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## Highlands a Top 12 America's Small-Town ArtPlace

ArtPlace, a collaboration of leading national and regional foundations, banks, and federal agencies committed to accelerating creative placemaking, included Highlands as one of the top 12 art places in the country.

ArtPlace believes in putting

the arts at the heart of a portfolio of strategies designed to revitalize communities.

America's Top Twelve Small-Town ArtPlaces is a new annual ArtPlace initiative recognizing smaller communities in the country where the arts are central to

creating the kinds of places where people want to live, work, and visit.

ArtPlace Director Carol Colletta said, "Earlier this year, ArtPlace announced America's Top 12 ArtPlaces in major metropolitan areas — vibrant communities

identified as being exceptionally successful in combining the arts, artists, and venues for creativity and expression with independent businesses, restaurants, and a walkable lifestyle. It is equally impor-

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## Planning Board readies for coming 'BrewPub'

Since a "brew pub" is planned for Town Square above Wild Thyme Gourmet Restaurant, the Planning Board worked on an ordinance regarding Microbreweries and Brewpubs at its April 8 meeting.

Members Thomas Craig, Patrick Leonard, Alan Marsh, Glenda Bell and Chris Boltz discussed areas in town such businesses should be allowed, as well as production limits and food requirements. Members Tony Potts and Mandi Neumann were absent.

Planning Director David Clabo had drafted an ordinance using standards from the Brewery Association regarding microbreweries and brewpubs, as well as information from the state's ABC Board as a jumping off place.

The board agreed with his draft describing a microbrewery but stipulated that a manufacturing business such as that be only

allowed in the B3 zone in town.

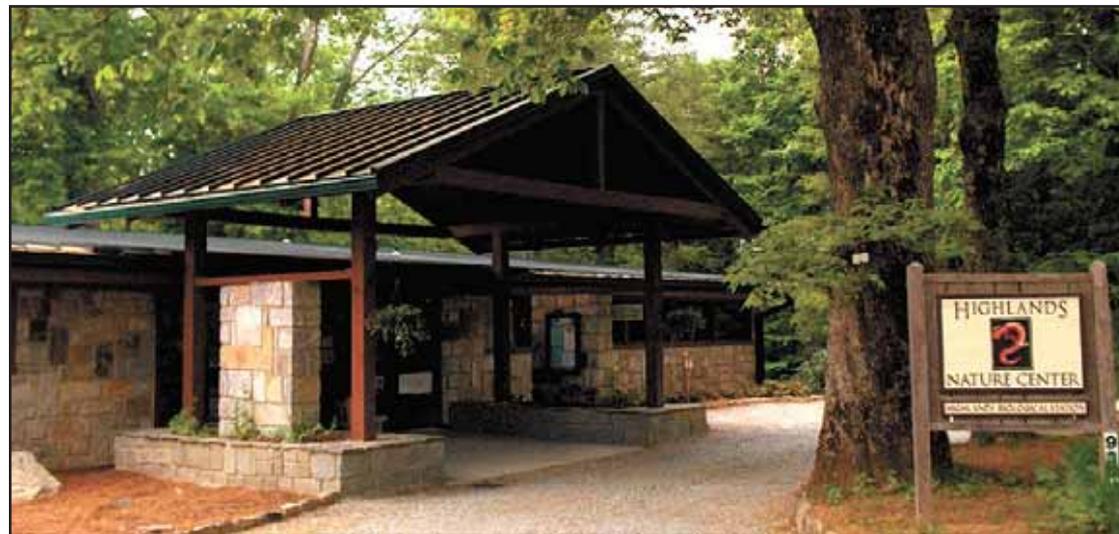
Chairman Thomas Craig said he didn't think a large capacity manufacturing business like a microbrewery belonged in the downtown business area which is primarily zoned B1 and B2.

"Is that something we would want in B1 with 75% of the product sold off site?" he asked. "Traditionally, B1 isn't a manufacturing district. A brewpub is small but a microbrewery is a large operation."

The definition of and stipulation for a Microbrewery agreed upon by the board is as follows: A brewery that produces less than 15,000 barrels of beer per year with 75% or more of the beer sold off-site. Microbreweries sell to the public by one or more of the following methods: the traditional three-tier system (brewer to wholesaler to retailer to consumer); the two-tier system (brewer acting as wholesaler to retailer to consumer); and, directly to the consumer through carryouts and/or on-site tap-room or restaurant sales. Microbreweries shall only be allowed in the B3 zoning district.

Members agreed with Clabo's initial definition of a brewpub but added that such businesses should be allowed in the B1, B2 or B3 district and beer production should

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Funding for Highlands Nature Center is in Governor's sights.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

## Governor McCrory's budget cuts could hit Highlands and Macon County

### CWTF, PARTF and Grassroots Science Museum programs in jeopardy; Macon County Commission reacts

The first NC budget by a Republican in 20 years was unveiled last week by Governor Pat McCrory and if accepted, could directly affect Highlands and Macon County.

