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Meadows and Price to face off in Nov.

Macon voters showed up at the polls on Tuesday for the May Primary election. Republican voters were posed with deciding between two candidates for County Commissioner while Democratic

voters selected between three names for United States Congress District 11.

More than 1,000 votes were cast during early voting and another 3,000 cast on Election Day

in Macon County.

Locally, Macon County Commission Chairman Jim Tate appeared on the ballot next to Republican challenger John Shearl

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Hit lists and suicide pact has school system and law enforcement on alert

Two Macon County teens were taken into custody last week after school officials were told of a "hit list" naming students and

school administrators.

Last Tuesday, the hit list was found on a school bus shared by Union Academy and Franklin

High School (FHS) students and was immediately given to school officials. The list's author was

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Students pick 'Fan of the Year'



At the Monday, May 7 Highlands School Athletic Banquet at the Rec Park, Highlands School math teacher Gina Billingsley was selected "Fan of the Year" for the 3rd time. The annual award goes to those who exemplify Highlands School spirit.

— Photo by Kedra McCall

A 'passport' to nature

When youthful citizens and visitors take part in the latest nature program sponsored by the Highlands Plateau Greenway, they will enjoy the plateau's natural beauty and be rewarded, too!

Last week Hillrie Quin of the Greenway, unveiled "Kids Hike Highlands: Connecting children with the Plateau" program.

Four trails have been identified as trails children can hike: Sunset & Sunrise Rocks whose key features are long-range mountain and town views; Botanical Gardens and Lindenwood Lake which features native plants, streams and the lake; the Rec Park Loop and Mill Creek whose key features are wooded trails and Mill Creek and

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Skate Park officially opens



Skateboarders of all ages have been skating for a few weeks now, but on Friday, May 4, the skatepark at the Highlands Rec Park was officially opened. Officiating was Mayor Pat Taylor who likened the park to an outdoor sculpture saying the ½ cent tax earmarked for Rec Park improvements levied over the past three years and budgeted for the 2018-'19 year as well, has made the Rec Park into something citizens can be proud of inside and out. Art and Angela Williams have donated much to elevate the Highlands Civic Center and the town's parks including the K-H Founders Park and ice skate rink, the ball park, the year-round pool, plus much needed renovations inside the civic center. Friday their \$212,000 donation to the skatepark was noted as well as \$11,000 each from Jon Swift and the Swift Foundation and Beau Cummins, \$1,000 each from the Rotary Club of Highlands and Jerry and Avery Doubleday, \$500 from Chad Garner and Ashby Underwood and in-kind donations by the Garner children, Jay Calloway, Taylor Earman and the town of Highlands. Pictured from left: Rec Park Director Lester Norris, Jay Calloway, Jon Swift, Beau Cummins, Bob Trevathan, OEI's Richard Delany, Mayor Pat Taylor, Ashby Underwood, Asa Garner, Finneus Garner and OEI's Melissa Delany.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Governance and continuing education

Town employees undergo continuing education and training. Our Town Manager, Josh Ward, just completed year-long training through the University of North Carolina School of Government. He is now a certified North Carolina Municipal Administrator and Town Manager. Other staff members, such as our Town Planner, Town Clerk and Finance Director undergo similar periodic training.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

As mayor I, too, engage in continuing education. I recently attended a workshop in Franklin sponsored by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. The Best Practices in Municipal Government workshop was hosted by the Town of Franklin and Mayor Bob Scott. As a new mayor four years ago, I participated in a similar workshop called Essentials of Municipal Government. I viewed this new workshop as a refresher course as I enter my second term.

The workshop instructors were from the League of Municipalities, the UNC School of Government, the Southwestern Commission and Western Carolina University.

Topics covered ranged from conducting meetings to managing finances. Let me highlight a few items.

In conducting business three types of public meetings were reviewed: the regular scheduled monthly meeting, a special meeting, and an emergency meeting. An example of a special meeting is our afternoon budget workshop sessions. These special meetings require 48 hours notice posted on our website and sent to the "sunshine list" by way of the Internet. The sunshine list consists of citizens and media outlets who have requested to be sent all public documents that commissioners review at Town Board meetings. An emergency meeting has to be truly a crisis, or an emergency for the town. Notice must be sent to the media the same way given to board members. It is seldom used.

Presenters also reviewed when and under what circumstances a board can go into closed session. Basically, closed sessions are for personnel matters, criminal misconduct, attorney consultations, property acquisition, and economic/business expansion matters.

A major part of the workshop was on financial matters. The yearly audit process that the town is about to begin was covered. Over the next several months private accountants will conduct an audit of all town financial transactions. In past years the accountants reported "clean audits" at a regular board meeting. That means that the audit accounted for all town transactions and how funds were spent.

