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Thursday, July 11, 2019

## Medland is leaving H-C Hospital

Mission Health has announced that Jackie Medland, PhD, RN, plans to step down as chief executive officer and chief nursing officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Mission Health

also announced that Timothy Layman, DNP, RN, will be appointed interim chief executive officer and chief nursing officer of the hospital, effective July 16 and continuing until a national search can be

completed for the hospital's top position.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Jackie for her leadership and commitment to

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Contaminates like Styrofoam and plastic are routinely thrown into the cardboard-only receptacle. Right: despite signage, this week people dumped household trash on recycle bins.



– Photos by Mayor Pat Taylor & Jim Lewicki

## Dumpsters 'dumped' due to overuse

Recycling will continue for now, but the convenience of dumping household trash in the Rec Park dumpsters is no longer an option.

On Monday, Mayor Pat Tay-

lor sent word that due to misuse and popularity – resulting in smelly leakage from dumpsters – the three dumpsters have been removed from the Rec Park.

"The dumpsters at the Rec

Park were being overused and complaints were made about the odor and their leaking down the parking lot into the road," explained the mayor. "The three trash dumpsters

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## Municipal election filings are adding up

By Brittney Lofthouse

Filing for the 2020 municipal election opened on July 5 at noon and is already shaping up to be an interesting election season for both Highlands and Franklin.

There are three seats open on the Highlands Town Board on

the ballot this year – those of John Dotson, Eric Pierson, and Brian Stiehler – all are 4-year terms.

Though candidates have until Friday, July 19 at noon to file for office, several new faces have already thrown their name into the hat. As of noon on Tuesday, July

9, newcomer Marc Hehn and local landscape architect Hank Ross have filed for the open seats on the board. Incumbent Eric Pierson has also filed to retain his seat on the Highlands Board.

The Highlands mayor seat is

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## JAWbreaker drug ring trials are ongoing

Trials of those arrested in Operation JAWbreaker are underway in Macon County and will continue in the months to come.

Several of the 25 suspects nabbed back in April 2018 have seen their day in court.

Last week Leslie Anne Jones, 35, of Otto, NC, entered a guilty plea to one count of Conspiracy to Traffic in Heroin. She will serve a minimum of 70 months in the Division of Adult Corrections and was assessed a \$50,000 fine due to her direct involvement in the negotiation and movement of trafficking amounts of heroin into Macon County.

Austin Henry Posey, 24, of Franklin, NC, entered a guilty plea to one count of Attempted Trafficking in Heroin. He was sentenced to a minimum of 19 months and placed on supervised probation which included an active jail sentence of 120 days, his primary role being a driver of more culpable parties.

Christy Teague Hurst, 41,

of Franklin, NC, entered a guilty plea to one count of Attempted Trafficking in Heroin as well as Possessing a Firearm by Felon. She was sentenced to 38 months minimum and placed on supervised probation which included an active jail sentence of 390 days. Like Posey, her participation in the ongoing enterprise was limited to driving participants in exchange for controlled substances to support her addiction.

These are the second set of convictions stemming from operation JAWbreaker, a joint endeavor of the Macon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations spanning a period of 16 months that included extensive investigation, interviews, surveillance, and digital information collection and monitoring.

Back in April, Jessica Elizabeth Keener, 32, of Franklin, NC, was the first conviction resulting from operation JAWbreaker.

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Dealing with the 'recycling' quagmire

There is a recycling crisis in the country, especially plastic. The Highlands Plateau is not immune from this problem that is analogous to an addiction.

American recycling has been a "smoke and mirrors" process. The voracious consumers that we are use copious amounts of glass, paper, cardboard and, yes, huge amounts of single-use plastics. And we have been told everything is being recycled. The truth is that much of the recycle materials, again especially plastics, have been shipped to other countries, primarily developing countries, where some of it is recycled. Now we know much is simply thrown away. Recently these countries have told us to handle our own garbage.

The oceans have been inundated with large amounts of plastic creating problems like the Pacific Garbage Patch. Even more disturbing is the emerging research indicating sea life is now being infused with small microfibers of plastic that are compromising the reproductive function of marine life.

One article I read stated that only about 10% of the plastic produced, 8.3 billion tons since the 1950s, actually gets re-



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

cycled. The EPA estimated in 2015 that only 9% of American plastic was recycled.

That happy, feel good notion that we are saving the earth by recycling is a false narrative. Now some devotees to recycling would counter that at least recycling keeps these materials out of landfills, so it must be a good practice. Some experts now think putting plastics in

landfills may not be a bad idea. The practice would at least keep it out of the watersheds and oceans.

