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Holbrooks is new HS Asst. Principal

Brittney Lofthouse

On the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 27, students at Highlands School will be greeted by a new assistant principal.

"The school board has given me the authority to execute Prin-

cipal Brian Jetter's recommendation of Sarah Holbrooks as the new assistant principal at Highlands School," said Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. "The board will officially vote on the transfer of Sarah Hol-

brooks at a special called meeting for personnel changes Thurs., Aug. 9 at 1 p.m.

Holbrooks has worked in the Macon County School System as an exceptional children's teacher

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Highlands resident Diane McPhail snaps a "selfie" with Lucero, an 18-year-old girl McPhail met while volunteering in Nogales, a city in Mexico that abuts Arizona on the U.S.-Mexican border. She traveled to help the Kino Border Initiative.

— Submitted photo

Two Highlanders help those stranded on border

By Brian O'Shea

There are areas along the U.S./Mexico border where families and other refugees gather and wait while seeking asylum into the United States. Highlanders Diane McPhail and Jeannie Macleod col-

laborated with a group called Kino Border Initiative (KBI) and traveled down to Mexico to spend a week helping where they could.

KBI created shelters for people waiting in limbo about their

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Changes are on track for PAC

Last Thursday, the Town Board set a public hearing for the Aug. 16 Town Board meeting regarding the Performing Arts Center's request for conditional zoning.

The board called the hearing contingent upon PAC jumping through all the necessary hoops — plans being seen by the Planning Board July 30, and the Zoning Board's variance application review Aug. 8.

Setting a public hearing prior to the outcome of the Planning and Zoning boards meetings would shave a month off the process which means construction on the expansion could start in August rather than the end of September.

"In looking toward its expansion, the Highlands PAC has requested to conditionally rezone and combine all of the parcels to Government/Institution (GI). This would allow the building of the new structure and develop new parking along Laurel Street. The

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Playhouse celebrates 80 years



Highlands Playhouse is celebrating its 80th year of performances with its final production for the season "Damn Yankees." The play is based on the novel by Douglas Wallop, "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant." The premise is that a middle-aged baseball fanatic trades his soul to the devil to become the greatest baseball player ever and to lead his beloved Washington Senators to beat the Yankees and win the pennant. Pictured above are cast members Kyle Caress and Gena Haylock. The show runs through Aug. 4. The exact day of the anniversary is July 27. There will be a proclamation read by Town of Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor, as well as visiting actors sharing stories of performing at the Playhouse in the past. For ticket information visit the Playhouse's website at highlandsplayhouse.org or call 828-526-2695.

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Common threads

We recently vacationed on the shores of the Florida Panhandle. It was wonderful to be with grandchildren and children.

I never get away from Highlands where I do not stop to compare notes. The same happened this time. We rented a house at Grayton Beach, a resort town nestled between Seaside and Destin. This small beach village is like Highlands in sharing similar development histories and related problems.

The first night we took the entire family to the famous Red Bar Restaurant. That experience underscored a mutually shared problem. It was raining so I piled everyone



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

in the car and dropped them off at the restaurant. I told them I would just run around the corner and park. I failed to understand that about a gazillion other people were in town hunting for that one open park. After riding around for 10 minutes, I drove back to the house and literally ran back to the restaurant. So if you think Highlands has a parking problem, other towns have real parking problems, aka no significant parking at all, not only on Main Street but on secondary roads either.

Parking is such a problem that Grayton Beach has created a "piney woods" parking lot about a mile away. They operate golf cart and mini-bus shuttles from the parking lot to the beach area. It might be a stretch, but we could create a parking lot near Scaly and shuttle folks to Main Street. Just kidding!

Grayton Beach has a development history similar to Highlands. The first settlers led by Charles Gray arrived in 1885. Grayton Beach is named after Major Gray. By 1890, several recent arrivals mapped out the roads of the town, incidentally on July 4th.

Like the founders of Highlands, the early residents of Grayton Beach tried to attract tourists and vacationers. They, too, were hampered by marginal roads, no bridges and no electricity. By the early 1930s, an EMC providing power and roads connecting the town to Destin and Panama City were in place.

Sounds familiar, Highlands got running water and electricity with the 1929 completion of the Lake Sequoyah Dam. That same year, the Gorge Road was completed so

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• FORUM •

President Trump targets Canada and the 'free press'

By Kim Lewicki
Publisher

We've heard the soybean farmers and the producers of the cans that line our grocery shelves lament about how tariffs imposed by the Trump administration are affecting their livelihood.

But what's been going on quietly behind the scenes since March 2018 could affect every citizen in every town large or small across the country.

And the end-game may enable President Trump to kill two birds with one stone – or at least inflict permanent injury.

Last week, Republicans and Democrats

representing every region of the United States were in agreement: A U.S. tariff on Canadian paper imposed by President Donald Trump's administration represents an attack on the First Amendment.

The tariff does harm to Canada, whose newsprint industry made \$1.26 billion in 2016, and harms the free press by making it more expensive for U.S. news companies to purchase what they need most after labor – newsprint – thereby inflicting enduring harm on the fourth state.

Senators and House members testified in front of the International Trade Commis-

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• OBITUARIES •

Martha Elizabeth Mobley Parish

Martha Elizabeth Mobley Parish gloriously went to be with her Lord on July 13, 2018, in Highlands, NC. She was 102.

She was born in Atlanta, GA, on May 16, 1916, to the late Mary Layton Mobley and Louis Mobley. After working for Southern Bell, Martha married Dr. Frank Mathews Parish in 1940. During the war years while her husband served overseas she did secretarial work at the Ordinance Training Center in Atlanta.

In 1946 the couple moved to Orlando, FL, where they established Frank's medical practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology. They became members of The Country Club of Orlando and the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. Martha was also an active member of The Rosalind Club.

Martha and Frank traveled extensively throughout the world and also enjoyed vacation homes in New Smyrna, FL, and in Highlands, NC, where they were long-time members of The Highlands Country Club.

After Frank retired, they built a home in Highlands where they spent their summers. Following her husband's death in 1994, she moved to Chestnut Hill Retirement Community in Highlands. She was a member of the Highlands United Methodist Church and The Bascom where she worked as a volunteer for many years. She was also involved in many

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• LETTERS •

Getting to know Highlands with Highlands Newspaper and highlandsinfo.com

Dear Editor,

I've recently discovered and bookmarked the www.highlandsinfo.com webpage which I'm using frequently to check weather conditions, etc., for Highlands. I'm planning my "ascent to Highlands" in August. (A pretty good slogan for the Highlands Chamber of Commerce).