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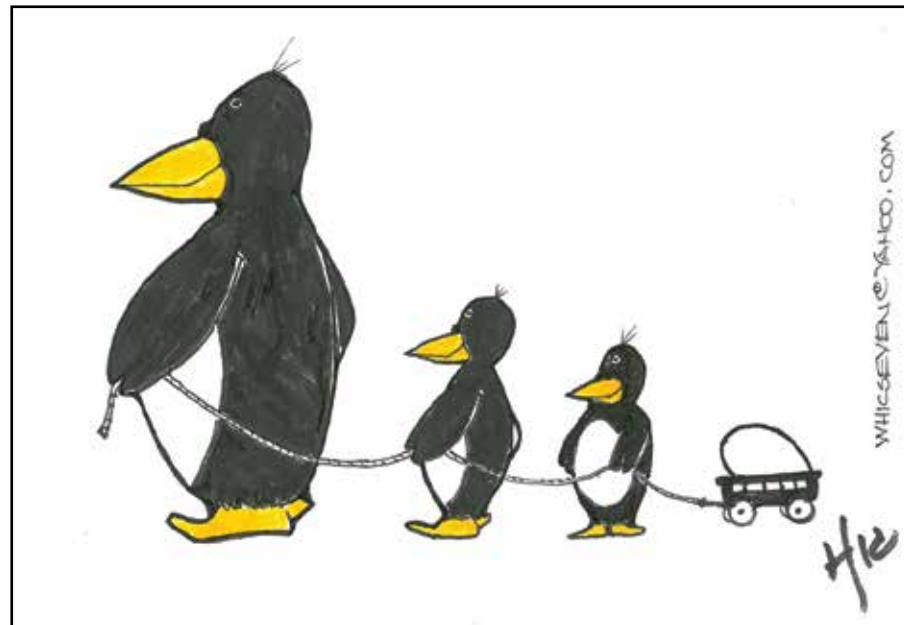
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• HIC'S VIEW •



• OBITUARIES •

Jerome T Ingate

Jerome T Ingate, known to his friends and family as Jerry, was born on July 12, 1943 in Mountainside, NJ. After graduating from Niagara University he joined the US Army as an officer in the 101st Airborne Infantry and received a bronze star for his service in Vietnam.

After his military service Jerry worked as a Senior Vice President financial advisor for 35 years and was known for his high ethical standards and down to earth nature.

Jerry was always a dedicated member of his community and loved serving others. He was proud to have reached the level of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. He enjoyed his time as president of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Broward County Industrial Development Board.

He and wife Rosemarie explored the world and instilled a love of travel and culture

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• WEATHER •

	Friday 5/11		Saturday 5/12		Sunday 5/13	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	77 F	51 F	77 F	51 F	80 F	54 F
RealFeel	85 F	58 F	86 F	61 F	88 F	61 F
Winds	4 g 6	3 g 5	4 g 7	4 g 6	5 g 7	4 g 6
T-Storms	40%	24%	40%	24%	24%	24%
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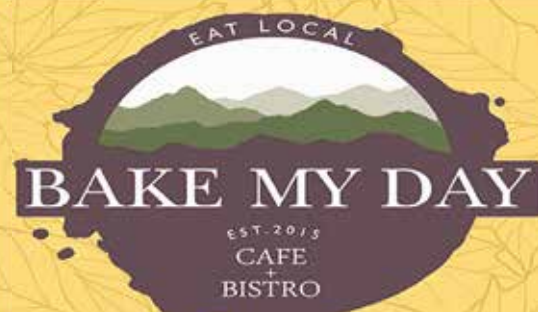
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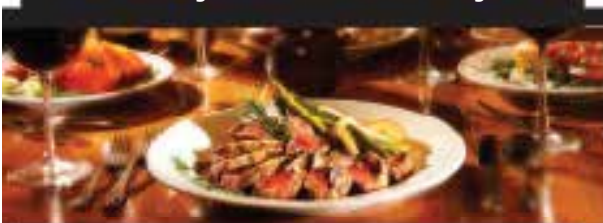
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in their children. Meeting new people was one of the great joys of Jerry's life, and he always left with new friends wherever he visited.

Jerry passed away at age 74 on Sunday, March 11, 2018 after a valiant struggle with Parkinsons Disease. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rosemarie, who he always called "his girl," 2 sons, William and Matthew Ingate and daughter Heather Ingate Barragan and six grandchildren. He dearly loved and was very proud of each of his children and took great delight in his grandchildren. Friends and family remember him as a outgoing, smart, caring and genuine man.

