Tourism on the upswing

In an unexpected move Tuesday night, the Macon County Commission voted unanimously to fund an expense that wasn’t budgeted for in the 2013-14 budget. Unexpected because even before the budget was finalized Commissioners Ron Haven and Paul Higdon usually voted no for unbudgeted requests no matter what they were— but not Tuesday night.

At the Aug. 13 commission meeting, the board voted to give the Scaly Mountain Historical Society $5,000 to repair and clean up the playground and basketball court at the Old Scaly School House. “We provide the only recreation facility in our community and the surrounding area as a vacation and second home destination,” said Bob Kielyka, Executive Director of the Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center recently announced that visitors to Macon County spent $135.76 million in 2012, an increase of 7.6% from 2011, which ranks Macon County 30th among North Carolina’s 100 counties.

“This significant increase in spending by visitors to Highlands and Macon County clearly demonstrates the continuing popularity of our community and the surrounding area as a vacation and second home destination,” said Kielyka. “This means state and local tax revenues generated from tourism spending represented a $490 tax savings for every Macon County resident in 2012.”

Tourism impact highlights for 2012:
• The travel and tourism industry directly employs more than 1,150 people in Macon County.
• Total payroll generated by tourism spending represented a $18 million tax savings for every Macon County resident in 2012.

Relay for Life falls short of $100k mark

The US Flag flown in honor of the late Butch Smart at last weekend’s Relay was presented to his wife Judy Smart Tuesday by Relay Chairs Mike Murphy and Debbie Grossman and Boy Scout representative Phil Potts whose idea for the presentation became a reality. Butch Smart lost his 12-year battle with cancer this year.

Mike Murphy & Debbie Grossman Co-Chairs 2013 Relay For Life of Highlands

On behalf of the 2013 Relay For Life of Highlands Planning Committee, we would like to thank everyone that participated in our Relay Event this past Friday night/Saturday morning at the Rec Park! The crowd was amazing, both in terms of its size and its enthusiasm!

As you may know, our goal this year is to raise at least $100,000 for the American Cancer Society. This year, it is particularly important to our Relay family to meet this goal, as our way of showing special support and significance to the Highlanders we have lost this year to cancer.

To date, we have raised approximately $60,000. This number is quite an achievement and one we should be proud of! This number will increase because we still have a large, community-wide fundraising push. We have approximately 30% of our community still participating with little or no involvement. Therefore, we are asking the Highlands community to step in and help us reach our goal of $100,000.

To participate in the Relay for Life, go to www.highlandssl.org and sign up. If you cannot participate, but would like to donate, please go to www.highlandssl.org and select Relay for Life.

Thank you for your continued support of Relay for Life of Highlands.
Dear Editor,

On Monday this first week of August a group of people showed up in Raleigh complaining about teachers’ pay and the budget for the coming school year.

Does anyone believe that Gov. McCrory has a “stash” of money hidden in Raleigh somewhere he can use to increase pay for teachers or any other state employee? We all know that teachers deserve more money, but how do we solve the problem?

We have 1.7 million people in NC on food stamps up from 1.6 million the year before. Nationally food stamp use has gone up from 17.7 million people in 2006 to 46.6 million. These numbers came from the Asheville Citizens Sunday paper.

Our teachers are ranked in the bottom of the barrel nationally as far as pay goes. Our state’s tax rates have been the big reason these numbers are so high.

Gov. McCrory and the Republicans have just redone our state tax rates to make us a more business friendly state. We are now listed as one of the more friendly states to expand an existing business or start a new business. Adding new businesses and helping the unemployed find work is the key to rebuilding our state’s economy. Adding tens of thousands of new tax payers to our employment rolls is the only way to build up our state’s income. When our state’s income goes up then teachers pay will follow.

Like Detroit, Gov. Perdue kept borrowing money from the US Treasury to balance the budget. The Republicans are now forced to pay that money back along with the interest.

Perhaps the people who went to Raleigh think the Republicans should keep borrowing money like Gov. Perdue did. That would be a grave mistake.

Gov. McCrory has put North Carolina on the path to economic recovery. It is always painful to do the right thing. We should be grateful our Governor and his legislators have the guts to do the right thing for our state.

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**Dr. Travis Bedsole Goodloe, Sr**

Dr. Travis Bedsole Goodloe, Sr., age 72, of Highlands, NC died Friday, August 2, 2013 at his residence. He was born in Mobile, AL, the son of the late John Russell and Neill Bedsole Goodloe.

