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## Maps to be redrawn for state 2020 elections

By Brittney Lofthouse

In an unprecedented ruling, a three-judge Superior Court panel ruled last week that North Carolina's electoral districts are unconstitutional and the legislators must redraw the maps before the 2020 election.

"Allowing the General As-

sembly discretion to establish its own redistricting criteria and craft maps accordingly is what the North Carolina Constitution requires; systemically packing and cracking voters to the extent that their votes are subordinated and devalued for no legitimate governmental purpose, but rather the

purposes of entrenching a political party in power, is what the North Carolina Constitution forbids," the decision handed down by the courts read.

The North Carolina court in Wake County said the Republican maps violated the State Constitu-

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## Highlands MS girls take first at cross-country meet

By Brian O'Shea  
Plateau Daily News

Five schools descended upon Summit Charter School on Wednesday for a middle school cross country meet including Summit, Highlands, Rabun Gap, Tallulah Falls, and Towns County Schools.

Highlands came in first for the girls and Towns County came in first for the boys. Highlands boys came in fourth and Summit in second. Summit girls took fifth place.

The track took runners around the perimeter of Summit Charter School and included a double loop through the woods totaling 2 miles.

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Claire Worley leads the beginning of the girls heat at Wednesday's meet. Worley took first in girls overall. — Photo by Brian O'Shea, Plateau Daily News

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## The 'state' of recycling in Macon County

### Scaly center to close for renovations

Under the direction of Chris Stahl, Macon County Solid Waste Director, the county continues to make improvements to solid waste centers. At the August meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Stahl gave the board an update on center improvements and Macon County recycling.

The Scaly Mountain Center, located at 717 Hale Ridge, is one of three centers that is scheduled to undergo renovations. The other two centers are Carson Center

3030 Old Murphy Road, Franklin and Nantahala Junaluska Center 2347 Junaluska Road, Topton. The renovations at each center will cost the county approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 for equipment and construction.

Renovations to the sites included grading to one level, concrete pads poured for waste containers, travel lanes graveled, and power installed to compactors. Each site will have the same

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## Senator Davis not seeking reelection in 2020

### Rep. Corbin announces bid for Senate

By Brittney Lofthouse

Senator Jim Davis has served in the North Carolina General Assembly for five years and announced his retirement on Saturday at the Macon County Republican Headquarters.

"It has been my honor to

serve five terms as the senator for North Carolina's Senate District 50," Davis read from a prepared statement. "Since January 2011 I have traveled extensively throughout the beautiful mountain counties I represent,

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## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Remembering John...

Highlands lost a great citizen this past week, former mayor John Cleveland. From 1983 to 1997 John served as our mayor. But, his service to his beloved hometown went well beyond his long tenure as mayor.

Mayor Cleveland provided leadership for many initiatives that benefited this community. Many current operations of town government were nurtured and developed through Mayor Cleveland's leadership.

Mayor Cleveland was instrumental in creating the lasting legacy of the Town of Highlands Scholarship Program. He enlisted the support of many leading citizens in the creation of the endowment that under grids this unique scholarship program that provides financial support for graduates of the Highlands School in pursuit of advanced education. It has had a tremendous impact throughout this community.

Mayor Cleveland had a guiding vision as an advocate for initiatives and policies that would benefit the overall community. He was instrumental in advancing zoning



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

policies that insured a planned and sustainable Highlands.

I remember John's leadership role in the critical decision the Town Board made in allowing the hospital access to water and sewer. Commissioners were grappling with the hospital's request for town water and sewer services although they were well beyond the town limits. While the board debated the policy aspects of the issue, Mayor Cleve-

land stepped forward to provide clarity and focus. His position was that allowing the hospital to access these essential utilities would be in the long-term community interest regardless of existing policy. As I sat in the audience during this discussion, I came to realize John was a community leader that provided the right perspective for making this critical decision.

I do not have the space to list and discuss all the other community committees and programs that Mayor Cleveland served on. I had the honor of serving with him on the planning board for a number of years.

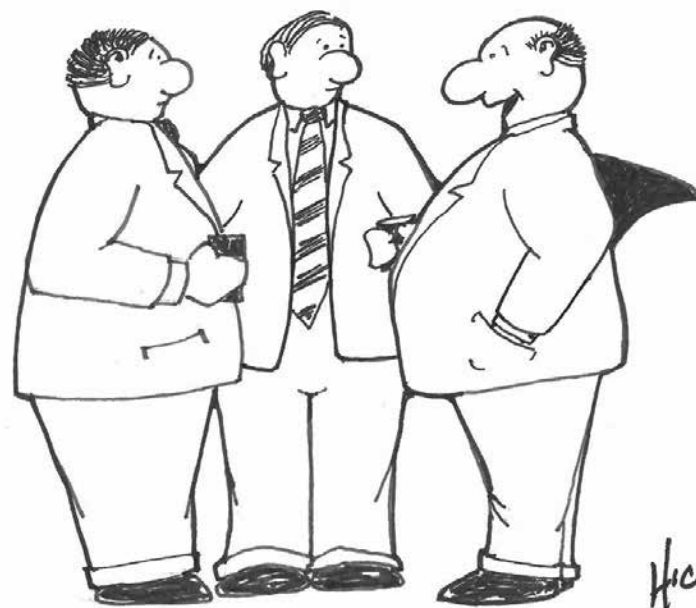
On a personal note, when John was in better health, he was one of my frequent and wise advisors, especially when I first became mayor. He would cross the street from his real estate business and come over to my office in Town Hall.