Another alternative is to incinerate plastics. One researcher has developed a nitrogen infused furnace that will break organic waste and plastics down into usable diesel fuel. The drawback is the carbon emissions that would be put back into the atmosphere. The process is similar to burning coal to produce electric energy. What would be the benefits, environmental detriments and costs? Is charging a "green" electric car using power produced from a coal or natural gas electric plant all that environmentally sound?

There are also the issues around contamination. Plastics, metal and glass materials all need to be washed before going in a recycling bin. Food stuff can make an entire batch of plastic, glass or paper material non-recyclable. Also, putting recyclable and non-recyclable materials in the wrong bins can create problems. There is a term called "aspirational recycling" where a person just throws items in any recycle bin with the hope that someone down the line will correctly process it.

Single-stream recycling where all recyclable materials are thrown together is also problematic. Either a person, or a machine, has to separate the recyclable materials. For instance, plastic grocery bags placed in the wrong container can gum up and bind a recycle sorting machine.

So, what are the solutions? First, it is essential to diligently recycle following the procedures cited above. The country, as well as individuals, need to rethink the value of single-use recycling. Take for example buying chopped fruits and vegetables in plastic containers rather than buying whole fruit

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## • HIC'S VIEW •



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## • LETTERS •

### It takes a village

Dear Editor,

We want to express our sincere gratefulness for helping us search for little Chanel when she went missing recently. Everyone was sincerely hopeful, helpful and expressed such an interest in finding her. It would never have happened without the help of this wonderful community!

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## • WEATHER •

	Friday 7/12		Saturday 7/13		Sunday 7/14	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	78 F	62 F	77 F	62 F	79 F	63 F
RealFeel	87 F	68 F	86 F	69 F	88 F	68 F
Winds	4 g 5	3 g 5	3 g 5	4 g 5	3 g 5	3 g 5
T-Storms	60%	24%	44%	24%	24%	24%
Rainfall	0.11	0	0	0	0	0
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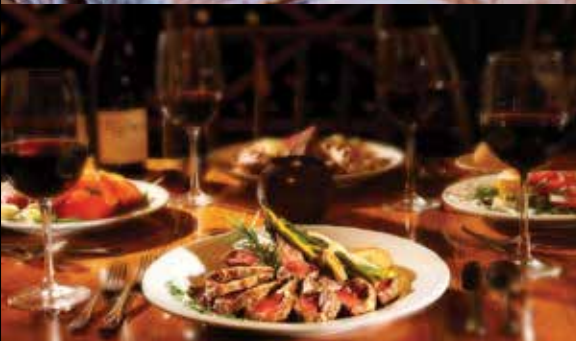
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We are so appreciative of the many eyes looking for her and the alert and vigilant security in the Highlands Country Club that kept their ears to the ground and their eyes focused on a little ball of white fur. You are our HEROES!

At 12:30 a.m. on Monday, July 1, she was found crossing the Dillard Road by HCC security and reunited with her anxious parents.

Aside from sore paws, Chanel is in good health. She lavishly heaped wet doggie kisses all around and is thankful to be home.

They say it "takes a village" and that's what we needed for this sweet little dog to be found. Please accept our profound gratefulness to the "Village of Highlands!"

Highlands is definitely a caring and compassionate community!

**The Brown's, the Salerno's and close friends.**  
**Highlands**

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# • OBITUARY •

## Donald V. Cook



Donald V. Cook was born November 26, 1939 in Margaretville, NY, to high school sweethearts George and Margaret (Odell) Cook. After years in New York, Massachusetts, and Florida, he designed houses for the Highlands area from the late 1980s until his retirement in 2008. He loved Highlands and its people, always anxious to get back from wintering in Georgia and Alabama to see spring unfold at his house here. He was proud to show Highlands off to his family and friends who came to visit.

Donald was a gifted house designer. As a young child, he and his younger brother had little metal cars they took to construction dirt piles in their neighborhood, where new homes were being built. Donald would work at making the hills and roads right, to the point that George, eager to get his car going, said, "When are we going to start playing?" Well, organizing his space — in this instance, perfecting the roadways — that was the most fun to Donald. The space had to be right.

He had a unique view of his world. This showed early when he was the kid who drew his classmates' lineup of muddy boots after a trip to a dairy; everyone else drew cows and milk buckets. That view, combined with artistic talent, served him well in house design.