He was a Veteran of the US Navy serving during the Vietnam war. He graduated from the University of Alabama and University of Alabama Medical School. He practiced pediatrics and emergency medicine in Mobile, Alabama.

Dr. Goodloe retired to Highlands in 1999. He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, a member of the Mobile Medical Society, the Southern Medical Association, the sitting chairman of the Board of the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, a volunteer at the Highlands Visitor Center, a volunteer at the Hudson Library Book Worm, a volunteer at the International Friendship Center and a volunteer for Relay for Life.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol Ploetner Goodloe; his daughter, Mary Ellis Goodloe Gazaway (Hoyt) of Braselton, GA and his son, Travis Bedsole Goodloe Jr. (Lisa) of Mobile, AL; his grandchildren, Amelia Gazaway Granberg (Garrett), Jeffery Gazaway, Wright Gazaway, Cameron Gazaway, Grace Gazaway, Kathryn Gazaway, Travis Goodloe, III and Emma Goodloe.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, PO Box 548, Highlands, NC 28741 or to the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc., PO Box 43, Highlands, NC 28741

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**Warren William Chambless**

Warren William Chambless, 69, of Highlands, NC died Saturday, August 10, 2013. Born in Bay County, Florida, Bill was the son of the late Horace Russell Chambless and Frances Beall Chambless.

He was married to Penny Kente Chambless for 47 years. Bill was a graduate of Fitzgerald High School, and the University of Georgia.

He retired from Allstate Insurance Company in 2000 and later returned to work with the National Catastrophe Team for Allstate.

Bill was a loving husband, father and grandfather. In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, David Russell Chambless and Monika of Cashiers, NC; one sister, Martha Chambless of Sevierville, TN; two grandchildren, Sofia and Lilliana Chambless of Cashiers, NC.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731 or to the charity of one’s choice. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences are available by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.
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live and silent auction at Scudder’s Galleries on Sunday, August 25th from 3-5pm and we have a Kilwin’s Ice Cream Night on Tuesday, September 3rd from 6-9pm and the ongoing percentage days every Monday in August and September at Presser’s Eatery, but unfortunately, these remaining fundraisers aren’t likely to get us to that $100,000 goal.

Can you or someone you know make an additional donation to help us achieve this community goal? Donations are tax deductible and every $1 brings us closer to ridding the world of this terrible disease. Credit Card donations can be made at www.relayforlife.org/highlandsnc and cash/check donations can be dropped off at the Episcopal Church to the attention of Mike Murphy or can be mailed to:
Relay For Life of Highlands; ATTN: Mike Murphy; 79 Cook Rd.; Highlands, NC 28741
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the Tennessee Greenway, Burger King, Wesley Park, Fat Buddies and Ms. Lois’ restaurant all in Franklin.

“In Macon County, the percentage of adults who are obese is 35%,” said Simpson in an interview last week, citing a 2012 assessment by Healthy Carolinians. “The national average for obesity in the U.S. is 28%. The people of this county need to get up, get out, get healthy and lose weight... Wake up people—you're obese,” he said.

Within hours the YouTube videos went from having a few dozen views to approximately 600. At the same time Simpson was the object of many a Maconians' ire on Facebook.

“Macon County may be fat, but Hugh Simpson is an ugly person, and we can go on diets,” said 27-year-old Justin Burch.

“That man has no right videoing people and posting them up on YouTube just because of their weight,” said Anthony Le, 23, of Franklin, but formerly of Baltimore, Maryland. “I’ve never ever heard of that crap. I’m from the city; nobody does this in the city? Who cares if you are fat, skinny, ugly or pretty! He didn’t create us. God did. He’s not God.”

“I don’t feel sorry for him at all,” said 31-year-old Sarah Collier. “He preys on people he doesn’t know. He chose to be the grinch and not a who.”

By the afternoon, the Macon County Sheriff's Office had received dozens of complaints, while Simpson received numerous threats.

“Dear Mr. Hugh Simpson, I have accepted your “friend request” this afternoon for one reason only. I wish to allow you to see the comments regarding your tasteless, unprofessional, and hurtful video that degrades those who you see as ‘not to your standards,'” said a sincere Sheriff Robert Holland in a statement on August 7. “I feel this is unkind and disrespectful. While our investigation into this finds that this kind of journalism isn't illegal, I feel it is in poor taste and respectfully request that you cease and desist from continuing to post such videos. Meanwhile, I respectfully request that you contact my office where we may have a face to face meeting regarding this issue.”

