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North corner of 5th & Main streets to get a face lift

Like Planning Board Vice Chair Tony Potts said, the corners of Main Street are looking up.

“With the Bryson building on 4th and this one on 5th, Main Street is looking better than ever,” he said.

At the June Appearance Board meeting followed by the July Zoning Board meeting, members unanimously approved updates and changes to the building at 488 Main Street – the corner of 5th and Main – and a Special Use

Permit (SUP) was issued.

New owner Darren Whatley said he is going to dress up the face of the building, especially on the 5th Street side and is putting on the timber trim that was on the original plans for the building but

wasn't done by the previous owner.

The result has been an eyesore of sorts – a stucco building with no adornment. Since the construction of the building, rules about the use of stucco have

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State yet to disburse \$500,000 to health dept.

Nearly \$500,000 in anticipated federal dollars for Medicaid funds will likely not make its way to Macon County this fiscal year, despite the Macon County Health Department budgeting for such. The federal government writes a check to the state for Medicaid Cost Settlement funds each year, and then the state is responsible for the allocation of those dollars to health departments across the state.

This year, North Carolina's Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) has yet to cut Macon County a check for its portion of the federal funds, about \$360,000. But it isn't just Medicaid Cost Settlement money Macon County is waiting for -- Macon, and every county in the state, is also waiting to receive 10% of the cost settlement funds from the past three years which the DMA has been

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Free swimming until Aug. 10!



Mayor Pat Taylor was the first person in the pool at noon on Friday when the complex officially opened but was soon followed by several children who hit the tube slide right away. To make up for the late opening, the town is letting everyone swim for free through Aug. 10. Lap Swim (adults only) Mon.-Fri., 7-9a; Public Swim: Mon.-Thurs. 11a to 5p, Fri. & Sat, 11a to 6p, and Sun., 1-5 or 6p. Family Swim: Mon., Tues., and Thurs., 6-7:30p. Adult Swim: 5-6p.; Water Aerobics: (starting July 20) is Mon., Wed., Fri., 10-11a and Mon., Tues., and Thurs. 5:15-6p. The pool is available for private pool parties Fri.-Sun., 6-8p. For more information call the Rec Park at 828-526-3556.

Kim Lewicki

Homeless shelter must meet 'codes' or close

Macon County is continuing to lead the charge in a statewide effort to better serve individuals with mental health issues in North Carolina. Macon County Board

of Commissioners unanimously passed the "Stepping Up" resolution in support of the initiative of the same name.

Stepping Up is a national ini-

tiative to reduce the number of people with mental illness in county jails. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

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Coyotes: the canis in the cliffs

By Andie Chilson
Intern

If you have ever been awakened in the dead of night to an eerie yipping, yelping or other -worldly sound, it was probably a nearby pack of coyotes.

They move fast and the sounds they make while on their trek come on suddenly, descending from nowhere and then are gone just as quickly.

The Nature Center's annual summer lectures kicked off in the Zahner Conservation Hall on Thursday evening. The seminars serve to educate and inspire people of all ages through a series of talks from well-known local scientists, conservationists, artists, and writers. On Thursday, July 9th, Dr. Chris Mowery, Associate Professor at Berry College, gave a lecture on the origin, habits, and oddities of coyotes titled "Coyotes: From the Wilderness to the Mean Streets."

Mowery began by discussing the fundamental biology of the

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Tonight's Town Board meeting and more ...

Tonight's agenda for the Highlands Town Board meeting is rather light. As always, the meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Conference Center next to the ball field.

One item will be the transfer of the fire substation property to the town. A formal opening ceremony at the substation will take place early in August when the station is equipped and operational.