Mayor Cleveland was a great resource of information and town history. We spent time just talking out what had been done in the past and what were some of the critical issues currently facing the town. He always encouraged me to engage with the county commission to get Highlands' fair share of county tax revenue and services. John was not shy in being the leading advocate for Highlands. He also had a great sense of humor and joked many times that we would all get through the latest controversy.

In addition to being a great mayor, John was an accomplished Realtor. He was thoroughly convinced that anyone buying property in Highlands was making the best personal investment of their life.

Finally, John was devoted to his family. On behalf of the Town of Highlands, our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Wynn, and his family.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



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"Well let me explain. Some guys put up 'HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED' billboards. I like to be to be up front and personal."

## • OBITUARY •

### Lisa Kay Whitmire

Lisa Kay Whitmire passed away Aug. 12, 2019 at her sister's home in Louisville, KY. Lisa was born in Highlands on May 11, 1957 to the late Henry and Edna Whitmire. She graduated from Highlands School in 1975 and attended Westminster Choir College and Converse College. Lisa lived and worked in Atlanta, GA until 2017. Survivors include two older sisters, Susan Crane (Baker) of Highlands and Eddie Lee Brooks (Hill) of Louisville, KY, two nieces and two nephews and one great-nephew. A memorial service was held Aug. 20, 2019 in Louisville, KY.

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# BHHSMMR Realtors Rank in the Top Percentage of Sales for the Third Year in a Row!

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Meadows Mountain Realty (BHHSMMR) agents won big once again at the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices (BHHS) national awards with 13 Realtors ranking in the top percentage out of more than 50,000 agents nationwide.

- Judy Michaud and Mitzi Rauers were both Chairman's Circle Diamond for 2017 (Top 1/2 of 1%)



- Judy Michaud and Mitzi Rauers were both Chairman's Circle Platinum for 2018 (Top 1%)
- The team of Judy Michaud and Mitzi Rauers were ranked in the Top 3 Teams for the entire state of North Carolina for 2018
- Betty Holt was included in the Leading Edge Society for 2018 (Top 8%)
- Mary Abranyi, having only been with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Meadows Mountain Realty since August 2018, received the Honor Society award for 2018 (Top 14%)

- Lynn Kimball, John Bynum, Brooks Kittrell, and Don Collins were all Honor Society for 2018 (Top 14%)

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices was awarded the Harris Poll "Real Estate Brand of the Year" in 2017 and 2018. BHHS was also awarded JD Power Awards in 2017 and 2018 for "Highest Overall Satisfaction for Repeat Home Buyers Among National Full Service Real Estate Firms." In addition to the JD Power and Harris Poll awards, BHHSMMR has had several agents win the annual BHHS awards for production.

Pictured below (left to right) Mary Abranyi, Betty Holt, Brooks Kittrell, Mitzi Rauers, John Bynum, and Judy Michaud at the Cashiers office location



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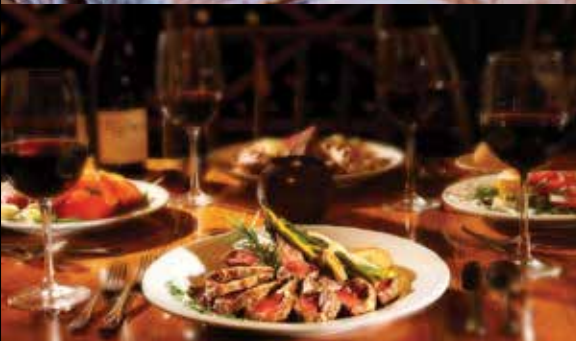
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INTRODUCING:



Thirty one years ago, Judy Michaud began her career in real estate in Highlands. She spent years honing her skills as one of the two top broker/agents in the area, working tirelessly for her clients at Signature Properties of Highlands. But deep inside, she had a desire to have her own real estate firm. Judy purchased Meadows Mountain Realty and began to assemble a team of professionals that are the elite in the Highlands-Cashiers real estate market. In 2015, Judy decided to take her company to the next level by affiliating with one of the world's most respected and trusted companies, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices (BHHS); thus BHHS Meadows Mountain Realty was formed.

