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Weekly COVID-19 testing continues at Highlands' & Cashiers' schools

The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation has successfully funded COVID-19 testing at Blue Ridge School and Early Col-

lege, Highlands School, and Summit Charter School to maximize the safety of in-school learning and minimize the risk of commu-

nity spread.

The weekly testing program began the second week of September.

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A different Halloween

Halloween as Highlands knows it is cancelled – that being the evening festivities on Main Street.

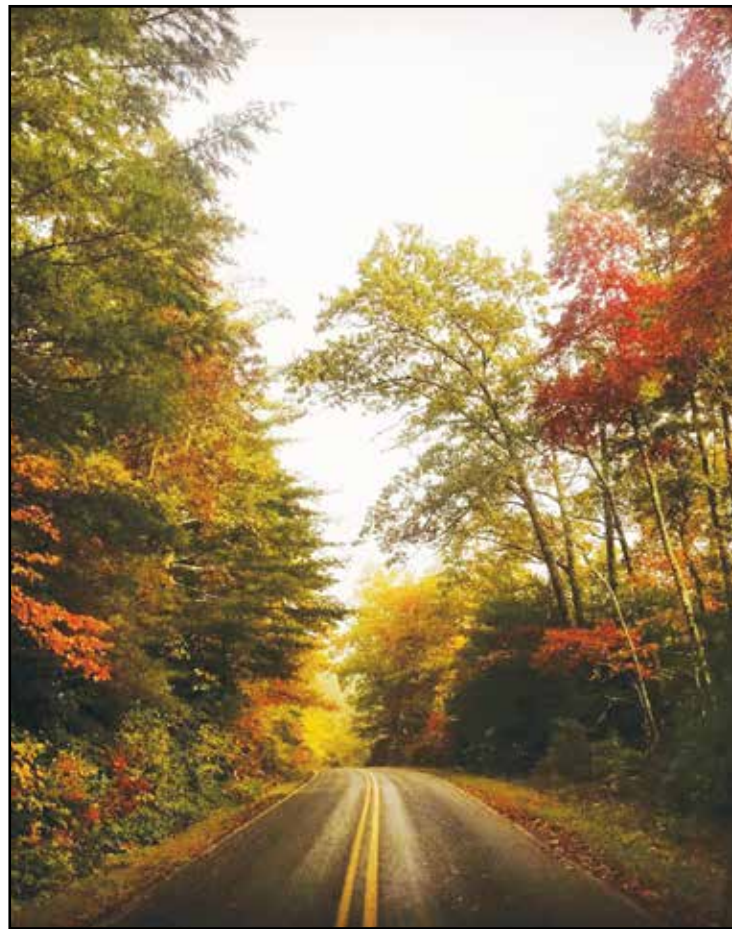
However, like Chamber CEO/President Kaye McHan says, "Gotta have some chocolate on Halloween!"

So, the Chamber is providing a bag of candy to member businesses to offer their customers during normal business hours on Halloween, Oct. 31.

In addition, the Chamber, as well as The Bascom are partnering with The Literacy Council for a drive-thru event where treat bags will be given out at the Literacy Council Halloween night from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

In addition, the Chamber is also providing a treat bag for teachers at the Highlands School on October 27th in gratitude for all their hard work.

All other annual holiday events – the tree lighting and Christmas parade are on hold with details to be announced.



Beautiful early morning autumn byways in Highlands.

– Photo by Rachel Lewicki

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• ELECTION COUNTDOWN •

This is our 3rd installment of our coverage of the candidates on the ballot: Candidates Cawthorn and Davis are running for US House of Representatives, District 11

By Brittney Lofthouse

When Congressman Mark Meadows announced he would not seek re-election, droves of Democrats and Republicans filled to fill his open seat. After a jam-packed primary election – and a Republican Primary runoff election this summer – two candidates will appear on the November Ballot to replace Meadows – who has since been appointed as Chief of Staff for President Donald Trump. Buncombe County Democrat Moe Davis will face off against Republican Madison Davis – in what will arguably be the closest Congressional race in the last decade.

Madison Cawthorn is an 8th

generation resident of North Carolina's 11th Congressional district. His ancestors have served Western North Carolina communities for more than 200 years including in the Revolutionary War.

Cawthorn was homeschooled in Hendersonville and attended Patrick Henry College the fall of 2016 but he he said dropped out after earning low grades.

He had been nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy by Rep. Mark Meadows in 2014. However, his application was rejected before the 2014 car ac-

cident that changed his life.

The automobile accident left him partially paralyzed and in a

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Early voting is October 15-October 31

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Zoom in on the TB meeting tonight

Tonight is the October meeting of the Highlands Town Board. It will begin at 7 p.m. by way of ZOOM. I had hoped the meeting could be in person, but technical problems and the ongoing virus concern makes ZOOM the best and safest option. The ZOOM information can be found on the town website. Public comments and public hearing statements will still be made by way of ZOOM, or by sending them to me in advance at Mayor@highlandsnc.org.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

We have a full agenda for tonight's meeting. There will be a public hearing concerning the town applying for a loan to build the new fire station. This hearing is requirement of the North Carolina Local Government Commission who will review and approve the loan application. The loan will be paid back from fire tax revenues.

The board will also revisit the request for water and sewer for the proposed Highlands Cashiers Hospital Workforce Housing Project. A committee of commissioners recently met with hospital officials concern-

ing the request. This committee will give a report and a recommendation to the full board before a decision is made.

The board will also revisit a town employee cost of living adjustment. In July, as the pandemic was in full swing, the board delayed including a COLA in the budget, with the understanding that it would be revisited toward the end of the year. Our administrative staff now have a clearer picture of the financial situation. I believe it is time to make this adjustment at this midpoint in the year. Town employees have been steadfast in doing their duties during this critical period.

The board will also review a proposed bear ordinance that prohibits the feeding of bears. Also, it is time to review the moratorium that was placed on requiring bear resistant toters. This moratorium was instituted in August because of a back order issue. I believe it is time to move forward with this requirement. I appreciate the vast majority of residents who have already purchased these toters.

Early voting at the Highlands Recreation Center got underway this morning. It will run through October 31. Any questions should be directed to the Macon County Board of Elections. Their number is (828) 349-2034.

On Thursday, October 22, there will be a public input meeting that is being orchestrated by the Highlands Community Plan staff. The meeting is open to the public and starts at 5 pm at the

Highlands Community Center. This session is an opportunity for residents to share their views about their vision for the future of Highlands. I will not be at the meeting because it is a citizens meeting, not an elected officials meeting. For further information about this meeting and the comprehensive plan, please visit: www.highlandscommunityplan.com/get-involved.

I like the last part of the website address, "get-involved." In order to have a truly representative community plan, I hope all Highlanders will participate in the process. This meeting is just the beginning.

• HIC'S VIEW •



• WEATHER •

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Dear Editor,

Whether you consider yourself a conservative or a liberal, surely we all consider ourselves patriots, defenders of our great nation. To that end, it is imperative for us to consider what unites us, rather than what divides us. For many of us

Vote Faithfully

that is faith. This country was founded on the principle of separation of Church and State, so that groups and individuals may worship without the dictates of the State. The opposite is also true, to provide for the State to function with laws of equality and justice without religious controls. No laws should regulate religion and no religion should regulate laws or government.

