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Thurs., June 26, 2014

Ongoing:

• At Highlands Playhouse, "The Little Shop of Horrors!" and "Pippin!" Call 526-2695.

Thurs., June 26

• Sandra Mackey is giving a talk about the situation in Iraq in Coleman Hall at First Presbyterian Church at 10 am followed by a Q&A

• At Hudson Library "Dinosaur Discovery Exhibit" at 11 a.m. Call (828)526-3031.

• At ...on the Verandah Restaurant, Well Strung in the lounge.

• At The Bascom, "Hook." Free Family Movie Night. Rain or Shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p.

Fri. -Sun., June 27-29

• Hal Phillips on the piano at Sky-line Lodge.

Fri., June 27

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at Hudson Library at 11 a.m.

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring the Mountain Dulcimer Group.

• At the Highlands Nature Center, "Nature by Night" 9 - 10:30 pm, ages 7-adult. Bring a flashlight! Advanced registration is requested due to limited space. Call 526-2623.

Sat., June 28

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center at the Corner of NC 106 and Buck Knob Road from 7:30-10:30a. Adults \$5.50, and Children \$ 3.50.

• Benefit for Phillip Nix at the Satolah Fire Dept. Hot Dog Dinner starting at 5 p.m.

• In Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Jerry Bones.

Sun.-Mon., June 29-30

• At Highlands Playhouse, the movie "The Railway Man." Sundays 6p & 8p - Mondays 4p, 6p & 8p.

Tues., July 1

NO Community Dinner this week.

Wed., July 2

• At Hudson Library, Family Movie at 3:30pm.. For more information please call the Hudson Library at (828)526-3031.

Changes coming to Scaly Mtn. P.O.

Just like elsewhere in the country, the Scaly Mountain community is facing changes at its local post office.

And Scaly Mountain residents aren't pleased.

"The post office is an informal meeting place for members of the community, and the warm

recognition given to community members by the post mistress, or post master has been a wonderful aspect of small town life for me,"

said Dr. Carole Light. "I know things change as circumstances change but if Federal spending would conserve a bit on the costs of military hardware or aid to un-

friendly nations I believe it would be easy to fund a working post office and streamline the costs."

Over the last month, residents of Scaly Mountain received and were asked to respond to a survey on proposed changes to hours of operation at the post

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New building to transform Main Street

The corner of 4th and Main streets has undergone a lot of changes over the years – from grocer, to gas station, to cigar and wine store, to ice cream shop. Now the property owned by the Bryson family will be transformed into an architecturally pleasing building which will house businesses on the bottom floor and apartments on the upper floor.

The current building will be demolished and replaced with a multi-storied building that will stretch across the entire lot – to the sidewalks on both 4th and Main streets and to the edge of the travelway on Oak Street.

Five spots for businesses/retail are planned for the bottom level – two of which will be accessed from Main Street with the remaining three accessed via a covered walkway which can be accessed both from the adjacent sidewalk on 4th Street or the sidewalk on Main Street.

A centralized stairway and
•See **TRANSFORM** page 9



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Water intake valve and dam repairs a go

Lake Sequoyah to be slowly drained starting in October

At the February worksession retreat commissioners learned that with all the hurdles involving repairs to the Lake Sequoyah dam and construction of the new intake valve on the south shore, draining of the lake would likely be a year out.

But at Thursday's Town Board meeting, Town Manager Bob Frye said with the studies

completed and all the hurdles cleared with the Corps of Engineers, draining of the lake will begin sometime in October with hopes the project can be completed sometime in May.

"The plan is to slowly drop the lake level over a month's time which means it will be drained over the winter," said Frye.

Back in January, the town

learned that it had received the long sought after loan from the EPA that will go toward the water intake project.

"Basically for the 2 million dollar project, the town will put up 468,000 dollars and EPA will give us \$1.6 million in a loan with a forgiveness clause. In other words they are giving us the mon-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Construction projects set for this year



The town budget for FY 2014-15 will go into effect July 1st. I want to thank the Town Board, staff and Town Manager for the time and work they put forth in developing the new budget.

With the new budget, Highlanders will see new construction projects this coming year. The Sequoyah Lake water intake and dam project is tentatively scheduled to begin in October. If all goes as planned, the lowering of the lake level will be mostly in the winter months. In May the lake will return to its normal level.

As a fisherman, I had the same question Commissioner John Dotson asked at the last board meeting concerning the fate of the lake fish. The answer is that the project will not drain the lake, but gradually lower it to the original level of the Cullasaja River as it was before the dam was built. Hopefully most of the fish will be able to swim back to the channel as the lake is lowered.

Even though the repair to Chowan Road is included in the budget, we still can't say when it will get underway. The start date will be determined by the availability of the state-owned, specialized equipment needed for the repair. The state will let Highlanders know when it is available. When this project gets underway there will be some delays on US 64 where Chowan is next to the highway. Hopefully, delays will be for only a few days. Also, vegetation will have to be removed where the work is done. Restoration of the site will be done, but it will take time for the vegetation to return to previous levels.

Folks will also see work and hopefully the completion the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street this year. This work will be in full swing in late fall. On 3rd Street, the crosstie wall will be replaced with stone.

The plans and design specifications for the covering of the swimming pool are underway. Project construction should be begin in late fall, also.

An upgrade to the waterline on NC 28 will occur this year. Some traffic slowdowns on NC 28 can be expected during project construction.

The project to replace culverts over Mill Creek at 5th, Laurel and Spruce streets is still in process and should also be completed this year. The town is waiting for the go-ahead after responding to last min-

ute questions from a government agency.

The town's role in completing these projects will be three-fold. First, we must make sure the taxpayers receive the best job for their money. Second, we have to contain costs whenever possible. Third, we need to plan for minimal disruption to the public. With that said, all of us will need patience and understand as there are some stages in

construction that are never a good time.

As mayor, I view these projects as investments in the future of Highlands. They are not government boondoggles. These projects will improve the quality of life for our citizens for years to come.

– Mayor Pat Taylor

• THANKS •

I'm not sure where to begin. Words could never express my heartfelt "Thank You" for receiving the dedication of the 2014 Yearbook. This was such a surprise and overwhelming as I have never expected such an honor.

The edition of "Outloud" is amazing and exhibits a special portrait of what our school is all about. Attending Highlands School myself, and being an assistant there for many years has been a most fortunate opportunity. My love for this school and all of the students is extremely strong and working there has been more of a blessing than a job. Highlands School is not only unique but a special community within itself. Not often does one have the opportunity to watch many of you grow from your kindergarten year through your graduation and those who have moved here

or transferred from another school have been welcome members of our school family.

It has always been my goal to ensure each and every student feel welcome, special and most of all to have a "Happy" day and as I unlock that back door to enter the school each morning, I look forward to what my day may bring.

From the energy of our little ones with their rapidly growing minds to the smiles on the seniors' faces as they count down to their last day here; what a joy each day has been.