Your newspaper, with its valuable advertisers, events calendar and other listings, has been a terrific resource. I've especially enjoyed exploring prior online issues to gain a better appreciation of the area.

I've noticed Berkshire Hathaway Home Services is a prominent advertiser. As a longtime stockholder of the parent company, Berkshire Hathaway, Omaha, NE, I will be making a stop at the real estate office.

I am a commercial banker, and frequent traveler to the beautiful - Blue Ridge Mountains.

Thanks so much.

James McCammon, MBA BBA
CAE
Jenks, OK

• WEATHER •

	Friday 7/27		Saturday 7/28		Sunday 7/29	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	79 F	58 F	78 F	56 F	79 F	60 F
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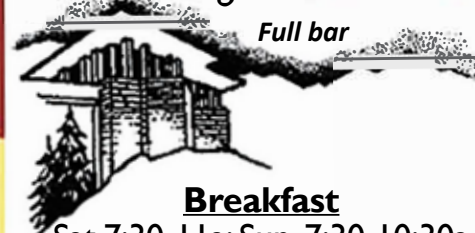
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fundraising events for the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital.

Martha's enjoyed golf, needlework, gardening, bridge, the NY Times crossword puzzles, Words with Friends, cats and poodles. She was an accomplished artist, working in watercolor and pastels, and many of her pieces hang in the homes of friends and family.

In addition to being preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Martha was preceded in death by her brother Louis Mobley, her brother-in-law Raymond Graham, her sister-in-law Betty Parish Graham, her cousin Layton Carson, and her niece Dianne Peters.

Martha is survived by her sister-in-law Dorothy Mobley, her niece Patricia Graham, her nephew Kerry (Phyllis) Graham, her nephew Dennis (Fay) Mobley, her nephew Richard Mobley, her niece Karen Mobley and her husband Ray, her nephew Chris (Debbie) Mobley, her goddaughter Sallie Douglas, and her many friends.

A private burial took place July 21, 2018, at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta.

A Celebration of Life will be held in her honor on July

27, 2018, at Highlands United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Celebrants are invited to visit with the family after the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Martha's memory to Cashiers/Highlands Humane Society, 851 Lake Emory Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Online condolences may be sent to bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Parish family.

Dale Edward Wallin

Dale Edward Wallin, son of Harry Axel Wallin and Mable Andreen Wallin, was born in Minneapolis, MN in 1929 and died on Saturday, July 14, 2018, in Highlands, NC at the age of 89.


Dale attended Thomas Lowry Elementary School, and graduated from Edison high School in Minneapolis. He furthered his education at the University of Minnesota, but had to quit and go to work after his father died. At age 20, Dale began working a Donaldson's Department Store in Minneapolis where he became a buyer in the toy department. Also at 20 he married his first wife Doris Westheim, and in 1957, they moved to Los Angeles where Dale worked for National Cash Register Co. and later for Ravell Model Company. In 1960 Ravell Co. transferred him to Atlanta where he lived and worked for more than 35 years.

In 1969 Dale married Betty Baker, and they continued to live in Atlanta until moving to Highlands in the mid-1990s. During the next five years Dale worked with Betty in Real Estate until her unexpected death in 2000.

Six years later, Dale and Sarah Marshall were married

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and had 12 happy years together. They enjoyed traveling, cooking, spending time with family, friends, and their furry children, participating in their church and community activities, and playing golf. Dale began to experience health problems in the last couple of years which slowed him down, but he didn't give up. He loved living in Highlands, and often talked about how lucky he was to live in such a wonderful place.

Dale was predeceased by his mother, father, son, brother George Wallin, and previous wife Betty.

He is survived by his wife Sarah Wallin, his daughter Susie Wiles (Russell) and family, a niece Mina Wallin Shehee (David) and son Mack, a nephew Robert Wallin and son Andrew, and a nephew William Wallin. Also surviving are three Marshall stepsons, their wives, and four Marshall grandchildren who will miss "Papa Dale" greatly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday July 28, 2018, at 2p.m. in the chapel of The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. The family requests that any memorial gifts be made to a local charity, the Haitian Ministry of the Episcopal Church, or the Highlands Bolivian Mission.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Wallin family. Online condolences are available at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Phillip Carlton

Phillip Carlton, 81, of Highlands, passed away, Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Born in Arcadia FL, he was the son of the late Lester and Anna Lou Powell Carlton. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Keith Carlton who died in 2016. Phillip was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife Elaine Carlton of Highlands; children, Vance Carlton of Kennesaw GA, Sharon Carlton of Acworth, GA, Lisa Lovins of Lawrenceville, GA and Jennifer Peters of Acworth, GA; one brother Lester Carlton of Austin, TX and six grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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• WORD MATTER •

A Moment Along the Way

A few weeks ago in this space I mentioned how some people who've lived on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau for a while experience some frustration with visitors who drive super-cautiously on our two-lane, twisty-turny, switch-

back-filled roads. Virtually everyone who has visited Highlands more than once, or who lives here, went through this condition. We understand your timidity. We've experienced your anguish. We've shared your trepidation. We feel your pain.

Recently, my wife and I were on Highway 64 between Franklin and Highlands. Locals refer to this magnificent stretch of beauty as 'the Gorge Road,' as it takes drivers past Cullasaja Gorge. It also features Bridal Veil Falls, Dry Falls, Cullasaja Falls, Bust-Your-Butt Swimming Hole, yes, that's the name, and some awesome mountain views.

The road also contains a number of paved pull-offs, where visitors can stop, get out and enjoy the opportunity to gaze with wonder and even take pictures of these natural attractions.

We were heading east, back to Highlands, when we landed



Bud Katz

behind a black import with an out-of-state plate. OK, it was a Florida plate. The driver was exercising understandable caution. OK, he was totally ignoring the long, thin pedal on the floor of his car. As the import approached Bust-Your-Butt, with LARGE pull-offs be-

fore and after the attraction, the driver came to a full stop. We were directly behind the import along with a few others heading up the mountain. OK, it was more like a dozen others. The driver of the import not only came to a full stop, he straddled the two unbroken yellow lines in the middle of the road, and thus compromising travel in both directions.

