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Faster connectivity is on the horizon for Hudson Library

By **Brittney Lofthouse**

Despite federal and state legislation to make access to broadband more affordable and accessible, geographical and financial constraints have left many remote areas, such as Macon County, without connectivity. But with the help of Macon County Commissioners, the Fontana Regional Library System is in the process of getting Macon County residents online, at quicker speeds at two of

its branch libraries.

“Upgrading our wi-fi bandwidth speed in Highlands and Nantahala will more than double the speed for the Hudson Library and provide seven times the speed in Nantahala,” said Fontana Regional Library System Director Karen Wallace. “In areas where many people don’t have access to the Internet (or cell service), it’s critical for the library to provide

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Free summer lunches are available for kids at the Rec Park Monday-Friday

By **Brittney Lofthouse**

When school gets out for summer, thousands of Macon County kids who rely on a meal at school go without. For some kids, the meals they get during the school day are the only meals they get all day – that means during the summer, kids can potentially go without a meal.

Macon County’s number of students receiving food and nutrition benefits is so high the entire district qualifies for assistance programs that provide free breakfast for all students, regardless of income. Several schools in the district also provide free lunches schoolwide as well. During the

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This is architect Paul Schmitt’s rendition of the expanded \$10 million Performing Arts Center. The signage faces Chestnut Street (where the dotted lines are). The current PAC is the building at the very left, past the fountain and the big tree.

The town conveys ownership of PAC building and property to PAC Inc.

The Performing Arts Center Inc. once again owns the PAC property and building on Chestnut Street.

Following a closed session last Thursday night, the Town Board passed a resolution to transfer ownership of the building and lots associated with it to the PAC Inc. But an official vote will be taken at the July Town Board meeting.

The resolution states that since the PAC produces theatrical plays for the public and as such carries out a public purpose which is important to the High-

lands community at large; and since NC General Statute 160A-279 (a) allows a city to convey real property which it owns to an entity which carries out a public purpose; and since The Deed of Conveyance has conditions to insure that the PAC continues to carry out a public purpose, including but not limited to providing theatrical plays to the public, the town desires to convey for \$1 the improved lot to the PAC.

According to Mayor Pat Taylor, PAC Inc. needed possession of the building to move forward with zoning and building approvals prior to new construction and

revamping of the current performing arts center.

Cindy Trevathan, PAC board member and head of the Building Committee said now that most of the money for construction has been raised and they own the complex, they are ready to begin.

Next PAC Inc. will petition the Zoning Board of Adjustment for two zoning variances.

A five-foot right-of-way variance into what is now the driveway in front of the building is needed so the entrance area can be extended. A height variance for the roof

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Looking toward retirement

The Pew Charitable Trust recently published a large study about government retirement systems across the nation. Their study looked down the road. It indicated a handful of states had sufficient funding to meet their obligations for the next decade. They were, Tennessee, New York, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Oregon and Washington, as I recall.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

North Carolina was in the second tier with about 80% to 90% reserves toward funding in the next decade. I find that surprising in that North Carolina made a critical mistake in the Great Recession. The state continued to withhold from monthly paychecks employee contributions, but for several years failed to pay its portion to the retirement system. This failure put the state retirement system in arrears when the economy came back in subsequent years. The investment level was not there to take advantage of the expanding economy. The state is making up the shortfall now by making yearly contributions of 105%. They are playing the catchup game.

I went to a meeting last year where the state treasurer addressed the issue. The treasurer stated he wished the state retirement system was actuarially as sound as the state municipal workers retirement system. Highlands is a member of the municipal system, not the state. Unlike the state system, the municipalities continued to make their contributions to the retirement system, so as the stock market recovered the fund grew proportionately.

The town workers who retire from the municipal system receive roughly 50% of their salary after 30 years of service. Most workers at that level are making between 45 to 60K, so they receive about \$25,000 a year in retirement benefits. Almost all of our workers have contributed to a 401K supplemental retirement. Drawing on the 401K, social security and the retirement benefit, the retired employee can pretty much maintain their original salary. Medical benefits are not covered in retirement, so our employees usually work to 65 to qualify for Medicare. Problems may occur in jobs where physical activities are required. Linemen, trash collectors, etc. tend to begin breaking down physically around age 60, so workers comp can come into play.

This year the governing board of the municipal retirement system did a review of their projections for investment returns. The return on investments is a critical determinant as to the future solvency of a retirement system. The review revealed that the estimates of the returns were too optimistic and might not be obtained. The board decided to scale back by about 1% their estimates.

That adjustment meant that municipalities and employees have had to contribute a little more to fund the retirement system for the future. I am glad to see such appraisals and adjustments being done. The process helps prevent underfunding the system.

The Town of Highlands is not a Detroit, or Chicago. The obligations toward retirement benefits are stable and sustainable in that the town makes contributions to the retirement system only when the employee is working. Upon retirement the benefits come from the municipal retirement system, not the town. Now there may be a number of municipalities in North Carolina that have made additional, unsustainable commitments to retirees. Case in point, I recently talked with a mayor who told me his town had committed to free healthcare insurance to their retirees, including family members. Now that is not sustainable in the long-term.