For those of us who call ourselves Christian, Jesus tells us that God has little interest in our outward religiosity, but desires that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly. (Micah 6:8) Jesus is very clear that if anyone claims to be "right" with God, but fails to serve the poor, those in need, the sick, the oppressed, the stranger, and marginalized, then we are little more than the noise we make. Most faiths encourage loving, befriending, affirming, and caring for those in need and not to judge those whose beliefs and way of life differs from ours. In the Christian faith, Jesus set that very example: befriending, socializing, eating with those ostracized by the "righteous" and he was reviled by the "righteous" for his simple example of unconditional love.

A time has arrived when all people of faith need to come together to show love toward our neighbor, toward one another, with forgiveness, grace, and blessing for those who see things differently, rather than judging and making enemies of each other.

John 13:14 is a simple, yet difficult and powerful verse:

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In this election year, this pandemic year, this year of economic upheaval, this year of inordinate political division, it is urgent for patriotic Americans to think seriously about their vote being one that reflects their Christian, Jewish, or other religious values of bringing this country back toward unity, toward our "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Vote faithfully.

Diane C. McPhail
Julia Grumbles

Do We Really Need to Pave Big Bear Pen Road?

Dear Editor,

The Town Board of Commissioners has just approved a subdivision plan for "Bearmor," a new multi-home development on steep slopes off Big Bear Pen Road. Next comes the proposed paving of Big Bear Pen Road to service the new subdivision.

What are the problems of paving Big Bear Pen Road? They are several and interrelated:

1) Big Bear Pen Road currently is some gravel and mostly dirt, part of Highlands' rustic (and "Please drive slowly") charm.

2) The current permeable surface on Big Bear Pen Road is safer for humans, nature and wildlife and slows speeding drivers. This is a road known for tight, sharp curves on a steep incline with limited visibility. Driving, cycling, walking, or strolling the road, as many now do, becomes even more dangerous if Big Bear Pen Road is paved.

3) Is wildlife more likely to perish in the face of this on-

slaught? It's a fair question.

Bears and other wildlife travel the area daily.

4) A new slick asphalt surface on Big Bear Pen Road would likely become a series of treacherous "black ice" spots in freezing weather. A hazard for residents and the town? And more road maintenance? More costs? Most certainly.

5) More rain water would wash down the paved steep incline - emptying into Chestnut Street ditches where Big Bear Pen Road meets the intersection of Chestnut Street, Sixth Street and Lower Lake Road. The inadequate ditches along Chestnut Street cannot currently contain the high volume of waters now running down Big Bear Pen Road. Excess storm water washes over Chestnut during "gully washers." These heavy flows of storm waters would only increase with the paving of Big Bear Pen Road. Even worse, Big Bear Pen Road connects to the very steep, newly paved road into the new "BearMor" subdivision - more water headed down the steep road.

6) Chestnut Street between Sixth Street and Fifth Street presently has a major potential fatality risk. Speeders on this section of Sixth Street invite pedestrian accidents and/or deaths. The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Reckless drivers treat it like a drag-strip, and speeds are estimated to be twice the speed limit. Chestnut Street may become more of a death trap. During the peak summer seasons, dozens of pedestrians per day travel Chestnut Street. No, Chestnut was not designed as a pedestrian walkway, but it has become one: elderly people on walkers, parents with babies in strollers, joggers, dog walkers, children and bicycle riders. Some are local. Many are visitors to local inns following suggestions for walking this route. All are at risk from high speed drivers.

The town engineer indicates that the state highway department has declined to install sidewalks and/or speed bumps on this stretch of Chestnut. The town police chief says using radar equipped patrol

cars is impossible because there is no roadside place for them to park. The town mayor says that "radar signs" could help, but historically, the town council has been hostile to speed-dampening devices. So, the danger persists. No solutions.

Will there be a death or serious injury on Big Bear Pen Road or Chestnut Street? Would the proposed paving of Big Bear Pen worsen this struggle between pedestrians and speeding cars on this stretch of Chestnut Street? Would it make a bad situation even worse? Predictably, yes.

My wife and I live very near Chestnut Street between Fifth and Sixth Street, so we see this scary scene repeated often - people dodging speeding cars. The problem is real.

A sign in a local coffee shop reads: "Close to nature. Far from stress." This is our shared dilemma in Highlands: how do we preserve the character of our beloved town and keep it safe and ruggedly beautiful? How do the citizens, property owners, town council, mayor, town manager, planner, and staff make those decisions? And how does each decision lead to yet another tough dilemma? First, a new subdivision was blasted out of rock on Big Bear Pen, with water and sewer provided by the town of Highlands, then its steep entrance road was paved.

Now, more water floods across and down Big Bear Pen Road.

Where does it end? Or does it? And, does it end well? The new subdivision is poetically named "BearMor." But can we really "bear more" of this kind of development?

David Sweatt
Highlands

Kings Inn

Dear Editor,

I'm sure all of you who have lived in Highlands before 1994 remember Kings Inn. It was lo-

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Mrs. Margaretta Ravenel bought Mr. Skinner's home in 1883 and christened it "The Islington House". She named it after an old section of Charleston, South Carolina. She turned it into one of Highlands most gracious lodgings.

Mr. R.R. "Bob" King bought it in 1925. Mr. King made into a very luxurious hotel and named it Kings Inn. It became the #1 hotel in Highlands. It was the first hotel to have a heated swimming pool. It also had a television and fireplace in each room.

The Kings Inn became the honeymoon capital of Western Carolina. In the 40's and 50's anywhere from 25 to 40 newlyweds would celebrate their honeymoon at the Kings Inn every year. Mrs. King became known for her southern cooking. The dining room seated 150 people. On Sundays, people would come from miles to enjoy Mrs. King's Sunday buffet. Her recipes are still floating around Highlands and you can order her cookbook on line (King's Inn Cookbook).

In 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Edwards were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at the Kings Inn. Almost everyone in Highlands was invited. At that time

the population was a little over 500.

During the celebration, a young man walked up to Mr. Edwards and said, "Mr. Edwards, you are truly a hero. You have the perfect marriage. What is your secret?" Mr. Edwards looked at him and said "Son, it is really simple. In 1880 we got married at the log law house." (The log law house was built in 1850. It served as a schoolhouse, courthouse, church and community center. There were no churches in Highlands in 1880 and very few places to have a wedding ceremony. The log law house was located where Wright's Square is located today).

When we left to go on our honeymoon, we had a brand-new buggy and a brand-new mule. We got about 100 yards out of town and the mule stopped, it wouldn't budge. My wife jumped out of the buggy, got in front of the mule, looked him in the eye and said, "That's one."

The mule went about another 50 yards and stopped again. My wife jumped out of the buggy, got in the mule's face, looked him the eye and said "That's two." The third time, the mule went about 50 yards and stopped again. My wife jumped out of the buggy, got in the mule's face, took a pistol out of her purse and shot the mule 3 times. I jumped out of the buggy and said sweetheart, you can't do that. My wife looked at me and said, "That's one."

"You are right, we have had a perfect marriage for 60 years."

**Kenny Youmans
Highlands**

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ber at and will continue through 2019 or as long as in-person school continues.

"The COVID-19 testing program that is being provided at Highlands School by the Highlands Cashiers Hospital Foundation has really eased my mind and lowered my anxiety," said Highlands High School AP English Teacher Cathy McIntyre-Ross. "Being 65, my risk is greater for the virus. But even if I was 25, I would still want to be tested weekly for many reasons. The main one is I want our school to stay open! The more students, faculty, and staff that are tested, the greater the chance we can contain an outbreak and stay on campus for in-person learning - it is that simple."

Highlands School and Summit Charter School began the testing program during the week of September 14th and Blue Ridge School and Early College began their

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• INK PENN •

Are you ready to return to the Cotswolds?