His proposed biennial \$20.6 billion budget replenishes the state's depleted reserve funds by shifting dedicated money that previously flowed into trust funds and other projects and programs directly into the state's General Fund.

Dubbed pass-through funding, McCrory's budget cuts money the state grants to several non-

profits and organizations including the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) and the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF).

McCrory's budget would cut the PARTF 44% to \$15.5 million of the \$27.5 million it would otherwise receive annually from a portion of the state land transaction tax, and it proposes routing all the conveyance tax money to the General Fund in the future. However, his budget does return about \$46 million of the \$275 million earmarked for dedicated purposes back to their original lo-

cations.

Macon County and Highlands have been the recipients of PARTF money in the past and projects on the board are depending on those funds.

At Tuesday's Macon County Commission meeting, Commissioner Jim Tate asked the board to sign a resolution to maintain and support the current integrity and funding for PARTF.

"PARTF money was largely responsible for the development of Zachary Park and the county

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## • LETTERS •

### Is salary study fiscally responsible?

Dear Editor,

The recent announcement that the town is spending \$11,200 on a salary study for the employees raises issues which should definitely be brought to the attention of the public. I think anyone living in the area would be shocked to know about these policies.

If the study looks at overall compensation and benefits, I believe it will show that the total benefit package (which includes among other benefits, holidays, vacation days and sick leave) already in place probably greatly exceeds the benefits provided by any business or company within the areas. A quick survey of other businesses within the area should confirm this fact.

Of particular interest is the fact that after 15 years of service, employees are entitled to accrue and use up to 320 hours of sick leave annually (which as the math shows amounts to eight weeks). If these hours aren't used during the years, the balance is "credit for service" under the NC retirement system. Unused vacation days are accrued in a similar manner.

When the employee retires, the total hours accumulated through this policy is credited to their years of service for retirement compensation. This means Town of Highlands residents are paying for this benefit through local taxes and then paying for it again through NC State taxes as long as the employee lives.

I think taxpayers would be very interested in knowing what they are shelling out on an annual basis to pay for all of this.

Would bringing these benefits more in line with other businesses perhaps mean a lowering of utility bills and property taxes?

Jessica Webb  
Highlands

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is hoping to get similar funding for the Parker Meadows Recreation Facility it is considering," said Tate.

Funding for PARTF began with funds raised by the state's deed stamp years ago. It currently costs \$2 per \$1,000 value for documentary stamps to go on property deeds. One dollar goes to the state and \$1 into the PARTF pot.

"If they aren't going to put the deed stamp money where it was intended to go in the first place, then they should do away with the cost of the stamp," said Tate.

Commissioners said the idea of shuffling PARTF money into the General Fund isn't getting much support across the state, but just to be sure the board is sending the resolution to Raleigh with a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Paul Higdon and Ron Haven voted no.

"I think we should leave the state alone and let it do what it has to do," said Higdon. "It has to cut something to get its budget in line."

The other commissioner tried to explain that nothing was being cut; instead the money is being redirected into the General Fund, but their explanations fell on deaf ears.

#### Other Cuts

In addition, the state's Grassroots Science Museum programs at the Highlands Nature Center, Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute, WNC Nature Center and Colburn Earth Science Museum, both in Asheville, and Kidsenses Children's Interactive Museum, in Rutherfordton would all see cuts.

Director of the Highlands Nature Center, Patrick Brannon said the cuts would be devastating to the Center.

"Loss or severe reduction in our state support through Grassroots Science would certainly have considerable consequences," he said. The Nature Center began receiving funding through Grassroots in 2003, which allowed us to hire its first permanent, year-round director. Until then, the Center was only open seasonally with new staff each summer. The continuity afforded by Grassroots Science funding has in turn enabled the Center to greatly increase its programming, especially to regional schools.

In 2012 more than 3,100 Macon and Jackson county students were served through the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, (STEM) education school outreach programming, which conform to the NC state science Essential Standards.

"These informal science programs not only complement classroom learning, but also provide sustained student learning beyond the classroom," said Brannon.

Over the years, Grassroots funding has

also enabled the Center to greatly expand and upgrade its exhibits, which are visited heavily by the community in summer and fall.

"Each year we boast record visitation numbers, as the Nature Center and garden are one of the main town attractions, especially for those with families," said Brannon.

The loss of Grassroots funding means funding of the Nature Center budget would fall entirely on the Highlands Biological Foundation, its nonprofit organization. Money for staff, exhibits, and operations would rely solely on the Center's ability to receive annual grant funding, and from the support of contributors from the local community.

"Even today, Grassroots has suffered a nearly 29% loss over the last six years," said Brannon.

Highlands Nature Center is one of 34 member-institutions of the Grassroots Science Museums Collaborative, a collection of science centers and museums across the state. One of the Grassroots Science Museums Collaborative strengths is that it reaches all 100 NC counties, including rural communities.

"In addition, Grassroots museums form a private /public partnership," said Brannon. "For every \$1 of state support, Grassroots Museums collectively leverage \$17. This is used to provide STEM leaning opportunities for youth and other citizens across the state, which should generate interest in future STEM-based economic growth and job creation. Grassroots museums also help the community by providing tourism dollars into the local economy."