• HIC'S VIEW •



"Well Tim, that sounds like the mythical, giant forest chicken, why."

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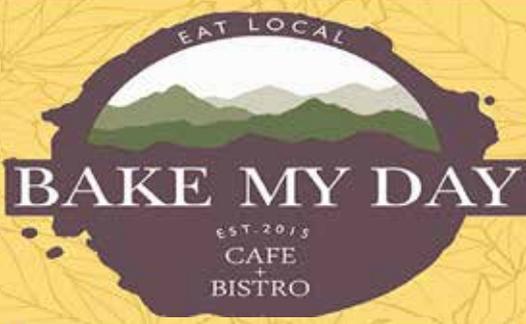


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Thomas Neil Van Hoogen Sr

Thomas Neil Van Hoogen Sr, 76, of Highlands, was received into the arms of Jesus on June 4 after a short illness.

Born June 15, 1941 to Caroline Errante and John Wilhelm Van Hoogen, in Morristown, NJ. The family moved to Hollywood, FL in 1945. Neil began work and raising a family at 17, waiting tables at a country club, eventually becoming a pressman at the Miami Herald, then running presses

for MLS real estate guides in south Florida.

He was the founder and publisher of more than 40 Photo Advertising publications and Real Estate magazines in south Florida from 1976 to 1995, pioneering "Show & Sell" Newspaper, a unique marketing tool in its time. He sold to Cox Communications and "retired" to Lake Glenville, NC in 1996. Neil became an "Accidental Developer" in Highlands shortly thereafter, moved to Highlands, designing and building Falling Waters Highlands for the last 20 years.



These are only how he earned a living, however. Neil's real work was evangelism, sharing both the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to everyone he came in contact with and giving practical gifts to missions and individuals -- houses, vehicles, wells, bicycles and encouragement through prayer and consistent communication. Old and New Testament Bible study was a daily habit since being saved in 1981. He liked to say he had a "One Book Library."

Neil is survived by his adoring wife of 36 years, Paula, and six children: Jeannie Storin Van Hoogen, Lake Worth, FL; Thomas Neil, Jr., Tyler, TX; Katrina Feister, Lantana, FL; Jon Allen, Lantana, FL; Jacqueline Smith, Sebastian, FL; and Travis of Greenville, SC., 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, James Sweeney, Portland, OR; sister-in-law, Carla Van Hoogen, Boise, ID; and eight nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-

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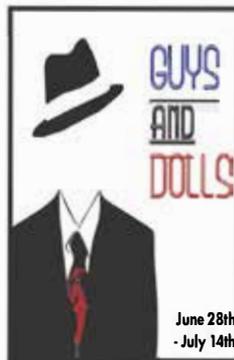
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er John Barry and sister Katharine Sweeney.

A Celebration of his Life will be held Tuesday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. at Community Bible Church, Highlands.

Willard H. Garland

Willard H. Garland, 78, of Highlands, NC passed away June 18, 2018.

He was born January 13, 1940, at Otto, NC, the son of the late Alex and Ruth Garland. He attended Otto Elementary School before moving to Tamassee DAR School where he graduated in 1958. Willard joined the Army in 1959, after serving three years he worked at Rabun Mills before attending Western Carolina University, earning a BS in Education and later earning a MA in Education. He taught at Highlands School for 30 years before retiring in 1998.

He is survived by wife, Gail; daughter, Gretchen Beck (Kevin), grandchildren, Cooper, Dylan and Abigail of Etowah, NC; sisters, Rebecca Cragg (Charles) of Copperas Cove, TX and Mary Newton of Pendleton, SC and a brother, Dean of Seneca, SC.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 23 in the chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory with Rev. Roy Lowe officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in the Goldmine Communi-

ty. Franklin VFW post #7339 and American Legion Post #108 performed military graveside rites. Pallbearers were son-in-law, Kevin Beck, brothers-in law, Weldon Keener, Ervin Keener, Bruce Keener, Randy Brown, Ronald DeMore and Milton Estes.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Savita Anil Dholakia

Savita A. Dholakia, 80, of Franklin, NC, passed away on June 20, 2018 at Angel Medical hospital.

She was born in Karachi India. While attending college in India on an athletic scholarship and majoring in business, she met and married her husband Anil B. Dholakia. They moved to NYC in the mid-'60s. Together they started a family business selling gemstones and jewelry. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and children to gem tradeshow all over the United States and



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• DOGSPEAK •

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Mum says she, Dad, and plenty of their friends start the summer doing this, but being in good company doesn't make me feel any better. What is "this?" Dieting, or should I say being forced to go on a diet.

This unfortunate turn of events came about when we visited the vet for bath day. Mum always weighs me to be sure I haven't gained any weight. "Omigosh," Mum exclaimed, "Milord has gained five pounds." You may recall this concern about my excess weight began with the Royal Critter Sitter, Miss Beverly, who once declared the Royal Pooch needed to lose 10 pounds. She even went so far as to say folks needed to be able to feel my ribs. She and the Royal Parents placed me on strict rations plus one-two daily walks until finally, I lost the weight. That feat took most of one summer. Guess I should have kept quiet instead of bragging in an earlier column about being the only one in the family able to keep weight off.