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As my dog scampered off, I looked for my Wizard of Oz cohorts. Our plan was to position ourselves next to the Scarecrow Garden. The garden had blossomed since I'd seen it yesterday. Today there were nearly thirty scarecrows with pumpkins scattered among them. There was even a Humpty Dumpty scarecrow sitting on a bale of hay.

I heard Gavin before I saw him. He wore a silver vest and gallon paint cans up and down his legs and arms. With his face painted silver and a tin funnel on his head, he was somewhat recognizable as a Tin Man—maybe one crossed with the Michelin man.

He clanked toward me, followed by Toby as the Scarecrow and Peter as the Cowardly Lion. Rhiannon's Glinda the Good Witch costume sparkled in the sunlight as she exited the inn arm in arm with the Wicked Witch of the West. With her green face paint and big fake nose, Libby was almost unrecognizable. What gave her away were the salt and pepper curls peeking out from beneath the black hat.

I clapped as the group came together. "If there were a costume contest, I'm sure we'd win. Too bad Dickens doesn't look much like Toto, but he'll just have to do."

I never ceased to be amazed at how well Dickens could hear. He came dashing toward us from the garden, barking. "Hey, what do you mean I'll 'just have to do?' I'm made for this part."

"Well, you've certainly changed your tune, young man," I said.

I'm sure my friends wondered what I was talking about, but they didn't ask. Everyone was too busy taking in the sights and sounds of the Fête and greeting friends.

"Look, Leta, your neighbors are here—Deborah and John Watson and their son Timmy. Let's see if Timmy wants his picture made with us," said Gavin.

Wendy had recruited Timmy to play Michael Darling with her Peter Pan crew. Dressed in footy pajamas, he threw his arms around Dickens as Deborah and John greeted us.

"No dental emergencies today, John?" I asked.



Kathy Manos Penn

"Hush, don't jinx me," said our village dentist. "Getting out of this Captain Hook outfit to repair a tooth wouldn't be easy. I'm keeping my fingers crossed." He dropped a pound in my straw basket while Deborah took a picture of Timmy posed with the gang.

I spotted Belle getting her face painted. Belle was all about fun and had volunteered to sell tickets for cornhole. It was set up on one side of the apple-

bobbing bucket, and the Peter Pan team was stationed on the other side. "Oh my gosh, Peter. Your sister's costume is perfect. Did Belle make it?" I asked as I caught a glimpse of Wendy.

"Of course," said Peter. "Just like she fashioned this lion suit for me. She had the darnedest time making my tail."

Next to Wendy, a.k.a Peter Pan, stood Gemma in a blue empire waist dress, the spitting image of Wendy Darling with her blonde hair down on her shoulders. When Captain Hook and Michael Darling joined them, the ensemble was complete.

I saw a crowd forming near Dickens, who for some reason had decided to bob for apples, so I scurried off, promising to return later.

I heard a voice from the crowd. "I've never seen a dog bob for apples before."

By this time, Dickens had his front paws and his head in the bucket with his hind legs dangling above the ground. He popped back up and barked. "Leta, look at the balls. Can I have one?"

I laughed at my dripping wet dog. Fortunately, only the front of his body was soaked. "Dickens, those aren't balls, you silly boy. They're apples."

"Yup, I tried to tell him that," said the teenager in charge, "But he's a determined little thing. Guess I'll have to rinse out the bucket and start fresh."

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Hijacked History and Pretend Patriotism

As a historian I'm struck by how narrow and distorted our construction of America's past has become. History now has been reduced to a patriotic tale of heroic Founders, all statuesque men if blemished, of the most beautiful instrument ever created, the original Constitution, the most important parts the Second and First Amendments and certainly not any other, and of strong Presidents like, well, Number 45, who stand between us and anarchy, in this case Black Lives Matter. The original Constitution has just four pages, and, like the Bible, is thumped more than read, paraded more than perused, then afterward used as a litmus test of American-ness. After 1789, historically it's as if nothing matters except Presidents.

At some point, I'm convinced Donald Trump will "discover" that Thomas Jefferson also was a Republican just as he surprisingly did Abraham Lincoln. It's those Presidents again. Now obsessed with Lincoln, Trump forever expropriates log cabins that birthed Lincoln and supposedly Republican values, tries to give ponderous wannabe Gettysburg-like speeches, wistfully envies 60' high Mt. Rushmore sculptures that should include his rocky face alongside Lincoln's, and, of course, repeats the mantra that no one except possibly Lincoln has ever done as much for blacks. Well, he just might have done more. Don't those uppity, well-paid blacks in NBA and NFL plantations understand that?

Since Trump couldn't give his nominee acceptance speech at Gettysburg surrounded by statues of heroic dead white males, he moved convention events to Mr. Jefferson's white house anticipating a permanent residence there, and, like Tom, wants to renovate and redesign it to enshrine his greatness like George Washington's nearby Mt. Vernon. Now wasn't Washington also a Republican? And a billionaire? And a shrewd real estate guy? Agh!

The distortions abound. Really now, does anyone seriously believe that Honest Abe and Dishonest Donald share any values? Or that Lincoln's Radical Republicans were anything like today's Trumped up RINOS? Or that Democrats today have any



Milton Ready

similarities to those of the 1880s? Or 1960s? Or that bumbling Joe Biden, a career politician, has ever done anything radical in his life? Perhaps we should test politicians for delusion as well as cognition and covid-19.

Yet while all politicians rightfully pay respect to the flag and patriotism, its reductio ad nauseam by Trump seems especially deceitful coming from a draft dodger five times over, a

person who savaged John McCain, one of the nation's greatest modern heroes, from a President who raised no objection when Russia and Iran placed bounties on the scalps of American soldiers he commanded, and who claims he is smarter than all his generals. Yet from Colin Powell to James Mattis, America's best generals have questioned Trump's leadership, even his loyalty, and deserted his command. Like the naturalization ceremony for immigrants held at the White House, it's all a con job, but, like most of Trump's, slick and effective.

As I watched Trump's healthy, well-dressed, privileged, and entitled sons at the convention talk about how their father, the draft dodger, would work tirelessly and sacrifice everything to protect our freedom, I fully expected that, at any moment, they would grab one of many American flags conspicuously draped everywhere and run around the podium singing God Bless America. Still, no chance of a film called Saving Private Trump from their sacrificial commitment to this nation. Ditto for the Romney's and Clinton's. For many Americans, nothing is more galling than the pretended patriotism of those who have sacrificed little to nothing for this nation but instead have profited from and even exploited its liberties and blessings.

As a veteran, I abhor the paraded, pretended patriotism prevalent today in both parties that cloaks self-interest, and, as Samuel Johnson once said, is the last (or first) refuge of a scoundrel. In the end, I embrace Mark Twain's definition of patriotism, namely that it is "supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it." We deserve better government and truehearted patriotism.

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wheelchair. Cawthorn says his ordeal built his faith, made him a fighter, helped him appreciate every day, and inspired him to help everyone he encounters overcome whatever adversity they face in their daily lives.

Today, Cawthorn is a small businessman. He is the owner and CEO of a real estate investment company. Cawthorn is also a motivational speaker. He challenges people across the nation to have faith, work hard, play by the rules and pursue the American dream.

A constitutional conservative, Cawthorn is committed to defending the values of faith, family and the freedom. Cawthorn attends Biltmore Church in Hendersonville. He enjoys hunting, cooking, travel, fitness, photography and videography, and studying history. He is engaged to be married to Cristina Bayardelle.