In 2018, Judy teamed up with Mitzi Rauers to form **Five Star Real Estate Team** — a "boutique" real estate team within BHHS Meadows Mountain Realty that brings a higher level of service to their clients. Together, Judy and Mitzi bring a combined experience unprecedented on the Plateau. Just as BHHS is "Real Estate's FOREVER Brand<sup>SM</sup>," **Five Star Real Estate Team** will become your forever real estate team.

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equipment including a compactor unit and compartmentalized recycling containers as well as aesthetic site improvements.

The solid waste department is ready to start making improvements to the sites and will begin once they receive the go ahead from property owners to make the changes. In addition, it will take a few weeks or so depending on the board of commissioners' schedule to get through the bid process prior to commencing construction.

The solid waste department hopes to limit site closure to two to three weeks during construction. The current centers in Scaly Mountain and Nantahala will be closed during the renovations. Hours will be extended, if necessary, at the nearest site to the centers or containers will be placed at a temporary site during construction. Scaly users may have to go to the Highlands Transfer station on Rich Gap Road. Nantahala customers will have to use school site

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tion's clauses guaranteeing free elections, equal protection under the law and freedom of speech and assembly.

Superior Court Judges Paul Ridgeway, Joseph Crosswhite, and Alma Hinton reviewed the current districts and determined that the maps, which were created in 2017 under Republican leadership, were gerrymandered with a racial bias to provide a partisan advantage for Republican candidates.

Soon after the panel released their ruling, Republican leaders issued statements that they would not contest the ruling and although they did not agree with it, they would abide by the court's decision. While Senate leadership such as Phil Berger spoke against the court's ruling, local state officials such as Rep. Kevin Corbin R-Macon, have been public regarding their support of non-partisan maps.

"Common-sense redistricting reform will give North Carolina citizens confidence in the integrity of our elections and our government," Rep. Corbin said in March. "This is a plan that will put voters ahead of politicians."

Corbin's comments were made when discussing bipartisan legislation, House Bill 69, introduced in the house earlier this year to address redistricting. Sixty-seven members of the N.C. House signed on as sponsors of House Bill 69. That's a majority of the N.C. House and a record number of co-sponsors for an anti-gerrymandering bill in North Carolina's history.

North Carolina leaders are now working to redraw the maps, and per the court ruling, are doing so completely within the public's eye. The ruling called for complete transparency during the redrawing process, which will be accomplished through live streams of the committee meetings to address the maps. When the maps are being discussed in the General Assembly whether it be in committee or by vote, the discussion will be broadcast via live feed on YouTube.

While the current maps were redrawn in 2017 under heavy Republican leadership, gerrymandering isn't specific to any one party. It has been common practice for the maps to be redrawn in favor of whichever party has control. Paul Newton, Senate Redistricting and Elections co-chair acknowledged that back and forth in his opening statements this week kicking off the process of developing new maps.

The legislature has two weeks to draw the new maps, which must meet a long list of criteria set forth by the judges. It is still unclear which districts throughout the state will be impacted by the court's decision. The far western counties, Haywood west, will likely remain unchanged.

What local residents should keep a close eye on is for North Carolina Congressional District 11, the seat currently held by Congressman Mark Meadows. Meadows' district carves out portions of Asheville that are historically democratic and adds areas that have been primarily republican. While the Superior Court ruling specifically addresses state legislature offices such as the House and Senate, it does set a precedent for all districts within the state which could impact Congressional Districts.

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and my goal has always been to understand how I can effectively support their needs in NC's Legislature...I am a strong proponent of citizen legislators — those individuals who bring their talent and energy for public good. I believe they should hold their seats for a limited time so others can then step forward with their unique perspectives and skills. That limited time has come for me. I will not be running for reelection in 2020. I am proud of my record, and now it is time to go home to my wife and family."

Emotional, Davis addressed a crowd of over 100 Republican and Democrats from across the district gathered for the joint press conference he held with Representative Kevin Corbin.

"Elected officials represent just one part of public service and are dependent upon the dedication and expertise of many local and state employees, and especially the citizens who are committed to making our communities and state the best they can be," said Davis. "My service would not have been possible without

these and the voters who trusted me with their support. I am forever in their debt. My primary goal in running for state office has always been to bring a local perspective to state policies. I felt a strong burden to address the fiscal problems of the state (especially the underfunded pension and retiree health insurance obligations), while appropriately funding the legitimate functions of government. In addition to these, I am proud to have played a part in groundbreaking legislation to aid in addressing our devastating drug abuse epidemic."

Davis finished his speech by saying that he is proud of the work he has done in the state legislature and is just as proud to endorse Kevin Corbin for Senate District 50.

"I appreciate Senator Davis more than I can express," said Rep. Kevin Corbin. "He has been a true statesman as well as a mentor to me as a county commissioner and now as a fellow legislator. His service to his district has been exemplary and his leadership appreciated."

Corbin said that his decision to run for Senate came with mixed emotion and took

a lot of time and convincing because he is happy serving in the House.