I hear people diet to kick off the summer because they want to look good in their summer outfits, especially their swimsuits. I have no intention of wearing a swimsuit nor anything except my fuzzy suit, as Dad calls it. Yes, I also wear my royal robe, but it's loose with a stretchy gold belt. So, why must I lose weight?



The Royal Pooch Lord Banjo

Allegedly—I'm not sure I buy it—as a mature Royal Pooch, I must take care of my aging joints. Carrying too much weight puts a strain on my knees and hips. What I don't understand is how the powers that be determined I had any issues with my joints. Collusion, conspiracy, call it what you will, I wasn't happy the first time the topic came up, and I'm not happy now. Sure, my legs shake a bit, and I'm a bit slower getting up from the floor, and I don't

exactly bound up the stairs these days, but I'm still darned perky.

Mum claims Dad was darned perky right up until he required two knee replacements. I vaguely recall his talking about his achy knees and making excuses not to walk me. I even remember the nice man who came to the house to make sure Dad exercised. I, however, have never once complained about my joints. No way anyone is replacing my knees. I have perfectly fine knees, and I'm very good about taking my glucosamine treats to keep 'em healthy.

Mum is adamant and says we must ensure I continue to have fine knees because she can't see me doing physical therapy. Hey, I walk to the food dish, up and down the stairs to Mum's office, and around the neighborhood with my Dad. What more could be necessary? According to Mum, another bout of dieting.

She's a bit of a workout fanatic who watches her weight—watches it go up and down five pounds annually, she says. That means there's no way she's going to change her mind about my diet. I can tell from the precise ½ cup of dog food in my dish that any debate about my knees and food intake has ended. I'm not giving up yet, though. I'm considering jumping into the car to accompany Mum to the gym and yoga class. Do you think she'd cut me some slack if I started lifting weights and doing downward facing dog?

• Lord Banjo lives in Georgia with his Dad and his Mum, Kathy Manos Penn. Find similar stories in his book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," available on Amazon and locally at Highlands Mountain Paws. Contact him at inkpe

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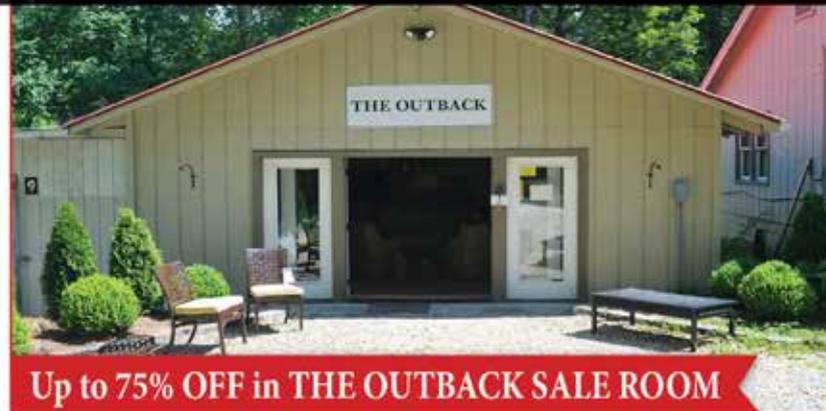
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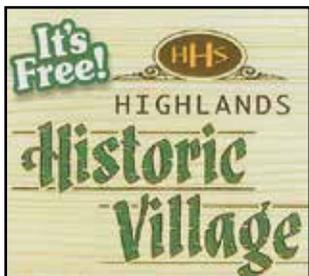
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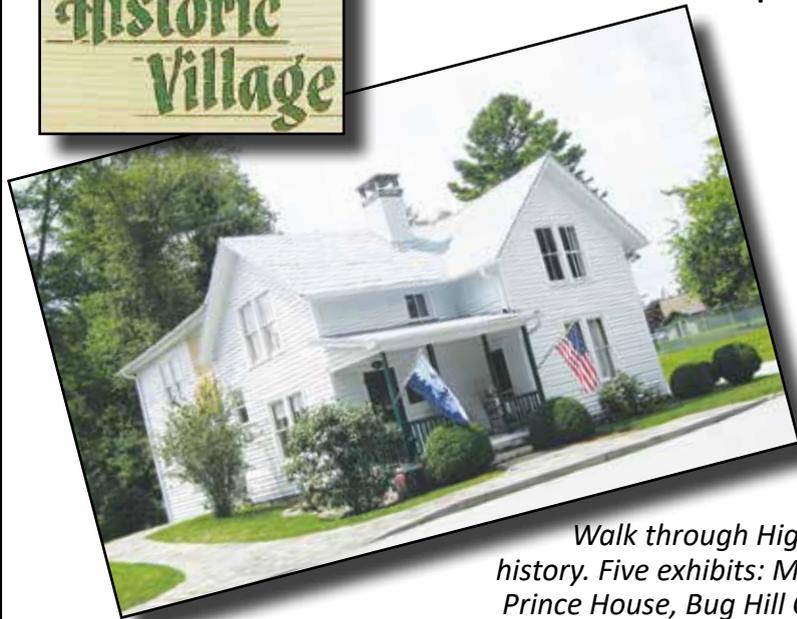


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Grilled Chicken & Avocado Salad

Here is another healthy and hearty option lunch or dinner recipe that will leave the whole gang nourished and satisfied this summer! Slices of avocado, cherry tomatoes, and red apple add both beautiful color and texture to your grilled chicken on salad greens. I suggest adding spinach and arugula to a fresh mix of greens for additional protein, minerals and flavor, and topping it off with my delicious heart-healthy Creamy Italian Dressing.