I have often said, if we could see the world through our children's eyes, what a wonder we would see! As you seniors leave here on your adventure forward, I ask each of you to try and see some kind of wonder in every day by looking through your child-like eyes and you will see what I have seen for many years!

I will close with my daughter's favorite quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"Do not go where the path may lead, instead go where there is no path and leave a trail."

The yearbook dedication has left a very special trail in my heart and a memory I will cherish forever. Thank you.

Cindy Reed

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• LETTERS •

The appointment we all must meet

Just a little over a week ago I had to say goodbye to one of my closest friends. She came into my life as a wandering stray, and you could tell she was severely abused. My little four-legged friend took over five months before she allowed me to touch her. But over time we gained each other's confidence and started an inseparable bond and friendship that lasted for more than a decade. Wherever I was, she was right there with me, right up to the end.

As many of you have experienced, it's a very strange and heart-wrenching experience to call the vet and schedule the death of a friend you hold very dear. This is always a very disturbing and emotional thing that many of us have had to deal with at some point in time, for me it was almost like losing a human loved one.

This seems to parallel life -- the brevity and ending of life, and the need for meaningful relationships. When we do

• OBITUARIES •

Lorene Wilson Talley



Lorene Wilson Talley, 86, of Highlands passed away Thursday, June 19, 2014. Born in Buncombe County, she was the daughter of the late Roscoe W. and Rebecca Smart Wilson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Salinas Talley, who died January 26, 1993.

Mrs. Talley was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who liked reading, gardening and quilting and was the family historian.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen McCall and Pam Talley both of Highlands; a brother, David Wilson of Mills River, NC; one grandchild, Jenna Marie McCall and two great-grandchildren, Addisyn Rilee Jean Bryant and Jayden Thomas Bryant. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded

in death by a sister, Clara Smith, and four brothers, Glenn, Wilburn, John and Lester Wilson.

Funeral services held Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 2:30 pm in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Andy Cloer and Rev. Roy Lowe officiating. Burial will be in Highlands Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, Mountain Top Relay for Life, Attn. Christy Kelly, PO Box 1442, Highlands, NC 28741 or Highlands Cashiers Hospital, 190 Hospital Drive, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryntgrantfuneralhome.com.

Dallas Ray Reese Sr.



Dallas Ray Reese Sr. 83 of Concord, NC died peacefully Wednesday morning June 18, 2014 at Tucker Hospice House, Concord, NC.

A native of Highlands, Macon County, North Carolina, he was born on Buttermilk Level, October 14, 1930 at 6:40am, the fraternal twin brother of Alice Faye Reese and the son of the late Robert Lee & Myrtle Cora Henderson Reese. He graduated from Highlands High School & attended Truett-McConnell Junior College in Cleveland, GA. He graduated from Fruitland Bible Baptist College in Hendersonville, NC. As a child he battled polio and survived to lead a rich life. As a teenager he worked the projectors and was a ticket taker at the old Galax Movie Theatre on Main St. in Highlands, NC. In 1960, he began his career as a Baptist minister in Clayton, GA. On August 30, 1963 he married elementary school teacher Ila Sue Johnson from Jefferson, SC. They moved to Concord, NC and he worked as a supply minister and for a brief time as a salesman for Southern Life Insurance and then began a long career with UNOCAL in Charlotte, NC. He retired in 1993. He loved playing and watching golf and watching all sports. He loved music as well and always had a song to sing. He was a devoted Christian, husband, father, brother and friend to many. After retirement he researched his family history extensively and traveled the country with his wife visiting places

far and wide. They spent 45 wonderful years together until her passing in September 2008. Mr. Reese was also predeceased by a brother Robert Lee (Pete) Reese Jr. & sister-in-law Sue Reese of Highlands, NC.

Surviving are two sons & a daughter, 11 grandchildren & 1 great-grandchild: Son, Dallas Ray Reese Jr. & wife Amy, kids; Logan, Tyler, Katie, Ben, Emily and Luke Reese. Daughter, Kathryn Renee Brewer & husband Jorge Brewer & kids, Dillon, Madelyne & Riley Jones, Great grandchild, Aiyden Patterson; Son, Daryl Russell Reese & wife Lori & kids Evan & Hayley Reese;

Also surviving are: twin sister, Alice Faye Sewell of Austin, Texas, sister Lucy Reese of Jacksonville, Fla, brother Furman Reese of Seneca, SC and sister Anne Reese of Greenville, SC.

Mr. Reese was a faithful and active Deacon & member of Odell Baptist Church in Concord for 4 decades.

A celebration of his life and funeral service was held at Odell Baptist Church Sunday, June 22, 2014 with Rev. Rodney Taylor officiating. Burial followed at Carolina Memorial Park in Concord, NC. Memories and condolences may be shared at: www.whitleysfuneralhome.com Donations or memorials to: Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County 5003 Hospice Lane, Kannapolis, NC 28081 www.hpccc.org or Fruitland Baptist Bible College 1455 Gilliam Rd. Hendersonville, NC 28792.

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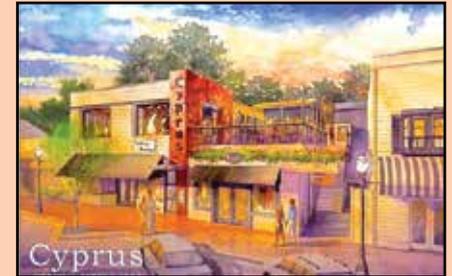


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• MILESTONE •

Gardner Davis of Highlands immerses in Mandarin

Local Highlands student, Gardner Davis 11th grader at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, will spend one month this summer in a total immersion course in Mandarin language and culture at the Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy (MMLA), the nation's premier academic summer language academy.

Gardner said "This is not only a challenge but an adventure, especially when you work hard in an area you are passionate about"

MMLA's Mandarin/ Chinese Academy, held at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, is a four-week immersion program that provides middle and high school students the unique opportunity to accelerate language learning and cultural understanding through Middlebury College's renowned world language curriculum. In just four weeks living immersed in language, 88% of students gain one full language proficiency level while 45% of

students gain more than two levels, according to the results of pre- and post-

"Learning a language has numerous proven benefits to students, from improving academic success to helping them become more creative and sympathetic," said MMLA's Director of Summer Academies Amy Kluber. "We are pleased to have the trust of so many parents and students as we partner with Green Mountain College to deliver an enriching, one-of-a-kind growth experience at our summer academy."

Gardner has taken the Middlebury Language Pledge, which requires him to speak, read and write only in Mandarin for the entire four-week program. The setting on Green Mountain's campus offers numerous advantages for students, including a rich array of museums, performance spaces, and activities to give students the freedom to explore the language in a real-world context.