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quickly identified as a 16-year-old FHS student and shortly thereafter, both the author of the hit list and his girlfriend were taken into



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custody.

The list of names included 15 students and staff at Franklin High School, including Franklin High School Principal Barry Woody, as well as members of law enforcement, an attorney, and members of the District Attorney's Office.

Alexander Kingston Strickland, 16, of Franklin, was arrested for threatening an Executive Legislative Court Officer - one felonious count - and 17 misdemeanor counts of communicating threats. He was issued a \$100,000 secured bond. His court date is May 24. His girlfriend was not charged by press time.

According to reports, school administrators obtained several pieces of papers - one paper was labeled "hit list two" and the other says "hit list three." According to Dr. Baldwin; the papers they obtained were revisions of list one.

Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland said that during an interview with the male suspect, statements were made regarding the student's accessibility to weapons in his home which belonged to both him and his father and that he had full intentions of carrying out the threat and doing harm to the names on the list.

A search warrant of the student's home recovered a cache of weapons consisting of shotguns, revolvers, pistols and Airsoft pellet guns. The weapons were located in the student's room and in his father's procession.

"This morning, Macon

County Schools Administration was given access to a list of students whom the creator of the list intended harm," Macon County Schools said in a statement released last Tuesday afternoon. "The Franklin High School student who wrote the list has been detained and Macon County Sheriff's Deputies, detectives and SROs are on campus. Individuals named on the list, and their parents, were notified individually. The situation is under control."

This is the second incident reported at a Macon County school in recent weeks in which students threatened harm to themselves or others.

The administration and counselors of Mountain View Intermediate (MVI) and the staff of Meridian Behavioral Health Services have been monitoring a group of students on social media for the past few weeks. This group is known as the "Edgy" group or "Edgy Fan Page 101."

Last month, a school nurse learned second-hand from one of the local health care providers that some of the students involved in this group may have some sort of suicide pact or had otherwise indicated suicidal ideations. So, school administrators were notified.

Immediately, the families of any student known to be involved with the "Edgy" group were contacted. A Parent-Link message also went out to encourage all MVI parents to monitor their child's social media accounts and

to begin a conversation with their child about dangers associated of this group.

Macon County Schools social workers and the Macon County Sheriff's Office worked together to contact individual students, parents and made home visits to protect the students.

Macon Middle School, Mountain View Intermediate, school social workers and Meridian Behavioral Health have all followed up with students and families.

To address recent issues, Macon County Schools is hosting a Social Media and Technology information night on Tuesday, May 15 at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, 6-7:30 p.m.

All Macon County School families are invited to attend, which Macon County School Superintendent, Dr. Chris Baldwin says is all about a partnership between the school and home and protecting students.

"Recently, we've come into contact with several other events rooted in technology and communication through social media that are possibly dangerous for children. We want to strengthen the partnership between school and home to protect our children 24 hours a day," he said.

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This first audit is sent in October to the North Carolina Local Government Commission which is a division of the North Carolina Treasury Department. The Local Government Commission accountants review the town audit. Their accountants conduct a different analysis. They look at what the town is spending, plus where and why. They analyze the town's overall financial health and determine whether financial commitments are sustainable in the long-term. If problems are detected, the LGC orders the town to make spending adjustments.

I completed the workshop refreshed with information and insights. There are always areas for improvement in town operations, but we do a lot of things right as prescribed by state statutes and recommended by municipal experts.

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of commissioners and does not have a Democratic challenger this November.

"I'm still overwhelmed by the vote of support that Macon County and especially that which my home district provided," said Tate. "It was truly a humbling feeling to know that my community truly believes in me to get the job done. I will continue to push forward by working diligently and respectfully every single day to represent our county with integrity and to ensure the Macon County will always be a great place to call home."

Democrats had three names for Congress on the ballot in Philip Price, Steve Woodsmall, and Dr. Scott Donaldson. Price won Macon County with 52.11 percent

or 569 of the 1,092 votes cast. Price's victory in Macon County wasn't unique as he won the entire district with 13,403 votes and will appear on the ballot in November to face off against incumbent Mark Meadows.

"Meadows may have a gerrymandered edge in District 11 on paper, but I've met enough disenfranchised constituents to know he'd better watch out," said Price in a press release. "Voters are tired of his extremist politics. They want a congressman who will represent Western North Carolina, not a Washington insider who works for billionaires. Now that the primary is over, Nov. 6 is right around the corner. It's time to get back to work."