I have been asked if this substation is the first of several for the fire district. The answer is no, citizens near and just beyond the Jackson County line raised money to build this new facility. The Highlands Fire Department and town agreed to equip and operate the substation. Folks that were involved in building the substation have paid much higher fire insurance rates because they lived more than five miles from the main fire station. This new facility will put these neighborhoods within five miles of a station, thus drastically reducing their fire insurance rates. Those that invested in the new building will recoup their investment very soon. We have no other situations like this one in the rest of the fire



Mayor Pat Taylor

district, so no new substations are necessary. The whole project has been a good partnership between Macon and Jackson Counties, Highlands and the affected community.

The town board will also review an offer for a donation to the police department that deals with the impending retirement of Ruby the police dog and her replacement. And no, Ruby is not entitled to a state retirement check, just pet status in her old age, food every day and a place to sleep, all of which will be provided by her handler and his family.

The agenda also includes requests from CLE and the Highlands Playhouse. The Founders Park Coalition will present to the board a memorandum of understanding in conjunction with the impending transfer of the Sossoman property to the town. This process is the initial step in building phase two of the park.

The new enclosed pool opened for business this past Friday. It is a beautiful facility, and I want to thank John Lupoli, the general contractor, for getting it fully open as soon as possible. The moveable Dynadome pool cover is the largest one in the entire United States, and the installation was an engineering feat. It is now in a secure, partially open position. Representatives from Dynadome will return to the pool in a few days to make the cover fully moveable and train the pool staff.

Swimming is a great way to exercise, especially this coming winter with snow on the ground and the enclosed pool water temperature at around 80 degrees. It will sort of be like wintering in Florida for an hour or so. My 67-year old skin and joints will love it!

• MILESTONES •

Rogers celebrate 50 years together



Pastor John and Wanda Rogers, of Highlands will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 17, 2015. They are blessed with two sons: Wayne (Josie) Rogers and daughters Taylor and Jordan, and Pastor Greg (Terry Rogers) all of Franklin. A family vacation is planned at a later date to celebrate this Golden Anniversary.

Mortgage shredding celebration

At last Thursday's Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, patrons celebrated with Bob and Nancy Mills of Nancy's Fancys and The Exchange for Men who shredded the mortgage on their building on Main Street.



• LETTER •

People make a difference

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Jane Kimsey of the Dept. of Social Services and Andy Shields of the Sheriff's Office for receiving the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Recognition at this level of their excellent service to the citizens of Macon County is well deserved. What a blessing to have had two public servants of this caliber for so many years. It is people like this that make Macon County a wonderful place to live. Thanks for your service.

Don Swanson
Franklin

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The power outage Monday night was caused by a tree that fell on Holt Knob. The entire town wasn't out; just the northern half. The tree caused a breaker to open at the metering point at Mirror Lake Road which controls the northern half of town. Power was restored about an hour later.



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A Memorial Service was held Sunday, July 12, at Tellico Baptist Church. Rev. Gary McCoy and Rev. Morris Tippet officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice House Foundation, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

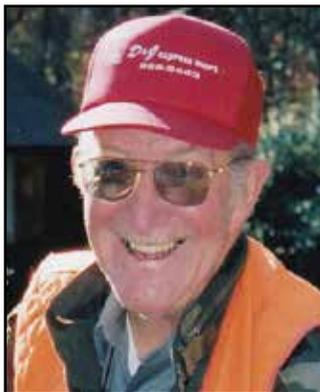
Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.com

OBITUARIES.

Furman Russell 'Bud' Dalton

Furman Russell "Bud" Dalton, 87, of Highlands, NC died Monday, July 6, 2015. A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Lawrence Grady and Jessie Conley Dalton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Houston Dalton. He was owner of Bud Dalton Plumbing in Highlands.