Donald graduated from Clarkson College, then began work with Raytheon near Boston, obtaining a master's degree in mechanical engineering while there. He started his house design business in Ft. Myers, FL when he joined his father's home construction business, Crescent Properties. The part he liked best was drawing the house plans which he did until 1986. When he moved to Atlanta post-divorce he worked as the first engineer in Gwinnett County's Building Inspection Dept. Soon, he met his second wife, Jane Maughon. Purchase of the Highlands house followed, and he began designing homes in the area.

His interests included early newspaper comic strips. For this, before internet days he published a fanzine "The Funny Papers" which included international subscribers. He also wrote a biography of cartoonist Bil Dwyer (of Dumb Dora fame), who spent his last years in Highlands. The biography is archived at the Cartoon Art Museum at Ohio State. Donald also exhibited portions of his cartoon art collection at the Hudson Library several times. He was also interested in mathematics and tutored math for students through a volunteer program in Highlands.

Donald collaborated with former Highlands resident Pete Sarjeant as puzzlemeisters. They began with PseudoCube printed in the Highlands Newspaper. They went on to become contributors to "Brain Games" which is distributed nationally.

Among his trademarks were the cartoon character pins on his hat — Betty Boop among them, a beard that went up and down from preppy to mountain man, and an inclination toward abundant hugs.

Donald Cook died peacefully June 18, 2019, in an Atlanta hospice following a valiant battle with cancer. Byrd & Flanigan Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, GA was in charge of cremation. Memorials may be made to Lustgarten.org, a private foundation which funds research for pancreatic cancer. A time of remembrance will be celebrated at a later date this summer.



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## HCHF is evaluating 49 grant applications

Dear Editor

On behalf of the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation (HCHF) I am pleased to announce that 49 nonprofit organizations submitted grant applications on June 15, marking our first grant cycle. We wish to thank each organization for their extraordinary efforts that went into preparing the required information. The scope of proposals span life itself from early childhood and school-aged initiatives to vibrant retirement living; and from access to healthcare and mental health services to saving lives, addressing disparity issues, and enhancing quality of life. We can all be proud of these enormously dedicated people who are driven to uphold the strong values for which our mountain communities are uniquely known.

The HCHF Programs and Grants Committee, comprised of four board members and three community advisory members, is now at work evaluating the applications. They are guided by Foundation policies, best practice procedures, and a standardized approach that safeguards the integrity of the process. Although it will be impossible to fund every commendable request, it is more than reasonable to expect transformative change over time as ongoing grants are made by the HCHF.

Over the past several months our dedicated board and advisory committee members have spent unprecedented hours to establish the broadened purpose and strategic priorities of our new Foundation. As Executive Director, I am grateful and excited to be involved with their collective energy in action. Our surrounding communities can be confidently encouraged by this inspiring work to improve health and wellbeing. We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress.

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## There Goes the Neighborhood ... Thanks AirBnB

According to the National Association of Realtors online magazine, Porch.com, a home improvement site, recently surveyed 990 people about short-term rentals (STR). The results weren't as shocking as they were dependable when you consider the millions of people that own short-term rental property and/or choose to use them when they travel. Another article, by CityLab.com reports that legislators across the country are not happy with AirBnB.



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AirBnB is the goose that dropped the golden egg. Dropped as in SPLAT. New Orleans has legislation in place that limits STR: restrictions because of the swift emergence of AirBnB, and other municipalities are threatening to follow suit. Why? AirBnB was founded in 2008 as a STR platform and seemingly exploded right before everyone's eyes - especially the eyes of city and county legislators, many of whom are left wondering, "What's in it for me?"

A study from the University of Massachusetts found that for every 12 AirBnB listings per census tract, the long-term rental prices raised by 0.4%. One reason cited: homeowners find that renting STR are much more lucrative than renting long-term rentals which leads to scarcity of long-term rentals, which drives the price of long-term rentals up. Without long-term rentals, the workforce has nowhere to live.

Another byproduct is less hotel rooms are being rented nationwide because people are choosing AirBnB. One way hoteliers are dealing with this is to offer STR suites in addition to the nightly one-room hotel fares. We've seen this happen here, when a few years ago several of the hotels and inns changed their names to include the word 'lodge' which denotes accommodations larger than a room and with more amenities.

Don't even get me started on the tax issue. All of that has been dealt with recently after a few years of going back and forth. Years ago, our office received a monthly report from Macon County listing the amount of occupancy tax received from Hotels, Inns/Bed & Breakfasts, and Realtors. The stat sheet let us know how we stood month by month with our short-term rentals. In the last decade, despite the advancements in computer technology, those kinds of reports are no longer available,

and maybe it didn't make any difference anymore because they would've had to add another column 'short-term-rental-owners,' and they said there was no way to keep up with that. In my opinion, our county government has given in to the Big Daddy, AirBnB, by accepting their occupancy tax offerings. Maybe they figured on the adage of a bird in the hand, but I guarantee you AirBnB won't be on the short end of that stick.