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• WORD MATTER •

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is approaching, fast. If I didn't know this from the alert on my smartphone, the calendar on my desk, and the one on the wall, and from my wife's desire to celebrate with her 85-year old mom, I'd know from the plethora of fragrance commercials suddenly appearing on commercial television.

Look, I'm a man, what do I know about perfume or cologne? Nothing. I live in the woods, for Pete's sake. But, I do know a thing or two about advertising. I toiled in that vineyard for several years, and I learned a lot about concepts like stimulus and response, call to action, creating need, etc.

Chances are you've seen the television ads featuring glamorous, popular, radiant film stars, like Charlize Theron, Natalie Portman, Kristen Stewart, even Julia Roberts. These women are representing huge, well-known, foundational fragrance houses, such as Chanel, Lancome, and Dior. The ads incorporate what to me are strange situations. For example, a beautiful woman jumps fully clothed off a pier, or walks fully clothed into the ocean, or runs full-speed, nearly naked, and then flies into a glass wall.

Whenever one of these commercials pops up I react the same way. I cock my head, squint, and attempt to notice everything taking place on the screen for those thirty seconds. I want to understand what's going on. When the commercial ends, I ask, either myself, or my wife, the same question; "What was that all about?"

Either I, or my wife, and you should know, she has a Master's Degree, typically have the same response; "I have no earthly idea."

I do some of my best thinking while taking my morning shower. I have actu-



Bud Katz

ally given this some thought. Not a lot, mind you. There are many other puzzles in life more deserving of my precious, thinking-in-the-shower-time. That said, I've arrived at some conclusions.

First, I believe these commercials might, at least in part, be directed at me. The advertiser is buying a demographic profile, which includes adult men. Certainly, women remember the moms in their lives, but perhaps it's

the men who need reminding.

Second, these commercials typically run during seasons leading up to events where men are expected to buy gifts for their moms, wives, daughters, and the other nurturing women in their lives. Since birthdays and anniversaries happen all the time, these commercials are much more prevalent leading up to the year-end holidays, Valentine's Day, and Mothers Day.

Third, the actual content of the commercials is almost irrelevant. It's the image the film star is projecting, and the box at the end of the thirty seconds that really matter. The messages, subtle as they might be, are romantic, empowering, and exciting.

The actresses in these commercials are paid A LOT of money. The commercials themselves are often directed and produced by the same people who direct and produce blockbuster films. The network time purchased by the agencies placing the commercials is very expensive.

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• REFLECTIONS FROM LORD BANJO •

There's so much to learn about dogs

As a Royal Pooch, it's incumbent upon me to understand dogs so that I can relate to my subjects. I asked Mum to help me with my education, and we started with some light reading from the Sunday paper.

On Sunday mornings, Mum and Dad lounge around in their PJs, read the paper, and drink coffee, and I recline on my royal bed. Sometimes Mum reads aloud to Dad and me, and we two guys got a chuckle out of a Parade Magazine story about dog owners. It seems we dogs are hugely popular. Did you know that 48% of Americans own dogs and that lots of dog owners let their four-legged kids sleep in the bed with them? Mum is the one who read this to me; why doesn't she get the hint about the bed? Why people even have birthday parties for their dogs. I'm talking dog birthday cakes, party hats, biscuits for the guests, all kinds of things.

I get enough adoration at my book signings, so I can do without an extra party, but I do think Mum and Dad should write me into the will. Yup, that's another thing that dog owners do. I know Mum's sister Aunt Pam has made provisions for her Great Dane and all of her cats. I'd hate for anything to happen to Mum and Dad, but I sure hope they've willed me to a loving family. My first vote would be to live with Miss Beverly or Nurse SarahAnne, two of my fave critter sitters, and I know they'd love to have me.

Mum said that lots of dog parents travel with their dogs. Now, Mum and Dad have taken me on several road trips, but



Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch

I don't get to go everywhere with them. Frankly, I think it's preposterous that some hotels and B&Bs don't allow dogs. It seems to me that Mum and Dad should boycott those establishments rather than leave me behind. Yes, sometimes they fly, and I hear that because of my majestic size, I'd have to fly in the baggage compartment, instead of in first class where a Royal Pooch belongs. If airlines

are that ridiculous, I'll just stay home when the Royal Parents fly.