Mr. Dalton is survived by two sons, James Thomas Dalton and Jerry Lee Dalton both of Highlands; two brothers, Maurice Monroe Dalton of Florida and Franklin D. "Frank" Dalton of New Hampshire; six grandchildren, Lauren Dalton, Gary Dalton, Paul Dalton,



Tracy Head, Heather Escandon and Stephanie James and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Bertie Lou and Darlene Dalton; one son, Furman R. Dalton, Jr.; three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 9, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands with Rev. Roy Lowe officiating. Burial will be in Highlands Memorial Park. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Robert E Caless

Robert E. Caless of Cashiers NC died at home on June 28, 2015. He was 81. He was a computer programmer/analyst. He loved the mountains of NC as well as the many dogs with whom he shared his life. He was a weather enthusiast. He loved his family and dear friends in NC & points beyond. His good friend David was a true blessing during the last months of his life.

Predeceased by sister Joan E. Caless Hanna & parents Elizabeth G. & Earle H. Caless. Survived by niece Deborah Little (Robin) & nephews Jeffrey Hanna (Elizabeth),



Robert Hanna (Yolanda), and Mark Hanna. Veteran of US Army. Member of Glenville Masonic Lodge 551.

Longtime member of Cashiers United Methodist Church, a memorial service will be held at the church July 25 at 10am.

Donations would be appreciated to Dachshund Rescue of North America (DRNA) c/o Eileen Pratt, 1197 Allaire Loop, The Villages, FL 32163 in Bob's memory.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Nichols Duvall

Mark Nichols Duvall, 57, of Franklin, NC died Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Care Partners Solace Hospice Center in Asheville, NC.

Born September 18, 1957 on his parents' ninth wedding anniversary, he was the son of Marie Nichols Duvall of Franklin and the late Rex V. Duvall. A 1975 graduate of Franklin High School, he attended Southwestern Technical Institute, where he studied Hotel and Restaurant Management. He joined the U.S. Navy and was discharged in 1981. Mark was an avid classic rock music fan, reader, cook, and collector.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two infant brothers, Boone and Jeffery Duvall, and one half-brother, Jackie West. In addition to his mother, he is survived by four sisters: Kathy Hart (Tom) of Highlands, NC; Nancy Wilson, Jennifer Nation, and Rexanna Duvall (Don), all of Franklin. Also surviving is one brother, David C. Duvall of Franklin, and "adopted" brother, Marshall Ramey, of Asheville, NC. Mark was the proud uncle of four nephews and one niece: Randy Scott Sizemore of San Francisco, CA; Eric Sizemore of Phoenix, AZ; Travis Duvall (Jamie), of Thomasville, NC; Dylan Duvall of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Wendy Duvall and son, Jared, of Franklin. Uncle Mark had a soft spot in his big heart for his great-niece and great-nephew, Adalyn and Eli Duvall of Thomasville, NC.

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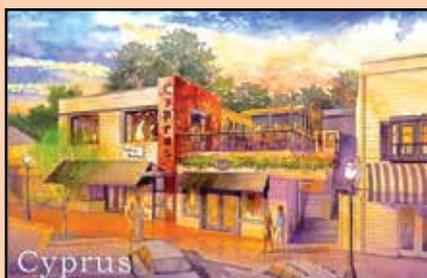
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• **Chamber Music of Haydn and Mozart:** Sat., July 18 Time: 10-12 Dr. Stephen Crist will examine the music and influence of three most famous composers during the 18th century; Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.

• **The Cold War and Hollywood:** Mon., July 20 Time: 10-12 Colin Mackey will bring to life the fears, villains and heroes during the Cold War through an analysis of American film and its reflection of Hollywood's propaganda role during this time.

• **Watercolor in Hudson River Style:** Tue./Thur. July 21,23,28, 30 Time: 10-12 Cost \$120/\$130 Knight Martorell will instruct you in the techniques used in creating art in this style. Artists of all skill level welcome.

• **Songs of Activist of Pete Seeger:** Tue., July 21 Time: 2-4 Pete Seeger is one of the most beloved artists in the history of American folk music. Presenter Dawn Harmon McCord and guitarist Mimi Gentry will have the audience singing along to some of his most popular songs that reflect his commitment to peace, civil rights and sustainability.