Time: 35 min Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 2 hormone-free boneless chicken breasts, sliced into 8 equal sized strips
- 2 tablespoons Nutiva Organic Liquid Coconut Oil
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 sprigs chopped rosemary
- Sea salt & pepper



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- 4 cups organic mixed greens
- 1 avocado, cut lengthwise, remove the seed, and cut into slices lengthwise
- 1/3 cup cherry tomatoes, cut lengthwise in half
- 1 cucumber, cut lengthwise in half, then in thin slices
- 1 organic red apple, cut in half, then in slices
- 1/3 cup shredded carrot
- 1/8 cup toasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/4 cup crumbled hormone-free bacon

Creamy Italian Dressing

- 1 organic cage-free egg
- 1/2 cup avocado oil
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 TBS organic lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, pressed or minced very finely
- 1/2 TBS sea salt
- 1 tsp each of organic dried onion powder, basil, oregano and thyme
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper

Instructions

- 1) Crack the egg and drop in the blender. Blend on LOW while you very slowly add the oils, creating a creamy base. Add the remaining ingredients, taste and adjust, and pour into a dressing carafe. Refrigerate for a few minutes while you prepare the salad.
- 2) Mix the chicken strips with the liquid coconut oil in a baking dish and season with oregano, chopped rosemary, salt and pepper.
- 3) Place the chicken strips on a hot grill for a few minutes, turn the chicken strips over grill until no longer pink.
- 4) In a large salad bowl combine the greens, avocado, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, apple, carrot, pumpkin seeds, and crumbled bacon, mix well and divide into four serving bowls.
- 5) Add slices of grilled chicken to each, and top with my Creamy Italian Dressing and enjoy!



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In Highlands, as well as other small mountain towns, I wonder if people either ignored directions and found us by accident, or came here for a particular reason. In 1875, two developers from Kansas, Kelsey and Hutchison, created a resort town noted for its health benefits. Well, we're not from Kansas anymore, and actually never were from any specific place, and that's what makes our demographic diversity so inter-

esting. These mountains date back millions of years, so the current population is only new blood. Even the natives came after the real natives, the American Indians. Wouldn't you love to go back and be a fly on the rock to hear how Highlands came to be? I imagine the early people thought less about owning property and more about protecting and preserving the property they were using.

We're coming up on the 61st anniversary of the NC Real Estate Commission, established July 1st, 1957. In Highlands, Tudor N. Hall was one of the first licensed real estate agents, but long before that, real estate had been traded, bartered, given and sold. Many of the deeds of record in Macon County date back to land grants from the King. Around 1800, the Carolina Gold Rush began as people started finding huge nuggets of gold, the first was a 17 lb. nugget in Cabarrus County. We all know Franklin, NC is known as the gem capital of world, and



maybe you've heard the song "There's Gold in Them Thar Hills" (1931, Frankie Marvin, although that song was about the better known California Gold Rush which came after ours.)

It never ceases to amaze me of the common threads found in Highlands' gatherings. Maybe there's something to the whole six degrees of separation thing made famous by actor, Kevin Bacon. It's the idea everyone is six (or less) degrees/steps away from each other. He formed a charitable organization sixdegrees.org and it appears to still be going strong.

How did you get to Highlands? Whether you were born here, or are just passing through, don't you think you landed here for a reason? If you're lucky enough to have been born and raised here, you probably understand that your property, as meager or as sophisticated as it is, has a value as good as gold. If you've been a seasonal resident

forever, or a few days, you understand the value of your property because either you, your parents or grandparents bought the property, and you've managed to hang on to it for your family's sake, and/or plan to pass it down to your children. If you're just learning about Highlands and are dreaming of owning a piece of mountain property, you've probably done enough homework to know mountain real estate is a sound investment.

Just about any commodity is worth the price of what someone will pay. The economy fluctuates in cycles, and there's talk of buyer's markets and seller's markets, but the bottom line is pretty much how Jerry Reed sang in 1971, "When you're hot, you're hot, and when you're not, you're not". The real estate market in Highlands is getting hotter and hotter, and one thing we've noticed is the ratio of listing price to selling price has narrowed. One reason is that new homes on the market have adjusted prices to the current cycle, and homes that have been on the market awhile (well, the ones that want

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Ongoing

• Let's fill the brick walkway of the Highlands Veterans Memorial Garden by Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2018. Bricks are \$50 for 1, \$40 for the second one. Contract for the purchase form is through Bill Edwards at Edwa7353@bellsouth.net 404-915-1344. Forms are also available for pickup and return at Town Hall. Sept. 1, 2018 is the deadline for placement by Nov. 11.