Madison Cawthorn:

"I am running for Congress for three main reasons," said Cawthorn. "First, we need term limits on Congress so that there is incentive within the House. More will be accomplished if there are term limits. Second, we need a balanced budget amendment. It is immoral to place this kind of debt upon ourselves and the upcoming generations. The third and most important reason is that we have to combat the rise of Socialism in this country."

Moe Davis was born, raised, and educated in North Carolina. His hometown is Shelby and his family had a farm in Rutherford County between Newhouse and Hollis where his dad was born and raised. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University and the North Carolina Central University School of Law. He spent the first 25 years of his life in North Carolina before joining the Air Force. While in the Air Force, he earned two Masters of Laws, one from the Army JAG School in Charlottesville, Va., and another from the National Law Center at George Washington University in DC.

He and his wife bought property in Asheville two years ago and started construction on a house a year ago. The couple moved to Asheville last May and are currently renting in the Chunn's Cove area while their house is being finished. Davis

is a disabled veteran and uses the Asheville VA Medical Center for his medical care, which is the same VA hospital his dad used a half century ago.

Davis is a retired Air Force Colonel with 25 years of service. He is best known for serving as the Chief Prosecutor for the terrorism trials at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba,

from September 2005 to October 2007. He resigned his post when he was ordered to use evidence that was obtained by torture. He spent his last year on active duty as the Director of the Air Force Judiciary where he supervised 265 people around the world and was responsible for oversight of the Air Force criminal justice system. Davis was a Senior Specialist in National Security for the 111th Congress and head of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division at the Congressional Research Service, a branch of the Library of Congress. He worked there from December 2008 to January 2010. Davis was Executive Director of the Crimes of War Education Project from 2010 to 2011 and then was a full-time faculty member at the Howard

University School of Law from 2011 to 2015. During that time, he was a regular contributor on MSNBC, CNN and other news outlets on military and national security matters. Davis' last job was as a judge for the U.S. Department of Labor from 2015 until September 2019 when he retired. Davis spent the last four months of his tenure at the Department of Labor teleworking from Asheville.

Moe Davis:

"Since I live in what was the gerrymandered part of Asheville, I thought that when I retired in September I was really retired," said Davis. "When the court intervened in November and told the legislature to redraw the congressional map or they'd do it for them, it became apparent that Asheville and Buncombe County would be reunited and I would be living in the 11th Congressional District. I looked at the Democrats that were running and I just didn't see anyone that I thought had the

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Madison Cawthorn



Moe Davis

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ability to generate the attention and the resources required to defeat Mark Meadows. I have a large national following, particularly on Twitter where I have about 158,000 followers, and I have high-level connections because of my military and federal government service. The bottom line for me is that I have spent more than 30 years of my life in uniform, in a suit on the Hill, or in a robe, because I believe in America and in democracy. I've invested too much of my life to watch our democracy go down the drain."

1. What it has been like campaigning during a pandemic. What safety protocols are you taking? Do you think it has made this election cycle more difficult?

Cawthorn: "Campaigning during Covid-19 has certainly had its fair share of challenges," said Cawthorn. "At each event, we urge people to take the precautions they feel are necessary to remain healthy. From social distancing at debates to advocating for higher-risk individuals to use caution, we have respected the threat that Covid-19 poses,

but we have not allowed fear to define our campaign. This election cycle has assuredly been more difficult due to Covid-19 and the ramifications of a pandemic."

Moe Davis: "It has been a challenge since the primary to get out and meet people while following state mandates limiting gatherings to under 10 indoors and 25 outdoors," said Davis. "We have been strict about following those mandates and have worked to ensure that our events are safe by maintaining smaller crowds, practicing social distancing and wearing masks at public and private events. We have also taken our campaign online with twice-weekly Moe Talks Live Virtual Town Halls to answer voter questions."

2. You have said that you support law enforcement. Please provide details of policies or programs you would support or implement to support law enforcement across WNC.

Cawthorn: "Advocating for law enforcement shouldn't be a political position. These men and women put their lives on the line to protect each and every one of us. The far left has weaponized the BLM [Black Lives Matter] movement and turned it into a political tool. I do not support defunding the police; all one has to do is look at the civil unrest and marked uptick in violence this year to see that removing law enforcement is not the solution to the problems America faces. I do support community outreach efforts and common-sense solutions that protect officers and citizens such as body cameras and de-escalation training. Police and law enforcement form the backbone of civilized society. The enforcement of the rule of law is essential in any free republic."

Davis: "I was criticized by some Democrats for attending the Back the Blue event earlier this summer. But I've said many times that when I represent the 11th District, I will represent all of the district, not just one party. During that event, I proposed a GI Bill for law enforcement officers, which would allow them to go to college as a benefit for their service to the community. I also support a reimagining of the role of law enforcement so they are no longer policing issues such as mental health or drug addiction that are better dealt with by health professionals. We can support officers while at the same time supporting those who seek change. This isn't a zero-sum game, and it is too often portrayed that way by those who seek to divide us for political gain."

3. List ONE thing that makes you the most qualified candidate for District 11.

Cawthorn: "I am an outsider," said Cawthorn. "I have no allegiances to Washington or to a political party. My only allegiance is to the people of NC-11. I was born in these mountains and raised by these people. It will be the greatest honor of my life to work solely for them in D.C. My opponent, on the other hand, is not from here. He spent his entire career working in the shadowy halls of government and within the past year moved to NC-11 with the desire to seize this congressional seat. If electing a liberal lawyer would fix the problems that this country faces then we would already have solved them long ago."

Davis: "Experience. I have a lifetime of experience including 25 years of service to the country in the Air Force where I managed budgets and led personnel," said Davis. "I was Chief Prosecutor at Guantanamo Bay, lead investigator for the Air Force Academy sexual assault scandal and Director of the entire Air Force Judiciary. I also worked as a national security specialist for Congress and judge with the U.S. Department of Labor. Through that experience I have become knowledgeable about many of the issues I will face when I am in Congress. And it is that experience that will help me land key committee assignments in Congress on the Armed Services Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee and possibly the Select Committee on Intelligence. Voters need to keep in mind that committee assignments reflect the experience you bring to the office – or lack of experience you bring to it."

4. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have been vocal regarding their opposition to the Catawba Casino under construction in N.C. What is your stance on the casino and the process in which it was approved by the federal government?

Cawthorn: "I don't support the Catawbas' efforts, and I think the Department of the Interior in Washington made a bad decision," said Cawthorn. "For starters, the EBCI has ancestral ties to the area where the casino is being constructed. Secondly, the Catawbas only applied to take that land because casinos are outlawed in South Carolina. EBCI casinos don't just help far-Western North Carolina, they are an economic driver across WNC; they employ

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4,000 North Carolinians and pump nearly \$180 million into the surrounding counties, which helps the entire district. The EBCI is even supporting the economy as far away as Asheville, given their recent sponsorship of the old Asheville Civic Center. EBCI casinos have had to abide by 30 years of Indian gaming law, and now one tribe – the Catawba – are going to get an exemption? That's not fair."