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• THE FREDSTER •

Fear not, Highlanders, I have the answer....or not

I saw it with my own eyes. Two motorists, probably from Florida, were trying to grab the same parking spot on Main St. They committed heinous acts of violence that can't be put to print. Call the house if you want the blood and guts poop. Oh, and if you don't get an answer, it's because I'm shuckin' corn, pickin' my feet and vacationing in good ole sweaty Climax, Ga.



Fred Wooldridge

It was then I realized something must be done about our atrocious parking situation in Highlands. No, no, no, not another stupid study. They're waaaay too expensive and we've all seen the disasters. Remember the two-hour parking nightmare?

Well, fear not, Highlanders, The Fredster has a plan. I have a friend in Abu Dhabi who is the head engineer who created the bypass system in and around that city. His name is Mibalz bin Hir-teen and he is royalty. He speaks perfect English. Hey, even most Americans don't speak perfect English. Anyway, when I told him of our problem, he volunteered to jump on his private jet and fly to Highlands to help li' ole us with our totally out-of-control parking dilemma.

After he had been in town a few days, Mibalz finished his study and asked to meet with me at our local Arabian restaurant. "What...Arabian restaurant?" I asked. I told him we don't have one and suggested Mexican fare. I can't tell you how disappointed he was. Then he said, "Are you aware there's not a single shisha bar in this whole friggin

town?"

When we finally did meet, Mibalz told me he was astounded at how polite and friendly everyone is. He said, "That's your biggest problem. There's waaaay too much harmony in this hick town for me to help. I wouldn't know where to start. And I can't believe you don't charge for parking. You really are back-woods people, aren't you?"

Now Mibalz was beginning to jerk my chain but before I could suggest he pack his bisht and dishdasha and get the hell out, he told me his plan. Mibalz would create a bypass system similar to the one in Abu Dhabi where all highways lead out of town and with no exits or roads to get back. TA DA! It's how he solved their parking problem. There are literally thousands of cars wandering in the desert trying to figure out how to get back into town.

When I told him of our current plan where our police write tickets to employees parking on Main Street, Mibalz laughed. "Wow, you must really hate your police. How does that work and don't you have a constitution that prohibits that sort of treachery? Call me if you ever get serious about a bypass system. Oh, and I won't be back until you have a first-class Arabian restaurant fit for royalty such as I."

• Note: Mibalz did not write the mystery/thriller titled DECEIVED so it's OK to read it.

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breathe our last, nothing much matters except the relationships left behind. Why is this need for relationship so ingrained into the heart? Why can relationships be so difficult? Why does life have to have an ending?

It seems even for the best of us, life can be hard; and many of us struggle to relate to others as well as our inner self while we try to understand life and the conflicts within our own hearts. Yet the desire for relationships are so desperately needed.

We also all have our life's starting point within the vast time line of the beginning of time to the future's ending of time. Many

of us fight this plight of life's dilemma; we don't want any part of this and we indulge ourselves in anything that keeps our mind from dealing with this reality. I myself wonder at times why life seems to be so messy. I understand it, but then again I don't. There are more questions than there are answers.

In life's manual for living -- the Bible -- in the very back you can look up "Life." It lists places where you can find who made us, why we are here, how to find meaning in life, and why life is brief

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• TELL TALES •

Closing with Bermuda

So far, I've had one request for a narrative about the rest of our ocean race to Bermuda and it was from Jose. (A non de plume) Sorry, Jose,

nothing really exciting to reveal, other than the slithering beef roast Cookie had to stab with a butcher knife.

But now, as we approach

Bermuda and the finish line in the darkness, the wind kicked up and to keep the boat from heeling too far and losing speed, I put the entire crew on the weather rail to help balance the boat.

Plowing into the seas generated a lot of spray and the crew was getting wet but at this point, who cared, our destination was at hand. Suddenly we slowed down dramatically. We were over Plantagenet Reef, an area where fishermen put out fish traps and we had snagged one of their cables with our rudder. We didn't want to cut the cable and cause someone to lose their trap so one of the crew went over the stern and managed to push the cable free with a boat hook. All this took about an hour in heavy seas at night.

Sometime after dawn, we finally blew across the finish line, the race committee boat giving us a welcome blast on their horn. From there we made our way to the docks at St. George's Yacht and Dinghy club where we were met by Customs. Assuring them we had no Gatlin guns or missiles



Bob Wilson

on board, we were cleared.

St. George's Yacht and Dinghy Club is world famous for their so-called dinghy racing which consisted of a dinghy roughly 18' long or so but carrying the same amount of sail as a 40' boat.

Watching them sail those rigs while working to keep them from capsizing was a sight to.

As the day wore on, the rest of our fleet came in and by midnight, they had all been accounted for.

The only way for tourists to get around on Bermuda was to use a taxi, or rent a scooter, which Sibbie and I did. Natives can own only one car per family. We located and checked into a home our group had rented. Homes on Bermuda typically sport a white tile roof and rain water drains which collect fresh water in a cistern, which is the fresh water source.

Awaiting the grand party the club had planned for us, we ventured forth to examine the Bermuda isles. We stopped first at the famous ice cream parlor where anybody who is anybody

goes for ice cream. Thence into Hamilton's bustling business district and quickly understood why Hamilton is a busy banking and insurance center for the world. We did spot one of the Green Peace Ships in Hamilton Harbor and duly noted the female crew never shaved their legs and the men never used deodorant, Bohemian style.

We also visited the Crystal Cave formed millions of years ago. It was well lit and we saw all the beautiful stalactites and stalagmites, formed when the ocean level was much lower.

Sad to say, a couple of our younger crew members became the objects of a police investigation because someone had done scooter wheelies on the golf course greens.

Word filtered back to us eventually and they never sailed aboard Midnight Express again.

One of the crew members from another boat had imbibed a bit too much and tried to make his scooter fly off a 20' high cliff, without wings. A few days in the hospital and he was shipped back to the U.S, fortunately not in a box.

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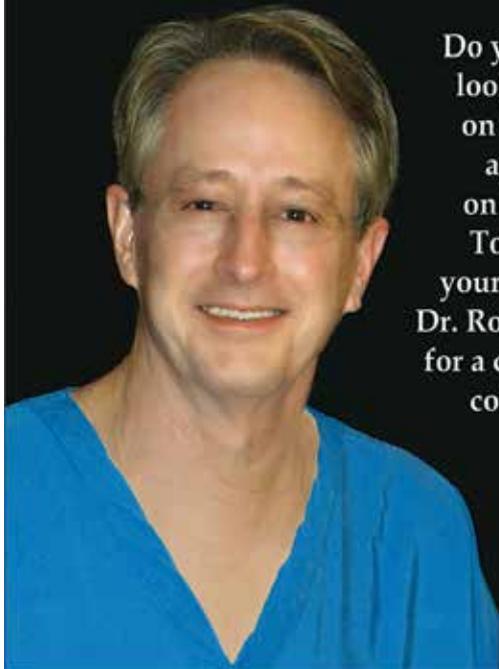
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SOLD OUT

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The governor showed up at the dinner party the club had thrown for all the skippers and crews to present the trophies and when all the times and allowances had been calculated, we ended up in third place. Mind you, we missed second place by a bit over 11 minutes. Obviously, the fish trap had done us in.