To date, Simpson has not contacted Sheriff Holland.

Holland said that after meeting with the District Attorney’s office about Simpson, it was determined that he had broken no laws.

“I thought it was disrespectful,” said Holland. “Even though it wasn’t illegal, that doesn’t mean there isn’t grounds for...
Highlands can be a dangerous place to drive

If you’re coming to Highlands for a visit, be very afraid. If you’re coming to Highlands for a visit and you’re from Florida, be very, very, very afraid. “What’s the difference?” you ask.

We Floridians, sometimes called Floridiots by the locals, drive 90 mph on the straight-aways and 7 mph around the curves. And we never, never, never pull over to allow a local to pass. Now that’s scary, especially when you pit locals and Floridiots together on the same road.

Each morning around 8 AM and again at 4 PM, journeymen (those local workers who come here to fix, build and repair our stuff) are on our highways and headed to or from Highlands. The first thing these crazy locals do is put their left wheels right smack dab on the double yellow line and keep them there until they come to a curve, then they cut those curves by placing their truck waaaaay on your side. Oh, by the way, we don’t have a “your side of the road.” This is their territory so keep your dad-gum right tires over in the soft shoulders to avoid a head-on collision.

To further avoid all these dangers, only drive our highways between the hours of three and six in the morning. Most locals are still asleep and our visiting drunks are passed out. Are you writing this down? Oh, and I almost forgot. If you’re driving, make sure you have a car. Our motto is “buy a motorcycle and die young.” Some of our “meaner than a snake” locals have been known to put oil on the curves, then sit back and watch the action? Do not, I repeat, do not mess with our locals.

Sooooo, if you’re from Florida, there’s simply no reason you can’t get here safely. Select a mode of transportation with four wheels, then drive the speed limit on the curves and straight-aways with your right tires in the shoulders, being aware of oil on the road. And pull off and let them pass. Hey, they gotta get to work and we don’t.

Finally, if anything in this column has your shorts in a wad, call me at 1-800-Who-Cares!

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- Ongoing percentage days every Monday in August and September at Fressers Eatery,
Board certified neurologist joins H-C Hospital medical staff

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital welcomes Board Certified Neurologist, Bayard D. Miller, MD, to its medical staff. Dr. Miller will provide a part-time service model with office days twice per week located on level two of the Jane Woodruff Clinic. His practice will focus on a full spectrum of general neurological issues including Alzheimer’s disease, cognitive memory disorders, epilepsy, headache and migraine, movement disorders, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, myopathy, neuromuscular disorders, Parkinson’s disease, peripheral neuropathy, seizures, stroke, and tremor.

Dr. Miller has more than 35 years experience in practicing Neurology in both office and hospital settings, recently as Associate Chair, Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Department of Neurology (UF/Shands Healthcare System).

“Miller will play a large role in our community, allowing closer access to neurological services. He will also provide continuity of care, working closely with primary care physicians and patients’ primary neurologists for those living in the Highlands-Cashiers area seasonally. Miller is familiar with our area, having spent many summers here and is a true pleasure to be around,” said Hospital President and CEO Craig James.

Dr. Miller is a graduate of University of Florida Medical School, Gainesville, FL. He completed his Internship in Internal Medicine at Parkland Memorial Hospital at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas, and was the Chief Resident of his Residency Program at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. Dr. Miller is Board Certified in Neurology and is a member of the American Academy of Neurology. For the past 15 years, Dr. Miller has been listed in Woodward/White’s “The Best Doctors in America”.

Dr. Miller’s office is located in Suite 203 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the Hospital’s campus. His office hours include Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please call (828) 526-5045.

Please welcome Bayard D. Miller, MD to our community of Board Certified Physicians and Providers. Dr. Miller will join Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Physician Services practicing on the 2nd Floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic. His practice will provide a full spectrum of general neurological issues.

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a civil case. The burden of proof is far different in a civil case than it is in a criminal case, and [Sim-px]
could have caused a lot of distress.”

In response to Simpson ridic-uling Fat Buddies for its mere
namesake, as well as the size of some of its customers, County
Commissioner Kevin Corbin also made a video for Facebook.
“Hello there,” said a smiling Corbin. “I am here at my favor-
ite restaurant, Fat Buddies, here in Franklin. “I’ve eaten here over the past year and I’ve lost 85 pounds, as you can see.” Corbin said that he chooses the lighter fare foods available on the Fat
Buddies menu, such as Brunswick Stew and the Buffalo Chicken Tenders. “Anyway, just wanted to let you know, I’ve lost weight eating at Fat Buddies.”