Brannon urges citizens to contact their representatives in Raleigh and remind them of the important things that Grassroots Science museums do for the citizens of NC.

"This is a critical time," he said. "It is more important than ever."

Under the plan, the CWMTE, which provides matching money for wastewater and water resource restoration projects throughout the state, is reduced to \$6.75 million in the first year of the biennial budget and has no money earmarked for it in the second year of the budget.

For the past two budget cycles the trust fund, which was created in 1996 with a statutory target of \$100 million in funding annually, has seen the lowest levels of funding in its history. Last year, the fund received \$11 million to cover an estimated \$122 million in requests.

Highlands has been a beneficiary of

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## Barbara Bryson Moss

Barbara Bryson Moss, age 70, of Cashiers, NC, died Wednesday, April 3, 2013 in an Asheville hospital. She was born in Jackson County, the daughter of the late Walter L. and Sally Dillard Bryson. She was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, she liked flowers and cooking. She was a member of Cashiers Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Robert R. Moss; one daughter, Cheryl Moss of Charlotte, NC; one son, Scotty Petit and his wife Tina of Cashiers, NC; two sisters, Ann Petit of Rosman, NC and Alene Morgan of Brevard, NC; one brother, McKee Bryson of Brevard, NC; two grandchildren, Cheyenne Petit and Jayden Petit.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 6 at Cashiers Baptist Church, with Rev. Todd Moss and Rev. Nathan Moss officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Cashiers Baptist Church. PO Box 336, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Richard Pretz

Richard Pretz died peacefully April 3, 2013 after a long, well fought illness with Alzheimer's. He was born in January 1931 in Oak Park, IL to the late Mr and Mrs. Richard Hersch Pretz of Atlanta, GA. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeanie Sutherland Pretz of Lake Toxaway, NC. Also surviving are his sister Lavinia Pretz Phillips of Orange, VA and two daughters, Diana Pretz of Columbia, SC and Linda Pretz Candler (Bill) of Atlanta, GA. A son pre-deceased him, Richard Bradley Pretz.

Dick had four grandchildren of whom he was very proud; Rachael Strasburger Wall and Kyle Strasburger of Columbia, S.C and William and Vallie Candler of Atlanta, GA. He also had one niece and three nephews.

Dick graduated from The Darlington School in 1949 and later attended the Georgia Institute of Technology graduating with a degree in Industrial Management in 1952. While at Georgia Tech, Dick played football for revered coach Bobby Dodd and always spoke fondly and with much gratitude about Bobby's leadership as a coach and a gentleman. Two football memories that Dick and his teammates recalled happily were being a member of the 1952 National Championship Football Team and that Dick ran the only touchdown on the first ever televised college football game verses Alabama! After college, he went to work with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI.

He then went on to serve in the Army in the Anti Aircraft Artillery Division in Niagara Falls at Fort Niagara from 1953 to 1956. After his service, Dick went to work for Matthews Construction Company in Atlanta. After a few years, he began his own general contracting company, Pretz Construction Company, in 1969. He built commercial construction around Atlanta until he retired in 1991.

After retirement, Dick and Jeanie moved up to the western North Carolina mountains to live year round where he could enjoy the outdoors, hunting, fishing and walks with his dogs! He played tennis with friends for many years in Atlanta and North Carolina.

Dick loved Jeanie, his family, the beautiful NC mountains and his companionable dogs! He was so proud of this great country and its vast patriotic history and had a passion for stories of our founding fathers, the civil war, and the early settlers.

Many very heartfelt thanks and love go to Dick's doctors, wonderful nurses and caregivers who took such loving care of Dick and his family during these past challenging years. They each are a true blessing to all. A memorial service was held on Friday April 5, 2013 at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs, GA.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to The Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter, 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 550, Atlanta, GA 30346. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Joe H Tuten, Jr.

Joe H Tuten, Jr., died peacefully at his home in Varnville, SC on Sunday evening, April 7, 2013, with his sister by his side.

A native of New Orleans, LA, Mr. Tuten was also raised in Biloxi and Jackson, MS. He attended Biloxi High School and was a graduate of Provine High School, Jackson. He received a BA in Business from Mississippi College, Clinton, MS and an MBA from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA.

Though his life career began in computer technology sales, his great love was cooking. He and his family owned the former LaRuth's Restaurant in Jackson, MS. Joe later

owned the City Grill in New Orleans, LA, Bartow's Barbecue in Wiley, GA and the Scaly Grill in Scaly Mountain, NC.

Declining health relocated him to Varnville, SC, where he had the chance to spend time with his cousins Fred, Jr. and Henry Tuten. Joe was interim teacher of the Sunshine Sunday School class at Varnville First Baptist Church and was an active member of the church choir and the Hampton County Choral Society.