Eventually, the crews and families that had joined them hopped on airliners and returned to the U.S., leaving only those of us who had to sail our boats back.

Bermuda, and I may sound like a travel brochure, is a wonderful place to visit. The people are great and their lifestyle is great. No industrial smog there.

We later made two more races to Bermuda and luckily, we had occasion to return by airliner and do some business there.

In the next installment, Sibbie and I sail back to the U.S.

About Bob Wilson

Bob Wilson's early education in life was as an Army brat who spent much too much time doing nothing except for playing the "one armed bandits" in the

Officers Club. Demonstrating no talent as a musician, he opted to learn a new trade which eventually led him into the field of aviation, establishing a marine insurance company and a sailing association. He and his wife retired to 18 acres in Otto about 20 years ago and sometimes manage to grow some good tomatoes and flies radio control model airplanes.

Bob will occasionally be writing columns.

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but can be fulfilling. It offers hope in all life's confusion, for the here and the now, as well as the future, which is timeless and never ending.

In a time when no one seems to have a fix on life's reason or purpose – a time when the news is bleak and hopeless and in some cases the church can't even answer life's questions -- where or who can you trust or turn to? Look up "Life" in life's manual and see if you find something there.

A Paws for Thinking

Deni Shepard
Franklin

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elevator – accessed from the 4th Street side – will lead to three, 2BR/2.5BA apartments. Each apartment will have a balcony and washer/dryers.

On the lowest level, accessed from Oak Street, there will be five underground covered parking spaces for the apartments with an elevator to take residents the top floor.

At Monday night's Planning Board meeting the board considered the Special

Use Permit application prior to the Zoning Board's final word.

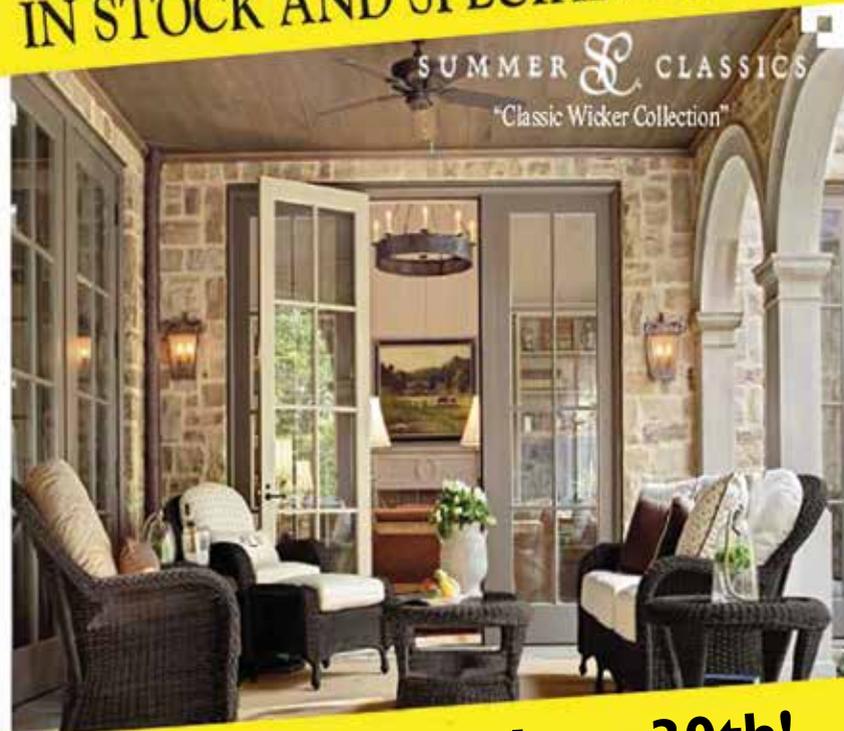
Now acting as the town's Appearance Commission as well, they considered the appearance of the new building from all angles. It will be moss green with cream trim and native stone.

The plan was approved with the suggestion that the firewall on the 4th Street side be replaced with a thicker drywall

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with the addition of landscaping to soften the look of the 4th Street side. The thought was that if the firewall was eliminated the hip roof could be continued

which would eliminate the truncated effect currently in the plans.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will be the next stop and is the board responsible for issuing the Special Use Permit required of all new commercial construction.

Tree Ordinance

The Planning Board also put the final touches on the tree ordinance to ensure that any trees removed from commercial property with the required permit will be

replaced by 3- to 4-inch diameter trees. They also discussed the penalty for removing trees – whether diseased or healthy – without a permit. The penalty is \$100 per day per violation until the infraction is remedied.

As per the ordinance no tree 8-inches in diameter or larger may be removed without a permit and a replacement trees must be derived from the town's recommended plant list will be required.

– Kim Lewicki

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ey,” said Mayor Pat Taylor. “This project has been a top priority for the town for some time.”

The town will use the funds held in reserve for dredging Big Creek – a project that's not happening. That amount is about \$640,000.

“The \$640,000 will be used to pay off the low-interest loan for \$468,000 which we can get for 2% to 2.5% which represents

the 20% the town is responsible for and we can put the remaining amount of the \$640,000 toward dam repairs which are estimated to be about \$300,000. This way we will only allocate approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 from our fund balance reserves to finish the dam,” said Frye.

The valve will be built upstream from the dam on town property and will supply two mil-



This is the Main Street view of the new retail/business building which will replace the current building on the corner of 4th and Main streets. There will be five spaces for businesses on the bottom and three apartments on top.

lion gallons of drinking water per day. At that point the water intake valve in Big Creek – which is in jeopardy due to silt buildup – will be used as a backup valve.

To both build the intake valve and repair the dam – something that needs to be done regardless of the intake valve – Lake Sequoyah will have to be drained. According the Public Service Administrator Lamar Nix, that process could take about six months.

“We will have to drain it slowly to keep sediment from moving and of course this will be closely

regulated by the Fish and Wildlife Department. It won't drain all the way – there will be four or five feet near the dam that will have to be pumped out,” he said.

Thursday night Commissioner John Dotson asked about the construction of a coffer dam and also about replacing fish lost during the draining of the lake and suggested the town plan on stocking Lake Sequoyah once it is filled back up.

According to Nix the construction of coffer dams at the dam and around the intake valve site are not options because building two coffer dams would be cost prohibitive – so draining is a must.

Nix said it's likely that most of the fish will stay in the river channel of the lake – the Cullasaja River. Commissioner Brian Stiehler said when the Highlands Country Club drained its lake, a surprisingly few fish were lost and they, too, headed for the river channel.

As to dam repairs and additives, according to McGill Associates, the engineering firm on the job, the rectangular plug visible on the Cullasaja side of the dam that has been there since 1926 has to come out to be repaired and at that point a bottom valve for cold water release could be installed.