I laughed when Mum read that some dogs have social media accounts. I, the Royal Pooch, have my very own Instagram account, @lordbanjotheroyalpooch,

though I generously allow Mum to post an occasional pic of my feline sister, Princess Puddin'. You know, when I review the list of perks that many dogs get, I don't get all that many:

- Birthday parties - NO
- Vacations with pet parents - YES
- Regular visits to the Grooming Salon - YES
- Sleeping in bed with parents - NO
- Psychic Readings - NO
- Yappy Hours - NO
- Doggie Day Care - NO
- Dog furniture - NO
- Clothes - YES if you count my beautiful purple robe
- Instagram account - YES
- My, my, dogs across America are well loved – or spoiled – depending on whom you ask. Now, as Lord Banjo, I could decree that these privileges become the

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Western Carolina University Professor, Dr. Niall Michelsen of the Department of Political Science and Current Affairs will be at CLE on Thursday, May 17 from 10a-12 to look critically at the claim that China is about to supplant the U.S. as the world's leading power.

China is changing itself rapidly and is poised to shift the international system fundamentally. The Old World Order refers to the international system designed by and led by the United States. Its origins date to the end of World War II. It includes a dense system of international organizations centered around but not limited to, the United Nations family. It includes institutions like the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization. The principles underlying the Old World Order are openness and democracy and rule-based deci-

sion-making. Naturally much of the world, including the leader, fell short of this in practice. Nonetheless the trend the world is taking is in the direction of economic openness, democracy, and adherence to international rules and norms.

During the Cold War this order was challenged on many fronts by the Communist world, most prominently the USSR and to a lesser degree the People's Republic of China. After the Cold War the Order was unchallenged briefly until 9/11/01 and subsequent events demonstrated that a challenge emanating from the Middle East was emerging.

But the longer-term challenge and the one that is arguably more likely to usher in a New World is that posed by China in the 21st Century. The 20th Century is famously known as the American Century but it is not yet clear whether we or China will claim the title by the end of the century. China appears determined to win, which leads us to the question of "if they do win, what does it mean?" This talk will try to lend some insight into that question.

This lecture will be held in the CLE lecture hall located in the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center at 348 S. Fifth Street. To register please call 526-8811 or visit www.clehighlands.com. Cost is \$25 for members/\$35 nonmembers. Walk-ins are welcome. Students attend FREE.

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The Bascom Sculpture and Book Walk which features the "book walk" and sculptures set among natural surroundings.

It's hoped that the trails and their offerings will expose children to the diversity of Highlands while getting them outside.

To take part in the program, children can pick up a Hiking Passport at Town Hall, the Civic Center, the Chamber/Visitor Center, the Hudson Library and The Bascom.

The passport is a two-sided, card-stock brochure that includes a map of the four trails, a description of the trails and a place for notes, doodles and a place to stamp a mark once each trail is completed.

Along every trail labeled in purple on the map -- which are those described above -- there is a purple mail box. Inside the mail box is a stamp corresponding with the trail which is to be used

to stamp the passport once the hike along the trail is completed.

When all four spots are stamped on the passport, hikers can pick up a special prize -- courtesy of area businesses -- at Town Hall, the Civic Center, the Hudson Library, the Chamber/Visitor Center and The Bascom.

The four trails are pedestrian-only, range from 1.4 miles long to .3 miles long and are rated strenuous to easy.

Once those on duty at the Passport Check-ins verify that all four trails have been hiked and duly stamped on the passport, with date and place of redemption noted, hikers will get a sticker saying "I hiked Highlands - 2018" that can be affixed to a window or vehicle bumper, a metal patch that can be fastened to a bookbag and a reward.

As Hillrie Quin says: Now Go Explore!

— Kim Lewicki





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I must raise a glass here to the Real Estate Brokers on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, all 288 of us. Odds are pretty good that you know at least 10 of them. If not, stop by Mountain Fresh Grocery any day around noon and you will. We Brokers share a very unique relationship. Our role is to work together toward one main goal; find a ready, willing, and able Buyer for your property; and/or find a property that closely meets your needs, budget, investment strategy, and most importantly... your dreams. In reality, Brokers have a partnership that serves you, the Customer, and not a competition against each other which serves no one.

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I will go back to my earlier words... *High Integrity, Well Trained, Excellent Product, Fair Prices, Exemplary Customer Service, Every Day...* that's the Real Estate Broker Community in Highlands and Cashiers.

So hug a Real Estate Broker today... they deserve it!

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•HS SPORTS•

with Kedra McCall

Girls soccer, track and golf

High school girls soccer played both Swain and Murphy this week. They beat Swain 4-3 in overtime and lost to Murphy 8-0. They are now in the state championship games.

High school track girls finished in 10th place with 16.30 points.

The boys did not earn any points but Jesus Damian and Collin Stolzhus both competed.

Jesus Damian competed in the shot put and discus. In the shot put he shot 32'6.5" and shot 91'4" in the discus. Collin Stolzhus finished with a 13.93 in the 100 M.