If there is one thing that can be said about his life, Joe lived it to the fullest. He had a brilliant mind and never left an opportunity unturned.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Dr Joe H. and Ruth Jarrell Tuten of Jackson, MS and his son, Joe H Tuten, III of High Point, NC.

He is survived by his sister, Jann Tuten, Brandon, MS; nephews David S. Furr, Jackson, MS and Dr. Joe C. Furr (Meghan), Ocean Springs, MS.; his friend, former wife and mother of his son, Jo Ann D. Hupperich, Terry, MS.; his former wife, Angela Tuten, Clayton, GA.; aunts and uncles: Thelma and James Tuten, Varnville, SC, Edith Tuten, Pooler, GA and Lorraine and Royce Jarrell, Metairie, LA and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Music Ministry Choir Robe Fund of Varnville First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 306, Varnville, SC 29944.

His family thanks Amedysis Hospice

of Walterboro, SC for its exceptional care and support, and, specifically, thanks Mark and Jessie Hobson and Hank O'Banner of Varnville, for their tireless assistance to Joe's physical needs; they made it possible for him to remain at home.

Graveside services were held at Sandy Run Cemetery, Sandy Run Road, Varnville, SC, Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Arrangements by: The Brice W. Hernon and Sons Funeral Homes.

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# HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a beginning April 1.
- Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5 per class. First class free.

Monday & Wednesday

- Hatha Yoga - Body n' Soul. 7:45a at First Presbyterian Church. R.Y.T and Y.A. (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

Monday & Thursday

- Hatha Yoga - Body n' Soul. 10:45a at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. R.Y.T and Y.A. (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

Thurs., April 11

- The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. Franklin Ingram, Director of the Community Care Clinic of Franklin will be the guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served. 2 tickets to The Taste of Home Cooking School will be

given away. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 828-369-9221.

- The April meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville, N.C. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 PM, March through November.

Saturday, April 13

- Gorge Clean-Up Day & Cook-Out at Cliffside Lake shelter. Meet at the new chamber/visitor center at 108 Main Street for breakfast at 8:30a. Areas will be assigned. Call Jennifer Smathers at 526-2112 for info.

- Relay for Life Highlands Kickoff Celebration from 5-7p at the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. Appetizers, drinks, raffle prizes, relay information and fire truck and station tours. For more information call 526-1841.

Wed., April 17

- Free movie at the Hudson Library. "Arbitrage." Rated R.

Thurs. April 18

- Taize at Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30p.

Sat., April 20

- A benefit for Tommy Houston at Highlands Civic Center from 3:30-9:30p. Tommy has heart trouble and had to stay one in ICU at Mission Hospital. Tommy does not have any health insurance and has a lot of medical

expenses. Come and enjoy a hot dog dinner, singing, and auction.

- Earth Day and Summer volunteer opportunities at the Highlands Biological Garden. Work is needed on trails, near the garden entrance and fern and woodland loop trails from 10a to noon. To participate in the Earth Day Volunteer Celebration, or any of the monthly workdays, call Erika Selman know in advance (828) 526-0188 or e-mailing emselman@email.wcu.edu.

- OEI sponsored Kickball Tournament for Relay for Life, 11a to 3p at the Highlands ballfield. 45-minute games, 5 innings. To sign up contact Dave Linn at bringingit2life@yahoo.com or 828-421-7637.

Monday, April 22

- Mirror Lake Association quarterly meeting at the Rec Park at 6 p.m.

Thurs.-Sun., April 25-28

- The PAC Youth Theater presents "John Lennon and Me" at the Performing Arts Center. Shows are at 7:30p and 2:30p Sunday matinee.

Thursday, April 25

- Dine out in Highlands for AIDS. Cyprus International Restaurant and Wolfgang's are contributing 20% of their dinner sales to WNCAP.

Sat., April 27

- Car show fundraiser for Care Net. 10a to 3p at Sonic on 441 (GA Rd.) Registration \$10. For more information call 828-349-0986.

Thurs., May 2

- Taize at HUMC at 5:30p.

Monday, May 6

- Rotary Club of Highland's Annual Golf Tournament at the Highlands Country Club. Registration, the driving range and the practice green will open at 11 am with a noon shotgun start. Lunch at the turn and beverages on the course, and a HCC logo Tervis Tumbler. There will be a closest to the pin and long drive competitions, raffles and Mulligans on sale for only \$5. Entry fee is \$150 per player and ALL proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Highlands. Sign up alone or as part of a foursome. To sign up contact Joyce Baillargeon at 828-526-0501 or email jbaillargeon@highlandscountryclub.com

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## • LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ... IN THEIR WORDS •

• In this weekly series, legislators will inform constituents of their dealings in Washington, Raleigh and Macon County – in their own words.

### Senator Burr Introduces Child Care Protection Act of 2013

*Bill would require background checks for all child care providers*



US Senator Richard Burr (Rep. NC)

ground checks, and as a father, grandfather, and great grandfather, I think it's a responsible step to ensure that our youth are in a safe situation when at one of these facilities."