Frye said regardless of what may turn up after the lake is drained, there are no plans to dredge or clean the lake bottom due to the cost and environmental concerns stemming from disturbing the lake bottom.

– Kim Lewicki

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HIGHLANDS EVENTS.

Ongoing

• Artists wanted for Oct. 4 show featuring historic sites in Macon County. The moveable show will begin in Franklin and move to Highlands and Nantahala. There is a \$35 fee. To register, contact Barbara McRae at mcbbarbara@frontier.com

First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church hosts a non-denominational Men's Meeting the first Monday night of each month at 7 pm and all men are invited to attend.

Tuesdays

• Community Table Dinner at the Community Building at 6 p.m. It's free.

Tues. & Thurs.

• Aerobics at the Rec Park with Tina Rogers 5:15. \$5.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.
• Zumba at the Rec Park at 9:05a. \$5.

Thursdays

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 6pm at the Cashiers Community Center. Questions? Call Lisa 828-506-3555 Last Fri. of each month

Fri.-Sun.

• Hal Phillips on the piano at Skyline Lodge during dinner and Sunday brunch.

Fri. & Sat.

• The Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau, the conservation arm of the Laurel Garden Club, have put together an exhibit in conjunction with the Historical Society at the Museum, which you might find fascinating. It covers our plateau's botanical history from the ice ages to the present. Please visit the Museum on Saturdays to see the display.

• The Farmers Market, 9a-1p in K-H Park. Organic vegetables, eggs, honey, cheeses, home-made food and hand-made items. For information call 482-0555 Maxine Davidoff.

• Cashiers Local Farmers tailgate market begins May 10 thru October at the Anglican Church Parking Lot Hwy 64 E next to Macon Bank. Contact 828-226-9988 for info.

Thurs., June 26

• Sandra Mackey is giving a talk about the situation in Iraq in Coleman Hall at First Presbyterian Church at 10 am followed by a Q&A

• At Hudson Library "Dinosaur Discovery Exhibit" at 11 a.m. Learn about the science of paleontology through an exhibit containing specimens, fossils, and models of dinosaurs. This exhibit will be in the Community Room and this program is free of charge. Presented

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HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS

WCU Faculty Showcase Concert at First Pres. on June 29

The Music Committee of First Presbyterian Church and the Music Department of Western Carolina University will co-sponsor a faculty showcase concert at 3pm on Sunday, June 29. The concert will take place in the church sanctuary. Featured will be: Amy Cherry, trumpet; Daniel Cherry, trombone; Ian Jeffress, saxophone; Michael Lancaster, baritone; Lillian Pearson, piano; Will Peebles, bassoon; and Eldred Spell, flute.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and enjoy this free concert. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

by NC Natural Sciences Museum and is funded by the National Science Foundation. Ages 4 and up. For more information, please call the Hudson Library at (828)526-3031.

- At ...on the Verandah Restaurant, Well Strung in the lounge.
- At The Bascom, "Hook." Free Family

Coming up at CLE

As the summer breeze blows through Highlands and you're looking for a way to pass the hours don't forget the Center for Life Enrichment. Enjoy a trip to Chivaree Gallery in Cashiers to experience a first-hand viewing of American Folk Art and handcrafted furniture. Sherry Masters is co-chair of American Craft Week, founder of Art Connections and former long-time General Manager and buyer for the Grovewood Gallery at the Grove Park Inn. Brian Fireman is a furniture designer specializing in hand-crafted contemporary furniture. There will be refreshments and a time to meet and chat with the speakers. Thursday, June 26, Time 2:30-4:30. Cost \$25/\$35

If you have an interest in music you will appreciate the class Neural Basis of Musical Genius. Presenter Dr. Paul Lennard will explore questions like; what separates a gifted child from a prodigy? How does the talented musician differ from the musical genius? Can we identify neurological and environmental factors that help to generate special music abilities? The life stories of famous musicians will be examined to see if they offer any clues. Dr. Lennard is founder and director of the Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology program at Emory University and the husband of renowned violinist Cecylia Arzewski. Saturday, June 28, Time 10-12. Cost \$25/\$35

Get a behind the scenes look with a lecture and photographic presentation titled; A Photographic Look at The White House and Politics. Getty Images Senior Staff Photographer Chip Somodevilla has recorded history in color and black-and-white. Chip was at the nation's capital and on the campaign trail during the collapse of the housing market in 2007 and has recorded a visual trail of the battles in this time. His photos will give you a new perspective on the world's oldest profession: politics. Monday, July 7, Time 10-12 cost \$25/\$35

For more information on these classes or CLE please visit www.clehighlands.com or call 526-8811. Our office is located at 348 S. Fifth Street in the Peggy Crosby Center. All classes are \$25 for members/\$35 for non-members and are held in the CLE lecture hall unless otherwise noted.

Movie Night at The Bascom -- rain or shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p. Food, wine, beer and soda, candy and popcorn available for sale. Bring blankets and/or chairs.

Fri., June 27

• At the Highlands Nature Center, "Nature by Night" program at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 – 10:30 pm, ages 7-adult. Learn about adaptations of nocturnal animals through a series of fun games, activities, and observations along the Botanical Garden trails. Bring a flashlight! Advanced registration is requested due to limited space. Call 526-2623 or visit www.highlandsbiological.org for more information.

'Nature by Night' at the Highlands Nature Center Fri.. June 27



Ever wonder how a raccoon sees in the dark? Or how a bat catches its prey? Or how fireflies communicate? Then be sure to bring your flashlight and attend the Highlands Nature Center's "Nature by Night" program scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 27.

As families are led on a walk along the Botanical Garden trails, they will learn about different adaptations of nocturnal animals through a variety of fun games and activities. They will also be on the lookout for nighttime creatures such as snails, owls, frogs, and salamanders!

Participants should meet at the Nature Center at 9 p.m. Ages are 6 to adult. Advanced registration is required due to limited space. To sign up, please call the Nature Center at 526-2623. For more information, please visit www.highlandsbiological.org.

• Friday Night Live music in Town Square from 6-8. Featuring the Mountain Dulcimer Group.

- Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at Hudson Library at 11 a.m.
- Fish Foray with the Highlands Biological Station and Land Trust for the Little Tennessee from 10a to 2p. Bring a bag lunch drinking water, and both rain and sun protection. Cost is \$15 for members or \$20 for non-members. To register, visit We will depart from Pine Street Park.

Sat. & Sun., June 28 & 29

• Sapphire Valley Arts & Crafts Show. More than 75 artisans and crafters. Live music, food, drinks. 10a to 4p. 3 miles east of Cashiers on US 64. For information call 828-743-1163.

Sat., June 28

• Audubon's weekly bird spotting trip. Carpool from the parking area behind the Highlands Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. All walks will start at 7:30 AM. 828-743-9670.

