE & FIRE** page 29

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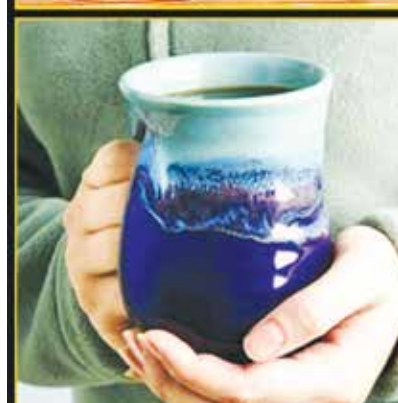
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Tolerance does not mean that we must get on the bandwagon, that we must think or act with the majority, or that we must compromise our own convictions.

Tolerance may simply mean that we are aware that no two people think or believe exactly alike, and that all of us have a right to think and believe and live as we choose, if we can do so without interfering with these same rights where others are concerned.

Even when a person opposes prevailing opinion, tolerance would respect his right to do so, so long as he is respectful and doesn't wrongly interfere with others' freedom.

More than 20 centuries ago, the Savior of mankind suggested one way to tolerance without compromise when he thanked his Father in heaven for his followers who were "in the world but were not of the world."

Sometimes young people, and others also, make the mistake of supposing that tolerance means that we must do the things that others do, that we must live the way that others live, but in supposing this have failed to learn one of the greatest lessons of life: that a man may be tolerant without compromising himself or the background or beliefs or his convictions or his habits.

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- Friday October 27th, 10am to 6pm

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

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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. 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).

• An Open House at 39 Bear Shadow Ridge, 11 AM-6 PM. Come tour this beautiful home and see The Shadow of the Bear. Public welcome/Brokers protected. Call Jody Lovell at (828) 226-6303 with questions.

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

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Broadway Dance" Friday night at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668

Old Murphy Rd, Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Herb Franklin, from Ladson, SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. New dancer lessons will begin March 2018, join us. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-342-1560, 828-332-0001.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 21-22

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Highlands Civic Center at the Rec Park from 10a to 5p. www.artleaguehighlands-cashiers.com

Sat., Oct. 21

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a - noon, Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please email highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at 828-482-1451. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot behind the Recreation Center at 9a for a brief orientation session, and you will be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment.

• jThe 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.

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Mon., Oct. 23

• With Dr. Sue Aery at Aery Chiropractic and Acupuncture at 2655 Dillard Road, Highlands from 6-7 pm. BEMER Technology will discuss the breakthrough medical technology from Germany, that increases Blood Flow-Your Life Force. Learn how compromised 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.

• The Macon County Poultry club will meet on Tuesday at 7 pm at the cooperative extension office on Thomas heights rd. in Franklin. For information please call 828-369-3916.

Wed., Oct. 25

• A Bridge Building Concert will be held on Wednesday at Christ Church of the Valley in Cashiers at 7pm. A mix of old world Middle Eastern music with American Jazz. The trio features Keveh on the piano, Eric on percussion, and Mazyar on a variety of stringed instruments including the Sitar and vocals. A love offering will be taken for the band.



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Luxury mountain spec home. Superb finishes and design throughout this 3bd/3.5 ba home in Riverwalk. Gourmet kitchen and main level master is second to none. \$950,000 MLS #82612



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LOT LISTING

The Park in Cedar Hill is a beautiful 3.21 acre estate lot featuring views of Laurel Knob from the building site, fantastic park like setting w/ great flat areas and multiple spring fed streams. \$174,000 MLS #86703



This timeless home is on the National Registry of Historical Places. Enjoy the 3+ acres of lush native plantings combined with colorful annuals and perennials in several gardens. 5bd/3ba w/ sleeping porch. \$800,000 MLS #82122



New Listing

Pristine Riverwalk cottage with 3br/3.5ba. Cathedral ceilings, hardwood flooring, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, granite counter tops and Viking appliance package. Offered with all furnishings and completely move-in ready. \$890,000 MLS #87082



Beautiful log cabin located between Highlands and Franklin. This meticulously kept 2bd/2ba would make a great vacation or rental property. \$347,000 MLS #85731