• Summer Movies at the

Playhouse: Sundays at 5:30 & 8pm, Mondays & Tuesdays at 2, 5 & 8pm

• The Glenville Historical Society Museum is open every Wednesday through Saturday 11 AM to 3 PM until October 13th. Church, club, school and family groups are welcome to visit the museum by appointment on any day of the week. The Museum is located at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville next to Signal Ridge Marina. A historic time line, photos, documents, artifacts and an-

tiques tell the story of Old Glenville, building the Lake Glenville Dam and new Glenville development from the 1940s to present day. Go to www.glenvilleareahistoricalociety.com

First Mondays

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

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 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.

• 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 every Tuesday morning 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, NC 28741. For more information, call 828-526-3190.

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

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

Wed. - Sat. (starting July 5)

• 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.

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

• 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 members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15 pm. at First United Methodist Church Outreach 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 Riverview 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

• 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

Free Patriotic Concert at First Presbyterian July 4



The Highlands Men's Chorus will present the annual patriotic concert at 8pm on Wednesday, July 4 at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert will consist of many favorites including, America, This is My Country, A Tribute to the Armed Services, God Bless the U.S.A., Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless America, and more. There will also be a sing-along with audience participation. The group is directed by Dr. Michael Lancaster and accompanied by Dr. Lyn Burkett. Lancaster serves as Director of Worship/Music at Highlands First Presbyterian Church and also as Conductor of the Asheville Symphony Chorus. Also featured will be Larry Black, Trumpet; and Angie Jenkins, Pipe Organ. In the event the fireworks show is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place.

Coro Vocati concert at First Presbyterian July 7



Coro Vocati will perform in a free concert entitled "Heavenly Home: Our Pilgrimage Journey" on Saturday, July 7 at 5pm at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. This 24-member professional chamber choir was founded in 2009 by Dr. John Dickson, now Director of Choral Studies at Louisiana State University School of Music. The ensemble was formed to showcase the rich talent and choral legacy of the Atlanta area. In 2014, the group completed its first recording project, "Sweetheart of the Sun." The group will also be singing during the 11am worship service at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 8. Everyone is cordially invited to attend both events.

Highlands Pool Summer Schedule 526-1595

Call about Memberships

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Sun. 1-6 pm

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Fri. 5:30-6 pm

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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.

Thurs., June 28 to Sat., July 14

• At Highlands Playhouse, Guys and Dolls. Call 828-526-2695 for tickets.

Thurs., June 28

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing." An Enlightening Program of American Jazz Classics. Time: 4-5:30p. Cost \$25/\$35. Concert Presented by: Oliver Greene, Jr. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

Fri. & Sat. June 29-30

• Highlands Biological Foundation Rockin' the Highlands Plateau Highlands Biological Station. \$100 non-members, \$75 members. Call 828-526-2221.

Fri., June 29

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Conflict Resolution: How Does it Work? Time: 2-4p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Hrair Balian. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Kansas City, Here I Come Dance," Friday night at the Robert C Carpenter Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15-8:45pm. Jim Cosman from way down Woodbine GA will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome.

• Motown Downtown 2018, an outdoor concert and street dance, will be Friday, 8- 10pm on Franklin's Town Square Gazebo, weather permitting. Asheville-based WestSound Band, twice voted one of WNC's best soul bands by Mountain Express readers, will perform favorite hits from the Motown era and beyond. The

gazebo is on the corner of Main and lotla streets, across from the Macon County Courthouse. Attendees should bring a lawn chair. Donation accepted for the Arts Council of Macon County's Artists-in-the-Schools Program. For details call 828-524-ARTS or arts4all@dnet.net.

Sun., July 1

• The Playhouse fundraiser, StarStruck is at the Highlands Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 per person or \$1,800 for a table of eight which includes eight complementary movie tickets at the Playhouse for use at any time. Includes a multi-course plated dinner and drinks, and live theatrical vignettes from the casts of Guys and Dolls and Damn Yankees. Live auction, too. For tickets call (828) 526-2695 or by visiting HighlandsPlayhouse.org or the Playhouse Box Office.

Mon., July 2

• Please join us on Monday at 5:30pm place flags at Highlands Cemetery to honor veterans for July 4th. Everyone is invited to participate.

Tues., July 3

• At the Nature Center, Salamander Meander at 8 p.m. \$2.

Wed., July 4

• At the Ballpark on S. 4th Street, 9a: Boy Scouts Rocket build and launch; 11a: Traditional Field Games - Tug of War - Water balloon Toss - Water Relay - Sack or three legged race - Frozen T-Shirt race; Noon: Mama the Medic Helicopter will be at the ball field weather permitting and it is not on an emergency call; 11:30a: Rotary Hot Dog Free Event at Founder Park with Live Music; 2p: Rotary Duck Derby at Mill Creek; Patriotic Concert at First Presbyterian Church at 8p; 9 or 9:15p: Fireworks, depending on the weather.

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overseas. She worked with the family business in the 5th avenue office in NYC for 30 years. They later moved to Franklin, NC in the early '90s and started the Anil B. Dholakia, Inc. a wholesale jewelry and gemstone business located on Highlands road.

She was very loving, family oriented, and she loved her husband, her children, grandchildren, family and friends deeply. She had a bubbly personality and a lightning smile that could light up a room. She will be terribly missed by all that knew her.