"It is with mixed emotions that I announce that I will run for the NC Senate in 2020," said Corbin. "I absolutely love serving in the House and I love my friends there. I will file for that office in December for the 2020 election cycle. I now repre-

sent Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Macon counties in the House. The Senate seat represents the same four counties plus Jackson, Swain, and Haywood. I look forward to the challenge."

Corbin's announcement means that the House District 120 seat will be vacant and up for grabs.

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Highlands Claire Worley came in first overall for the girls and said she ran Wednesday's meet with confidence.

"I knew I was going to do pretty good, but I definitely thought someone was going to beat me," said Worley.

She added runners were given the chance to run the course before the meet to get a feel for the route.

"I was worried I was going to get off track, but it was pretty easy, and there were some hills and trails that were fun."

Highlands Isaiah Vilardo came in fourth overall for the boys and said it was a well-rounded course.

"I did pretty good," said Vilardo. "I thought I was going to do a lot worse, and the course was great, it had a little bit of everything."

Summit Wylie Hoffman said he loved the course and that it was laid out "perfectly".

"I pushed myself to the limit and did pretty good, but not the best," said Hoffman. "It was hard but in a way it felt good."



Isaiah Vilardo

Highlands Nicole Taylor said the course was laid out well for runners.

"I thought it was going to be a really rough course, but it turned out ok," said Taylor. "I wish there were more trails with shade though."

Highlands Margaret Cole said shade would have been a welcome addition to more parts of the course.

"The thing that got me was the sun, that was the worst part," said Cole. "You're running and the sun hits your eyes and you slow down,

at least I do."

Summit Lauche Young said he gave it his all, and then chose to stay back to help a friend with a minor injury.

"I felt like I did the best I could," said Young. "Then my buddy got injured and I stayed back with him, but we made it to the end."

Highlands Birdie Sherwood came in 10th place and couldn't be happier.

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instead of Junaluska site; the school site will stay open daily to cover the Junaluska hours.

Stahl also gave commissioners an update on recycling in Macon County. Macon County has been operating a recycling program since 1992. Stahl corrected the myth that Macon County simply throws recycling in the landfill.

Macon County ranks third in the state for public recycling per capita recovery with 334 pounds of recycling collected per person. The county ranks 11th in the state for common household recyclables per capita recovery with 148 pounds of recyclables collected per person.

Currently, the county is recycling or diverting about

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# •WORD MATTER•

## No Perfect Answer

**A**h, Dorian, we hardly got to know you.

The fear-mongering news media started covering Dorian as it approached the Caribbean windward islands. They first aimed their cameras on Puerto Rico, which is still not back from the effects of Irma two years ago. Dorian likely decided our fellow Americans there had experienced enough hurricane hospitality. She skirted the island and headed north and west, ostensibly to first deluge the Bahamas and then, we were told, to slam into somewhere on the east coast of Florida.

Hurricane prognosticating has improved and continues to improve every year. Forecasters attempt to give residents of storm-prone communities — we all know where they are — sufficient time to make alternate arrangements, should they so desire.

Those who don't 'so desire' for whatever reason, don't, but at their own peril.

As with all attempts at predicting the future, there are limitations to any forecaster's ability to get it 100% on-the-money correct. When this happens, frustration bubbles to the surface and future behavior

becomes problematic.

"We did everything right; we protected our property as best we could, and we left for higher ground. Turned out the storm was never a factor!"

By blaming forecasters for getting it wrong, or even not quite as right as we think they should have, there's a nearly straight line to "Next time, I'm staying home."

This is a bad idea. I have experienced hurricanes first-hand. Four named storms in 2004 are the reason we moved full time up to Highlands. Hurricane Charley, by himself, caused measurable damage to our home and left us without power or water for nearly ten days. The prognosticators got that one wrong as well.

Look, if you read Word Matter regularly you know how I feel about the fear-mongering news media. I think sending reporters into hurricane-impact areas is just plain stupid. A human being was not designed to stand outdoors, with television cameras and microphones, during 75+ miles per hour winds and/or an inch per hour of non-stop,



**Bud Katz**

nearly horizontal rain.

Most older homes, especially in low lying areas, or on flat spits of land holding precious more than spongy, sandy-loam, sinkhole-prone soil, aren't built to withstand most effects of cyclone-force winds and rain.

Those experienced, well-educated, well-intended forecasters are doing exactly that; making a prediction, an estimate.

An educated guess.

We watched coverage anyway; we have friends and family in Florida. We wanted to see if they'd be okay. We waited for Dorian to slam into Florida after coming to a standstill and literally destroying parts of the Bahama islands. First, we were told, she was headed for West Palm Beach, then the Space Coast, then Jacksonville's barrier beaches. Those predictions proved problematic because, and here's the point, even the best educated, most experienced forecaster using all the sophisticated, most up-to-date technology available can do little more than guess what, where, and when something is going to happen.