• Saturdays in Pine Street Park, live music from 6-8 p.m. Featuring Jerry Bones.

Churches' Interlude Series begins Wednesdays July 9

The summer season of weekly Interlude concerts will begin on July 9. The series is in its 16th season. The free concerts are sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held on Wednesdays at 2pm. Dress is casual. The concerts provide a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life – a time to meditate, relax, and enjoy a variety of music. Visitors to Highlands are especially invited to join our members and friends at these mini concerts. This year's lineup includes:

July 9 – Saint Paul's Episcopal Chamber Choir from Atlanta. Directed by Trey Clegg (Presbyterian Church)

July 16 – Mary Ann Hill, Soprano; Kristen Horlitz, Flute; Josh Horlitz, Violin; Robert Henry, Piano (Episcopal Church)

July 23 – Woori Kim and Curtis Smith, Piano Duo (Presbyterian Church)

July 30 – Robert Henry, Piano (Episcopal Church)

August 6 – Norman Mackenzie, Organist (Presbyterian Church)

August 13 – Sam Skelton, Saxophone; Tyrone Jackson, Piano (Episcopal Church)

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• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center at the Corner of NC 106 and Buck Knob Road from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Adults \$5.50, and Children \$ 3.50. Proceeds benefit scholarships for area students and human service's agencies.

• Benefit for Phillip Nix at the Satolah Fire Dept. Hot Dog Dinner starting at 5 p.m. Cake auction; Music by Clearwater Country Band; Raffle items including \$300 cash give-away; Handmade Afghan

• Friends of Panthertown will host a horse exhibition and silent auction at the Bald Rock

equestrian community in Sapphire, NC from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit conservation and trail maintenance projects in Panthertown Valley. Admission is free. Parking is \$10 donation per vehicle. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are welcome, but please leave dogs at home for the safety of all the animals.

Sun.-Mon., June 29-30

• At Highlands Playhouse, the movie "The Railway Man." Show times: Sundays 6PM & 8PM - Mondays 4PM, 6PM & 8PM

Wed., July 2

• At Hudson Library, Family Movie at 3:30pm. For more information please call the Hudson Library

at (828)526-3031.

Thurs., July 3

• At Hudson Library Children's storytime at 10:30am. This week's theme will be Fun With Water!, featuring water-themed stories and a science demonstration.

• "Monsters, Inc." Free Family Movie Night at The Bascom -- rain or shine. Lawn opens at 7p; movies start at 9p.

Fri., July 4

• Rotary Cookout at the Community Building at 11a. At 6pm live

music in Town Square and at Pine Street Park. At 8pm there will be a patriotic sing at the Presbyterian Church. Then around 9pm the fireworks show will begin.

• Live Birds of Prey at Cliffside Lake at 11 a.m.,

Crestridge Gardens open for tours 2 Saturdays in July

A stunning view of Shortoff Mountain is the backdrop for the gardens of Jane and Tom Tracy who have graciously invited the public to walk the garden paths and admire the beauty of hundreds of flowers, vegetables, and native plants



the vegetable garden is protected by a fence.

Jane's gardens are filled with mostly native shrubs and flowers. Myriads of flowering shrubs emphasize her love for these mountains and nature in general. In

nooks and crannies original yard art can be seen throughout the gardens. A trail leading to Salt Rock Creek can be traversed easily and guests are welcome to walk through the natural woodlands.

The cost for the tour is \$30 per person and can be purchased either by phone (828-526-2968) or in person at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC. Tour times are 9 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please specify your time preference, but it is on a "first come, first served" basis. All proceeds will be used for the Outreach Ministry and Bell Tower Endowment Fund for the Church.

on their 38 acre property on two Saturdays in July; July 19th and 26th. The Tracys bought Crestridge in 1996 and built their lovely home and guest house, expanding on the gardens originally created by Marge and John Jacobs and family who bought the property in 1946.

One highlight of the gardens is the vegetable garden which is carefully tended by Tom. Here he grows many kinds of vegetables, berries, and edible delicacies. He states he often plants more than enough for the family, neighbors, and friends. Bears and other wildlife roam the property on occasion and have been known to partake even though

Favorite performers are back for H-C Chamber Festival



The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival is offering a glorious 2014 season, welcoming favorite performers from seasons past and making way for new artists already earning an international reputation. The festival stretches from June 27 through August 3.

"The season proper begins on June 27 with 'Beethoven's Fifth' - his fifth cello and violin sonatas, and of course, 'The Fifth Symphony' - for an orchestra of 20 fingers at one piano!," says Festival Artistic Director William Ransom. "Violinist Alexandra Preucil and Cellist Charae Krueger will join Gloria Chien and I on piano. Gloria is a rapidly rising international star making her festival debut."

The Beethoven performances will be staged Friday, June 27, and Saturday, June 28.

On Sunday and Monday, June 29 and 30, violinists William Preucil and Alexandra Preucil; violinist Yinzi Kong; Ms. Krueger and Ms. Chen will perform Moszkowski's "Duo,"

Kodaly's "Trio for 2 violins and viola," and Brahms' "C Minor Piano Quartet."

Concerts will be held at 6 p.m. Fridays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturdays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers. Sunday concerts will be staged at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

"Other highlights include the Festival debut of cellist Edward Arron performing solo and with the Vega Quartet; "The Poet's Love and Life" featuring Schumann's great "Dichterliebe" songcycle interspersed with readings by Aspen-based poet Bruce Berger; and a brand-new "Jazz Meets Classics" - "Sax in the Mountains" with Will Scruggs, Leo Saguiguit, Gary Motley and pianist Elena Cholakova trading turns with classical and jazz selections for sax and piano," says Artistic Director Ransom. "We are delighted the Grammy Award-winning Parker String Quartet will be

joining us again, as well as our dear friends the Eroica Trio. Cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio of the Eroica will stick around and anchor the festival's first "CelloMania" featuring her and five other cellists in a program not to be missed.

"Whenever we are able to present the Festival Chamber Orchestra, the concerts are always a major highlight of the season -- and so our final Gala Concert, and wonderful dinner after, on Sunday, August 3, will feature the Orchestra in our first-ever performance of Mendelssohn's 'Double Concerto for Violin and Piano,'" says Ransom. "For this final weekend we are delighted to welcome back Tim Fain as soloist - you may have heard him as the violinist in the hit movie '12 Years a Slave.' The gala sold out early last year, so make your plans now."

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office. At a meeting on Wednesday, July 2 at the Scaly Post Office building at 4 p.m., postal officials will share results of the survey and listen to citizens' concerns.

"Though the Postal Service will not make a final decision regarding this office until after the public meeting results from the survey have us leaning toward offering six hours of window service each weekday," said Jackie Williams SAC coordinator.