• **Author Series: "Murder in the State Capitol" Author Pamela Chase Hain:** Wed., July 22 Time: 2-4 Join author Pamela Chase Hain as she shares how she brought the life and story of Lt. Col. Robert Augustus Alston to life in her novel.

• **A Fun Guide to the Best Apps for iPad & iPhone:** Thur., July 23 Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost \$70/\$80 Nigel Sixsmith imparts his knowledge of the newest and best apps for your iPad and iPhone.

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creatures, explaining their origin, general distribution, and breeding habits. Initially unique to the Western plains, coyotes have presently been identified in every reach of the nation, excluding Hawaii. The gradual increase of the coyote's presence across the country can be attributed largely to the depletion of predators and the habitat modification of prey. As wolves (the coyote's primary predator) were killed in mass by hunters, the coyote population exploded, resulting in its ultimately nation-wide presence.

Mowery went on to explain a phenomenon termed "Canis Soup," which describes the mixing of different breed of wolves, coyotes, and other species which comprise the Canis genus. While the interbreeding of various Canis species is not ideal, it is occasionally a last resort for those animals unable to procure a mate.

Contrary to popular belief, Mowery insisted that coyotes as a species seldom, if ever, exceed 50 lbs. The smallest of

the species, the Western Coyote, is approximately 25 lbs. at full maturity. Other subspecies of the animal include the Southeastern Coyote, which ranges between 30 – 40 lbs., and the Northeastern Coyote, between 45 – 50 lbs.

A study at Yellowstone National Park proved the dependence of the coyote's diet, lifestyle, and ecological role on its foremost predator, the wolf. In 1995, after a nearly 70-year absence, the Grey Wolf was reintroduced into the park. Shortly upon its arrival, the diet of the coyote noticeably altered. Formerly subsisting off chiefly mammalian prey, the coyote adapted a scavenger lifestyle, living off of its predators' castoffs.

Archetypically brown or multicolored creatures, Mowery explained a rare phenomenon found in less than 20% of the Canis genus referred to as melanism. Melanism describes a genetic mutation found in such species as wolves, domestic dogs, and coyotes which results in a solid black coat. A

decade-long study proved the rarity of the mutation when research yielded a mere 10 coyotes in Georgia that possessed the unique trait. While it is still unusual, melanism is slightly more common in other species of the Canis family, specifically the Red and Grey Wolf.

Mowery then went on to debunk some unfavorable myths regarding urban coyotes. While coyotes in residential areas subsist chiefly off of small rodents and plant grub, some have been known to pillage garbage cans and attack and kill small pets. A city-wide survey proved that 76% of people in the Atlanta area were concerned for their pet's safety from coyotes, and nearly 60% would like to be educated on how to coexist with the creatures.

Mowery clarified that while coyotes and humans do come into contact at times, they are extremely weary of humans and do what they can to avoid them. Among the most common reasons for coyote intrusions or attacks is exposed garbage or pet food. Mowery addressed the notion that coyotes prey on house pets stating that they are first

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Then, when you least expect it, out pops another clown. Could that be Joe Biden? It must be 'cause he's holding an open umbrella that says "Trust me...I have a big stick." The Republicans in the audience jump to their feet chanting "We want Joe... We want Joe" while the Democrats are aghast.

And then another explosion occurs from seemingly nowhere and out pops Hillary Clinton. What is that women wearing? Tell me she's not wearing a tutu. The Democrats are mortified. The Republicans stand and chant, "What difference does it make, what difference does it make" over and over again.



Fred Wooldridge

Just when you're sure no one else could pop out of such a tiny car, appears Marco Rubio with his famous "little boy" smile. The slogan on his shirt reads, "I'm Cuban and, believe it or not, have never been arrested but have many traffic tickets."

Donald Trump rushes over and snatches the microphone from the ringmaster and announces, "I hate Cubans also!" The Puerto Ricans in the crowd stand and cheer. Things are getting out of control. Could there be a Jewish African American with a British accent popping out next. Nah! I can't think of one.