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LOT LISTING

True walk-to-town lot, only 3 blocks over from main street. Gentle terrain with building site and all town utilities. \$125,000 MLS #84967



New Listing

Just listed, great home in Chestnut Hill with mountain views. 3br/2ba home with beautiful hardwoods, gas fireplace and vaulted ceilings in the great room. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops and lots of cabinet space. \$315,000 MLS #86979



Cullasaja Club with fairway, mountain and lake views from this 5bd/4ba/2hb home. Offers sunroom, home office plus an upper level loft with 2nd office/hobby area and sweet kid's room. Lower level family room, wine room and billiards room. \$1,150,000 MLS #83731



Private location and mountain view in prestigious Cullasaja Club. 4br/4.5ba Lupoli built home is decked out in beautiful stone and high quality finishes. Spacious screened porch with a second fireplace and a lavish master suite. \$1,595,000 MLS #85666



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Are You Prepared Should Disaster Strike?

This has been a frightening fall for homeowners around the country. The hurricanes with resulting tornadoes and flooding coupled with out of control wildfires led me to some further research on ways to

prepare for such disasters. Many of these steps are common sense, but I found that many were extremely helpful. I think the overall 'lesson' here is not to wait for nature's displays of her enormous powers, but to be prepared in advance.

1. Do you know exactly what your property (and auto) insurance covers and what it does for you? As insurance policies are 'Greek' to most of us, the best method of determining this factor is a face to face meeting with your

insurance broker, a phone appointment will have to suffice if distance or availability is an issue. Have your questions ready and be prepared to update, change or potentially move your insurance to another company if the answers do not take care of your needs. You can double check your home's position as it relates to floodplains

by checking with FEMA (<http://www.fema.gov/>) One pertinent question is whether you have a set amount or a replacement value amount of insurance?

2. What about those items that you could not replace? We do not want to live without the items that we hold most dear, so what do we do to protect them? Safe deposit boxes or home safes can be extremely valuable tools in your preparedness arsenal. Take videos of your home, room by room noting particular valuable items. Make digital copies of your treasured photos. Then store these items off-site or in a fireproof safe along with your most important paperwork; wills, deeds, titles, etc.

3. Do a Critical Analysis of your Grading and Landscaping. If necessary, bring in a professional to assist in this analysis. The land's slant, or grade, around your property is key in keeping water intrusion under control. This is particularly important in our area on a day to day basis, not just during catastrophic events. Have the 'health' of the trees near your home checked. Also, avoid planting fire spreading scrubs and bushes near the base of your home - stick to evergreens rather than foundation plantings that dry out in the fall. Here's a website to check out for further information (<http://www.fire->



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wise.org/wildfire-preparedness/beforewis/home-and-landscape/defensible-space.aspx)

4. Do you and your family have a fire escape plan and a disaster plan for regrouping should you get separated off-site? Does every room of your home have functional escape alternatives? Do

your smoke alarms work on every level of your home? Do you have an exit ladder for the upper levels of your home? In our area the regrouping plan is not as critical, but for those in larger metro areas it is crucial. Here is a websites that might be of assistance: ([/consumeradvice/homeownersadvice/item/41070-20151222-two-fire-safety-decisions-that-save-lives?rtmpage+](http://consumeradvice/homeownersadvice/item/41070-20151222-two-fire-safety-decisions-that-save-lives?rtmpage+))

5. Are you aware of local, county and state comprehensive disaster plans? Check with (<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>) to determine your local community disaster strategies. As we've seen in the past, waiting for federal bail-out is not a sound or immediate disaster planning strategy. Are you satisfied with these local efforts? Now is your time to speak out for a more comprehensive strategy on the local or state level.