Residents were asked to select one alternative from the four listed below:

1. Keep the office open, based on actual office workload. In the case of Scaly Mountain PO, hours would be reduced from 8 hours each weekday to 6 hours per weekday. Current Saturday hours will not change as a result of Post Plan and access to your delivery receptacles will not be impacted by Post Plan.

2. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and offer roadside mailbox delivery. Retail and delivery service would be provided through a rural carrier. Mail delivery points will be established and customers can purchase most postal services through the carrier or other alternate access points.

3. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and find a suitable alternative location operated by a contractor, usually at a local business. When businesses are found that meet the criteria, these establishments are contracted through the U.S. Postal Service and offer stamps and flat rate products with service hours generally more expansive than what the local Post Office will be able to offer.

4. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and provide P.O. Box service via another nearby Post Office and relocate P.O. Box delivery to that Post Office.

Williams said though the Postal Service still intends to hear from residents, unless the community has a strong preference (more than 60 percent) for conducting a discontinuance study for the Scaly Mountain Post Office and establishing one of the additional sources of services described in the survey – roadside mailbox delivery, contractor/local business, or service at a nearby post office – the Postal Service intends to maintain the Post Office with six hours of window service each weekday. Current Saturday window service hours and access to delivery receptacles will not change as a

result of the realignment plan of weekday window service hours.

Scaly Mountain residents consider their post office a critical need.

"The Scaly Mountain Post Office is maintained in a professional, efficient and friendly manner and it is a great asset to the Scaly Mountain community," said Barbara Lawrence. "As we are finally seeing an upswing in business in this area, it's important to continue with the current hours."

To save money, Light said in the recent survey she selected the option to limit hours the post office window would be open rather than eliminate it entirely.

"Receiving "snail mail" is very important to me, and, I believe, to many older citizens who rely more on the postal service than on email, texting and tweeting to disseminate information. I prefer the option of continuing to have a post office to go to, rather than getting mail in a local business site, or even via limited delivery," said Light.

Postal officials say the Postal Service is a business and as such it has to examine its operation costs and do the best it can.

– Kim Lewicki

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from May 20. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used

May 20

• At 3 p.m., a juvenile riding a Highlands School bus reported being threatened with a homemade shank and being threatened verbally.

May 28

• At 8:14 p.m., an iPad which was the property of Franklin High School was reported stolen when someone took an iPad without permission and failed to return it.

June 2

• At 11 a.m., burglary with forced entry was reported at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church where \$260 worth of household items were stolen.

June 4

• At 11:55 p.m., burglary with forced entry and the embezzlement of \$800 from the Pizza Place was reported. June 6

• At 1:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Cullasaja Drive.

June 9

• At 3 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 at 1st. St.

June 12

• At 10:40 a.m., a gas drive-off of \$70.70 was reported at the Farmers Market.

June 15

• At 4:15 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on 2nd Street.

June 16

• At 10 a.m., larceny from a coin-

operated device at The Car Spa of Highlands was reported where \$150 was taken.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 14

June 14

• At 2:33 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid in a water rescue.

• At 1:22 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

• At 4:27 p.m., the dept. responded to a gas alarm at Old Edwards Circle.

June 15

• At 1:25 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid at a residence on W. Sugar Bush Road.

• At 11:09 p.m., the dept. searched for a hiker on the Bartram Trail.

June 16

• At 6:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Charlotte Lane.

• At 2:24 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Big Bear Pen.

• At 4:21 p.m., the dept. assisted with a public assistance investigation at a residence on Garnet Rock.

• At 3:08 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible lightning strike at a residence on Sunset Trace.

• At 4:25 p.m., the dept. provided traffic control on NC 106.

June 17

• At 4:07 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

June 18

• At 3:31 p.m., the dept. aided in a public assistance investigation on Main Street.

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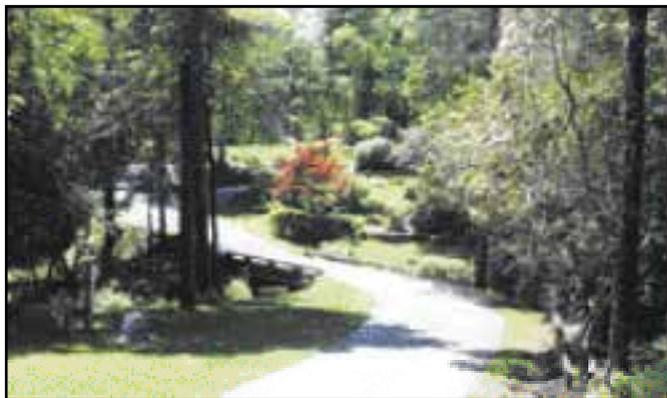
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I just returned from a trip to the island where I watched tourists jump into the water, oblivious to the currents into which they were about to plunge. One afternoon during our trip, I witnessed one swimmer do so with nearly fatal results. (The story had a happy ending; the swimmer and those who raced in to save him were rescued by emergency services.)

I began thinking about visitors to our mountain resort and how the parallel to swimming in Maui waters relates to real estate investing. I pondered how lessons learned in Maui may be helpful to Buyers who are eager to jump into the local real estate waters, but are as unfamiliar with local conditions as those newbie island beachgoers.

Let's look at a series of questions Buyers may ask themselves as they embark upon their investing adventure that maximize return and minimize risk.

1) Weather and water conditions. Maui swimmers need to



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know the latest weather report, tide charts, trade wind activity, and how to spot rip currents BEFORE they jump into the water. Similarly, investors need to scan and understand the local market conditions.

That is, what is going on generally in the market? Are we trending toward a Buyer's or Seller's market? Are prices stable, increasing, or decreasing? Do local experts have suggestions for certain real estate investing selections based upon current conditions?

2) Start broad and then go narrow and deep in your interest area. For a dramatic and joyful snorkeling experience in Maui, you learn about each of the different snorkeling areas first, discern what each area has to offer, how popular certain areas are, and then select according to your interests and desired experiences. In real estate investing, you want to follow a similar process. Obtain an overview of all the neighborhoods, investing pockets, as well as all the investment opportunities. Then go deep for details and

specifics and consider how well the opportunities line up with what it is you want to have happen. Also, is it crowded in your desired investment interest area? Why or why not? What does that tell you about your timing and/or investment choice?

3) Who is your diving buddy? This is vitally important! The distressed swimmer who got into so much trouble had gone into the water solo. In fact, it was clear his family members had no idea he was even in the water. You absolutely need someone partnering with you as you make your investment decisions. Your investment partner may be a knowledgeable family member or friend with considerable real estate experience, and/or a real estate professional. The old adage about the "lone genius" is a myth. Get all brains on board and ask for input and advice.

We had the time of our lives swimming amongst the sea turtles, coral reefs, and dazzling tropical fish in one of the world's most breathtaking bodies of water. We had experiences that will forever be ingrained in our hearts and minds. Your real estate investing experience may be as rewarding and joyful; just be mindful of taking certain prudent steps and always be respectful of the environment in which you want to become a part.