"There are a lot of sick people out there preying on innocent children, and this measure will help prevent these individuals from securing child care jobs where they can do the most damage," Senator Rubio said. "Protecting kids and giving parents greater peace of mind that they are being cared for in safe environments by qualified professionals is a cause that should unite all of us."

"As parents, we want to know that our kids are safe and in good hands when we drop them off at child care," Senator Bennet said. "This bill will give parents more peace of mind by bringing the vetting process for child care providers up to the standards that we expect for our children and help ensure that they're in a safe environment."

Requirements for background checks vary greatly from state to state and only a handful of states require child care providers to complete a comprehensive background check. Although a recent survey found that 95% of parents with children under the age of 5 support background

checks for child care providers, only 10 states currently conduct a full criminal background check that includes a fingerprint check of state and federal criminal records, a check of child abuse and neglect registries, and a check of the sex offender registry. The Child Care Protection Act of 2013 would require such comprehensive background checks for child care providers and require those background checks be repeated once every 5 years.

More than 11 million children under age 5 are in some type of child care arrangement every week while their parents work. A parent survey conducted by the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) found that 85% of parents assumed that child care providers must have a background check to work with children.

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Realtor®, I have found that it is usually 10% who do 90% of the business.

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# • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

## Solid week for Highlander sports

By Ryan Potts

Highlander Spring Sports capped off a week full of solid performances on Tuesday, as the Highlander Men's Golf team, baseball team and Women's soccer team all earned victories.

### ... INVESTING from page 6

for you, no matter what the commission fee.

- Provide available information on properties of interest to you, such as surveys, tax office info, deed, appraisals, covenants and restrictions, zoning, or anything else applicable to the property prior to making an offer.

- Broker's responsibility is to educate you on property values, market conditions and contract provisions for you protection. Before you make an offer, broker should encourage you to take the time you need to be comfortable in making these important decisions.

- Be skillful in negotiating, handling volumes of paperwork and patiently lead you through the negotiating and closing process.

- Help with list of professionals needed during due diligence period; provide applications and meet with home inspectors (and other specified inspections), contractors for bids on repairs/improvements, surveyor, septic/water inspectors, provide documentation/info to mortgage lender, appraiser, insurance company and closing attorney.

- Provide information to transfer utilities, review closing statement prior to closing, transfer of keys, provide list of professionals who may assist you as a property owner.

The best advice to you is to find a broker who will treat you like family from the moment of your inquiry through the closing process and any help you may need as a property owner and a

• See INVESTING page 11

The Women's soccer team preceded their win on Tuesday with a 1-1 tie over Rabun Gap on Saturday. Mary Gillian Renfro scored the lone Highlands goal on an assist from Kirstyn Lamb, and the stout Highlander defense was able to hold the Lady Eagles to a lone goal. On Tuesday, the Lady Highlanders defeated the Cherokee Lady Braves 5-1. Lamb finished the game with a hat trick for the Lady Highlanders, and Renfro and Senior Hayden Bates added a goal apiece to make up the final margin. Highlands will host Habersham Central this evening (Thursday) at 5pm.

The Highlander Men's golf team scored a decisive victory in a match with Rosman, Blue Ridge and Cherokee on Tuesday. Max Bosco led the Highlanders with a match best 41, and Kyle Gabbard

and Brent Amundrud shot a 47 and 48 respectively. The Highlanders are scheduled to host a match this Thursday at Wildcat Cliffs.

The Highlander baseball team obtained their first win of the season on Tuesday by an 8-3 score over the Cherokee Braves. Philip Murphy started and got the win for the Highlanders, and Taylor Osteen closed the game out with 2 2/3 innings of relief. Davis Moore went 4-4 from the plate with a double and a triple for the Highlanders, who used a 2 run first inning and a 3 run 3rd to take a lead that they would keep throughout. Osteen clubbed his first career home run in the 3rd, and the Highlanders would tack on a couple of insurance runs in the late innings to close out the victory.



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# Spring Home Improvement

## Improve Curb Appeal

(StatePoint) –Even if you aren't considering selling your home anytime soon, it's always a good idea to keep it looking great.

Seasonal upgrades can help you improve your home's curb appeal and make it the envy of the neighborhood. From landscaping to remodeling that increases energy efficiency, now is a great time to give your home a facelift.

There are several ways you can improve your home's exterior:

### Details Matter

Simple weekend jobs, like replacing or painting your front door in an eye-popping color, can give your home an instant update. If you decide to paint, look for a warm, inviting color that complements existing materials such as the siding, trim and other accessories. Don't be afraid to pick a bold color for the door. For example, rich red colors work well and a gloss or semi-gloss exterior paint

works best.

### Crystal Clear

The easiest way to give your home a quick facelift is to clean your windows. The glass can be rinsed with plain water and cleaned with regular or ammonia-based glass cleaners. Use some elbow grease to make them sparkle. Then, clean the vinyl frame with a solution of mild soap and water.