Are there any winners?  
Sure. Vacationers may be able to

get accommodations at lower prices than other STR companies, B&Bs and hotels can offer, but at whose expense? Is the fox guarding the hen house? Washington, DC has started to limit the number of days a homeowner can rent their homes in the homeowner's absence. There are some municipalities that will start allowing STR to happen ONLY when the homeowner is present (which sort of brings it back around to when AirBnB started with people renting out a room or two in their home.) It reminds me of growing up in my small southern town. There were large homes, once occupied by families, left to the matriarch to handle by herself after all the birdies flew the nest. Some opened their homes to strangers, and 'let the rooms out' to boarders, and those homes became boarding houses.

Back to that survey. Here are some of the reasons people are against STR.

- 64.4% say it disrupts the neighborhood. Everyone wants peace and quiet
- 64.1% say it creates safety issues (not sure if this is due to traffic or crime)
- 63.1% claim it allows unvetted strangers into the neighborhood
- 60% claim renters don't care about the neighborhood values (noise, litter, etc.)
- 52.8% say renters come and go at all hours of the day and night (wedding parties, etc.)

The survey also said that property owners that use STR themselves tend to be more in favor of having them in their own neighborhood than those who have never used STR services.

I can tell you most renters that complain AND are complained about are the renters that come from VRBO (aka Vrbo, pronounced Verbo - they've changed their

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# •WORD MATTER•

## Justin Amash and the Black Hole of National Politics

Justin Amash is a five-term Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Michigan's 3rd District, which covers Grand Rapids and Battle Creek.

In addition to committee assignments involving Oversight and Reform, he's chairman of the House Liberty Caucus. The mission of the House Liberty Caucus is to facilitate and encourage policy discussion among members of Congress and their staffs from a constitutional, pro-individual, and economic liberty perspective.

Apparently, the only thing Congressman Amash does not have the "liberty" to do is stand on his own principles, particularly when doing so means going against the orthodoxy of his party.

A few weeks ago, Congressman



**Bud Katz**

ject.

Mr. Amash also voted to hold Attorney General William Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in contempt of Congress for failing to honor legal subpoenas to provide documents to committees conducting investigations.

Once again, he was the only Republi-

Amash broke with fellow Republicans and supported the House beginning impeachment proceedings against President Trump.

He was the only Republican to do so.

For the record, I believe it's a bad idea for Amash and/or Democrats to begin impeachment proceedings against this President, but I support him being able to express his opinion on the sub-

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Presenter: William Lasser
- **George Marshall: Crucial Contributions in War and Peace**  
Tuesday, July 16 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35  
Presenter: Rob Havers
- **Winston Churchill: Leading in War but not Peace**  
Wednesday, July 17 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35  
Presenter: Rob Havers
- **Photoediting for iPad and iPhone**  
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Nigel Sixsmith
- **Talking Trees**  
Thursday, July 18 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35  
Presenter: Jim Costa
- **The Tenth Amendment and State's Rights**  
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Presenter: Todd Collins
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name recently (to sound more like AirBnB) to make it easier to pronounce. Even though most of our vacation rentals offered by Chambers Realty & Vacation Rentals are listed on HomeAway and VRBO (and FlipKey/TripAdvisor), we still get a chance to talk with the renter before confirming their reservation. That's when we spend a good portion of time describing Highlands and the Highlands experience. People that "shop rentals" on STR sites are far more likely to have never visited here before. Once we get them here, our goal is to make sure they call us direct the next time they visit the area, which would be in their favor since they wouldn't be paying the rental fees to the various STR sites.

Another thing all STR sites are doing is reviews. Not just reviews of the properties rented, but they want the homeowner (or the person managing their rental home) to rate the renter. There are some sites that allow a homeowner to restrict renters based on the renter's rating.

Vacation rentals are becoming a lot like shopping on Amazon, and we all know what great deals we can get on Amazon as well as what shopping on Amazon does to local businesses.

• Jeannie and Tucker Chambers are owners/Brokers of Chambers Realty and Vacation Rentals located at 401 N. Fifth Street in Highlands. [Jeannie@highlandsiscalling.com](mailto:Jeannie@highlandsiscalling.com) They believe there's a happy medium to short-term rentals. Let us show you how to think outside of the 'big box'.

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can to do so.

Justin Amash ran, first in 2010, as more of a Libertarian than a Republican. He believes, basically, in two things: the U.S. Constitution, and individual liberty.