Local and national television meteorolo-

gists do their very best to keep us informed; while National Weather Service (NWS) and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists to their very best to prepare us for any eventuality. In truth, all these intelligent, educated, experienced, well-equipped, well-intentioned people can do is ... guess.

When they get it right, we question why they didn't tell us sooner how bad things were going to be. We point and ask why they're standing in the middle of the storm in order to convince us not to do exactly what they're doing.

When they get it wrong we complain about their breathless, fear-based reporting that convinced us to leave our homes and possessions to stay in a shelter or hotel, when they should have known the storm wasn't going to be as much of a problem as they'd originally reported.

Nothing predicted is ever based on exact science. It's all a gamble. Stocks go up, stocks go down. Football teams, horses, blackjack hands, all win and lose. Storm tracking is easy; an idiot can tell you where it's been. Storm predicting is harder. Moth-

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## Top Tips for Hurricane and Storm Readiness

(StatePoint) June to November is known in many parts of the country as hurricane season. As a growing area of the U.S. becomes susceptible to the effects of tropical storms,

tornadoes and hurricanes, it's important to have a plan for your home and family.

To help you weather storms, the experts at Freddie Mac are offering the following tips:

- Your home should have an emergency supply kit stocked with water, flashlights, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, batteries, a radio and several days' worth of medication for every member of the family.

- Create a family emergency plan and make sure everyone knows what to do and when. If you have pets, make sure that your plan accounts for them, too.

- Gather and protect important household documentation, including birth certificates, passports, marriage licenses, mortgage statements, deeds, insurance policies and medical files. These, along with valuables and family mementos, should be kept protected in a safety deposit box or fire- and water-proof safe. In the event of an emergency, have a plan to move these items to higher ground where they are less likely to sustain water damage.

- Check your area's emergency management agency to know where to

go in the event of a local area evacuation. Technology can help you stay informed, as well as assist you in connecting with friends and family. With the free hurricane app from the American Red Cross, you can track weather and alert loved ones you are safe. Likewise, the free app from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) features numerous resources for preparing or dealing with a storm. To ensure these apps come in handy when they are needed most, keep your phone charged as long as your home has power. Having an external battery pack on-hand can be helpful as well, particularly if you need to evacuate.

- When severe weather is in the forecast, clear your home's outdoor areas of loose furniture, lawn debris and other loose items and store these items securely. Maintain your gutters to help protect your home from undue damage during heavy rainfall.

- On of the best ways to protect your home is by preparing windows and doors for the storm ahead. Installing hurricane-impact strength windows and applying hurricane film, which can be left on year-round.

- If you can manage it, purchase a generator.

More hurricane and storm tips and information can be found at [freddiemac.com/blog](http://freddiemac.com/blog).

Unfortunately, no one can stop a tropical storm or hurricane from happening, but before the next storm heads your way, you can take steps to help ensure your family and home are protected.



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21% of the managed waste collected in a variety of collection bins located at the 11 collection centers throughout the county. There are eleven material categories currently collected at the centers including newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum cans, steel cans, clear, brown, and green glass, #1 plastic (PETE), #2 plastic (HDPE), and wine corks.

There are 13 additional commodities collected at the MSW Landfill Facility; and limitedly at the centers including mixed rigid plastics, used clothing, clean wood waste and pallets, mercury containing devices, electronic wastes, lead acid batteries, used oil, used cooking oil, used oil filters, anti-freeze, rechargeable batteries, cell phones, ink cartridges and toner cartridges.

There is no charge to drop off recyclables, and the recycling service is available to all county residents. Macon County Solid Waste Management Department personnel haul the recycling materials from the recycling drop-off centers to the Recycling Processing Center (RPC) at the Macon County MSW Landfill. The materials are further processed and baled at the RPC and shipped to recycling companies. A tipping fee is applied to recovered materials including electronic wastes and bulky mixed plastic wastes, and all materials captured from the waste stream at the Materials Recovery Facility.

While participation in Macon County's Recycling programs is encouraged, there are no local mandates or requirements for participation. The success of the program is more notable because it is entirely voluntary, beyond landfill bans, and the county does not

have curbside collection of recyclables.

The Macon County Solid Waste Management Department continues to include source reduction as part of the overall recycling program. The main focus of waste reduction has been to inform citizens on how to reduce the amount of waste they generate as part of educational presentations to schools, civic and community groups put on by the recycling coordinator. Source reduction is one of the most difficult facets of the recycling program because it is entirely consumer driven.

Packaging and product packing have increased significantly partially due to increased packaging with the popularity of on-line shop-

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Anne Fulbright, PA

Fulbright received a Master of Medical Science, physician assistant studies, from Methodist University after obtaining a master's degree from Duke University which focused on health policy and medicine. Fulbright has practiced in both the inpatient and outpatient settings at cardiology practices and hospitals in Jackson, Tenn., and Chapel Hill

and Durham, having most recently practiced in Asheville.