My wife and I began to imagine the conversation taking place between the driver and the passenger.

She thought the passenger, a woman, wanted to stop and check out the water attraction. I thought the driver, a man, was probably hungry and wanted to get back to Highlands for a late lunch.

Now, in all truth, when we first found Highlands we struggled with these priorities.

While they were engaged in their diversion of thought, the southside pull-off filled up completely, rendering the issue for our fellow travelers in the black import momentarily moot. When they cautiously moved ahead, at perhaps three miles per hour, they came upon the northside pull-off. This is the larger of the two pull-offs. They could have easily stopped to see the swimming hole and maybe still could've made it back for that late lunch.

They came to yet another full stop, this time staying in the east-bound traffic lane, and returned to their negotiation.

I told my wife it was he wanting to stop since he was the one in at least operational control of the

black import.

She reminded me there was more than one kind of control and she could easily have been the vehicle's 'occupant-in-charge.' He may have had his foot on the pedal but she may have had some other, more compelling form of control going on. My wife understands these interpersonal relationship things better than I.

He took his foot off the brake and the car proceeded up the mountain, slowly of course, maybe 2-mph. Note to visiting drivers: you can't coast while driving uphill. You must actually accelerate, even if it's just a little.

After moving beyond the large pull-off, the import utilized another of the pull-offs, which was alongside nothing except a lot of forest. We waved as we, and the procession of vehicles behind us, blew by the import. It was now nearly 3pm. I noted the couple might have missed both Bust-Your-Butt and lunch.

I hoped aloud the rest of their visit was as glorious as it could possibly be.

The preceding, with only minor embellishments, happened one recent Monday afternoon. Since then, we've gone about our day-to-day secure in the knowledge it would most certainly happen again, and again, and again, during season. It might occur along the Gorge Road between Highlands and Franklin, or on the stretch between Highlands and Cashiers featuring those awesome White-side Mountain views.

The truth of the matter is, we view incidents such as these as a tiny part of the miniscule price we willingly pay for being able to live in Highlands, a place, someone recently told us, surely must amount to being "heaven on earth."

• Bud Katz is a full-time resident of Highlands and a member of the Highlands Writers Group.

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at Cartoogechaye Elementary School.

"I am very excited about her coming on board," said Stephanie McCall, Highlands board of education representative. "She has great credentials; special education certified and assistant principal certified. She has lots of energy and is very excited about becoming part of the Highlands School family."

Highlands School Assistant Principal Stacey Overlin will transfer to Macon Middle School (MMS) as Assistant Principal August 7.

Overlin was hired last summer when long-time Assistant Principal Jim Draheim announced his retirement. The Board of Education approved his transfer to serve as the new Assistant Principal at MMS earlier this month. Prior to coming to Macon County, Overlin served as the Principal of Paducah Middle School in Kentucky.

At Monday night's meeting of the Macon County Board of Education, the vote wasn't officially taken for Overlin's replacement, but Dr. Baldwin said the board will be hiring Sarah Holbrooks and board member Stephanie McCall said Holbrooks has 100% board approval.

Dr. Baldwin said there will be a period of transition as Principal Jetter, Scot Maslin, MMS principal and Josh Lynch, Car-

toogechaye principal, Overlin, Holbrooks and her replacement at Cartoogechaye (not known at this point) become familiar in their new roles and with new personnel.

"We are confident all these transitions will be completed by the first day of school," said Dr. Baldwin.

In addition to the assistant principal position, Highlands School is looking for a new 5th grade teacher and interviews are ongoing.

Several new positions within Highlands School were approved by the Board of Education Monday night including Robyn Hessling, who is the new 2nd grade teacher replacing Jaimie Dooley and Sarah Burnette who is now the 3rd grade teacher assistant for Mrs. Henderson's class.

Coaching assignments for the upcoming school year were also approved Monday night. Selwyn Chalker is the assistant coach for Varsity Boys Soccer, and Jeff Weller and Ken McKimm are volunteer assistant soccer coaches. Bryan Dearth is the Head Coach for Middle School Soccer and Jacob Page, who is also the new P.E. teacher (replacing Crystal Gustin) is the assistant coach. Angela Swain is the Head Coach for Middle School Volleyball. Kristin Huneycutt is the Head Coach for Varsity and Middle School Cheerleading.

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case. If asylum seekers meet certain criteria, they are given a number, and they wait for their number to be called. Once it's called, the family must get to the U.S. gate and wait. This could be 5 to 10 days of waiting, but once a number is called they must stay at the gate until they are called up for a final interview. Those staying at the gate have no access to food, water, or shelter and sleep on the concrete.

Some family members may get through, others may not. Sometimes family members, including children, are sent off to for-profit prison facilities without being charged with a criminal crime, said McPhail.

"I was just so distraught about the children at the border who are being separated from their parents," said McPhail. "This is inflicting lifelong trauma. And I got to the point where I couldn't just keep talking about it."

MacLeod, too, said she wanted to do everything she could to help the people along the border.

"I decided to go because I was absolutely outraged at what was happening at the border, both with the separation of families and the detention of so many people," she said.

Before the duo headed to Nogales in the state of Sonora, Mexico, they shipped

13 large boxes full of games, art supplies, puzzles, books, clothes and more. McPhail said just prior to shipping a donor was in the parking lot who picked up approximately \$1,000 shipping fee for the 13 boxes.

Everything that was shipped was the result of a request by McPhail for donations on Facebook.

"We had such an outpouring of support and love from this community," said McPhail. "We also packed five of the biggest luggage bags allowed and took them down with us."

They flew to Nogales, Ariz., and then headed across the border to begin their mission.

MacLeod said upon arrival to the border she noticed the U.S. side of the border was noticeably clean and organized, while the Mexico side was dirtier with unfinished houses.

"It was when I met the people that I really felt the difference," said MacLeod. "The people we met were so full of hospitality, kindness and generosity. I was utterly charmed by their spirit."