Does anyone reading this NOT believe in individual liberty? Do we not support the U.S. Constitution?

The House Liberty Caucus is an outgrowth of former Congressman Ron Paul's (R-TX) weekly luncheons with a group of Republicans who supported libertarian notions such as individual rights, free enterprise and limited government. Radical notions? Not really.

Following his two acts of political party heresy, Justin Amash "resigned" from the U.S. House Freedom Caucus, chaired, incidentally, by our WNC 11th district congressman, Mark Meadows. If anyone believes Mr. Amash wasn't told, er, asked to resign, I have a bridge for sale.

The Freedom Caucus, in addition to supporting fiscal, social and libertarian conservatism, supports a scorched earth policy when anyone dares to disagree with party orthodoxy. Ask former US House speaker John Boehner (R-OH) about this.

There are no Democrats on either the Liberty or Freedom Caucuses, just as there are no Republicans on the Congressional Progressive Caucus or the Medicare-for-All Caucus.

A caucus is basically a discussion group among like-minded members.

With all this gabbing, excuse me, all this caucusing, one wonders when any work gets done. Oh, right, we're talking about Congress. Getting actual work done isn't on the agenda.

Two Republicans have already announced an intention to run against Justin Amash in 2020. Some who supported him in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 have now abandoned him. The reason clearly is these candidates and fair-weather supporters never supported him, they only supported the party designation letter that came after his name.

They place party over person. They apparently don't support individual liberty if it means their guy or gal doesn't adhere strictly to the party line. In other words, forget what you believe. Don't speak or vote your mind; do what you're told by the bosses of your party.

Our political system today is awash with people who may, when they get sworn in, swear adherence to the U.S. Constitution. But if the Justin Amash case is any example, what they really swear to uphold is the dogma of their party.

It would be wonderful if we had 435 Justin Amashes in the U.S. House of Representatives. I probably don't agree with many of his positions, but I'd love it if we had a House and Senate filled with free thinkers who voted their own minds and not those of their party bosses.

And, just to be clear, Republicans aren't alone on this. Democrats are right there with them. It's a "go against the party bosses at your political peril" existence.

On July 4th, a day on which we celebrate, among other things, our freedom to exercise individual liberty, Justin Amash exercised his individual liberty by resigning from his party. He will, at least until November 2nd 2020, represent his constituents as an Independent. He, without a doubt, will face opposition from both the Democratic and Republican parties, should he run for a sixth term.

It will be interesting to see how voters in Michigan's 3rd District respond to an independent, elected congressman.

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• The Bascom is open Friday - Monday 10am - 5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm). Visitors are welcome to enjoy the newly updated Story Walk Trail throughout the week.

• At the Highlands Recreation Dept. pool. Public Swim Monday-Thursday 11a-7p Friday and Saturday 11a-6p and Sunday 1-6p.

### Monday - Saturday

• Mountain Findings Thrift Store on Spruce Street is open from 10a to 4p.

• Fibber Magee's Clothing Thrift Store on Laurel Street is open Tues.-Friday 10a to 4p and on Saturday from 10a to 2p.

### First Mondays

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

### Mondays

• At the Nature Center. Free. Garden Tour. 10:30am. Enjoy a walk through the Botanical Gardens with our knowledgeable staff, viewing beautiful native plant life in diverse habitats.

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30pm.

### Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC

11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more info, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

### Mon.-Wed.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt 5:30-6:30.

### Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

• Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:15-10:30 a.m.. All levels welcome.

### Mon., Wed., Thurs.

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

### Tuesdays through July 30

• Free Community Yoga and Gentle Movement at The Ball Field with Rachel Kinback, Certified Yoga Teacher, 500hr; 5:30-6:15p. People of all ages and ability levels are invited to meet at the Ball Field for fun, expressive, gentle Yoga and Movement. This 45 min guided practice will be inclusive, so come as you are. Packing a blanket or exercise mat and water bottle is encouraged. The baseball field site is located adjacent to the Highlands Community Building off N. 4th St./ Hwy 106 headed toward Cashiers. Restrooms will be available on site.

### Tuesdays

• At the Nature Center. Free. Turtle and Toad Feeding. 11:30am. View our live animals at their most active -- feeding time!

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

• The Highlands Writers Group meets Tuesday, at 3pm in the downstairs boardroom at The Bascom. Writers at all levels of proficiency are welcome. For additional information, contact Bud Katz, 828-526-3190 or budandlynn@me.com.

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

### Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry club meets to discuss topics related to raising backyard chickens. For more information please call 828-349-2046 or 828-369-3916.