Thank goodness I woke from my dream just as more Republican hopefuls started to exit the Crosley. I sat up in bed and stared into the darkness of my bedroom.

I'm thinking every single presidential candidate, both Democrat and Republican, is a politician who can't be believed or trusted any further than I could throw them.

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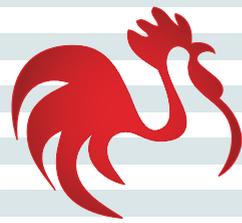


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Wait...Ben Carson isn't a politician; he's a brain surgeon from the worst neighborhood in Detroit who was raised by his mom and with no dad. But Ben says stupid stuff like comparing Nazi Germany to Obamacare. The Democrats will beat him to a pulp with that stupid comment. What was he thinking?

America is starving for a statesman, not another politician who can't be believed. Who cares if he is a Republican or a Democrat? He can be a Wig as far as I'm concerned as long as he doesn't lie

to us and supports and believes in the American Constitution. What America doesn't want or need is another clown who says stuff like, "If you like your doctor, you can keep you doctor."

Thinking things over further, I would like a president similar to our mayor, Pat Taylor. Hold it, don't laugh! He hasn't lied to us as far as I can tell and he keeps the little people informed to what is going on via the media and town hall meetings. I would give anything to have a president who does that.

Since Pat is not qualified to run for president, I'm only suggesting our next president be a person who does not lie to Americans and doesn't have a hidden agenda.

I turned a light on in my bedroom to make sure my thoughts were also not a dream. Once I was convinced I was not dreaming, I turned off the light, closed my eyes and hoped for a dream about me being able to fly. I used to have them all the time and miss them a lot.

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attracted to the pet food – then the pet. Should people wish to have a peaceful relationship with these urban dwelling creatures, there are simple steps they can take to achieve a satisfactory symbiotic state.

To learn more about Dr.

Mowery and his mission to educate the world on this unique creature, please visit www.facebook.com/atlantacoyoteproject.

The Zahner Lectures are every Thursday evening at The Nature Center from 6:30-7:30p and cover

a bevy of topics.

Coming up are "4,000 Reasons to Love (and Protect) Native Bees" on July 16, and "White-Nose Syndrome and Bats: The Current Status of this Wildlife Health Crisis" on July 23.

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When visiting Highlands and enjoying its charms, it's easy to forget the hard work

that goes into making our community the wonderful place it is. Never a community to rest on its laurels, it is an ever, if subtly, changing environment. If we're just welcoming you back for the season, or for the first time in a year or two, take a look around and you will see that the town of Highlands continually works to improve its services and to enhance the beauty of Highlands. From our attractive brick paver sidewalks to thoughtfully placed flowers, the town always has an eye on keeping the charm intact.

This year you will notice that even bigger projects are taking shape, both by the town and by businesses within the town. The newly developed K-H Founders Park on Pine Street will now serve as a cornerstone for community gatherings, concerts, farmer's markets and craft shows. Visit the Recreation Park and take a dip in the recently finished swimming pool renovations that include a cover to make swimming accessible year round. Notice that the old is making way for a thoughtfully planned new and improved look on the corner of 4th and Main.

Existing businesses are freshening up store fronts and moving to Main Street and beyond. New businesses of every description are also moving in to enhance your Highlands experience. Take a look around and you'll notice a new hotel, brewery, wine shop, bakery and several new restaurants. There's even a new Urgent Care Clinic that offers extended hours.

Make sure to pick up a newspaper each week to keep track of all of the events and experiences that living in and around Highlands offers. Our real estate market is vital and reflects the improvement in our community and infrastructure. While there is an increase in homes sold, we are still experiencing a buyer's market. There has never been a better time to purchase a seasonal, rental or year around property in our beautiful mountain town. Become a part of our community. We welcome you!