6. Do you have your disaster 'kit' ready? Here are the overall suggestions for such a kit. A 3 day supply of bottled water (a gallon a day for each person), canned and dry foods, a method of cooking that is not dependent on electricity (a generator is the optimum choice here, but a camp or wood stove would be alternatives). A flashlight, emergency radio and

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Brushy Face estate. Long range view of NC, SC and GA Home itself constructed almost entirely of fieldstone. 5 bedrooms, 5 -1/2 baths, a library and a spacious office. The two inside levels are connected by both elevator and stairway. Porches, decks, and covered shelter overlooking the park-like grounds Offered at just \$3,700,000. mls #86778



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Lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bath with some view in Mirrormont. Three levels each with a large bedroom. Open living/dining area with stone wood burning fireplace. Two large decks up and down Full generator. Offered at \$575,000. #86981



Hawks Nest Village unit completely furnished. Cute seasonal unit in a quiet end building with community pavilion and laundry on site. This 2 bedroom 1 bath condo overlooks a nice green space with some mountain view. Offered at \$67,900. mls #86719



3BR/2Bath on 2.84 +/- acre (two lots). Sub-diving possible. Living room with wood burning stone fireplace. Glass sliders to newly sealed large cathedral covered deck. Falling stream with USFS land beyond. Lower level has it's own wood burning stone fireplace and plenty of room for entertainment, office, exercise, bar. Probate Estate says SELL it! Offered for \$288,000 MLS# 86355



3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse is in excellent condition, with spectacular views. Move in ready at a reasonable price. Offered at \$289,000. mls #86709



Main level has an open great-room, with fireplace, custom kitchen, and large garage with a room above. Master suite and lower level with family room with fireplace, morning kitchen, wine cellar, and 3 additional bedrooms with 2 baths. A additional lot available. Offered at \$1,150,000. mls #86945



In Town. Vintage charm and an easy stroll to Main Street make this turn of the century home a must have for the romantic in all of us! Tucked away on beautiful grounds and lovingly maintained, the home includes 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a bonus room, country kitchen and 2 rocking chair covered porches. Big windows. 2 fireplaces. The grounds includes detached garage Asking \$389,000 MLS #86398.



3 bedroom, 3 bath. Fully upgraded kitchen lots of windows and French doors. Covered front porch, back deck, master bedroom deck and private master bath patio. Floor-to-ceiling stacked stone fireplace. Close to all of the Cullasaja Club amenities. Membership is subject to club approval but optional. Asking \$575,000 MLS #86525



Almost 1 acre with stunning views and great for a family compound or estate. 4 bedrooms and 3 baths with a basement for a garage and storage. Massive stone fireplace in living room. Covered porch. Good bones, but will need new kitchen and baths to bring it up to today's standards. Offered at \$899,000. mls #86642



Charming home completely remodeled. Includes lots on both sides. Great location close to Highlands Country Club. Home is on one level with screened covered porch and fenced yard. Two-car garage. Lower level has a small apartment with private entrance. Offered at \$645,000. mls #86318



Just renovated and move in condition with this 3 bedroom 2 bath located on a flat landscaped lot in Flat Mountain estates. Old Highlands charm with the pine paneling and native stone fireplace. Offered at \$465,000. mls #86913



Mountain Chalet is on a forested lot loaded with Rhododendrons and a babbling mountain stream. Main level has great-room that opens onto an open deck that overlooks the stream. Upper level has a bedroom, bath, and a loft. Guest room on lower level has a full bath. Walk to Glen falls and USFS Trails. Offered at \$139,000. mls #86514



Near Wildcat Cliffs Country Club clubhouse. 3 bedroom 3 bath with recent kitchen and bath renovation. Single car carport. Golf cart storage in lower level. Views of the 16th Fairway. Shown by appointment only! Offered at \$369,000. mls #86419

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And here, in 2017, the need for affordable employee housing – housing for those who work year-round or seasonably in Highlands – hasn't abated.

Since the town hasn't been able to solve the problem, business owners, restaurateurs and country clubs have purchased homes, defunct motels or built housing on land convenient to their venue.

Highlands Planning Director Andrew Bowen is working with the Planning Board to develop a Comprehensive Land Use Plan to see Highlands through the next decade and once again the need for employee housing came up.

"In no way am I encouraging such development in town, but simply would direct the board to be ready for it, as I

think the request will grow more frequent," he said recently. "My simple goal is to insure that Highlands sustains its quality of life and continues to be an awesome community for all to enjoy."

For some reason, finding and keeping quality help has been particularly difficult for many businesses this 2017 season – particularly in the restaurant/country club sector.