The girls also had Zaia Rodriguez, Madi Drummonds, Anne Marie Moore, and Tessa Weisniewski compete. Madi Drummonds places 4th in the high jump and Zaia Rodriguez placed 6th. Zaia Rodriguez also competed in the long jump, finishing at 11'-2".

In the triple jump Madi Drummonds finished 4th and Anne Marie Moore finished in 7th. In the 400 M, Anne Marie finished with a time of 1:09:39. Madi

Drummonds finished 5th in the 300 Hurdles. Finally, in the 200 M, Madi Drummonds finished with 30.0, Anne Marie with 31.09, and Tessa Weisniewski with 34.71.

"I am very proud of each of the track members for their hard work and dedication. They improved a great deal during the season and I look forward to next year since all of my athletes are coming back. We hope to add more members and improve so we can compete for points and PR's at each meet," said Coach Brett Lamb.

The high school varsity boys golf finished 5th as a team in their regional match. They came within six strokes of making it into the state championship. Mattson Gates and Samuel Hawkins both shot 100. Destin Gearhart shot 110 and Drew Chalker shot 115. Their golf season has now ended.



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Samuel Green III

Samuel Green III, of Highlands, NC, and formerly, Atlanta, GA, passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the age of 70 due to post-surgical complications. He is survived by his loving wife, Giny, and his sister Lynda Sikes (Jimmy) and his step-children, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his beloved Aunt Virginia and Uncle Charlie Baird, who raised Sam following his father's death.

Sam was born on October 8, 1947 and grew up in Atlanta. He proudly attended Georgia Institute of Technology and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He remained a very proud "yellow jacket" following graduation and, accordingly, followed all GT sports teams, traveled with the GT alumni association to Russia and generally loved all things involving his alma mater. He was so "up with the white and gold" that you could often spot Sam around town wearing a "very" gold jacket or driving a "very" gold Cadillac.

Following graduation from Ga Tech, Sam worked for Johnson Controls and Precision Controls. He was one of the earliest electrical contractors to be licensed by the State of Georgia, holding license number 0013. Later in his career, Sam switched gears a bit and went to work as a project manager/engineer for W.B. Wallis & Co, a mechanical contracting company in Scottdale, Ga. He managed numerous high-profile projects during his long tenure with that company, including many projects at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and the MARTA (metro) system in Atlanta.

Following his retirement, Sam permanently moved to Highlands where he loved the slower pace of the mountain life and he immersed himself in the residents and activities of the town. Sam was a member of the Town's zoning board and participated in many volunteer opportunities around town. If a neighbor or friend needed help, Sam was always there.

Sam was always fun to be around due to his wonderful zest for life, boundless energy, and upbeat and enthusiastic nature. Sam was a very loving, generous and thoughtful figure and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. The family invites all of Sam's friends to attend a remembrance celebration on Saturday, May 19th from 3-5 p.m. at Macon Funeral Home, 261 Iotla Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

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The man tried to give money to the man who had towed his car, but he refused it. He then said, "Well, I must in some way return your kindness." The other motorist replied, "If you really want to show your gratitude, buy a chain and always carry it in your car."

Gratitude in this case means being actively prepared for trouble, rather than passively expecting someone to rescue you. This kind of gratitude represents two basic approaches to life's troubles: the prepared way, and the unprepared way.

In life's troubles before God one can either be prepared, or unprepared. That difference shows up in the manner of our prayers.

One kind of praying expresses an unprepared life. It treats God as a passing motorist. In the journey of life, you merrily go along until trouble comes. Then, stuck on the side of life's road, you pray, "Lord, rescue me! Get me out of this situation!" So, God is merely the trouble-shooter.

The other kind of praying expresses a prepared life. In this case God is like the chain, if I may say it that way. When troubles come there is not the panic of needing a rescuer, but instead the trust that God is there with you. Prayer in these cases says, "Lord, I will trust in you. I know that even now you are here with me making a way through this valley. I can wait to worry."

There are two ways to "drive" spiritually through life: in an unprepared way that treats God as an emergency rescuer; or in prepared way that knows the presence of God on good days and difficult days. Believe me; the prepared way, the active way of prayer before God brings deep gratitude and peace.