She was the daughter of the late Gulab & Rukmani Dalaya. She is survived by her loving husband Anil B. Dholakia of 62 years;

daughter, Varshana Dholakia-McGaughey (Earl McGaughey) of Franklin, NC; sons, Ketan Dholakia of WPB, FL and Samar Dholakia (Donna) of Melville, NY; grandchildren, Shawn Dholakia of Atlanta, GA, Raja Dholakia of WPB, FL, Andrew, Isabel & Caroline Dholakia of Melville, NY; Brother, Deepak Dalaya (Sushila) of Mumbai, India; sister-in-law, Pramila Sullivan of Guam; nieces and nephews, Ujjwala, Raju, Saroj, Ashish Dalaya; & William Sullivan.

A private service was held on June 21 for the family followed by cremation at the Bryant Grant home.

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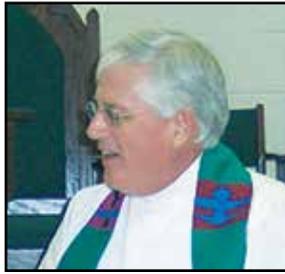
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We all have a pretty good understanding of the old axiom, “too many cooks spoil the broth.” Indeed, if you have ever tried to operate in a kitchen wherein everyone passing through wants to “tweak” the flavor of whatever may be cooking, it is most often a disaster. With good reason – so as to bring order out of chaos, some one person needs to be in charge of the galley on any particular occasion. Otherwise the dish may be an unappealing, unintelligible mess.

Our almighty Father-God was that “Person in charge,” at the time of creation. He brought order out of the primordial mess so as to make the universe appealing and intelligible. In spite of that fact, humanity seems to be intent on turning His beautiful order into a chaotic mess. We have as a nation, and as the species made in God’s image, consistently marginalized the Chief-Chef of the universe, God Himself, so as to remove Him from the kitchen. No wonder the resulting “broth” is unpalatable.

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesian church, encouraged the faithful to walk with, “...all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” He continued, “There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:2-6)

A principle point that Paul was trying to get across to his audience was that there need be only one Chef in the kitchen! The Lord God. Alone. By Himself. At our own peril and to the detriment or diminishment of all life, human and otherwise, we exclude Him from the galley. No wonder the broth we make has increasingly rank odor.

With the Lord-Chef of all creation banished from the chief cook’s position there is no one, single person in the kitchen who takes charge. Instead, everyone takes charge or tweaks the broth at their whim. There is no organizing principal or principle to make the “dish” of life appealing and intelligible. God is, in a manner of speaking, locked in the pantry and we won’t let Him out.

Think of any issue you like: war, immigration, climate change, racism, nuclear arms. There is no issue or situation in all creation that does not cry out for or could not be helped by, “maintain(ing) the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (under) one Lord, ...one God and Father of all.” We need to rally around the One and only Chef that has perfected the process of bringing order out of chaos, Jesus Christ. Without Him as Lord of the kitchen, we can only produce an eventually poisonous broth.

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the best possible access.”

Earlier this month, Wallace asked Macon County Commissioners for additional funding to increase internet speeds at the Hudson Library in Highlands and at the Nantahala Library. To date, the Hudson library has had 30,234 visitors while Nantahala as had 2,539. According to Wallace, many of those who frequent the libraries in the county do so to have access to the internet.

“Wi-fi usage at Hudson has been 7,916 sessions [people using their own devices to connect to the Internet via the library’s wi-fi],” said Wallace. “Internet usage at Hudson has been 2,719 sessions [people using library computers to connect to the Internet via the library’s network.] Wi-fi usage at Nantahala has been 1,403 sessions. Internet usage has been 618 sessions.”

The library has been offering Internet service for more than 20 years. Originally, the library provided the service using dial-up for library-owned public computers. Fontana Regional Library System first expanded Internet service by adding wi-fi so people could use their own mobile devices.

Schools and libraries are eligible for e-rate funding, which provides discounts on the Internet and network connections. E-rate funding can also provide discounts on some network equipment and on installing new connections when available.

“We’ve been using DSL in Highlands to provide wi-fi access, but BalsamWest

recently said we could use its fiber network connection in Highlands and at Nantahala. This would improve Internet speed significantly in both locations [Hudson has 7 MB now and Nantahala has 2 MB],” she said.

With the new BalsamWest network connection, both locations would have 15 MB.

Since the BalsamWest option wasn’t available when the library system had to submit its e-rate request in December, Wallace made a one-time request from Macon County to provide funding – just over \$5,000 – that would pay for the installation and new service until she can make the e-rate request for fiscal year FY2019-20.

While the increase in internet speeds would be a substantial improvement for Highlands, it would have an even greater impact on the Nantahala Community which is far behind compared to other areas of the county.

Commissioner Ronnie Beale said he was optimistic the county could help the library with funding which would benefit both Highlands and Nantahala. Commissioners expect to make a decision in July.

“If they approve the funding, we’ll contact BalsamWest to proceed with the installation. I don’t know how long we’d have to wait for BalsamWest. If the county doesn’t approve the funding and if other funding options don’t become available, Wallace said she will submit this request for e-rate funding eligibility in FY2019-20.