Their days staying at a shelter primarily consisted of teaching the children new games and helping with chores. McPhail

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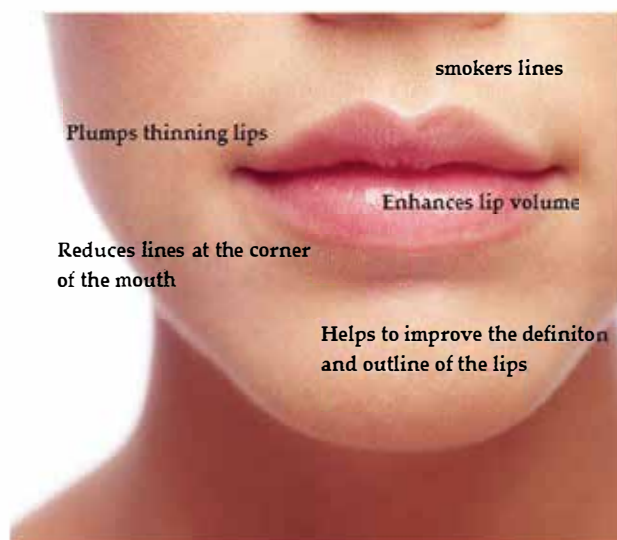
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All of us alive in the United States today have been given a gift. This gift originated in the 20th century. In my opinion, it dwarfs several of the other miraculous and even unbelievable achievements of the 1900s. Achievements that included: conquering flight, reaching beyond the earth with the beginnings of space travel, landing humans on our moon, probing our solar system, splitting the atom, the Internet, machines that can think, mass communication, air conditioning, automobiles and more. Thanks to medical science we have been given the gift of vastly longer lives!

In 1900, the average American male had a life expectancy 46.3 years and an American women could be expected to live approximately 48.3 years. One third of all deaths occurred in children before their fifth birthday. Thanks to vaccinations for Diphtheria, Polio, Pertussis and more, the nightmare of early childhood deaths have been diminished dramatically. The discovery of

antibiotics allowed us to control fatal infections and live through what had been, life-ending illnesses. Pacemakers, stents, artificial heart valves, statins, chemotherapy and more have almost doubled our life span in less than a century and a quarter! Even more is on the way with advances coming from the next major leaps such as stem cell research and more.

With all of this potentially expanded time you have been granted, many of you are kicking the gift horse right in the mouth! You are shorting both your potential life span and more importantly your quality of life by accepting obesity. Some of you are accepting being fat (fat is not a professional term but let's call it what it is) because you just do not know how to reverse your current condition.

Each year diet books and weight loss plans sell like hit records. There is always a new one with a miracle break through. Wonderful ideas such as: live the rest of your life on mostly fat and protein, skip everything that is colored white, eat for your blood-type, ingest some miracle shake powder for several meals per day etc. Now ask yourself; have any of these plans worked? How



Hank Miller
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many of you have stayed on any of these programs for multiple years, lost weight and more importantly maintained a healthy weight for any significant period of time? I will bet no one!

OK, now let's discuss ShiTzus and rocket science.

Six years ago, my wife and I adopted a 3-year-old Shih Tzu named Ellie. Ellie weighed over 19 pounds at the time. On her initial veterinarian visit we were told that her healthy body weight should be

at about 12 pounds.

In other words, she was almost 1.6 times her healthy body weight. If we look at a human female whose body frame is healthy at 125 pounds and use the same ratio of 1.6 that would bring her in at 200 lbs. A male whose healthy weight is 185 would tip the scale at 296.

Luckily for Ellie she was adopted by a fitness trainer and his loving wife who both understand the concept of energy in and energy out. We immediately put her on the right amount of food which was calculated on the needed intake to support 12 lbs of female Shih Tzu.

We took her on regular walks, encouraged her to chase toys and play a little wild.

Within four months, Ellie weighed in at 11.9 lbs. At this weight, she bounded up stairways and jumped onto high beds. At eight years old she is more vibrant and playful than she was at three!

Four years ago, I was relaying this story to a client in a club where I was fitness director. While we were talking, a man came up and asked if he could interrupt our conversation. He said, "I would like to reinforce what you are explaining." He went on to tell us that he has a PhD in physics and that he had actually worked in rocket science for a NASA contractor during the Apollo Program. He told us that the laws of the universe never alter, energy in and energy out applies to the human machine in the same manner as you would burn rocket full to achieve orbit or burn gas in your car to get from Highlands to Atlanta.

Ellie is no longer more prone to diabetes, hip dysplasia, heart disease, cancer and stroke as she was when she was obese. Now that you have gained ShihTzu knowledge and elementary physics, what will you do?

Hank is a local fitness trainer specializing in the over 50 population. He is certified by The American College of Sports Medicine as an Exercise Physiologist, Certified Cancer Exercise Trainer and a licensed NC Massage therapist specializing in Therapeutic Stretching. To contact him, email hank@thebestexercisesforseniors.com.

• ALL ABOUT BOOKS •

Meet a few of my favorite female authors

Truly, there are too many to name, so I've narrowed the list to favorite female authors of mysteries set in Great Britain—my favorite genre and locale. Interestingly, several of these authors aren't Brits. As you consider reading some of these mysteries, I strongly recommend you start with the first in a series to enjoy the character development.

I think of P.D. James as the British matriarch of this group. Best known for her fourteen novels featuring Adam Dalgliesh, New Scotland Yard commander and poet, James also wrote non-fiction, short stories, and stand-alone novels before her death at age 94. First was "Cover Her Face" in 1962. As much character studies as they are mysteries, I enjoy her novels not only for the whodunit aspect but also for the personalities of the main characters. Critics list "A Certain Justice," "Devices and Desires," and "A Taste for Death" as her best works.

Equally enjoyable are the novels of Elizabeth George, an American who lives in Washington State. Her twenty novel series began with "A Great Deliverance" in 1988. The main character Thomas Lynley, a New Scotland Yard Inspector, is a nobleman uncomfortable with his title. As does P.D. James, George reveals more and more about her protagonist and his colleagues as the series progresses. I only recently finished her 19th Lynley mystery. The fact that it runs 576 pages may give you an idea of the complexity of her writing.

I stumbled across a Deborah Crombie book years ago in a used bookstore. Author of the Duncan Kincaid / Gemma James series, Crombie is a Texan, though she did spend some time in Great Britain. Since 1993, she's written seventeen in this series. Not quite as complex as the James and George mysteries, her books are still far from light reading. "A Share in Death," written in 1993 was her debut and won the Macavity award for Best First Novel.

I found my first Sally Spencer book at a library sale and was immediately hooked. The twenty DCI Woodend mysteries take place in the 60's. Until I did a bit of research, I had no idea that Spencer was a pen name for Alan Rustage. Technically then, the Spencer series doesn't qualify for my list of favorite female authors, but I've made the executive decision to include him.