The lack of affordable employee housing isn't the entire reason, but it likely played a part in enticing and keeping employees.

Planning Board members were open to discussing employee housing saying they would like a "plan" in place before they are asked to consider an employee housing development of some kind.

"I would like to take up the discussion on employee housing before we are faced with a site plan," said member Chris Boltz. "I don't know how this fits in with the comprehensive plan development - perhaps that is our first area to address."

Member Dennis DeWolf agreed, saying "there are far too many influential factors of employee housing that need to be addressed as an integral part of the comprehensive plan prior to potential private enterprise or public citizen group proposals arriving at our doorstep."

He said an effective employee housing debate/discussion should lead to integration into the comprehensive plan "keeping the horses in front of the cart."

Member Steve Abranyi said that it may be that demographics are changing from homeowners coming up for the season to homeowners/buyers investing in short-

term rentals which could yield an increase in the tourism population.

"I would think this would lead to service industry expansion, thus more employees, thus the need for housing," he said. "But if service providing companies gobble up in-town rentals for their employees then there will be less short-term rentals available for tourists." Tourists the town wants.

Chairman Thomas Craig said the housing crunch speaks to the need of making regulations for apartment renovations above businesses seriously.

Member Glenda Bell said she would lean toward employee housing being developed away from town center since the real estate market for that area – and those with "big bucks" – seems to be thriving.

Mayor Pat Taylor brought up the "money-factor" as well.

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"Affordable employee housing and parking have a common issue which is the high cost of land in Highlands, especially around the business area," he said. "If there was a large track of land suitable for parking and housing, the financial pressure would be to build upscale housing or businesses that provide a maximum return on the investment such as town houses, restaurants or shops – not employee housing."

These two problems can be viewed as a double edge sword by some, he said.

"Not expanding housing and parking will possibly limit growth and development. Some folks want growth and others do not."

The Planning Board will continue the discussion as it works to update its Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

It meets the fourth Monday of each month at the Community Building on Poplar Street at 5:30 p.m.

— Kim Lewicki



Tooth Fairy visits Highlands School

On October 13, Mary McClean, a registered dental hygienist and professional dental educator from Nashville, TN and the tooth fairy, presented a dental health program to the students in grades K-5 at Highlands School. Her presentation is part of a 3-point dental health program jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands and the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Club. The other two segments of the program are a weekly fluoride swish for younger students and a yearly exam by volunteer dentists.

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batteries for those items, your medication, an emergency blanket, your IDs (passport, medical info, etc), utensils, first aid kit, toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, soaps), spare home & auto keys, matches or other fire starter, a multi purpose tool (think Swiss Army knife), toilet paper, spare eye glasses and a whistle would be some useful items to have in a 'go bag'. If you are a camper, you usually have most of those items handy. A big question here is how long could you keep your family relatively com-

fortable and safe after a natural disaster?

So, are you prepared? Not a comfortable question, but one that should be answered while you are comfortable rather than in the midst of a difficult situation.

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• HIGHLANDS PLAYHOUSE NEWS •



What's happening at the Highlands Playhouse?

By Rachel Friday,
Secretary, The Highlands Playhouse

Starting October 20, The Playhouse will be showing *Victoria and Abdul*, starring Dame Judi Dench. It tells the true story of Queen Victoria and her affection for a young clerk who travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Royal Family tries to suppress this relationship, but true friendship prevails. The movie is scheduled for a two-week run, ending on October 31. As always, movies play at 2p, 5p, and 8p Friday through Tuesday.

Battle of the Sexes just ended a two-week run, and it was a big hit at the Playhouse! Starring Steve Carrell and Emma Stone, it tells the true story of the famous Bobby Riggs/Billie Jean King tennis match in 1973. I was amazed at how well Carrell and Stone so convincingly played the roles of Riggs and King.

Coming soon is *Murder on the Orient Express*, featuring a star-studded cast, again with Ms. Dench. Also upcoming is *Wonder*, a drama starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson about a young boy with facial differences who becomes the unlikely hero of the local fifth grade. Check our website for updates on scheduling.