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### Landscaping Design

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home's external appearance for a reasonable price and with minimum bother. Consider adding planters to both sides of the entranceway. Use flowering plants and trees, or native perennials that do not need a lot of maintenance. Make sure to clear broken branches, twigs, or leaves from the yard. Trim shrubs and trees to freshen your home's appearance.

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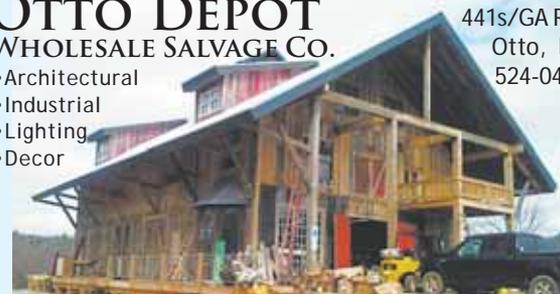
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# Spring Home Improvement

## Easy and Inexpensive Home Decorating Tips

(StatePoint) Every living space needs a change from time to time -- but re-decorating your home from scratch can cost you a lot of time and money. Luckily, there are headache-free, cost-effective ways to completely revamp your rooms.

Make interior design a cinch with these simple tips:

### Rearrange

If you're feeling cramped, but you're not in the market for new furniture, you can rearrange what you currently have to create more space or give the room a whole new feel. Moving larger furniture against the walls will open up the central floor space. Be sure to give ample space between furniture for foot traffic, especially if you have pets or children.

Do an honest appraisal of your knick knacks and adornments. Less can be more when it comes to these items. Consider getting rid of some of the clutter for a sleeker look that will require

a lot less dusting.

A well-placed mirror is a quick way to make the room feel twice as big.

### Change Your Mind

If you hate commitment, consider periodically rotating your artwork between several favorite pieces. You can transform the entire feel of the room simply by changing what is on your walls. Consider doing so on a seasonal thematic basis, whenever your kids come home with a new creation, or simply when the mood strikes.

Make this process easy on yourself, and opt for a frame that comes ready to hang.

### Go Bold

Give your space a splash of color and pizzazz by painting an accent wall or the molding with a funky or decadent color. It will be easy to opt for a bolder color if you are not painting every inch of your room.

The walls are not the only surface that deserves a color treatment. You can add



Rotating favorite photographs and children's artwork is an easy way to transform a room.

color to the floor with a beautiful area rug. And don't forget how far a few throw pillows can go to add texture and color to a drab couch.

### Live It Up

A couple of house plants will lend any drab room a sense of vitality. Choose a sunlit corner for your plants. Low maintenance plants that can thrive even under the care of the most irresponsible plant owners include African Violets, Jade and spider plants.

You don't need to break

the bank, or your back for that matter, when giving your home's interiors a facelift. Quick easy changes can make a big impact.

Note: Highlands Newspaper wants to thank Paul Vasky of Sycamore Cabinetry for suggesting Yahoo Home's article by Amy Howell Hirt that ran in last week's Home Improvement section, "5 bargain renovations that add value." Go to [www.highlandsnewspaperPDF.com](http://www.highlandsnewspaperPDF.com) and click on the April 4 edition.



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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## What motivates you to be you?

**Rev. Paul Christy**  
Highlands United  
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I have often wondered why we do some of the things we do, in other words what motivates us to be the people we are?

Several years ago, I heard Tony Campolo preach at Duke Chapel and he was perhaps the best preacher I had ever heard at that time. There he was preaching before thousands of people in Duke Chapel and he talked about motivation, and when he finished preaching you could have heard a pin drop. He told a story that still runs through my mind from time to time.

He was in New York City at a speaking engagement and his hotel was right near a coffee shop. He was to be there a week and he found the coffee shop to be a place of respite.

Every night from 8-10p, he to the coffee shop to unwind and eat a piece of pie. He got use to seeing the same crowd after a few days and he said there was a group of ladies that came in every night about 9p to drink coffee and talk. He said by the way they were dressed and the way they talked you could tell that they were ladies of the evening.

But on Wednesday of that week, one of the ladies told the others that the next day was her birthday and she longed for home, but her parents wanted nothing to do with her anymore. Soon after they left to go out onto the streets to work.

Dr. Campolo called the owner of the shop, Gus to his table and said, "Gus, we are going to throw a party tomorrow night for that lady because it is her birthday tomorrow and we are going to show her that she is loved."

Gus looked at Dr. Campolo and asked "Aren't you a preacher?" Dr. Campolo said, well yes I am. Gus just shook his head and said, yeah, whatever.

The next evening, Dr. Campolo came in with a cake and balloons and decorated the coffee shop, and like clock-work, at 9p those same ladies came in and Gus and Campolo yelled "Happy Birthday!" With tears running down her face, she hugged Gus and Dr. Campolo and said, this is the first time in 10 years someone has remembered my birthday.

After the party, Gus looked at Dr. Campolo and said, "Now what is your church and where is it because I may want to come to your church." Now here is the line I remember all too well from the sermon at Duke Chapel, Dr. Campolo said; "Gus I go to a church that throws parties for prostitutes and sinners."