• Highlands Area Indivisible Group meets at 5 pm in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

Lunch with the Docs at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital noon to 1 p.m. RSVP to Kara Miller at 828-526-1345. Limited to 50 attendees.

### Tuesday and Thursdays

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit with Tori Schmitt at 7:30am.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.

### Wednesdays

• At the Nature Center. Free. Mad Science. 2:30pm. Try your hand at scientific inquiry with a brief hands-on program aimed at youth ages 7+ (younger ages OK with supervision).

• At Community Bible Church, 5-5:30p - Dinner - Free (Donations Appreciated) 5:45-7p - G.R.O.V. Get Real on Wednesdays - Classes offered on money management, addiction, discovering your spiritual gifts and personality type, studying the bible, evangelism, parenting, marriage, grief, and more. All are welcome! Visit [www.cbchighlands.com](http://www.cbchighlands.com).

• Power Flow Yoga with Nalicia Allio a certified Yoga Instructor 12-1pm and 6:30-7:30pm.

### 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.

### Thursdays

• Through July 18, The Church of the Incarnation Grief Support Group Thursdays, from 4 - 5:30. The group will not meet on July 4th. The purpose of the group is to offer support for those suffering from life transitions, such as terminal illness, death of family or close friend, miscarriage, and relationship or job loss.

• At the Nature Center. Free. Exploration Hike 2:30pm. Visit forests, streams, and other spots across our campus, experiencing unique habitats and honing your observation skills.

• Storytime at Hudson Library, 10:40 am. Open to the public

• Kids Zone at Hudson Library, 3:30

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15pm at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin

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- 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

## 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 LEGO creations.

## Fridays

- At the Nature Center. Free. Turtle and Snake Feeding. 11:30am. View our live animals at their most active -- feeding time!

- Live music in Town Square from 6-8 p.m.

## First Fridays

- The Bascom at Sotheby's series features different artists each month with a reception the first Friday of every month at Highlands Sotheby's International Realty from 4-5:30p at the corner of Main Street and Highway 64 across from The Old Edwards Inn. The public is invited to come meet the artist, view the exhibit and have some wine.

- At the Rec Park Pool. Movie Float-in Night - all ages Pool opens at 6:30p and movie starts at 7 p.m. Call for movie title and prices. 526-1595.

## Fourth Friday

- Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room from 11a until noon.

## Friday - Monday

- At the Bascom, 10am - 5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm): Free Admission to exhibition spaces and SmArt Space for children. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## Saturdays

- At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.

- The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon or downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

- At the Nature Center. Free. Creature Feature. 11:30am & 2:30pm. Experience one or more of our live animal ambassadors up close while learning about their fascinating adaptations.

- Free music in the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street 6-8 p.m.

## Sundays

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

- Church in the Wildwood, hymn singing each Sunday through Labor Day weekend from 7-8 p.m.

## July 11-27

- At the Playhouse, "Oklahoma For tick- et call 828-526-2695 or go to highlandisplay-

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## Thurs., July 11-13

- A Gem Show at Jannie Bean Fine Custom Jewelry at 152 S. 2nd Street. 10:30a to 4:30p.

## Thurs., July 11

- Zahner Lecture Series "Carnivorous Plants of the Highlands Plateau" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

## Fri. July 12

- At The Bascom, garden themed Artist Talk featuring Rosemary Stiefel. Join us as Rosemary discusses working with celebrated gardener, Ryan Gainey

From 10-11a in The Bascom Library

- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Johnny Webb Band

## Sat. July 13

- The 11th annual Ammons family reunion will be held on Saturday at the Holly Springs Historical Community Building, 2720 Cat Creek Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Registration begins at 10:30am. Reserve your spot by Saturday, July 5. Email. mariettaprevost61@gmail.com

- Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Gold Rose

## Tues., July 16

- At the Nature Center. Free. Sunset Singers 8-9p. Discover nature's evening chorus! Learn to identify frogs, birds, and insects by their calls, and join naturalists in the Botanical Garden to look for these miniature minstrels.

## Thurs., July 18

- Zahner Lecture Series "The Creation of a Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

- Lunch with the Docs at H-C Hospital noon to 1 p.m. Act F.A.S.T: Stroke Awareness with Dr. Patti Wheeler. REVP to 526-1345.

## Fri. July 19

- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Ben & Marce

## Sat. July 20

- Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Andrew Scotchie & The river Rats

## Tues., July 23

- At the Nature Center. Free. Nocturnal Nature. 9-10p. Experience the night like never before: through the eyes and ears (and even noses!) of nocturnal animals! Compare your senses with our native creatures of the night.