Kathy Manos Penn

He too is a Brit.

Though his/her books are typically shorter than those by the previous three authors, the plots and the characters will pull you in. The third book "Death of a Cave Dweller" is my favorite because it takes place in Liverpool music clubs during the time the Beatles would have been there. Monica Paniatowski, one of Woodend's proteges, goes on to have her own ten book series, but I haven't yet gotten around to reading those.

I've written about Jacqueline Winspear before, but I'd be remiss if I didn't mention her again. Winspear is a British transplant who now lives in California. Her first book "Maisie Dobbs" covers the years immediately before and after WWI, and the thirteen subsequent Maisie Dobbs books run up to the 1940's just after Great Britain has declared war. I credit her series with teaching me about the extended impact of WWI on Great Britain. The anguish of the survivors and those who lost loved ones in the first war is vivid and all the more poignant as WWII looms.

My first-ever trip to England is fast approaching, and I've already loaded my Kindle with novels set in London, the Cotswolds, Oxford, and Devon. Suggestions are welcome!

• Kathy is a Georgia resident. Find her book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" at Highlands Mountain Paws and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com, and follow her on Facebook, www.facebook.com/KathyManosPenn.Author/

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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• Summer Movies at the Playhouse: See ad on page 6.

First Mondays

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

Mondays

• At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:15 p.m.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30-6:30 at the Rec Park.

Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC 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.

• Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:30. All levels welcome.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday,

Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

Mon., Wed., Thurs.

• Pickle Ball at the Recreation Department Gym 10:30am -1pm

Tuesdays

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

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library,

• The Highlands Writers Group, a collection of professional and talented amateur writers, meets to read, workshop, or to just share information on writing, every Tuesday, 3pm-

5pm, in the downstairs board room at The Bascom, 323 Franklin Road, Highlands, For more information, call 828-526-3190.

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 to discuss topics related to raising backyard chickens. Meetings are open to the public of all ages family friendly and educational. For more information please call 828-349-2046 or 828-369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:15. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.

Wed. - Sat.

• At Highlands Inn on Main Street held in the dining room, Afternoon Tea 2-4:30pm. Royal Tea: \$45; Classic Tea: \$35. Call 828-526-9380 for more information.

Wednesdays

• The Glenville Historical Society Museum is open every Wednesday through Saturday 11am to 3pm until October 13 at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville next to Signal Ridge Marina. A historic time line, photos, documents, artifacts and antiques tell the story of Old Glenville, building the Lake Glenville Dam and new Glenville development from the 1940s to present day. Go to www.glenvillehistoricalsociety.com

First 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.

Wed. & Fri.

• Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.

Thurs. -Sat.

• Highlands Historical Village is open 11a to 3p through October.

Thursdays

Aug 2, 16, 30, Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11 & Nov. 1 and 8.

• Four Seasons Compassion for Life will be leading a grief support group at First Presbyterian Church in Highlands on alternating Thursdays 10:30-11:30am. This will be a closed group due to the nature of the group unless there are special circumstances that keep an individual from coming to the first meeting. Music therapy will be used for most sessions. For additional information, contact Four Seasons at 866-466-9734

Thursdays

• Live music in OEI's The Wine Garden on Main Street. Zorki from 7-9 p.m.

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family



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members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 6:30-7:30 at the Rec Park.

2nd Thursdays

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

3rd Thursdays

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: from 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 River-view St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

1st and 3rd Thursdays

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

Fourth Thursday

• At the Hudson Library, Kids Zone LEGO Club. Intended primarily for kids in grades 1-5, LEGO Club allows creativity and STEM skills to develop together as kids enjoy making a wonderful variety of LEGO creations.

Fridays & Saturdays

• Live music at OEI's Art's At The Lodge on Spring Street. 5-8 p.m. Fridays Steve Wohlrab. Saturdays Zorki.

• Live Music in OEI's Hummingbird Lounge. Maestro from 6-8 p.m. and Cy Timmons 8 p.m. to close.

Fridays

• Live FREE music in Town Square on Main Street from 6-8 p.m.

Saturdays

• Live FREE music in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street from 6-8 p.m.

• 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.

4th Saturdays

• Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30a at the old Scaly Mtn. School at Buck Knob and NC 106.

Sundays

• Live Music in OEI's Hummingbird Lounge 8 p.m. to close with Paul Jones.

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Week four of world-class chamber music



The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival continues on July 27th–30th in Highlands on Friday and Sunday evenings at the Performing Arts Center and in Cashiers on Saturday and Monday evenings at the Albert Carlton Library. Festival favorites Vega String Quartet, Helen Kim, Charae Krueger and William Ransom present “The Best of Beethoven-Concertgebouw Preview” on July 28th and 29th and “Schubertiade” will be offered by David Deveau, William Ransom and Yinzi Kong on July 29th and 30th.

The Vega String Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at Emory University, is creating and cultivating a new generation of passionate chamber music lovers and has developed innovative programs with other art forms including dance, painting, poetry and theatre. A native of Canada, Helen Kim earned her music degrees at Julliard and has appeared with orchestras around the world and in major music halls and festivals. Avid chamber musician Charae Krueger is Principal Cellist for the Atlanta Opera and Atlanta Ballet Orchestras and has been featured on NPR's Performance Today, WABE Radio Atlanta and WGBH Boston as well as recordings of Bruce Springsteen, Faith Hill and Natalie Cole. David Deveau brings vast experience with the world's major orchestras and as soloist in recital halls across the globe. In addition to numerous recordings, he is regularly heard on PRI, NPR, CBC, BBC and CCTV-China. Pianist, Artistic Director, master teacher, editor and judge for international competitions, William Ransom regularly appears in recital, as soloist, and as chamber musician throughout the world. He received his music degrees at Julliard and studied at the Ravel Academy in France.

The “The Art of Music” concludes on July 29th at the Carolina Gallery of Fine Art, where silent auction winners of original art with a musical theme by some of the region's finest artists supporting the Festival will be announced. Tickets and details about this season and ongoing Feasts and Salons are available by calling 828-526-9060, via email at hccmfnc@gmail.com, or online at www.hcmusicfestival.org.

'Get Outside Fest' to feature Greenway Adventure Race Sat., Aug. 4, 1-5 p.m.