So far, many of the business-
es involved in the videos have remained tight-lipped regarding any intention they may have of suing Simpson. However, they all had reported typical and sometimes increased business, especially from regulars — indicating to some business operators a strong resolve among the community to stick together.

“The things Simpson said, and the way he said them, especi-
ally about our customers… I don’t appreciate them at all,” said Joe Angel, manager of Ms. Lois’
of Franklin. “But we’ve seen no drop in sales. In fact, since all the media attention, and as a way to show support, our sales have gone up slightly.”

Angel also added that many of the menu items at Ms. Lois are healthy options and contain healthy portions. Simpson had called Ms. Lois’ food “artery dog-ging” after just minutes before, going into the business, ordering nothing and taking a quick glance at the menu. Angel pointed out that Simpson actually had no idea what the customers had ordered that day, before he attacked their weight.

Asked why he chose to make the videos in the manner that he had, Simpson remained unapologetic. “I never meant to hurt anybody. I just wanted to wake people up. Macon County resi-
dent Richard Tarleton, who has served as a certified trainer at Franklin Fitness Center since 2010. “I understand he was vent-
ing his concerns, and while a ‘kick in the pants’ approach may occa-
sionally get a person who has hit rock-bottom to take control of their health, there are far better ways to get people to take action. Successful weight loss requires constant reinforcement of posi-
tive habits — eating well, exercis-
ing regularly, and making those actions entertaining while easy to maintain will guarantee success.”

Simpson has recently delet-
ed his Facebook and taken down his YouTube videos since the inci-
dent ignited the community. He has also not been available for comment since last week.
ational facilities for local residents in Flats Township,” said John Bankston, President of Scaly Mountain Historical Society. “We have a basketball court, playground equipment, picnic tables and grills. We would like to be able to maintain and upgrade these facilities to a safer condition.”

According to Bankston, Robert Shook, President of the Macon County Historical Society said the Scaly Mountain Historical Society is the only historical society in Macon County that provides a recreation facility – in this case the Old Scaly School House.

Providing recreation is a county stipulation for providing funding for the school house.

In 2006, the county gave the historical society $55,000 to renovate the old school house so it could become a viable community center, which included recreational options.

Commissioner Jim Tate said he and the society began discussing options about two months ago and as a commissioner and their representative, he had no problem helping them fund the needed repairs.

“As evidenced from the people here tonight, this is extremely important to this group,” he said.

He made a motion to immediately allocate $5,000 from the 2013-'14 $200,000 contingency line item and to consider annual funding during the 2014-'15 budget talks that will begin in January.

Bankston initially asked for $21,000 for numerous repairs but said since they missed consideration for the 2013-'14 budget cycle, the society would settle for $4,000 so the recreational aspects on the

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• The All Male Beauty Pageant at Highlands Playhouse to benefit the Highlands Bolivian Mission at 8PM. A complimentary wine bar will precede the function at 7PM. The contestants, all well-known members of the Highlands community will compete for the title of Missed Highlands. The ticket price to this event is a donation of $100 and the mission certifies that it is totally tax deductible as you will receive nothing of value for your donation. The mission is a 501 C3 charity and tickets are available at the Methodist Church on Main Street, Wilson Gas, 526-2568, Dr. Baker’s office at the Woodruff building, 526-1700, or by calling Dr. Baumrucker at 526-3605.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1
• HCP’s “Almost, Maine.” Call 526-4904 for more information.
• Free Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 24-25
• Village Square Art & Craft Show in downtown Highlands from 10a to 5p. Regional artisans, food, music, face painting, family fun. Free admission. (828) 787-2021 for info. Sponsored by Macon County Art Assn.

Wed., Aug. 28
• Free Interlude Concert at First Presbyterian Church featuring the Mountain Faith Bluegrass Group at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 29
• NAMI Appalachian South’s quarterly enrichment program with Dr. Carole Light who will lead our program with a discussion about our relationship to money, 7-8:15 p.m. Dr. Light is a clinical psychologist in private practice with an office in Scaly Mountain, NC. She also works through the Psychotherapy and Counseling Center in Highlands, NC. This center operates with a sliding scale based on income. Carole is one of the three founding members of NAMI Appalachian South, our local affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). This program will be in place of the regular Thursday support group. For more information, contact Ann Nandrea 828 369-7385

The First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, 471 Main Street, is hosting a benefit concert on Sunday, September 1 at 5pm for the Concert Choir from Western Carolina University. The Concert Choir, the premier choral ensemble in WCU’s School of Music, is planning a trip to central Europe in May 2014. The itinerary includes Berlin, Leipzig, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Munich and Neuschwanstein Castle. Please make plans to join us for a delightful afternoon of beautiful choral and vocal music and an opportunity to help young people experience the culture of Central Europe.