For more information, visit [MyHarrisRegional.com](http://MyHarrisRegional.com). Appointments may be made by calling 828.586.7654

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ping. About one third of waste stream is from product packaging. Private industry is driving source reduction in some areas such as providing reusable grocery bags as an alternative to the traditional paper or plastic bags. Many stores also offer return services for plastic bags.

The Towns of Franklin and Highlands currently do not have any comprehensive source reduction programs. Both Towns have instituted programs whereby board meeting agenda packets are managed electronically on tablets and no paper copies are made, greatly reducing the amount of paper consumed by the Towns.

Stahl stated it is the commitment of both Macon County and the residents of Macon County that guide the success of the recycling programs. He urged residents to keep up the good work that has kept Macon County a leader in the state for recycling.

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## Trending Now in Real Estate on the Plateau

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1. Instead of buying a second home to escape the heat, now many of our buyers are purchasing here to escape the threat and destruction of hurricanes. Some are

comforted by having a sanctuary in case of evacuation, and others, with mental fatigue, are selling their homes in hurricane alley to remove the constant stress of worrying about the next "big one."

2. The rise of socially conscious buyers in luxury real estate has shifted the definition of aspirational living from the visibly extravagant to more green living utilizing inventive, culturally relevant and thoughtful design creating harmony between human development and the surrounding landscape.

3. Instead of insisting on a mountain view or living on water, many buyers in today's market desire a "walk to town" lifestyle. This increasingly popular lifestyle choice has reduced the available inventory in and around both Highlands and Cashiers village centers.

4. Brown, twiggy, barky décor is stepping aside to a lighter palette of white, light and bright interiors with ship-lap as the main crowd pleaser.

5. Up until two years ago, most contracts successfully reached the closing finish line with due diligence items resolved



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amicably. However, buyers are much more resistant to accept deferred maintenance on an aging home. Despite a seller's willingness to repair items, buyers are terminating because they are fearful of other items unseen and below the surface. This trend just emphasizes the wisdom of a seller obtaining an inspection before listing to repair all items.

6. Safety is an increasingly important concern as crime continues in affluent neighborhoods in the large cities. Gated commu-

nities with on-site property management is a valuable resource to today's buyers.

7. Along with the desire to feel safe, the majority of buyers are looking for an instant network of like-minded people who share an enthusiasm for the same type of activities. Thus, country clubs are experiencing an uptick in membership sales which is healthy for the whole area.

8. While the definition of youth is relative, we are seeing younger buyers in their 40s and 50s than we have in the last ten years.

9. The VRBO craze has affected the Plateau, so there is a plethora of renters seemingly in every neighborhood. This trend is causing much debate and some consternation in our community.

10. Lastly, less is more. Many people who have lived in a large home for the last 20 to 30 years are yearning for a more manageable situation. Many sellers are actually downsizing or rightsizing so that the energy to manage a second home is minimized.

While the local residential market is relatively strong in 2019, the number of home sales and volume of sales is down 4% year-to-date. The last quarter of the year is usually very active, so my crystal ball is still pointing to a finish line with positive percentages in both units and sales volume.

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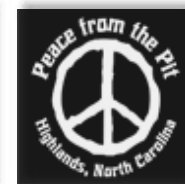
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er Nature is not to be trifled with. She'll do what she wants to do, when she wants to do it, and attempts at predicting her movements are not looked upon with favor.

As far as I'm concerned, I'd rather be safe than sorry. I'd rather incur some expense and inconvenience than risk everything on something as capricious and potentially catastrophic as a hurricane. That's why, after we met Charley, we headed for the hills.



# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

## Ongoing

- Movies at the Playhouse Fri & Sat 1, 4, 7; Sun. 1 & 4; Tues-Thurs 1, 4, 7. See ad.
- 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-Thurs 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 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. & Fri.

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

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.
- Step 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 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 Community Bible Church, 5-5:30p - Dinner - Free (Donations Appreciated) 5:45-7p - G.R.O.W. 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).
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- 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.

- Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Highlands @ the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Wednesday & Fridays at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107, Cashiers. For meeting times in Cashiers visit our website [www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org) or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828) 349-4357.

- Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.

## Thursdays Sept. 5-Oct.

- The Church of the Incarnation next 6-week Grief Support Group meets in Jones Hall from 4-5:15 p.m. The Grief Support Group is offered to anyone dealing with grief. Anne Koenig, LPC, RPT-S, a local private practice counselor also affiliated with the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center Highlands will facilitate the group sessions. Anne has been in practice for several decades. She has led a number of groups, including groups to help relieve Post Traumatic Stress. For information and registration, please call the Church office at (828) 526-2968, or Anne Koenig at (404) 357-0728.

## Thursdays

- 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 mem-

bers of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15pm at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin Call Donita (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

- At H-C Hospital, Lunch with the Docs noon to 1p. Events are limited to 50 attendees. RSVP to Kara Miller at 828-526-1345.

- 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

- Live music in Town Square, 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.

## Last 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.

- 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.