CHHS names ‘Humane Heroes of the Year’

The Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society (CHHS) presented its Humane Hero of the Year Awards at its annual fundraiser Bark, Beer & Barbeque on June 20 at The Farm in Highlands. The awards recognize recipients in three categories – Individual, Business and Special Recognition.

The 2018 Individual award went to Lila Howland for her decades of volunteer work in animal welfare; Old Edwards Hospitality Group was the Business award winner for its years of donations of bedding for the shelter; and special recognition went

to The Town of Highlands, for its animal-loving, dog-friendly philosophy.

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• WORD MATTER • Our Immigration Problem

Politicians have a difficult job. No, this is not sarcasm. They have to balance often-competing interests. In our system, money has to be raised, messages have to be crafted and delivered, votes must be cast. It's not unusual for these three dynamics to clash.

It's simplistic to believe the only thing that matters is the opinion of people who vote. Of course, in the end, this is where the rubber meets the road. But a candidate must be on the road before the rubber can hope to meet it.

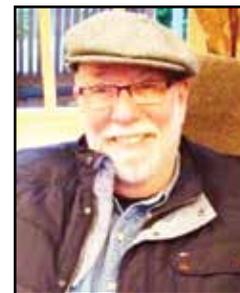
Using current events as an example, it's understandable why the 535 men and women we've elected have trouble solving America's immigration quandary. By most credible estimates, there are currently almost 12-million people living in the United States illegally. It's reductive to believe these people can simply be rounded up and deported. There aren't enough Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to manage even 1/100th of that population.

Besides, many of these people perform tasks essential to the care and feeding of millions of citizens. For example, they pick our fruits and vegetables. They care for our children. They clean our homes. They paint our homes. Heck, they build our homes. They maintain our lawns. They work in restaurant kitchens. They serve, quietly and with dignity, in our hospitals, hotels, nursing homes and factories.

If even young Americans wanted these jobs they'd compete for them and often would land them. They don't. In this context, Americans see these roles as peasant labor. Do any of us really know anyone who would seek a job gutting fish or skinning and boning chicken parts?

These and the others mentioned above are the jobs available to undocumented immigrants. People who demonize immigrants, especially undocumented ones, do so in an abstract sense. They either don't or won't see the irony while having their hair shampooed in a salon, or while dining without noticing the people washing dishes and laundering table linens.

I'm sure there's anecdotal evidence to support the notion that undocumented immigrants crossing our southern border are 'stealing' American jobs. By and large, they're not. I'm equally certain some undocumented people commit crimes. But the Cato Institute's research reveals this



Bud Katz

happens less than half as often, as a percent of the population, than it does for U.S. citizens.

As experienced during the government's ongoing 'Zero Tolerance' policy initiative, Americans are split regarding what to do about illegal immigration. Americans are not split about the idea of separating children from parents who'd attempted to enter the country illegally.

We deplored it and still do.

But the larger question remains. What should/could be done to stem the tide of illegal immigration while not disregarding the important roles these people play in the lives of our citizens?

Those 535 people mentioned earlier can't seem to work through the interests of their voters, their contributors and their own consciences. Their consciences come into play when they deliver their messages. They can't necessarily reconcile what they believe to be the right course of action without alienating either contributors or voters. And they can't say one thing while running, and then walk it back after they get elected. That's a sure formula for not getting reelected.

This is, to be sure, a tough issue. First, we can't and shouldn't let just anyone enter and live in our country. Due to the standard of living and quality of life many of us enjoy, this would surely lure people with bad intentions. Second, providing asylum does not apply to just anyone who makes a claim. These claims must be properly vetted, and that process is both expensive and time consuming. Third, the rights of American citizens should take precedence over the wants and perhaps even the needs of those desiring entry into our country. Although it's by the grace of God we happened to be born or legally processed into citizenship, there's only so much and so many we can safely absorb within our borders.

Just as we've seen anecdotal proof of bad actions by some illegal immigrants, we must be honest and accept that we've also harvested the contributions many undocumented people have made.

It's oft been said that compromise occurs when we make a decision leaving everyone involved equally unhappy. Even though we acknowledge it's difficult for the politicians we've elected to figure out the right course of action, compromise is exactly what must happen to solve our immigration conundrum.

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2016-17 school year, 2,864 children were eligible for free and re-

duced-price meals, which is more than half of the entire district's

population.

The Summer Food Service

Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture program administered in NC through the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. The program strives to make nutritious meals accessible to children under the age of 18 in communities of need.

Macon Program for Progress (MPP) has been sponsoring the summer food program in the county since 2010. For the last eight years, MPP has set up food distribution sites around the county to serve as many meals as possible to those in need. According to Crystal Nix, who oversees the program for MPP, it's estimated that the program distributes 3,000 meals a week.

In Highlands, the distribution site is at the Highlands Civic Center where 30 meals are distributed daily. Nix said several children come every day for lunch.

"I think it [the program] is important because it is feeding children who may not have a meal during the day," said Nix. "MPP is just carrying on what Public School does 10 months out of the year."

MPP has sites serving meals

through Aug 10 this year. Sites operate one to five days per week depending on location. Highlands location is Monday-Friday, 11:45a to 12:30p. No documentation is needed - if children are hungry they can come and eat for free.