Davis: "I oppose the bid by the South Carolina-based Catawba Indian Nation to open a casino in Cleveland County, N.C. I support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' contention that the casino land is on long-held Cherokee territory and believes a casino there would negatively impact Western North Carolina's economy. I join Buncombe County Commissioners, who voted 6-1 to oppose the casino in King's Mountain. The EBCI, who operates two casinos in Western North Carolina, have

been fighting for years to protect their territory and prevent the federal government from taking it away to give to the Catawba Indian Nation. I look forward to representing every community in the 11th Congressional District in the next Congress and there is no community with deeper ties to Western North Carolina than the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casino on the Qualla Boundary has been instrumental in the tribe's efforts to enhance education, healthcare, housing and public safety services, and it plays a major role in the region's overall economy. Too often, the interests of Western North Carolina are overlooked in the political process. Western North Carolina was already above the national average in poverty before COVID-19 hit and the number of people out of work and who have lost healthcare coverage has grown. The Catawba Indian Nation is based in South Carolina, where gaming is

not permitted. To allow them to encroach into North Carolina and take gaming revenue away from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians would be a significant blow to Western North Carolina's already suffering economy. I stand with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and will support them and the interests of Western North Carolina in the 117th Congress."

5. District 11 is quite large and between responsibilities in DC and the size of the district, it is easy for residents of outlying counties to feel forgotten by their representatives. How do you plan to ensure equal representation for the entire district?

Cawthorn: "Early on in this campaign, I made a promise to visit every single county in this district once a month. I promised to sit and listen to the issues that face each community here on a monthly basis, and then I promised to go back to D.C. and to

fix those problems. Being in touch with each county's needs is the highest duty of any congressman. My opponent has promised to be in the district once a year, and frankly, that's not good enough. I stand by my promise to be in each county once a month, I know what it's like to feel forgotten and I assure you I will never be forgotten when I am elected."

Davis: "We are deeply divided, not just by politics but by location. But as I said earlier, when you are the representative of the district, you must represent the entire district, not just one portion of it -- not just the party that voted for you and not just the counties and towns that voted for you. Let's start with that. I hope to have a staff that reflects our district, not just one city or county in it. I plan to have an office closer to the far west counties so they don't have to travel hours to meet and discuss

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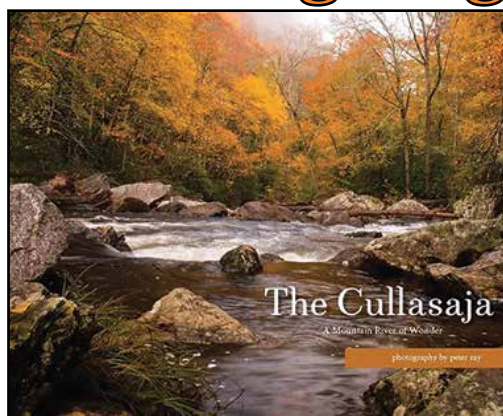
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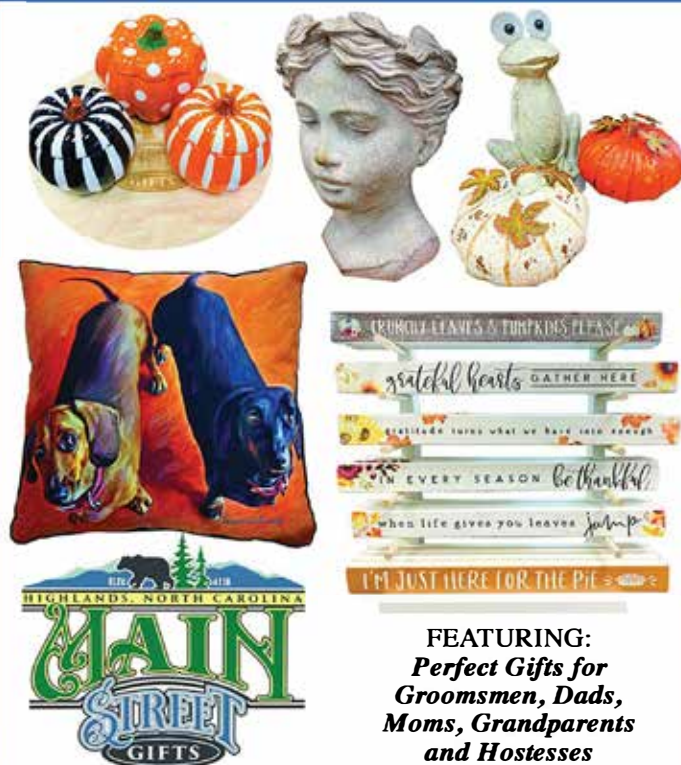
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issues of importance. Unlike our predecessor, who rarely made appearances in Western North Carolina and never took questions in an open forum, I have made a promise to visit every county and meet with voters at least once a year."

6. Hemp is the fastest rising crop in N.C., but the industry is faced with hurdles both on the state and national level. How would you address these roadblocks for farmers across N.C.?

Cawthorn: "For too long big government has gotten in the way of agricultural innovation. The simple solution is to reduce harmful regulations and put the power of choice back into the hands of farmers across North Carolina. I am a firm believer that free-market economics will always lead to a better, more prosperous marketplace. The federal government shouldn't be the one deciding which crops a farmer can grow. We have to take the power out of Washington's hands and place it back in Western North Carolina's hands. When I am in D.C. I will work to cut regulations and tear down these hurdles that harm our farmers."

Davis: "The 2018 Farm Bill legalizing hemp farming opened the doors for a tremendously important crop with real potential for Western North Carolina. That's the good news. The rules and regulation surrounding any new product can be daunting. Perhaps because hemp is so closely associated with marijuana, the emphasis on regulating hemp's products has led to ambiguities and confusion in rules both on a state and federal level. That has made it difficult for farmers. It's clear we need greater input from the industry to help craft regulations that cut through those ambiguities and make sense for farmers. That would be a start."

7. Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding has always been a monumental topic for the western counties on the national level and something that changes from year to year, making it impossible for school districts to budget. How would you address this?

Cawthorn: "What NC-11 needs is a set PILT number from the federal government; moreover, that number needs to be greater than what it is now. That land could be making more money for the counties than what the federal government is paying them through PILT and the people of NC-11 deserves fair and equitable restitution for the public lands that so many enjoy. One of the most helpful things would be to amend the PILT Act to set a consistent formula. One year, these counties like Swain and Graham have X amount of dollars coming in, and another they have Y amount of dollars coming in. When I'm in Washington, amending the

PILT Act to get a set formula to help these counties will be one of my top priorities. I love these mountains; I was raised in these mountains and when I'm in Washington I will work hard to send the money the people of these mountains deserve back to them."

Davis: "According to a June 2020 Department of Interior press release, the government took in \$13.2 billion in revenue derived from federal land. But only about \$515 million was returned to counties as PILT money – 15 of the 17 counties in Western North Carolina receive PILT money. I would like to see a larger share of the revenue distributed to counties because what they are receiving is not offsetting their loss of tax revenue. I would advocate for five-year guaranteed payments, with dollar figures adjusted after each five-year period so there would be some certainty in funding levels year to year."

8. Anything else you would like to include and would like for voters to know?

Cawthorn: "This election represents a tipping point in our nation. Every election cycle people declare that it's the most important election ever, but I truly believe that this time they are right. Our country is under attack. Our cities burn, our civil servants are under siege, and our very way of life hangs in the balance. America cannot be handed over to a mob, we've fought too long, and too hard to protect the freedoms our founders won for us to give them up now. My opponent supports the culture of violence that has seeped into Portland, Kenosha, and Asheville. Five separate times my opponent has called for those who disagree with him to have their necks crushed, five separate times he has implied that to disagree with him and his Antifa allies is to be worthy of punishment and persecution. The choice this election cycle is very clear, it is a choice between violence or values, and I pray we make the right decision."