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• BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Afterschool activities at the Playhouse

Students from the Gordon Center Afterschool Program attended their final afterschool visit to the Highlands Playhouse for the 2017-'18 school year. Students participated in theatre-related activities and exercises on the stage of the Playhouse once a month, but concluded the year with a story-telling exercise and a pizza party on the patio. "I have enjoyed the opportunity to work - and play - with this group of young people and look forward to seeing them after the summer break," said Playhouse director Lance Matzke



Playhouse director Lance Matzke

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norm at the Royal Abode, but I don't want them all. Top of the list would be sleeping with my Royal Parents, and I would adore a dog couch or chair in addition to my dog beds. Psychic Readings? I think that's plain creepy. Doggie daycare? No way! I want to learn about my subjects, not spend all day amongst them. The way

I see it: I'm Royal; they're not; end of story.

Lord Banjo is a Georgia resident. Find similar stories in his book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," available locally at the Molly Grace in Highland, Books Unlimited in Franklin, and on Amazon. Contact him at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

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Ongoing

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

First Mondays

- Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Meeting at 7 pm

Mondays

- At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:15 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. and 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.

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.

Highlands Rec Park Pool Schedule

- Lap Swim: Monday-Friday, 6am-10am 6 lanes and Monday-Thursday, 6-7pm 1 or 2 lanes. Sharing pool with Water Aerobics @ 6:15.

- Public Swim: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm, Saturday, 11am-6pm and Sunday 1-6pm.

- Water Aerobics: Monday-Friday, 10:15-11:15am and Monday-Thursday, 6:15-7pm (sharing pool with lap swimmers) and Saturday mornings from 10:15am-noon.

- Pool available for pool parties Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings 6-8pm.

Tuesday and Thursdays

- Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5 By appt. Call 813-625-6785.

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

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

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 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 Con-

ference 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

Saturdays

- Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 10-11am. By appointment. Call 813-625-6785.

- 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.

Through May 12

- Fill a Bag. Help Feed Families. Bag, healthy, nonperishable foods and place them hanging from or by your mailbox, or take them to your nearest post office. The food will be distributed to the area food banks.

Through June 3

- At The Bascom, Joel Gallery. Mnemonic Palace...Grant Benoit exhibit. Exploring memory devices and theories on remembering through the lens of the domestic space, Benoit incorporates hand printed wallpaper, sewing, and sculptural work in response to The Joel Gallery's unique architecture. For more information on these events please

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Proctors needed for end of year testing

End-of-Grade tests for Grades 3-8 begin on Tues., May 17 and second semester High School exams begin Tues., May 24. North Carolina requires that certain settings have proctors in addition to the administrator of the tests.

Tues., May 17 – 6 proctors needed

Wed., May 18 – 7 proctors needed

Tues., May 24 – 5 proctors needed

Wed., May 25 – 3 proctors needed

Fri., May 27 – 3 proctors needed

If can proctor, please contact the school at 828-526-2147 and ask for Nicole Lui (ext. 309) (nicole.lui@macon.k12.nc.us) or Frances Beck (ext. 301) (frances.beck@macon.k12.nc.us).

Please note, you will not be able to proctor in your child's or a relative child's classroom.

Tests begin at 8 a.m. and end about 11:45 most days. Some settings require longer sessions.

'Macbeth' at PAC on May 12



The Highlands Performing Arts Center will screen Live via Satellite the National Theatre of London's production of Shakespeare's Macbeth on Saturday, May 12 at 1pm. Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy, directed by Rufus Norris (The Threepenny Opera, London Road), will see Rory Kinnear (Young Marx, Othello) and Anne-Marie Duff (Oil, Suffragette) return to the National Theatre to play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. The ruined aftermath of a bloody civil war. Ruthlessly fighting to survive, the Macbeths are propelled towards the crown by forces of elemental darkness. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling 828.526.9047. All Students are FREE. Highlands PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands

• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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• At The Bascom, PaPer View exhibit. Sarah Morgan Wingfield, an artist of many disciplines including paper making, is the guest curator of this exhibition, which features the works of fifteen artists from around the country who create with paper and not merely on paper. For more information on these events please visit www.thebascom.org or call Lin Sheffield at 828.787.2866

Through June 10

• At The Bascom in the Loft Gallery. Noon-Day Land...Anna Norton exhibit. Video Installation of the movement of light within the Nantahala National Forest. For more information on these events please visit www.thebascom.org or call Lin Sheffield at 828.787.2866

Sat., May 12

• Macon County Public Health will hold several Rabies Vaccination Clinic at Highlands Community Center from 9-10:30 a.m. and from 11a to noon at the Scaly Mountain Post Office. Area veterinarians will vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months of age, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$10 (cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes, or in carriers. Call 349-2106 for more information.