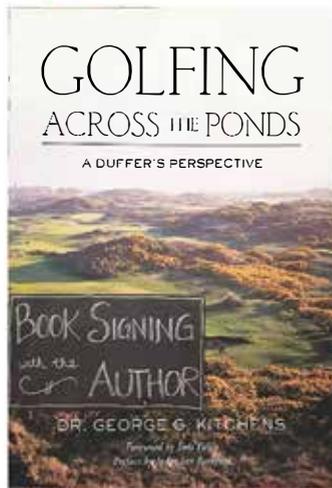
According to Nix, watching the program in action is truly humbling and puts the struggles of neighbors into perspective.

"Today alone, I monitored sites where a mother brought eight children. These children were excited to get a meal. Each day we operate in this area these children make a picnic of it with their mom. They all sit on a stack of wood to eat," said Nix. "At another site I went to, the children were waiting - 20 children at two picnic tables waiting for lunch. When we arrived, they lined up at the car and got their lunch. Then I looked up and all around me children were coming from other houses to eat - five from this house, three from this house with grandma in tow, three more here and three more there. No meals were left at this site."

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to sell that is) have had price corrections as well. Another reason is consumer confidence is the highest it has been in years. It's too early for 2019 predictions, but if our area market continues, we may be headed for a seller's market cycle. No matter how long you've been here, remember your property is like gold, and like gold, prices vary in different cycles. Also remember, that no matter where you're starting out, you can always get here from there.

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above the stage is also needed to accommodate the fly rigging. According to the town's Unified Development Ordinance, no structure in town can be higher than 35 feet.

Now, pending any unforeseen difficulties, PAC Inc. will own the complex again.

"Our attorney is discussing the language of the deed transfer and related documents with the PAC attorney. Once those issues are resolved, hopefully by the July board meeting, the official transfer will be voted on by the board," said Mayor Taylor.

Years ago, after PAC Inc. bought the property from the Community Bible Church and renovated the building, then sold it to the town for \$1.

PAC's current lease with the town is up March 2020. However, PAC Inc. has asked

the town to continue its maintenance and utility agreement – even though the town no longer owns the building – to help alleviate some expenses while under construction.

Trevathan said performances will continue while construction is taking place, so maintenance and utility costs will also continue.

"I can confirm that the PAC has made a request for the town to continue the utility and maintenance support it gives under the current contract until the contract would have expired in March of 2020. The request is only for the existing building," said Mayor Taylor. "Nothing has been granted. We will hold a vote on all aspects of the transfer at the upcoming July board meeting."

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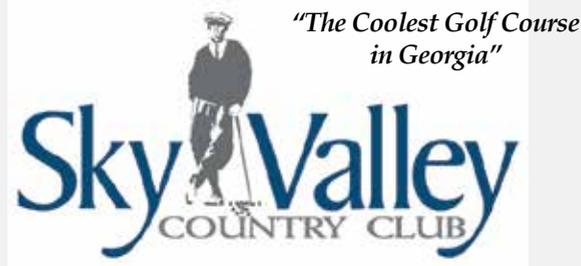


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that mean the most to people. So I thank you for giving him those little things every day. It has helped to make him the man that he is.

Unfortunately, both of Chris' hands are in a cast, therefore, he is unable to write out a personal thank you of his own. He has, however, given me strict instructions as to what to say to you from him so here goes....

He wants you to know just how much you all mean to him. He wants you to know that he loves you all and that you are very much a part of his family. He wants you to know just how touched he has been by the outpouring of love that has been shown to us in our time of need. He wants me to thank you for the calls, prayers, texts, food and donations that you have so graciously made to our family. He wants you to know that he will be back to you as soon as he finishes healing. He wants you to make Eric walk the line while he is gone -- you can see he hasn't lost his sense of humor!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Thank you for treating Chris like family for the past 25 years. Thank you for loving him like one of your own and thank you for stepping up to take care of our family when you didn't have to!

We love you all and hope you know just how special you are to us! You are a light in a dark and dreary world and for that we are eternally grateful. May God bless you and

1.21 ACRES FOR SALE BY OWNER - OTTO, NC - \$28,000. Lot 12 Quail Haven Road. Otto, NC. Price not firm...open for negotiation. Please email if interested to ddmrsh15@aol.com or call/text to 239-980-0531. If no answer please leave a message. (st. 7/20)

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yours.

Chris, Kellie, Jaylan, Cayden & Kyndell Burns

Merchant 'Friend Raiser'

As many of you are aware. Our friend, and longtime UPS delivery person, was involved in a terrible car accident. Chris Burns and his wife Kellie suffered injuries that will takes months to heal.

I am extremely proud to report that the merchant community joined together and made contributions to assist our friends during the recovery process. Obviously, this outpouring of generosity is a tribute to Chris, and his always helpful and sincere attitude. However, I would like to acknowledge the merchants. Not only for giving, but for the generosity in which they gave.

I can't tell you how many times I was told, "If I can help in anyway please ask." Or "If you need more please come back." Or "What else can I do to help?"

Please don't tell Chris I told you this, but he and Kellie both cried when they received your gifts. Bravo and thank you all.

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