So, I want you to look at your motivation this week and ask yourself why you do what you do.

If we are nice just to get ahead, is that a motivation that will give us peace? If we help someone just so others will say that we are nice people, is that a motivation that will last? If we are kind or give a gift, just so we can get something in return, is that a motivation that is sincere?

I want to challenge everyone to give because it is the right thing to do; to love one another expecting nothing in return; and to forgive one another so that we may find peace.

To all the churches in our community, I want us to be a place that throws parties for all people and welcomes them with love and compassion.

When we are motivated to love, to care, and to share, that is when we catch a glimpse of the Kingdom of God.

I have always said due to its sheer beauty, Highlands is a little piece of Heaven, but I also think it is because of the people. So community, what is your motivation for being you? I need to check my motivation quite a bit, but I pray that I am motivated by faith. Didn't Jesus say love God and love your neighbor? Maybe that needs to be our motivation.

John 3:16

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Proverbs 3:5

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"In the short term the Governor's proposed cuts do not affect us as we are at least 12 to 18 months out from starting this project," said Town Manager Bob Frye. "At that point it could be problematic if the Clean Water

Management Trust fund is depleted, but if that is the case we will assess our options at that time and either postpone the project, or find other funding sources such as borrowing the money from a bank."

NC Senator Jim Davis (R-District 50) applauds the Governor's efforts to present a balanced budget.

"Considering Governor McCrory and his team had only about eight weeks to put together their budget recommendations, they did a remarkable job," he said. "Now the Legislature's job is to identify its priorities, recognize areas of agreement and disagreement, and to adjust the budget ac-

ordingly. We are gathering information from state departments in order to make informed budget decisions. This process will continue for several more weeks."

Davis said the resulting budget will represent the second con-

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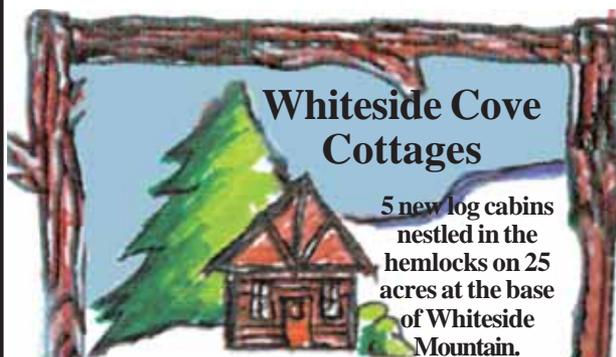
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be limited to a maximum of 1,000 barrels a year.

"That scale of production is more in keeping with the downtown business district," said Craig. "Limiting barrel output keeps the business in character with downtown."

Clabo asked if the board wanted to consider a brewpub a restaurant and therefore require the serving of food – something the state does not require of a brewpub or a private club like The Lost Hiker on Carolina Way.

However, if a restaurant wants to sell alcoholic beverages, "gross receipts from food and nonalcoholic beverages shall be not less than 30% of the total gross receipts from food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages."

Clabo reasoned that manufacturing beer and serving it in a brewpub is similar to a restaurant even though the state doesn't define a brewpub that way.

"If we put restaurant in the definition, then they will be required to serve food," he said.

Daniel Heinlein, who is proposing the business in Town Square said he didn't plan on serving food, since it's not required by the state. He said he planned on serving snacks like pretzels but wasn't planning on having a restaurant component.

He said he envisioned small 15-gallon batches of beer at a time and serving food wasn't part of his business plan.

Clabo said even though the state

doesn't require food to be served, if commissioners wanted to, perhaps the town could put that restriction on brewpubs.

However, when the private club on Carolina Way first came to the Planning Board and subsequently to the Town Board, additional restrictions were not applied to the business by the town concerning food service.

Everyone was enthusiastic about the prospect of the brewpub. "I like the idea even without food," said Glenda Bell.

Regardless, the group voted unanimously to require food be served and to adopt the following definition for a brewpub to be included in the Unified Development Ordinance:

"A restaurant-brewery allowed in the B1, B2 or B3 zoning district that sells 25% or more of its beer on site with a maximum production per year of 1,000 barrels. The beer is often dispensed directly from the brewery's storage tanks."

The Planning Board's recommendations will be sent to the Town Board for final approval, which may or may not adhere to its recommendations.

– Kim Lewicki

## Benefit Sat., April 20

On Saturday, April 20, there will be a benefit for Tommy Houston at Highlands Civic Center from 3:30-9:30p. Tommy has heart trouble and had to stay one in ICU at Mission Hospital. Tommy does not have any health insurance and has a lot of medical expenses. Come and enjoy a hot dog dinner, singing, and auction.

## • POLICE & FIRE •

Highlands PD log entries from March 8 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

March 8

• At 8 a.m., officers responded to a call from Bank of America where a person walked into the bank with stolen property, forged a document and exited with money.

March 11

• At 3:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and First streets.

March 19

• At 8 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Shelby Circle South.

March 23

• At 6 p.m., officers were informed of someone who has gotten someone's social security card, obtained account numbers and attempted to open a new account.