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the tourism industry in Macon County was $22.63 million.
• State tax revenue generated in Macon County totaled $5.97 million through state sales and excise taxes and taxes on personal and corporate income. Approximately $10.72 million in local taxes were generated from sales and property tax revenue from travel-generated and travel-supported businesses.

Governor Pat McCrory announced in May that visitors to North Carolina spent a record $19.4 billion in 2012, an increase of 5.4% from 2011.

These statistics are from the “2012 Economic Impact of Travel on North Carolina Counties.” The study was prepared for the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development by the U.S. Travel Association.

Statewide highlights include:
• State tax receipts as a result of visitor spending... neared $1 billion in 2012 and have increased 42% in the last 10 years.
• Visitors spend more than $53 million per day in North Carolina and contribute over $4.2 million per day in state and local tax revenues as a result of that spending (about $2.7 million in state taxes and $1.6 million in local taxes).
• The travel and tourism industry directly employs nearly 200,000 North Carolinians.

Locally, Highlands received $293,900.98 in room tax proceeds for 2011-2012 and $316,088.86 for 2012-2013.

The fiscal year begins July 1. Disbursements are two months behind so there is no report for the start of the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The Franklin TDC received $293,900.98 in room tax proceeds for 2011-2012 and $316,088.86 for 2012-2013.

By law, proceeds from the 3% room tax which is added to all accommodation bills are disbursed to Macon County’s two Tourism Development Commissions (TDC). That money must be spent on attracting tourists to the area or servicing them through the Highlands or Franklin Visitor Centers.

The Franklin TDC serves areas outside of Highlands including Nantahala.
Where you go, I will go

Chaplain Margaret Howell
HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

I just about missed my deadline for this article AGAIN. Lately, my life has not been my own, but I have no regrets.

My Mother-in-law, Barbara, is slowly slipping into the shadow world that is Alzheimer’s.

As she requires more and more attention, I find that the frivolities of life, the non-essentials fall away. My friends say, “Well she’s your mother-in-law, not your mother,”

Au contraire..... Barb has treated me like one of her own from the moment I met her.

She is generous to a fault and has wicked sense of humor, even as Alzheimer’s steals her ability to speak more than a word or two at a time. We are spending more and more time together – at respite care (she’s a shark at marble games and Bingo) going to doctor’s appointments and weekly trips to the hairdresser.

Friends tell me “Take time for yourself” and I do, puttering around my house or slipping in trips to the “GW Boutique” between our time together. Every time I get discouraged, I think of the verse for the Book of Ruth. Chapter 1: 16. “But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your peopleshall bemy people, and your God my God. 17Where you die, I will die-- there will I be buried. May theLORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

Already I see signs of fall — leaves starting to color and wither gardens whose tomatoes and other plants are growing rusty with age. I make meanderings through gardens, because I see the same change of seasons in my Mother-in-law, and I cherish every moment we have together. May God bless all of us who are walking with those we love in the shadow lands.
Welcome Dr. Duncan!

Seeing Patients Beginning August 13

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH) is delighted to welcome Board Certified Family Physician, Thomas L. Duncan, MD. Dr. Duncan’s office is located on the HCH campus, Jane Woodruff Clinic, Level 3, alongside Danielle R. Koman, FNP-C. He is now accepting appointments to begin seeing patients August 13th.

Thomas L. Duncan, MD is a graduate of Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE. He completed his Residency at Mason City Family Practice in Mason City, IA. Prior to joining the HCH Medical Staff, Dr. Duncan was in private practice focusing on a full spectrum of primary care for 25 years in rural Iowa. Dr. Duncan is a fellow of the American Board of Family Medicine.

www.highlands-cashiershospital.org

Thursday, Aug. 15: 10a-noon: The U.S. and Africa
Ambassador Gordon Streib, former U.S. Ambassador to Zambia and Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and Cedric Suzman, director of programming for the World Affairs Council of Atlanta, will discuss the U.S. and Africa. Ambassador Streib is currently a visiting professor in the Dept. of Economics at Emory University where he teaches development issues in Sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Suzman has just returned to the U.S. from his native South Africa where he observed the political and economic situation in this vital African country. These two individuals have impeccable credentials and are certain to give us a look into the complicated and intricate paths being followed as the United States attempts to gain and maintain a foothold in a continent that is moving toward the forefront of this world we live in.