Come to the Get Outside Fest Aug. 4 from 1-5 p.m. in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. There will be educational workshops, live animals, storytelling, and even some banjo picking. On hand will be folks from The Bascom, Highlands Biological Center, Highlands-Cashiers Landtrust, The Fontana Library, Highlands Historical Society, The Highlands Plateau Greenway, Highlands Parks and Rec Department.

There will be a Greenway Adventure Race to complete the Kids Hike Highlands Passport Program which starts and finishes in K-H Founders Park. Every racer will get a free T-shirt from the rec park and a sticker and pin from the Greenway.

Registration is \$5 per person \$20 for a group of five and \$1 per extra person in a group. Register in the park that morning or at the Civic Center.

Pine Street will close to vehicular traffic starting at 12:30 pm.

2018 Upcoming Events at the Center for Life Enrichment

JULY

- **Friday, July 27 College Football 2018: A Preview**
Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Tony Barnhart (Please call to reserve a space)
- **Monday, July 30 Saudi Arabia's Prince of Change**
Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Eren Tasar
- **Tuesday, July 31 The New Great Game: Central Asia and the World Powers**
Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Eren Tasar
- **Tuesday, July 31 Photos for Apple Computers**
Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost: \$75/\$85
Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith

AUGUST

- **Mondays, August 6, 13, 20, 27 (4 sessions) Bridge Defense: Blood, Sweat and Tears (Intermediate)** Time: 9:30-11:30 Cost: \$80/\$100
Instructor: Duane Meeter
- **Monday, August 6 Russia vs. United States: The Spying Game**
Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Ira Cooperman
- **Monday, August 6 Dining Under the Tuscan Sun**
Time: 4-6 Cost: \$90/\$100 Chef: Melissa Pekley Hass
- **Tuesday, August 7 Laughing Tales of Southern Family Dysfunction**
Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Ann Platz Grotton
- **Tuesday/Thursday, August 7 & 9 iOS for Beginners (at a slower pace)**
Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost: \$135/\$150
Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith
- **Wednesday, August 8 Superpowers in the Digital Age: U.S., China, and Russia Competition**
Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Ira Cooperman
- **Thursday, August 9 Israel, An Ancient New Nation**
Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Ira Cooperman
- **Friday, August 10 How Dogs Became Man's Best Friend**
Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: May Wei-Haas

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THE CURIOUS MIND KNOWS NO BOUNDS

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said the inside of the shelter, which houses 35 to 40 people, was spotlessly clean be-

cause it's swept and mopped twice daily.

In the mornings, McPhail and MacLeod

were awakened by children's faces peeking around the corner to their room. After getting to know the people staying in the shelter, McPhail learned that they were mostly from Central America and were fleeing for their lives because of violence in their home countries.

"These people are doing everything they can do to live with dignity and integrity," said McPhail. "Some of their stories about what they're fleeing from are both horrifying and heartbreaking."

MacLeod said she can see why these people have come seeking asylum.

"They were protecting their families from life-threatening situations in their home cities," she said. "They love their children just like I do. They are amazing, admirable people who I grew to be extremely fond of."

After returning home to Highlands, both women have said to have made lasting friendships. McPhail said she has been in contact with one family of nine she and MacLeod had both connected with. However, once back in the states McPhail heard some bad news. Lucero, 18, and her brother Pablo, 17, were denied asylum, everyone else

in the immediate family were allowed entry. Both children have been sent to a for-profit prison facility. McPhail said no one can get a hold of them.

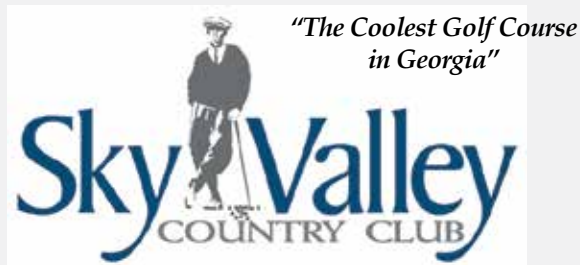
"These two great kids have done nothing criminal," said McPhail. "There are no charges against them. They and their family have followed the letter of the law down to the last period in seeking asylum. They nor the family have any recourse nor any way to know what may happen."

MacLeod and McPhail are working with an asylum attorney to investigate the family's case. The rest of Lucero and Pablo's family are living in California with relatives.

Both MacLeod and McPhail were amazed at what KBI has done for people down at the border.

"The sisters and the father who are involved are the most incredible people," said MacLeod. "I felt like I was with mother Theresa while I was with them. So compassionate, so hard working, so structured and organized."

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town's permitting procedures require that both the Planning Board and ZBOA hear the request," said Town Planner Andrew Bowen.

Conditional Zoning is site-specific meaning what is permitted on that parcel isn't necessarily permitted on another in a standing zoning district – R1, R2, B1, B2, B3, etc.

PAC is requesting a zoning variance for the Chestnut Street setback. The setback is 25 feet; it is requesting a variance to encroach 10 feet into the setback to accommodate the planned lobby.

Typically, the granting of a variance de-

pends on whether the applicant can make use of the property without the variance.

Usually, if an applicant can make use of the property without the variance, it isn't granted. Hence the conditional zone request.

Initially, the PAC board thought it needed a variance from the 35-foot height restriction to accommodate the fly system above the new stage; as per the Unified Development Ordinance all structures must top out at 35 feet.

But according to Town Manager Josh Ward, for some reason that stipulation was left out of the GI zone description. He said that will be remedied with an ordinance amendment so this won't happen in the future, but the PAC plans will not be affected. Therefore, a variance for the 35-foot height restriction doesn't apply.

Last month the town sold the PAC property back to PAC for \$1. Even though the town no longer owns the property, Ward said commissioners agreed to honor the utilities and maintenance agreement of the current contract – as if the town still owned it – until it expires March 31, 2020.

"The utilities and maintenance provisions only apply to the existing building where programming will continue during the construction of the expansion" said Mayor Pat Taylor. "I view the provision as the town's contribution in helping the PAC transition to a fully independent, nonprofit institution with a first-rate facility."

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If you polled all of the real estate brokers you know, they would probably say the due diligence period and negotiations are the most difficult part of any real estate transaction. Let's look at this from both the Seller and Buyer point of view.