And then, jump on in and relish the great offerings of this gorgeous mountain community.

• Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. Her areas of expertise include real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her clients. White Oak Realty Group's sales office is located at 125 South Fourth Street in the heart of the retail district in Highlands. For more information, visit WhiteOakRG.com or call (828) 526-8118.

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

New members join MountainTop Rotary



The Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop welcomes two new members. Tim Holt and Bill Coffeen. Shown in the photograph from left to right are: Tim Holt, Sponsor Nin Bond, President Hillrie Quin, Bill Coffeen and Sponsor Skip Taylor.

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in crowds or in front of a TV and watch other people play. We no longer provide our own entertainment, but turn to technology ad nauseam to provide pleasure. This tendency is manifesting itself in the church as we sit back in our pews, watch and listen as others worship and preach the Word. And then expect others to conquer the world for Christ. But that is not the way it works in the New Testament (I Corinthians 12).

It was Martyn Lloyd-Jones who said 50 years ago, "Unless we as individual Christians are feeling a grave concern about the state of the Church and our world, then we are poor Christians.

If we simply come to the church to get personal help and no more, then we are but babies in Christ. But if we are at all mature, we must have a concern about the state of society and the Church. We must pray, and we must act in the name of our God." Church, it will start with us

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

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Gone are the “hospital colors” replaced with deep yellow and wood laminate floors cover the tell-tale “medical building” speckled laminate. New windows, lighting fixtures, exterior doors, insulation, office furniture and bathroom, kitchen and conference room renovations have changed the entire feel of the center

The result is a clean and pleasant building for the seven nonprofits and other small businesses in the center.

Grants and donations funded the \$350,000 in renovations; another \$250,000 is needed for landscaping, exterior painting and HVAC upgrades.

Nonprofits tenants pay \$11 per sq. ft; small for-profit businesses pay \$16 per sq. ft. – both rates include utilities, property insurance, janitorial and other operating expenses.

The center has received support from the Cannon Foundation, the Cullasaja Women's Outreach, the WNC Community Foundation, the Laurel Garden Club and the Wild Azalea Garden Club. Donations can be sent to the Peggy Crosby Center, 348 S. 5th Street, Highlands, NC, 28741

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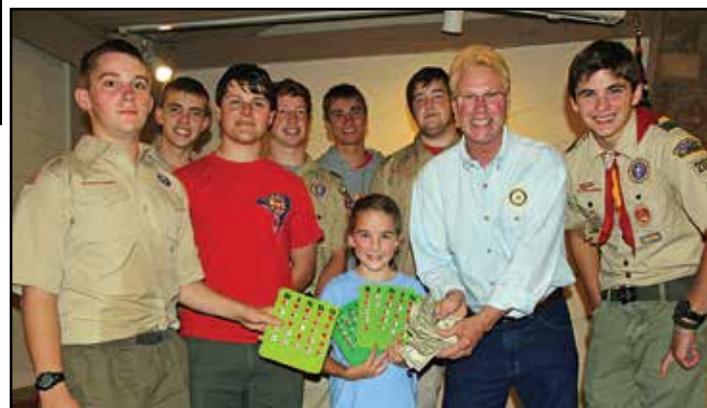
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Peggy Crosby Board members Chip Abernathy and Bill Staples and Lila Howland of the Laurel Garden Club review the results of the \$5,000 grant from Laurel Garden Club for new landscaping for the Peggy Crosby Center.

Rotary Bingo benefits Highlands Boy Scouts



On Thursday, June 12, the Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 to sponsor Boy Scout Bingo. The winner of the final Super Bingo game was Mimi Culpepper, visiting from Athens, GA. Mimi is shown here with Rotary President Rick Reid and local Boy Scouts.

Christian: You are the key to revival

By Mark Ford

First Baptist Church of Highlands

There has been a recent thunder of voices regarding America's need for spiritual revival. Evangelist and author Greg Laurie has made clear his conviction on the matter when he said, "I believe the only real and lasting solution for America is for us to turn back to God. Revival starts with you and me. You notice that God doesn't point to the government, but he points the finger at his people. We need first to pray that we ourselves are humble before God."

Just last week, Anne Graham Lotz – daughter of Evangelist Billy Graham – issued a national prayer initiative called "777: An Urgent Call to Prayer." This is a call for God's people to pray for seven days of the seventh month – July 1-7. And then on the 7th day, to pray and fast for seven hours. The focus of these prayers is for God to restrain, protect, and deliver His people from the evil that is magnifying itself in our world. We are to seek for God's Holy Spirit to fall on us in a fresh way, compelling the church to repent of sin and our nation to return to faith in the living God.

Let it be noted that such calls have gone out throughout history, and especially in America. We have our own First and Second Great Awakenings, and other revival events that changed the nation and communities at large. In this day of political correctness, such a call falls on deaf ears as either extremist or alarmist. Our spirit of sophistication, relativism and religion of humanism make such trumpet calls appear out of touch and condemned as intolerant sectarianism, or passive hand-wringing. Regardless of the critics, we need a spiritual awakening in our day! I will add my insignificant voice to the refrain with the more notable servants and prophets of God that are beginning to sound the trumpet (Joel 2:1, 13).

The churches of our nation and beyond should be very concerned at this present juncture of our national history given the appalling needs for social and spiritual renewal. But I sense that there is a curious tendency today for Christians to feel and think that they can do very little, so they look to others to fix the problems. This is characteristic of the whole of life in our times. Many of us don't exercise, but sit

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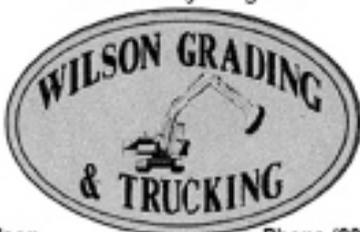


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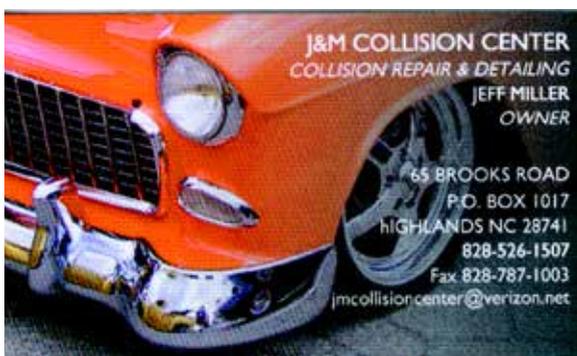


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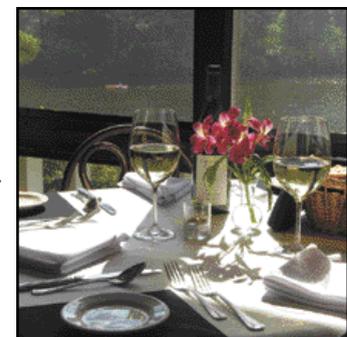
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