Future events include the annual showing of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* on October 28 at 10p. Prop bags for the show will be sold for \$5.

Also coming is the first annual Highlands Foodie Film Fest, conducted in association with The Highlands Food and

Wine Festival.

On the screen will be *Chef* on Nov. 10; *Jeremiah Tower*, *The Last Magnificent* on Nov. 11; and *Big Night* on Nov. 12. All will be at 2p, 5p and 8p.

Finally, the future of the Playhouse.

The big news is that the PAC is building an expanded facility at its current location which will allow for multiple stages, state-of-the-art plays and movies, and ample parking. The Highlands Playhouse plans to relocate to this complex.

The beloved historical building is rented from the town of Highlands, but unfortunately there are limits as to the plays that can be produced because the facilities are just too antiquated.

There was a great turnout for the community coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor on Friday, Sept 29, where plans were discussed for the future of the playhouse building.

Because the town owns the building, whatever happens to it will be determined by the Town Board, but hopefully it won't be torn down, but re-purposed for other uses.

We look forward to seeing you at the Playhouse! Please remember that the Highlands Playhouse is and will remain its own entity, with 501(c)3 nonprofit status. We need your support to continue to produce quality plays with professional actors, and first-rate movie productions.

The website is www.highlandspayhouse.org. It is located at 362 Oak Street. 828-526-2695.

'Yerma' at PAC Saturday



The Highlands Performing Arts Center will screen the National Theatre of London's production of *Yerma* on Saturday, October 21 at 1pm. The incredible Billie Piper (Penny Dreadful, Great Britain) returns in her Olivier Award-winning role. A young woman is driven to the unthinkable by her desperate desire to have a child, in Simon Stone's radical production of Lorca's achingly powerful masterpiece. Set in contemporary London, Piper's portrayal of a woman in her thirties struggling to conceive builds with elemental force to a staggering, shocking climax. The unmissable theatre phenomenon sold out at the Young Vic and critics call it 'shatteringly powerful' (Independent) and 'an extraordinary theatrical triumph' (The Times). Please note that the performance contains strobe lighting. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling 828.526.9047. Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands.

HCP's 'Guilty...' on stage at PAC through Sunday



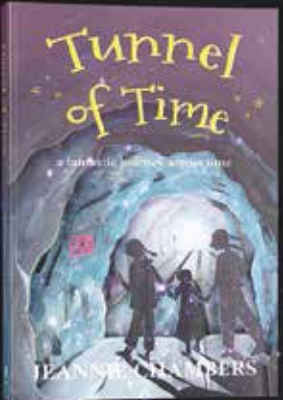
The word is out after the opening night of *Guilty Conscience* that it's a production well worth seeing—a clever murder mystery by Richard Levinson and William Link that keeps the audience guessing till the last moments when a surprise ending causes a gasp from the audience. All four members of the cast, directed by Michael Lanzilotta, have been complimented on their performances. Veteran actor David Spivey, a real attorney in Franklin, plays the brilliant but ruthless defense attorney. Adair Simon of *Cashiers* portrays the relentless prosecutor, Lauretta Payne

of Sky Valley GA plays the attorney's embittered wife, and Megan McLean of *Sapphire NC* plays his cute young scattered-brained mistress.

The play continues at Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Thursday, October 19, through Sunday, October 22. Evening performances start at 7:30, the Sunday matinee at 2:30

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sponded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cobb Road.

• At 7:36 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

Oct. 11

• At 2:29 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Harbison Orchard Road.

• At 5:47 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

• At 6:47 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of smoke at a residence on Walhalla Road.

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Oct. 13

• At 12:27 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

• At 12:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Church Street.

Oct. 15

• At 6:49 p.m., the dept. was called about smoke at a residence on Foreman Road.

• At 7:48 p.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

Oct. 16

• At 2 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Holly Tree Lane.

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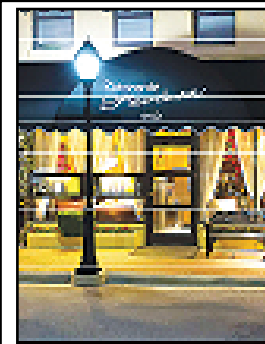
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