## Thurs., July 25

- Zahner Lecture Series "Bears and Fire in the Southern Blue Ridge" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

## July 26-28

- At The Bascom, 8th Annual Dave Drake Studio Barn Pottery Sale 10a-5p. Enjoy wonderful and beautiful handmade pottery with an added bonus of demonstrations including wheel throwing, sculpture, hand building, carving, and sgraffito.

## Fri. July 26

- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Sycamore Flats

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next to the recycling trailer were removed early this week.”

However, like always, household garbage can be taken to the recycling centers on Buck Creek and Rich Gap roads.

Citizens in town pay for garbage pick-up twice a week at their homes but the convenience of the dumpsters at the Rec Park meant not having to wait for “garbage day” to dispose of waste.

The town planted one dumpster at the Rec Park last fall but that soon increased to two and just recently three.

Public Works Director Lamar Nix said the popularity of the “convenience” did it in.

“The third dumpster, which was recently added, and the others have been heavily used over the last two months,” he said.

Initially, the Town Board hoped that having dumpsters for household trash would help alleviate the bear problem by keeping people from putting it out between trash day pickups, alleviate

the problem of “storing” trash until trash day and keep people from illegally using commercial dumpsters, particularly on Oak Street.

“We started with one dumpster with the idea residents with a bag or two of garbage would use it occasionally when recycling. In recent weeks, I have seen cars come up and drop off loads of trash bags – I mean 8 or 10 jammed in a Subaru or pickup,” said the mayor. “This made us realize people in the county – outside the town limits – use it as a place to take their trash.”

Mayor Taylor said the Rec Park’s dirt lot on Foreman Road isn’t an option either.

“The Rec Park is not suited for a trash disposal facility. We have children in the small house near the dumpsters. Moving the dumpsters to the lower parking lot would just exacerbate the problem,” he said.

Nix said the mayor said it

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health and wellness on the plateau,” said Greg Lowe, President of HCA Healthcare’s North Carolina Division. “Jackie has led Highlands-Cashiers Hospital through a time of transition and growth and we look forward to working with Tim to continue our commitment to the care and improvement of human life in the Cashiers and Highlands community.”

Medland plans to return to Chicago, where her husband has continued to live while she has served Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

“The work we have done together over the last few years has been nothing short of amazing,” said Medland. “I’m thankful for the commitment that our providers and care team have shown in taking healthcare to the next level here in our community.”

Layman, who will lead the 24-bed hospital until a permanent successor is named, currently serves as Angel Medical Center’s administrative manager of clinical operations and as a faculty member at Thomas Jefferson University and Yale University. He previously served as vice president for innovation and entrepreneurship at Thomas Jefferson University.

“We are grateful that Tim has accepted the opportunity to lead this wonderful and important community hospital as we take the time to identify a new leader who will

help us continue to enhance the quality of healthcare along the plateau and beyond,” said Lowe.

To stay updated on the Highlands-Cashiers CEO/CNO search, visit [mission-health.org/highlandscashiers](http://mission-health.org/highlandscashiers).

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best.

"They were overused, there have been complaints about the odor, the fact that they are unsightly and all of this in close proximity of children within the Rec Park," he said.

In addition, the town has to transport and pay for the trash at the county's tipping station on Rich Gap Road.

"The town and county need to come up with a new approach," said the mayor.

Mayor Taylor said for now, the recycling trailer where people can recycle plastics, cans, paper and cardboard will stay.

However, he said currently the cardboard station at the Rec Park is experiencing a high level of contamination.

"If users continue to place plastics, papers and Styro-foam in the cardboard bin, that service will also be terminated."

In his June 27 "Mayor on Duty" column, Taylor noted dumpster abuse at the Rec Park where someone had left paint cans for disposal.

At this point, Mayor Taylor said the dumpsters will not return saying "it was an experimental service."

He said the misuse, overuse and contamination at the dumpster area has been a growing problem.

"We were going to shut it down but delayed the decision until after the 4th."

— Kim Lewicki

# ...ELECTION from page 1

a four-year term, but in Franklin the mayor's term is two years which puts Mayor Bob Scott up for election this November; he's already filed.

Franklin Town Council Member Barbara McRae who was just re-elected to the town council has filed for mayor, challenging Mayor Scott. Councilmember Joe Collins has also filed for re-election. Seats occupied by Adam Kimsey and Brandon McMahan will be on the ballot this November as will the seat held by Dinah Mashburn. Mashburn was appointed to her seat after her husband Billy Mashburn passed away during his re-election to the board. Mashburn was appointed to take his seat but will have to be elected in November in order to retain it.