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If you are the Seller, you have just negotiated a price for your property that is often less than you expected to receive. You feel that you are a good steward for your property and have kept it in good condition (we hope!). You've relaxed a bit and feel that now you're heading toward closing and on to the new home, boat, vacation, etc that you have earmarked for the funds you will receive at closing. Then you receive a report from the inspector(s) who find multiple items you need to either repair, replace or reduce your funds at closing to make the deal happen. A Seller's immediate response is normally, how dare this person tell me my home needs -- whatever is found on the report, I've never noticed that, it's been fine as long as I've been here.

If you are the Buyer, you have just negotiated a price you're willing to pay for the property you want that is often higher than your original budgeted amount. You feel as though you've made the right decision on a good property. You're imagining the fun times you will have in this property with friends and family. You hire a reputable

inspector who then gives you a laundry list of items that need to be either monitored, replaced or repaired. A Buyer's immediate response is normally, how dare this person ask this much money for a home that needs all of these things done. This must be corrected.

Here is where your Realtors really have to step in and attempt to keep things moving forward on this transaction as now both parties are feeling wronged to a point. It doesn't seem to matter that the Realtors have prepared both sides for this eventuality. There is an automatic reflex to feel that you have been wronged when presented with either side of this scenario.

What are some of the things that can be done by both sides to smooth this often times emotion-ally fraught portion of the transaction? First, as mentioned earlier, Realtors need to prepare both sides for the ups and downs of the due diligence period and requests. Let's look at both sides again.

A Seller can eliminate much of this scenario by having his home pre-inspected (around a \$500 cost) and repair the items that are noted by the inspector. This is both a good way to eliminate most of this second negotiation and is also an excellent selling point for your home's condition.

If the pre-inspection isn't done, the Seller should get their own quotes to repair

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sion – an independent federal agency – saying the preliminary tariff on uncoated ground wood paper used for newsprint which has raised prices up to 30 percent could bring about the demise of small community newspapers and cutbacks at larger daily papers.

To a person, they said it's essential for communities with few sources of local news to get it from their area newspapers. In addition, since companies will likely have to close or cut back due to the tariff, 600,000 jobs could be lost across the country.

"Printed newspapers remain a vital part of our country's free press, which is a key component of our democratic governance and civic life," said U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga. "At the local, regional and national level, these papers help us understand and provide necessary context to the events unfolding here at home and across the globe."

Members of Congress spent almost two hours testifying during the daylong hearing to consider whether the preliminary tariff imposed in March should be made permanent.

The Commerce Department made a preliminary decision to impose the tariff in response to a complaint in August 2017 from a single paper mill in Washington -- North Pacific Paper Co (NORPAC) owned by One Rock Capital Partners, LLC.

The company's position in favor of the tariff is not supported by any other U.S. paper mill (there are five US paper mills that make newsprint) or the industry's trade group, the American Forest and Paper Association.

Canada supplies 60% of the world's newsprint yet the American Forest and Paper Association has expressed concern that the tariffs will set off a cycle where newspapers and other publishers close, permanently shrinking their market.

Canada has the raw material available and necessary to supply the newsprint. Though renewable, obviously at this point in history, America's raw material is more finite and therefore more expensive and Canada is filling the void.

No matter what town you hail from, if you rely on your local paper to inform, educate, entertain and be your watchdog of government, contact your congressman and senators and demand the tariff be lifted.

We reached out to Representative Mark

Meadows and his opponent in the upcoming mid-term, Phillip Price last week to learn their stance on the issue. As of press time only Price replied. Candidate Price said:

"It's important to realize that this is not speculation. This tariff has already been imposed and is having a devastating impact on the newspaper industry. An industry already struggling due to digital technology. The Buffalo News alone states its costs have increased \$600,000 per month!

"This is also the expected number of American jobs that will be lost (600,000) if we do not lift this terrible tariff. Even the Teamsters Union has come out against this tariff.

"I agree this represents an attack on the first amendment. It is also an attack on our closest ally. Do we really want to go it alone without Canada, the UK and our European friends? These countries sent their sons and daughters to fight alongside ours in our darkest hours after 9/11.

"I also have to wonder why a U.S. President would be bent on demolishing the newspaper industry. The free press, an American beacon of Democracy, and a protector of our 1st amendment should never, ever be under attack by our own President. He took an oath to protect the constitution," said Phillip Price, Candidate for US House NC 11.

Based on feedback and discovery, the Commerce Department is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about August 2, 2018.

If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the tariff will be come permanent.


If either Commerce's or the ITC's final determination is negative, the tariff could be lifted.

So far there's no talk of President Trump giving the newspaper industry a relief package like the \$12 billion he is giving farmers affected by his tariffs.

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Thurs., July 26

• Free Zahner Lecture Series "Timber Rattlesnakes on the Highlands Plateau." At Nature Center on Horse Cove Road at 6pm

Sat., July 28

• Come enjoy breakfast at the Historic Scaly Mountain School House while supporting the work of the Scaly Mountain Women's Club. Their primary cause is scholarships for local area college students. On the menu is pancakes – plain and blueberry – sausage, orange juice and coffee. The Scaly Mountain School House is at 41 Buck Knob Road. \$6 for 13 and up, \$4 for 5-12 and under 5 is free.

Sun., July 29

• 5th Sunday Singing and Dinner at Blue Valley Baptist Church at 10 a.m.. Special singers are the Pressley Sisters from Murphy, NC. For more info, call Rev. Oliver Rice at 706-782-3965.

Wed, Aug. 1

• Free Summer Interlude at Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Tyrone Jackson, Jazz Pianist. Sponsored by H-C Chamber Music Festival.

Thurs., Aug. 2

• Free Zahner Lecture Series "Herpetological Mysteries." At Nature Center on Horse Cove Road at 6pm.

Sat., Aug. 4

• HF&R Open House at the department on Oak Street, 11a to 2p. Free hot dog lunch and fire truck rides. Donations accepted.

Sun. Aug. 5

• Rise & Shine Event at The Bascom for the Highlands Community Fund. Tickets are \$100. Cocktails, supper and dancing. Call 828-526-2336 or 404-432-600.

Wed., Aug. 8

• Free Summer Interlude at Presbyterian Church 2 p.m. Summer & Bray of Mountain Faith Band. Sponsored by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

Thurs., Aug. 9

• Free Zahner Lecture Series "The Plight of the Hemlock." At Nature Center on Horse Cove Road at 6pm.