Mon., May 14

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, "Oyez, Oyez, Oyez" The Year in review of the U.S. Supreme Court. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Todd Collins. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild will hold its monthly meeting

at Tartan Hall, 26 Church Street, Franklin. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m.; meeting and program begin at 10 a.m. The guild will host Muriel Pfaff, quilt teacher and storyteller, who will impersonate character "Eliza Pinckney," to explain the development of indigo as one of the most important cash crops in South Carolina before the Revolutionary War. Anyone interested in the art of quilting is welcome to attend guild meetings.

Tues., May 15

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, iOS for Beginners. Time: 10:30a-3:30p. Cost \$75/\$85. Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith.

For reservations call 828-526-8811.

Tues., May 15

• The public will have a rare opportunity to visit the Cherokee's Cowee Mound and learn about its rich history. Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust is partnering with Alarka Expeditions for an EcoTour float trip down the Little Tennessee. Space is limited on this EcoTour. For new friends, \$65 covers everything including boat rental, lunch and a one-year membership to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust! For HCLT members \$40. To reserve your spot and learn more about this and other Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust pro-

grams and projects contact them at info.hitrust@earthlink.net or 526-1111. Together we are saving the places we all love...and need.

Thurs-Fri., May 17-18

• At The Bascom, 2018 Collective Spirits: In-Home Private Wine Dinners on Thursday, May 17 and the "Stock Your Cellars" Wine Market & Tasting on Friday, May 18 at The Bascom. Once again this event will feature some of the finest chefs and vintners in the country. For more information on these events please visit www.thebascom.org or call Lin Sheffield at 828.787.2866

Amazing singer found for HCP production at OEI

On January 21st of this year Highlands Cashiers Players held their auditions for Rodgers and Hammerstein's Musical Revue, Some Enchanted Evening. The cast called for two men and three women. The two men and two of the women had been cast but there was no one who could vocally play the part of Julie, one of the lead sopranos. One of the auditioners heard that we were looking for a young soprano with an amazing voice. She said that she had a friend who worked as a waitress at Old Edwards Inn who would be really good for the part. We immediately urged her to call her friend and in walks 23-year-old classically trained Chandler Davis. As soon as Chandler started singing Some Enchanted Evening we knew we had found our Julie.

In the show Julie sings such iconic songs as Shall We Dance from The King and I, Wonderful Guy from the Sound of Music and Out of my Dreams from Oklahoma to name a few.

This Laguna Beach, CA native was an active participant in school and community theater. She started taking singing and dancing lessons at a very young age, beginning training as a classical singer. Chandler continued her training throughout college, attending multiple schools including The Aegean Center for the Fine Arts, in Paros, Greece, where she performed a solo concert. She graduated from Kenyon College in 2017 with a Magna Cum Laude

in Music, completing her thesis in Musical Theatre Composition. She moved to the mountains of North Carolina shortly after to work at Camp Merrie-Woode for girls as a hiking and climbing instructor and moved to Highlands in August of 2017. Chandler has her


sights on becoming a composer.

The Box Office for Some Enchanted Evening opens for season subscribers on May 17 and regular patrons on May 19. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 828-526-8084 or on line at highlandscashiersplayers.org.

Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus coming May 20



At 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, the Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus will present a free concert entitled "Love Songs and Waltzes" at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The Chamber Chorus is conducted by Dr. Michael Lancaster who also serves as Conductor of the Asheville Symphony Chorus and Director of Worship/Music at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The Chamber Chorus, a 30-voice advanced choral ensemble, was founded by Lancaster in the fall of 2016. The group will also sing during the 11 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian Church on May 20. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.




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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from April 17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

April 17

• At 2 p.m., officers were notified of a larceny at a residence on Chestnut Run where \$400 of stacked stone was taken. The case is under investigation.

April 20

• At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Church Street.

April 25

• At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106 near Spring Street.

April 26

• At 4:12 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 east at Sherwood Forest Road.

• At 5:45 p.m., Michael Trevor Reese, 25, of Highlands, was arrested for Failure to appear in court. He was issued a \$1,500 secured bond. His trial date is June 28.

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April 20

• At 1:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Chestnut Hill Drive.

• At 5:52 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Satolah FD on a brush fire.

April 24

• At 6:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Chestnut Walk,

• At 12:28 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Mirror Lake.

April 25

• At 9:59 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on VZ Top.

April 26

• At 8:51 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance on Mirror Lake Road.

At 10:22 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

April 27

• At 8:15 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Road.

• At 1:01 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

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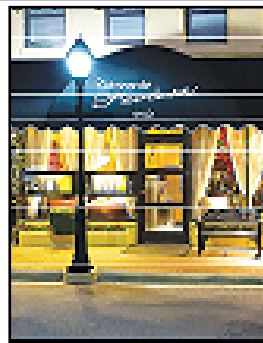
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