## Thurs., Sept. 12

- Zahner Lecture Series "Botanical Resilience Strategies in an Age of Climate Catastrophe" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

## Fri., Sept. 13

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# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

• Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Fox Fire Boys

## Sat. Sept. 14

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take moderate-to-strenuous 5-mile hike, elevation change 900 ft., from Deep Gap to Standing Indian Mountain on the Appalachian Trail with spectacular views into Georgia. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 8:30 a.m., drive 42 miles round trip. Call leader Irene Brewi, 772-263-3478, for reservations. Visitors welcome.

• Shakespeare & Company Booksellers is hosting a reading and book signing event with Highlands local author Jeannie Chambers on Sat., Sept. 14 from 4-5 p.m. Shakespeare & Company is located at 204 N. Fifth Street, Village Square in Highlands, NC. Chambers' book is a middle grade historical fiction via time travel.

• Gentle Yoga with Christopher Baxter from 2-4 p.m. in OEI's upstairs yoga studio at 21 Church Street. Call 828-526-9887 to reserve your spot. / \$50 per person. Limited spots available.

• Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Fletcher's Grove

## Thurs., Sept 12

• Lunch with the Docs at H-C Hospital noon to 1p. All about Substance Misuse with Dr. Robert Meade and Sheriff Robby Holland with the Macon County Task Force. RSVP to 526-1345.

## Fri., Sept. 13

• The veteran organizations of Macon County invite all to come to the Panther Pit at Franklin HS to celebrate VETERANS NIGHT. Beginning at 6:40 p.m. a POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR ceremony will begin under the direction of ROLLING THUNDER, CHAPTER 3 of GEORGIA. The veteran organizations invite all veterans including Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve to join us on the track of the football field at 6:30 p.m. Macon County is known as one of the most patriotic counties in the region. Let's keep this tradition alive by coming out and saluting our veterans and soldiers in uniform.

## Sat., Sept. 14

• Gallery Open Reception at 446 Main Street (next to Paoletti) from 4-7pm. Come meet our artists and view their exciting original

works. For more info call 828.526-8833.

## Tues., Sept. 17

• The Saucy Sisters will conduct a wine class at the CLE called the ABZs of Wine. In this entertaining presentation and tasting, the Saucy Sisters explore the fun side of wine based on the alphabet. It's not the usual "F" stands for "fermentation" approach. The two-hour class is filled with stories as well as facts. And SIX wines! And a selection of tapas to match. There are a few spots left for wine lovers who enjoy a little humor with their vino. To sign up for the class call the CLE at 828-526-8811 or online at clehighlands.com.

• At the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Organ Inaugural Concert at 7:30 p.m. with duo-organists Eizabeh and Raymond Chenault.

## Fri. Sept. 20

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

## Sat. Sept. 21

• The Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held Saturday at Franklin Covenant Church, 265 Bellevue Park Rd., Franklin, NC. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at

6p. Guest speaker Kirk Walden has over 30 years of experience in the pro-life arena, working with hundreds of centers across the U.S. To attend, please RSVP by September 12 by calling 828-349-3200, or visit smppccpartners.com. The success of this event insures SMPCC's centers in Franklin and Cullowhee can continue offering its services free to clients.

• Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Silly Ridge Roundup

## Sun. Sept. 22

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4-mile hike, elevation change 300 ft., to Kinsey Creek in the Standing Indian Recreation Area, starting at the Backcountry parking lot. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 2 p.m., drive 32 miles round trip. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors welcome.

## Wed., Sept. 25

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation change 1,000 ft., to Timber Ridge in the Standing Indian Recreation Area, hiking to the Appalachian Trail, then south to Beech Gap and

down to Forest Service Rd. 67. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 9 a.m., drive 45 miles round trip. Call leader Irene Brewi, 772-263-3478, for reservations. Visitors welcome

• Peaceful Journey fundraiser for the Hospice House is being hosted by Paoletti's. Call for more information. 828-526-4906.

## Fri., Sept. 27

• Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Silly Ridge Roundup

## Sat. Sept. 28

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will host an easy 2-mile FAMILY HIKE to Winding Stair Gap on the Appalachian Trail to Moore Creek Camp, passing a lovely waterfall along the way and hopping over the creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 10 a.m., drive 22 miles round trip. Call leader Katharine Brown, 421-4178, for reservations. Visitors welcome.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7.5 mile hike from Sweat Heifer to Kephart Prong in the Smoky Mtn. Nat'l. Park. Car shuttle is needed. Limit 15 people. Total Hike Distance: 7.5 miles. Call leader Keith Patton, 456-8895, for reservations.

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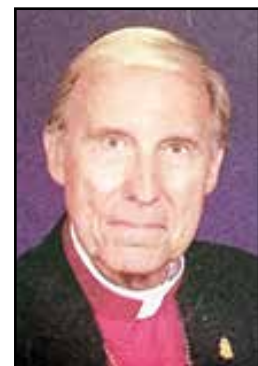
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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Suppose we lost everything?