Davis: "This election is about making sure everyone has access to healthcare. It's about expanding broadband internet service to rural areas so we can attract businesses, allow our kids to attend school online during a global pandemic, provide telemedicine as an option and let our veterans access their benefits online. It's about bringing green jobs and technology to Western North Carolina to grow our economy and protect our environment. It's about saving the U.S. Postal Service and preserving Social Security and Medicare and safeguarding our veterans care. This election isn't about conspiracy theories, bogeymen or AOC. It's about you."

Sign up for H.E.C. fuel assistance Oct. 20-29

The Highlands Emergency Council (H.E.C.) will be accepting applications from those requesting financial help for the cost of propane gas, fuel oil, and wood. The Highlands Emergency Council (H.E.C.) will also be accepting Christmas Program Applications for children from those requesting help.

Applications for both the Fuel Program and/or the Christmas Program will be accepted on: Tuesday, October 20, Friday, October 23, Tuesday, October 27, Thursday, October 29

Please come by H.E.C. from 10 am to 2 pm located on Poplar Street (next to Wilson Gas). Proof of income is required. No applications will be accepted after these dates. Applications must be filled out in person; no applications will be taken over the phone.

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first week of testing during the week of October 5th.

HCHF representatives said there has been a weekly increase of both students and teachers signing up for the program. The testing project is planned to continue weekly through December 18th except for Thanksgiving week, provided in-school

learning continues.

The families who opted for Macon County Schools Virtual Academy have the option of attending in-person school beginning the second quarter Monday, Oct. 19. Those parents can opt for weekly testing by contacting their school and signing up prior to the day of testing.



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Foundation Board member and leader of the school testing project Dr. Richard Ellin said the aim is to minimize the risk of COVID-19 in the schools and the community, and thereby increase confidence for safe in-school learning.

"In addition, keeping the risk of COVID-19 transmission low allows the economy to remain open, helps businesses thrive and allows people to remain employed. This program benefits the entire community, not just the schools," he said.

HCHF's testing report through September 28 represents three weeks of testing.

At Highlands School 203 tests have been performed (150 Students and 53 Staff) with 0 positive results.

At Summit School - 137 tests have been performed (89 Students and 48 Staff) with 1 positive result. A second positive case was reported but that was through a different testing facility.

Statistics for Blue Ridge School block A and Block B were not available by press time.

Kurt Pusch, Head of Summit Charter School said the ability to offer Summit's students and staff weekly testing provides a level of assurance to the health of the campus and community that otherwise would not be possible.

"Voluntary testing is a level of protection that few K-12 schools are able offer," he said. "Summit Charter School is especially grateful for the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation's investment in this program and the health of our schools and community."

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I'm no "tree hugger" in the biblical sense, but I readily admit... I love trees! I learned about saving trees growing up fishing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Northern Minnesota where the Norway Pines, White Birch, and Aspens became my friends. If you listen closely, trees talk to you (but they don't talk back). I

learned about destroying trees living in Atlanta for 25 years. As the 1996 Olympics Games came and went, so went the trees as residential and commercial development claimed thousands of acres of forestland while creating miles of cement, pavement, and rising temperatures. In "Georgia on my Mind" (written by Willie Nelson) there's a line that goes, "as sweet and clear, as moonlight through the pines." Now it's more like "moonlight through the buildings" (been to Buckhead lately?) I digress. Back to Real Estate.

As you consider investing in property here, you are investing in trees; investing in a rain forest; investing in streams with clean water where trout live; and investing in cool weather. Who doesn't want to live here, right? The tree narrative is different in Highlands and Cashiers because it centers

around the preservation of forests and ways to protect them. The U.S. Forest Service is driving around town in those beautiful green trucks, doing their best to fend off those who strive to harvest acres of timber in the name of "conserving and regenerating" the forests. If you buy land in our town, there are "impervious surface ratios" to be followed in order to secure a building permit. This protects the land and restricts the footprint of a house and surrounding impenetrable surfaces so that water can flow and maintain its table. When you go to sell your property here, it's worth more because you preserved the trees. Thank you to all of you who chose to treat your Hemlocks instead of chopping them down.

In the most non-real estate way possible, I want to extend a personal invitation for you to witness this investment opportunity in person. Simply drive to Highlands between now and New Year's Day. Park anywhere downtown and take a hike along the Highlands Plateau Greenway Trail system. You will witness first-hand what a healthy

and well-balanced relationship between a town, trees, land, residents, commerce, nature, streams, wildlife (including black bears), lakes, flora, rainfall, and sunshine truly looks like. After all, isn't that what you're investing in. If time permits stop by for a cup of coffee and tell us what you think.

If you're still reading, here's another great quote. "Learn character from trees, values from roots, and change from leaves" (Tasneem Hameed). Stay healthy everybody.

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Andy Chmar, President, Hudson Library of Highlands, and Glenda Bell, President, Mountain Findings

Donation from Mountain Findings funds drainage fix at Hudson Library and Main Street

The Board Presidents of the Hudson Library of Highlands and Mountain Findings, Andy Chmar and Glenda Bell, respectively, recently met at the Hudson Library Main Street entrance to recognize a generous grant from Mountain Findings used to resolve a decades-long, flooding and runoff problem along Main Street.

The hardscape, curb and parking lot exit concrete apron project work, was planned and completed over two days in August by Ryan Bryson, Carlos Vazquez, and their superb team from Bryson Grading & Paving, along with further sup-

port from Canty Worley & Company.

In the past, even nominal rainfall resulted in the public sidewalk being flooded along the street, producing a safety hazard for passersby, while damaging the adjoining landscaping around the Library's sign.

The project involved replacing the entire length of street curbing along with the 18" deep concrete exit apron, removing the grass along the road, and releveling this area and the sidewalk's brick pavers. Since the work was accomplished,

our recent heavy rain events have proven the work to be a complete success, with the stormwater runoff effectively redirected to the nearby catch basins.

With Mountain Findings' generous support, and the talent of Bryson Grading and Paving, the Library's roadside entrance, exit and circular brick sidewalk now more safely accommodate the multitude of visitors enjoying the library and its outside landscaping, and others walking along the east end of Main Street. It was a great partnership.

A word from the Twilight Race Committee

Twilight Race postponed until May 15

It is with great regret that we need to announce we are postponing the race until May 15th, 6PM out of an abundance of caution.

We also feel to keep the quality of the event as you have come to expect it; the event needs to be

in the evening and include the music and fun. The good news is that hopefully there will be two races next year as long as Covid-19 is still not a factor.

Your registration will auto-

matically be moved to the May 15th event. If we cannot have the May event you will automatically be signed up for the August race.

We appreciate your patience and generosity.

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Celebrate Art + Automobile

The Bascom Center for the Visual Arts and the Highlands Motoring Festival Committee are excited to announce CELLEBRATE ART + AUTOMOBILE, their collaboration on a unique, and fascinating, series of events for the 2021 season. The cornerstones of this celebration are a special exhibition at the Bascom from May 11 – August 21, and the Highlands Motoring Festival June 10 – 13, 2021.

The special exhibition in the Bascom's Bunzl Gallery, FreeWheeling – the Allure of the Automobile in Contemporary Art, will feature works of renowned international automotive artists, including canvas, paper, and sculpture. Additionally, there will be a rotating display of extremely rare and special automobiles in the Gallery that are a testament to the concept of the automobile itself as art.

Throughout the exhibition period, the Bascom will be offering a number of related displays and activities, some of which are interactive. A few examples of these include Artist/Curator Discussions, Submitted Automobile Photography Presentation, Model Car Display, and Educational S.T.E.A.M. Initiatives. Other public programming will be announced as it is developed.