The deadline to register to vote for this year's election is October 11 and the election will be held on Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Coro Vocati to perform

Coro Vocati will perform in a concert entitled "Dust and Spirit- Home and Beyond; Songs of our Folk-Heritage" on Saturday, July 13, at 5pm at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands. There is no charge for admission.

The program features English language folk songs and hymns from three countries- Ireland, Scotland, and America. These songs sing of the longings common to all people and cultures — love, work, land, home.

Coro Vocati is a 24-member professional chamber choir, and was founded in 2009 by Dr. John Dickson, now Director of Choral Studies at Louisiana State University School of Music.

The group will also be singing during the 11am worship service at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 14. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets.

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She entered a guilty plea to one count of Trafficking in Heroin arising out of an April 22, 2018 traffic stop and seizure that was the culmination of a months long investigation by the Macon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.

She was sentenced to a maximum term of 93 months in prison, and will serve at least 70 months before she is eligible for release and must pay a \$50,000 fine.

"The conviction of these JAWBreaker defendants is a direct result of the commitment of the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation to combat drug trafficking in Macon County and Western North Carolina," said District Attorney Ashley

Hornsby Welch. "These pleas are steps 'up the ladder' toward the organizers and leaders of the drug trafficking uncovered by Operation JAWBreaker. As the cases draw ever closer to a conclusion, Macon County citizens can rest assured that law enforcement and my office are committed to combating substance abuse in Macon County and all of Western North Carolina."

During the early morning hours of Thursday, April 26, 2018, officers with the Macon, Jackson and Rabun county sheriff's offices, NC State Bureau of Investigation, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, 30th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Franklin Police Department and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration executed search warrants and served arrest warrants on nu-

merous individuals involved in distributing heroin and methamphetamine into our area.

Named "Operation JAWbreaker," the operation is aimed at dismantling a well-organized criminal enterprise involved in distributing large quantities of meth and heroin – not only in Macon County, but in Western North Carolina and North Georgia as well.

Of those 25 suspects, three were identified as co-conspirators and suppliers living here in the Franklin and Highlands area. The first names of these suspects were the inspiration for Operation JAWbreaker's name –

an acronym for the three individuals whom investigators identified as a main source of Macon County's heroin and meth supply.

During the gathering of intelligence, investigators discovered that drug purchases and transactions were arranged by James Steele, Arthur Potts, or Wade Ennis (JAW) and that the three men made additional arrangements for those drugs to be transported back to the area for distribution.

The trial dates for Steele, Potts and Ennis were continued until Sept. 16, 2019.

– Submitted, DA Welch Office

## ...MAYOR continued from 2

and vegetables that can be processed with use. Or, multiple recycling of bottles like we once did, instead of discarding them after one use. Instead of using disposable plastic grocery shopping bags, why not use reusable shopping bags? Some communities require that now, why not here?

Our community, like the nation, is facing some difficult issues about how we handle trash. Just saying let's recycle more may not be the best environmental solution in the long run.


For more information Google: The Guardian: The Earth's Climate is Paying For Our Addiction To Plastics.

## ...LETTERS from 9 Love mayor's column

Dear Editor,

I live in Cashiers when I am in the area but always try to read the Highlands Newspaper. The "Mayor on Duty" column is always a pleasant read and more often than not thought-provoking. Mayor Taylor has a wonderful way with words!

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# POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

**Highlands Police entries from June 24. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## June 24

• At 7:58 p.m., officers responded to a call of a simple assault and theft from a motor vehicle where a 17-year-old male was hit in the mouth.

## June 27

• At 3:44 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Spring Street.

## June 28

• At 12:05 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Hudson Library parking lot.

• At 2 p.m., Mihel Quitman Beck, 21, was arrested for simple assault. His trial date was July 23. He was issued a \$2,500 unsecured bond.

## June 29

• At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident on Laurel Street.

• At 6:56 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Cherokee Drive where a person was bitten by a dog.

## June 30

• At 9:32 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident at Highlands Express on First Street.

• At 5:15 p.m., officers received a report of a larceny on Oak Street where a license plate was removed from a vehicle.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 18.**

## June 18

• At 7:42 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Country Club Drive.

## June 20

• At 6:55 a.m., the dept. responded to a power pole fire on Buck Creek Road.

• At 3:13 p.m., the dept. conducted a rescue and carry out at Rainbow Road.

• At 11:57 p.m., the dept. responded to a possible structure fire on Laurel Street.

## June 21

• At 10:29 p.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Franklin Road.

• At 8:55 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.



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