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It has sometimes been suggested that to make us fully thankful, everything we have should be taken from us, and then one at a time, each cherished and essential thing should be given back to us again. It would be a shocking, sobering experience, but no doubt as each blessing was given back again, we would feel an immeasurable greatness of gratitude. But since most of us are not called upon to go through any such "shock treatment," suppose that mentally we do so for a moment.

Suppose that in our minds we imagine we have lost everything we have: loved ones, home, health, work, food, friends, freedom. Suppose that in our minds we see ourselves in stark, comfortless want -- and then imagine, if we can, how happy we would be if the blessings we now have were returned to us one at a time.

And yet, with all we have, there is often an inexplicable unhappiness, an unexplainable discontent. It is one of the perplexing wonders of the world that we should sometimes find so much to make us discontented, that we should let dissatisfaction keep us from the thankful enjoyment of all that is ours.

Too often we let unfavorable comparisons make us unhappy. We think too much about what we don't have rather than what we do.

Some years ago, in New York I met an older woman who knew this situation as a reality. Her name was Eva and she was a German Jew who with her husband had been extremely successful in their business until the war when one morning she and her husband were arrested and taken to a concentration camp. They were separated and Eva survived and to the best of her knowledge he did not.

In one moment, everything was taken away and she had nothing: No place in society, no identity except the tattooed numbers she wore on her right arm for the rest of her life. Eva was changed in a flash. When she was released by the allied troops, she made her way through Ellis Island to New York and the beginning of a new life. She remarried and had two children, both girls, who in turn also had two children, both girls. Rather than brooding on the unfairness of the past, she became successful again with her husband and made it her life's goal to one day take her entire family back to the hell hole of imprisonment she had survived so that they would never forget man's inhumanity to their fellow men. But more than that, Eva wanted to teach them that out of the greatest adversity can come success again, even when everything is taken away.

So be careful what you put your most precious trust in, so you too can join with the Psalmist in saying once more, "My cup runneth over."

## Proverbs 3:5

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# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •



## 27th Bel Canto thrills sold-out crowd

Sunday night opera performers Leah Partridge, soprano, Kirstin Chavez, mezzo-soprano, Scott Quinn, tenor and Christopher Clayton, baritone entertained a packed Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center for two hours during what has become an annual affair.

Now in its 27th year, proceeds raised to support music education in Highlands from pre-school through high school as well as exhibitions at the Bascom have hit the \$500,000 mark.

According to Director Stell Huie, Bel Canto's benefactors support fine music for the sake of fine art and music education and he couldn't be more grateful to Bel Canto's patrons.

## Performance 'brings it on' for The Playhouse

— Raises \$10,000—

The Scott and Patti Show rocked the Highlands Playhouse Sunday, Sept. 1 to a sold-out crowd featuring a mix of camp, improvisation, showmanship, and glitzy costumes. The benefit performance raised over \$10,000 for the Highlands Playhouse and was underwritten by Brokers Team Rick Steve of Pat Allen Realty Group. Shown from left is Paige Matzke, Lance Matzke, Scott Daniel, Matthew McGee, Steve Sheppard, and Rick Harrison.



## CWO supports B.E.A.R.

Pictured are Emily Adkins and Judith Bobo of the Cullasaja Women's Outreach Committee with Cynthia Strain, Chair of the B.E.A.R. Task Force.

CWO bought a bear-proof trash/recycling container for the Highlands Rec Park and has helped B.E.A.R. print informational brochures promoting safe, harmonious coexistence between humans and bears. For more information, call 828-526-9227.



## • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**Highlands Police entries from Aug. 29. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

### Aug. 29

- At 4:50 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident at Carolina Way and N. 5th Street.

- At 5 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident at The Farmers Market at Main and NC 106.

### Aug. 31

- At 3:14 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident at NC 106 and Spring Street.

### Sept. 1

- At 4:50 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

### Sept. 3

- At 1:20 a.m., officers received a report of a women receiving harassing phone calls from a man.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Sept. 3.**

### Sept. 3

- At 1:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Split Rail Row.

### Sept. 4

- At 12:46 p.m., the dept. rescued a hiker on Whiteside Mountain Trail.

### Sept. 5

- At 8:57 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

### Sept. 6

- At 8:30 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Forest Trail.

- At 12:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Helen's Barn.

- At 2:21 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Church Street.

### Sept. 8

- At 2:57 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Road.

- At 5:36 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Brock Court.

### Sept. 9

- A little past midnight, the dept. was first-responders to a location on Half Mile Dr.

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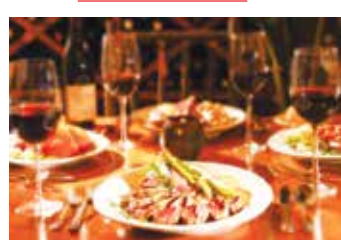
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