Sat., Aug. 11

• Free Highlands Design Tour 11a to 1:30p, featuring showrooms at Old Edwards Inn Acorns on Church, The Summer House, ACP Home Design and Citizen Wilder/Sticks. Meet at K-H Founders Park. Donations accepted for C-H Humane Society. Designers will showcase their talents on fabric pairings, renovation suggestions, simple makeovers, current trends, time honored traditions and more. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres served at each design showroom.

• Benefit for Patricia Barnes at the Community Building next to the ballfield. 5-10p. Live band, raffle and cake auction. BBQ plates. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

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tourists had better access.

Another similar connection is between Highlands' Helen Barn and the Red Bar in Grayton Beach. Both venues started out as Saturday night dance halls.

Grayton Beach and Highlands, are refugees due to preserved areas. Highlands is surrounded by the national forest. Grayton Beach, to their good fortune, is surrounded by state park facilities. This park system was created in 1967 before the massive developments in Destin, Water Color and Seaside started in the 1980s.

Unlike the surrounding planned private communities, Grayton Beach like Highlands, is a historic community. Fishing cottages are still standing that were built in the 1920s or earlier. Highlands also has similar historic buildings. The blend of old and new in both Highlands and Grayton Beach make for an interesting array of architectural forms and styles. They, too, are witnessing the infill-phenomena where folks purchase a property for the land, demolish the small old home and replace it with a mega structure. There are rumors that even some homes built in the 1990s may fall victim to this process.

I was very impressed with the hospitality shown by Grayton Beach locals. Like

Highlanders, they know community visitors are vital to the economy. They are also nice people that take pride in their community. One gets the feeling they want visitors to have a great time. We did, and we will go back, as we've done for years.

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It is also like the man accused of murder running into the city of refuge where he finds protection until his case is heard by the court. This man has come to the city of refuge and is secured from the threatenings of condemnation. Fearful and trembling he has crossed the border from uncertainty into the land of freedom.

You can also see this in Noah. Noah was told to build an ark as his way of escaping the judgment of God. We are told that God even shut the door for Noah, so he didn't need to fear the winds and rain that destroyed the rest of the world for their sin. The believer comes into Christ to escape the judgment of God against the sin of the world. Jesus lived the perfect life no son of Adam could ever live. He died an atoning death to pay the price of the sins of men. He went into the grave to defeat the last enemy of man and to open the gates of heaven for those who would hear and believe and he will shut that gate when all he has called have entered and they will be eternally safe in his arms.

When we come into Jesus and become one with him, we see him as our sanctuary, beneath whose shadow we are secure from all spiritual harm. Jesus becomes our strong tower and no enemy can penetrate its walls. Jesus becomes our hiding place from the wind and rain. Not one drop of the wrath to come can touch one in Christ. His soul is safe and secure for all eternity. We are perfectly secure and safe in the presence of our heavenly Father.

his union with Jesus Christ is the heart and soul of our spiritual life. You have no hope without this union. The only way you can come into Jesus Christ is when you acknowledge your sins and turn from them asking his forgiveness with a broken and contrite heart. Recognizing you can do nothing to save yourself. Salvation is only when "we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ."

Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE & FIRE •

The Highlands Police log entries from June 6. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 6

• At 1:45 p.m., officers reported that a female subject failed to pay an ordinance ticket for parking in an unauthorized location to the Town of Highlands.

July 6

• At 3:08 p.m., the statutory rape of an 11-year-old girl by an adult was reported within the Highlands town limits. The case was documented as unfounded.

July 7

• At 6:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106 near Upper Buttermilk Road.

July 11

• At 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Smallwood Ave. near S. 5th Street.

July 8

• At 1 p.m., Christopher Keith Crocker, 35, of Smyrna, GA, was arrested for being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. He was issued a \$500 secured bond. His trial date is Aug. 14.

July 20

• At 8:30 a.m., officers received a call about vandalism on a town street; on Leonard Road between Smallwood Ave and Horsecove Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 30.

June 30

• At 3:40 p.m., the dept. was

first-responders to Half-Mile Drive.

July 1

• At 10:30 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Chowan Drive.

July 3

• At 5:59 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Lower Brushy Face Circle.

• At 10:20 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 28 south. There were no injuries.

July 4

• At 1:28 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 9:27 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Country Club Drive.

• At 7:27 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on Bull Pen Road.

July 5

• At 5:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Falls Drive East.

July 6

• At 7:55 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Arnold Road. It was unfounded.

At 12:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street. It was unfounded.

At 12:58 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on South Street.

July 7

• At 3:34 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of lost hikers on Hickory Knut Gap Road.

July 9

• At 6 a.m., the dept. responded to a mutual aid call to Cashiers. It

was cancelled.

July 11

• At 7:56 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Rolling Acres.

• At 10:41 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 4th Street.

• At 8:41 p.m., the dept. was called about a tree across the road on Dog Mountain.

July 13

• At 11:17 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers concerning a rescue mission on Whiteside Cove Road.

July 14

• At 11:19 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Buck Creek Church Road.

July 15

• At 10:18 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Carolina Way.

July 16

• At 6:45 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

• At 8:38 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Birchwood.

July 17

• A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Half-mile Drive.

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the items noted in the inspection report so that they will have their facts and figures at hand should negotiations become argumentative. Obviously, keeping the home in regular repair is crucial to this scenario.

A Buyer can make sure the due diligence inspections happen as quickly as possible and then bring in a reliable contractor(s) to give realistic quotes on the repairs and the need for repairs. It is often true that the home inspector, who has a specific legal guideline to follow, will note things that follow their rules which a contractor will see in a completely different

light. At times a third party is needed to 'break the tie' so to speak.

Some good questions a Seller should ask themselves: If this deal doesn't go through, how long will it take for me to find another buyer for my property? I will now have to repair or disclose these items as facts about the property anyhow, why not repair them for this buyer?

Some good questions a buyer should ask themselves: Is there another property I like enough to let a marginal amount of money in the overall price of these repairs make me give this property up? Am I going to be doing renova-

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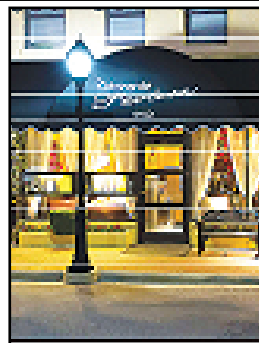
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