On Saturday, June 12th, the fourteenth annual Highlands Motoring Festival features Cars in the Park, a juried display of approximately 100 specially selected automobiles from around the world, representing a diversity of styles and concepts from the earliest days of the automobile through 1989. The theme for

2021 is Pure Bloods d'Italia, featuring grand marques such as Ferrari, Maserati, and Lamborghini. Additional classics expected on the show field include Porsche, Jaguar, BMW, Alfa Romeo, Mercedes, Bentley, Rolls Royce, Packard, and others.

Other activities of the Motoring Festival include One Lap of the Mountains (two days of drives on the exciting mountain roads of Western North Carolina), evening social events, presentations and discussions by renowned automotive experts, a parade of classic automobiles, and High Octane, a casual car show open to any interesting automobile.

Highlands, NC, the venue for all these exhibits and activities, has been a special summer getaway for nearly 150 years. At 4118' elevation, it is a temperate respite from the surrounding southern heat and humidity. The town itself is filled with boutique shopping, fine dining, and a wide variety of excellent lodging; and is surrounded by a wealth of magnificent outdoor scenery and activities for the entire family.

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Garden clubs dress Highlands for Fall

The great pumpkins have arrived in town thanks to the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Azalea Garden Club, Laurel Garden Club and Mountain Garden Club.

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

World Polio Day is Oct. 24

World Polio Day is Saturday, October 24. Fortunately, most young people and even adults under 65 have never had to worry about polio, but before the Salk vaccine was approved and given to millions of children, mothers and fathers all over the world worried about their children getting paralyzed by this mysterious disease that spread mostly in the summer when children went out to play in their neighborhoods.

Doctor Baumrucker related his experience with the disease.

"I remember when I was 11 years old, one year before the vaccine came out, my next-door neighbor, a girl one year older than I had a mild case that affected her legs. My mother wouldn't let me out of the house for weeks. Later, when I was in medical school, I

learned that only one in 200 polio viral infections results in paralysis. The rest just get diarrhea or no symptoms at all. One of my professors at the University of Cincinnati Medical School was Dr. Sabin who developed the oral vaccine we all use now. Another professor was a pediatrician who contracted the malady while working with children in iron lungs while he was a resident at Cincinnati General Hospital and remained paralyzed, so this was not a disease relegated to children. He taught in a wheelchair for many years."

Rotary International had the temerity in 1988 to begin a program to eradicate polio in the world. The disease was generally absent in more affluent western countries, but in 1988 200,00 new cases were happening in Asia, South America

and Africa and even in Europe every year.

Now, only two countries in the world have cases of polio and Nigeria was just certified by the CDC to be polio free, making Africa another continent that is polio free. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries that have wild polio cases now and only 95 cases were found in 2019, but until all cases are eradicated for at least three years, no child is safe from this horrible disease.

We are that close to removing the second illness from the face of the earth, smallpox being the first. Since many countries are no longer immunizing their children against polio, the next epidemic is just one plane ride away.

The face of public health changed after Rotary International instituted new ways to discover cases and do contact tracing in the

world.

These techniques, honed by partnerships with the CDC, the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization and the United Nations, have been used today in the Covid-19 pandemic and handling pandemics will never be the same thanks to Rotary.

On Saturday, October 24, in commemoration of World Polio Day, The Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop will have a purple pinky celebration at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park just after the Farmer's Mar-

ket.

In India, where as many as 172,000,000 children have been vaccinated against polio, each child had his or her little finger painted purple, proving that the child had been vaccinated.

Donations to the Rotary World Polio Fund can be made in person on October 24 or mailed to the Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop at P. O. Box 372, Highlands, NC 28741. A polio free world is within our grasp, but we must be vigilant until it is gone forever.

Highlands Police make Arrest in theft case

Recently, officers with the Highlands Police Department made an arrest of Sierra Jenkins, (age 29 of Franklin NC) in connection with a theft of guest property at a Highlands Hotel and Resort

According to a statement from the Highlands Police Department, on September 29 officers received a report that a guest's wallet had gone missing from their room. An investigation led by HPD Detective Kevin Breedlove revealed that the wallet had been taken by Jenkins who was employed as a housekeeper at the time. Further investigation revealed that the victim's credit cards had been used by Jenkins at local businesses in Highlands and Sylva.

On September 30, Jenkins was arrested and charged with Misdemeanor Larceny, and Possession of Stolen Goods. Jenkins was also charged with 2 counts of felony Identity Theft, and 2 counts of felony Obtaining Property by False Pretense. When officers performed a search of the vehicle Jenkins had occupied, they found and recovered property which matched the description of property stolen, as well as items which had been purchased using the victim's cards.

Mission Health holding opioid take-back day Oct. 24

Mission Health is hosting an opioid take back event to raise awareness about the dangers of opioid misuse and proper disposal of medications on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Law enforcement officers from the Asheville Police Department will be collecting tablets, capsules and patches of Hydrocodone (Norco, Lortab, Vicodin), Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percocet), Tramadol (Ultram), Codeine, Fentanyl (Duragesic), Morphine, Hydromorphone (Dilaudid) and Oxymorphone (Opana). Needles, syringes, lancets or liquids will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place at the event, including universal masking, social distancing, removal of high-touch items and a drive thru option.

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Bolivia Mission receives a gift

The estate of Hillrie Quin has made a gift to the Highlands Bolivian Mission of \$10,000 to be used to purchase a replacement of the 1986 Mazda truck that was bought by the Mission in 2002. At that time, the pickup truck cost \$8,000 and has served the foster home well. It was used primarily to take the children to and from school but was used to carry everything from food to building supplies. Five years ago, a 15-passenger van was bought to more safely transport the children, and the aging truck was relegated to more mundane services such as transporting food and supplies.

Hillrie understood the limitations of the old truck. It had two-wheel drive and often was mired in the mud that was ubiquitous during the rainy season that lasted from late December to May. In the dry season, passengers had to endure the dust that replaced the mud. The windows didn't work and the locks could be opened with any key. Hillrie was instrumental with the mission's water projects, setting up projects in six different locations around the lowlands of Bolivia and donations can still be made to the Bolivian Mission to promote more water projects. Each one of these costs at least \$15,000.

The president of the Highlands Bolivian Mission, John Baumrucker, stated, "Hillrie was my good friend and an integral part of our mission and developed an amazing group of people in Bolivia that set up and con-



Thanks to donation, the old truck can retire.

tinued to oversee all those water projects. Clean and safe water is essential to the health of so many people, including infants and children. Some of the areas that are served by these projects had childhood mortality levels of 10% before the projects were initiated. Now those areas show no recent deaths and the general health of infants and children has improved in all areas."

Donations in Hillrie's name for either the water projects or to be able to purchase a newer truck can be made to Highlands Bolivian Mission, PO Box 1358, Highlands, NC 28741. The mission will add a substantial amount to the gift so the foster home will have a safe and useful four wheel drive truck for many years.

Mawyer retires from Center for Life Enrichment

At the Center for Life Enrichment's September Board meeting, long-time President Ed Mawyer announced his retirement. Ed served as President of CLE for 10 years and devoted countless hours of service to CLE. He will be greatly missed, and no one person can replace him.