Tuesday, Aug. 20: 2-4p: Aesthetic Epiphanies
Randall B. Robertson, Founding Director of Gladdening Light, a spiritual arts endeavor will discuss the thread that links the cave painting of Chauvet in Southern France to the first deified forms rendered by early Christians on the walls of the Roman catacombs. This lecture will ponder this mystical yearning and examine select achievements in the history of Western Art.

Wed., Aug. 21: 3:30-5:30p: Another Afternoon in the Vineyards
This class is full, but if you love coffee as much as wine, there is still space in Let’s Meet for Coffee on Wed., Aug. 28 from 10a-noon. Led by coffee barista Don Reynolds, this class will take place at Mountain Fresh Grocery.

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

July 17
• At 10:10 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Oak Street.

July 18
• Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street near Second Street.

July 19
• At 5:26 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 64 and N. 4th Street.

July 22
• At 4 p.m., a case of fraud – obtaining property by false pretenses that occurred on May 28 was reported by a retail business on Third Street and involved a $240 Western Union transaction.

July 27
• At noon, the larceny of an Oriental rug was reported at a retail shop on US 64 east. The rug was valued at $500. At 10:44 a.m., officers responded to a call about a nuisance dog on Dogwood Dr.

July 30
• At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hickory Street.
• At 6 p.m., an aluminium wallet containing numerous debit cards was reported missing from a residence on Woodland Hill Drive.
• At 9 p.m., a white purse containing $100 was reported missing from the vicinity of Main Street.
• At 6:18 p.m., officers responded to a call of an abandoned vehicle parked behind the Highlands Police Dept.

July 31
• At 3:08 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.
• At 6:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Smallwood Ave.
• At 7:17 p.m., officers responded to a call about an ordinance violation on town property on Big Bear Pen Drive.

Aug. 1
• At 2:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.
• At 7:37 p.m., officers responded to a possible ordinance violation on town property on Dog mountain Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from July 30

July 30
• At 8:36 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Chestnut Hill Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.
• At 10:39 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call to Dry Falls where a person had passed out. There was no transport to the hospital.
• At 8:31 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Upper Divide Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

July 31
• At 4:16 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N. 4th Street. EMS transported to the hospital.

Aug. 1
• At 11:35 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Oak Street. It was pulled by mistake.
• At 5:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Happoldt Drive.
• At 11:43 a.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106. There were no injuries.

Aug. 2
• At 1:11 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Apple Mountain Lane. EMS transported to the hospital.

Aug. 3
• At 7:35 a.m, the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Magnolia Drive. EMS transported to the hospital.
• At 8:57 a.m., the dept. helped a woman who was locked in a room in a residence on Raoul Road. The door knob had come off and she couldn’t get out. The dept. used a ladder to assist her getting out the window.

Aug. 4
• At 9:48 a.m., the dept. helped with traffic control at Maple and Fourth streets when the traffic light went out.

Aug. 5
• At 9:02 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on NC 106. EMS transported to the hospital.

Aug. 9
• At 6:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident where the driver ran off the road. There was one injury. EMS transported to the hospital.

Aug. 10
• At 8:45 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Clubhouse Trail. It was false.
• At 1:17 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sassafras Gap Road. It was set off accidentally.
• At 8:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the OEI Farm on Arnold Road. It was set off by a fog machine.

Aug. 11
• At 6:36 a.m., the dept. stood by at the MAMA helicopter pad at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for a landing.
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THE HIGHLANDS POLICE DEPT. HAS AN OPENING FOR ONE POLICE OFFICER. The salary is $30,492.80, DOQ. The Successful candidate must be 21 years of age; BLET-certified; and submit to an extensive background investigation, drug screening, and psychological evaluation. Applicant must possess a valid North Carolina, South Carolina, or Georgia driver's license, for the state which they reside in as a permanent resident. Applicant must successfully complete the Highlands Police Department application process. Contact the Highlands Police Department at 372 Oak Street, Highlands, NC 28741. (828) 526-9431, www.highlandsnc.org/police/index.html (st. 8/11)

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