March 27

• At 7 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106 near Upper Buttermilk Road.

• At 10 a.m., officers were informed of someone trying to obtain a controlled substance with a forged prescription at Highlands Pharmacy.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from March 25.

March 25

• At 7:09 a.m., the dept. responded to several minor vehicle accidents with no injuries. Provided traffic control.

• At 5:19 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to

Cashiers-Glenville FD on a structure fire on Bee Tree Road. It assisted extinguishing the fire and cleaning up.

March 26

• At 11:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Hospital. It was false.

March 27

• At 7:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident with injuries where the driver had to be extricated from the vehicle. EMS transported to the hospital.

March 28

• At 1:04 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers-Glenville FD for a chimney fire at a residence on Mill Creed Road.

• At 9:54 p.m., a fire was reported at a residence on Cook Road but it was a controlled burn.

March 30

• At 4:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Jenkins Lane. EMS transported to the hospital.

March 31

• At 8:48 a.m., there was a report of smoke in the vicinity of Biscuit Road but nothing was found.

• At 9:31 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Mountain Ash Lane.

April 1

• A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at Chestnut Hill. It was false.

• At 1:02 a.m. and 1:06 a.m., the dept. responded to fire alarms at Chestnut Hill. There was a problem with the fire alarm system.

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tant to recognize and celebrate dynamic Small-Town ArtPlaces and the unique qualities that make them well worth the journey to explore and enjoy."

The 12 communities had the highest concentrations of arts nonprofits, core arts-oriented businesses, and workers in creative occupations among smaller towns in the United States, according to data analyzed by Impresa, Inc., a Portland-based firm specializing in the study of regional economies.

In alphabetical order by state, the Top 12 Small-Town ArtPlaces for 2013 are: Eureka Springs, AR, Crested Butte, CO, Ketchum, ID, Vineyard Haven, MA, Boothbay Harbor, ME, Lanesboro, MN, Highlands, NC, Taos, NM, Marfa, TX, Stowe, VT, Eastsound, WA, and Saratoga, WY.

### Methodology

The 2013 Top Twelve Small-Town ArtPlaces comprise arts-centric communities in single-town zip codes in non-metropolitan areas and metropolitan areas with a population of 100,000 or less. The selec-

tion was based on three factors identified by Impresa Inc., a Portland-based consulting firm specializing in the study of regional and metropolitan economies. The factors were the per capita numbers of; arts-related non-profits; arts-related businesses; and people working in creative occupations. The scores were normalized on a percentile scale (100 being the highest score and zero the lowest) and multiplied. The towns selected had the highest scores in the country.

### Verbiage About Highlands

With fewer than 1,000 permanent residents, Highlands is located on a plateau in Macon County in the Appalachian Mountains on the borders of the Carolinas and Georgia. In the summer, Highlands draws large numbers of vacationers and Southerners eager to escape the heat and humidity of low-lying area. The arts scene is active year-round with the new Bascom Center for Visual Arts and four theaters as well as antiques dealers, restaurants, and galleries.

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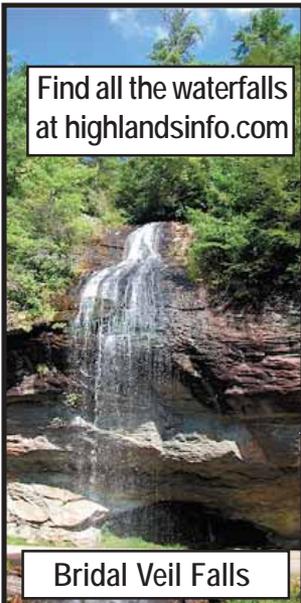
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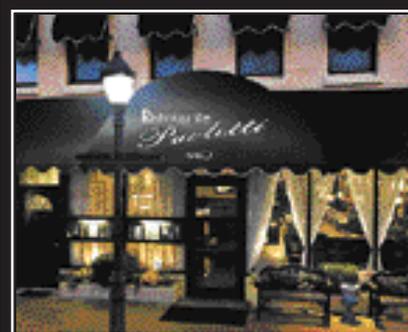
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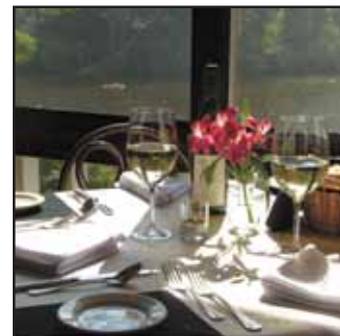
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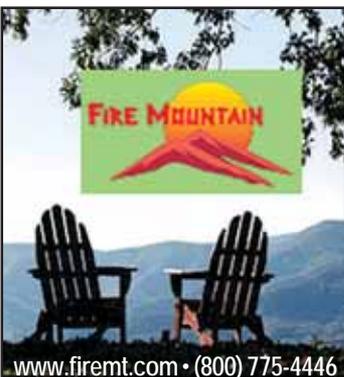
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