While Ed's skills were evident in all of CLE's activities, he was especially instrumental in developing CLE's Programs and trips. CLE now presents over 100 programs yearly, and Ed took the lead on developing new topics appealing to Highlands audiences and recruiting speakers from throughout the Southeast and beyond. Attendees at CLE programs—including large-scale presentations open to the entire Highlands community-- can attest to the variety and quality of CLE's programs, many of which Ed coordinated personally. Ed also initiated a close ongoing CLE relationship with Western North Carolina University and its outstanding Honors College.

Trips were another of Ed's gifts to CLE. A world traveler, he selected unique local, regional and international destinations and the best guides, hotels, and restaurants. All who travelled on CLE trips, ranging from Crystal Bridges in Arkansas and Sonoma County wine

country to Morocco and Cuba, can attest that they were "First Class" in every respect.

In a letter to the Board announcing his retirement, Ed properly noted that he had helped "direct CLE to its significant place in our community. I am very proud of our success and am very hopeful for the continued success of CLE." The good news is that Ed, in his own words, "is not going away." He will still coordinate and present programs in 2021 and greet you as you enter the CLE lecture hall.

CLE's Board, its Members, and the Highlands community he continues to serve owe Ed a debt of gratitude that will be hard to repay. Please accept our well-deserved thanks for a job well done.

At its October 8 meeting, the Board elected Lee Garrett as CLE's new President. Going forward, Al Pearson will serve as Vice-President and Bill McMillan as Treasurer. The Board is also pleased to announce that Sandy Carlton will continue as Executive Director and Bonnie Dayton as Marketing Director. No one will be surprised that Ed Mawyer has already answered the call by providing informal consultation.

Fall has many colors of CHANGE ...



Bidens is a genus of sunflower-like plants in the Aster family. These are on the corner of Chestnut and 6th streets.

All roads lead to VOTING with many bi-ways filled with Bidens!

Early VOTING is
Thurs., Oct. 15, through Sat., Oct. 31.
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Mon.-Fri. 8a-7:30p, Sat. 8a-6p,
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- VOTE Absentee Ballot
 - VOTE during Early Voting
 - VOTE on Election Day, November 3, 2020
- AND**

LOOK for Bidens brightening your way!

Haven't registered to VOTE?

Remember:

You may register AND vote
 (one-stop)
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 during Early Voting.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

October in Highlands... it's beauty signals change



Rev. Steve Ridenhour
Lutheran Church
of the Holy Family, Highlands

October is a beautiful time in Highlands. The mountain tops glorify God with splendid and vibrant colors. Warm days begin to transition into brisk nights. Soon frost will decorate our windows. A glowing fireplace will be a welcome refuge from the cold brisk air. As the season changes, I find myself in awe of our Creator God.

While we welcome the changes of autumn. Sometimes change is very hard. We are reminded of the many changes we have encountered during this year. At times, these changes can overwhelm us. But in the midst of such changes, we are reminded of God's unchanging love for us.

In John's gospel Jesus proclaims, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). The truth is that God's love is poured out for us through the gift of Jesus, God's only Son, who died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin. This truth is unchanging.

No matter what season we find ourselves. The truth remains constant, God loves us, forgives us and through Jesus constantly extends to us grace and mercy beyond measure.

In the midst of autumn change, the Psalmist reminds us: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea." (Psalm 46) The truth of the matter is, in the midst of all the changes we encounter from day to day God is our refuge and strength.

In the midst of autumn change, St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the church in Rome, that Jesus died for all people. St. Paul writes: "For there is no distinction, 23since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith." (Romans 3) The truth of the matter is our salvation is not dependent upon what we do, but what Christ has done for us through his life, death and resurrection. This truth is eternally unchanging.

We welcome the beauty of the changing leaves. The mountain tops glorify God with splendid and vibrant colors. And we glorify God for Christ unchanging love poured out for all of us and for all of creation.

Proverbs 3:5

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Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.

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• FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Oct. 6

Oct. 6

• At 7:55 a.m., the dept. responded to a mutual aid call from Cashiers FD. It was cancelled enroute.

• At 12:20 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

• At 4:06 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Big Pine Lane.

Oct. 7

• At 8:42 a.m., the dept. helped a stranded motorist on Horse Cove Road.

• At 1:07 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Brushy Face Road N.

• At 2:43 p.m., the dept. re-

sponded to a fire alarm at a residence on Clear Creek Road.

Oct. 8

• At 1:40 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of "the smell of smoke" at a residence on VZ Top.

• At 9:23 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Peace Mountain Road.

Oct. 9

• At 6:46 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence at VZ Top.

• At 3:58 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Many Road.

• At 5:49 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Many Road.

• At 8:33 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a resi-

dence on Buckberry Road.

Oct. 10

• At 5:30 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 4th. Street.

• At 4:47 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

Oct. 11

• At 12:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a resi-

dence on Country Club Drive.

• At 3:50 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 6 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Magnolia Drive.

Oct. 12

• At 10:27 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

• At 10:54 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Village Walk

• At 5:47 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Chestnut Hill Drive.

Oct. 13

• At 6:23 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

Jackson County man sentenced for causing serious injury by motor vehicle

A Jackson County man who crashed into an Ohio couple's car last year along U.S. 23/441, seriously injuring both, must serve active time in prison, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said recently.

Travis Aron Zepeda, 24, who at various times has listed home addresses in both Cherokee and Glenville, pleaded guilty last week to two counts felony serious injury by motor vehicle in connection with the April 1, 2019, wreck.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bradley B. Letts sentenced Zepeda in Jackson County Superior Court to a minimum of 19 months in prison and a maximum of 32 months. He must undergo substance-abuse and mental-health treatments and participate in job training.

After the wreck, N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper D.J. Brooks found a small container under Zepeda's 2002 Mercury Sable. It contained about 6 grams of methamphetamine. Laboratory analysis of blood and urine samples from Zepeda showed the presence of methamphetamine and amphetamine, confirming his impairment.

The couple, Don and Ellen

Morrison of Batavia, Ohio, at that time were each 70 years old. In a victim-impact statement, Don Morrison, who suffered four fractured ribs and lacerations, said he found recovering from the accident tough going.

"I was on an all-time emotional low for several months," he said.

Ellen Morrison was flown by helicopter to Mission Hospital in Asheville with internal bleeding, lacerations and additional severe bleeding.

A short time before the wreck, witnesses saw Zepeda driving recklessly on Mill Street in Sylva. Once on U.S. 23/441 — speeding 70-80 mph southbound along a stretch of the four-lane highway posted at 55 mph — he drove between two other cars, also southbound.

Zepeda ran off the pavement on the right side of the highway. He crossed the grass median and clipped a 2015 Freightliner tractor-trailer truck.

His car crashed almost head on into the Morrisons' northbound 2016 BMW. Zepeda's car overturned onto its side. He suffered minor injuries.

Jackson County Assistant DA Andy Buckner prosecuted the case.



Highlands Community Plan Public Input Meetings

Visioning Workshop Thursday, October 22 5PM @ Highlands Community Building 869 N 4th Street

Walking Tour Friday, October 23 9AM - Meet at Town Hall

The Town is updating the Community Plan! We want to hear about your priorities for the future both in and around Highlands. Your input is crucial for the creation of a successful plan, which will serve as a policy guide for the Town's future decisions, investments and initiatives.



Appropriate social distancing protocol will be in place for this meeting. We ask that anyone who wants to participate sign up in advance for your preferred time slot at www.highlandscommunityplan.com/get-involved so that we are in accordance with the state's latest gathering mandates. Each of the slots will last 45 minutes. There are two time slots available (5pm and 6pm)

Please take your temperature before arrival and wear a face covering. The Town will have masks and hand sanitizer available.

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