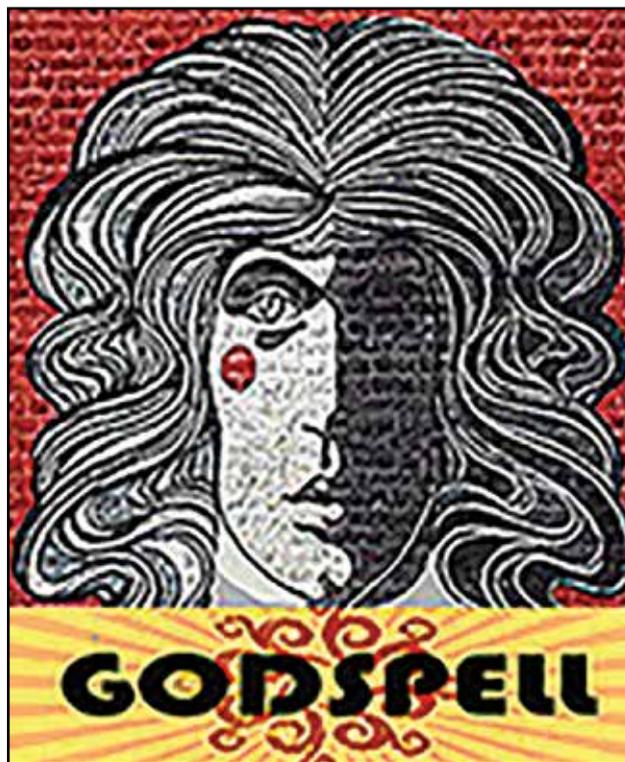
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is working with the National Sheriffs Association and the National Alliance on Mental Illness to get the resolution passed in all 100 counties of the state, as well as in every state in the country.

According to the resolution, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jails each year. Prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in confinement facilities are three to six times higher than for the general population, with statistics showing that almost 13 percent of North Carolina's prison population requires some type of intervention due to mental health issues.

The initiative is geared toward reducing the number of people in jail with mental health issues dramatically between now and 2020. Resources across the country will be utilized, and the individual counties and states are expected to look at their respective populations and decide what works best for them.

In Macon County, that solution may be reached by also looking at the county's homeless population. Commissioner Ronnie Beale told two different groups aimed toward helping homeless people in the county at Macon County Commission meeting Tuesday night that he would be

happy to provide additional information and facts about the initiative and ways it can help in their efforts to help the homeless.

Beale noted that often times, substance abuse and homelessness go hand-in-hand, and finding a solution to one of the issues would provide insight into the other.

Fathers House, located behind the Whistle Stop in Franklin, is a church that hosts a 6-month-long rehabilitation program intended to help homeless people get off of drugs and find a secure home.

"We run a program to help get these individuals to be productive members of society," said Lowell Monteith, facilitator and pastor. "Our program isn't designed to be easy, but it helps get these people out of whatever their addiction is, teaches them accountability, and sets them up to contribute to society."

Fathers House, run by Monteith, is a facility that provides shelter for homeless people and claims to help teach them skills needed in life such as trades and money management. Those staying at Fathers House provide Monteith with half of their paycheck. That money is then used to put money back into a savings account and to put money back into the program. People staying at Fathers House are required to

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Celebrating 30 years of men's fashion in Highlands

By: Marie Salinger

Each window is artfully decorated: shirts stacked on ladders, slacks tucked inside vintage trunks, a sock here, a feather bowtie there – each item curated to define the character and taste that is TJ Bailey.

The Highlands staple turns 30 years old this month and owner Anita Lupoli invites the community to help blow out the candles. Friday, July 17 at 5 p.m., join the TJ Bailey family in a celebration of the evolution from one small storefront opened in 1985 to a booming business with locations in Highlands, Cashiers and now online.

Lupoli opened TJ Bailey in her early twenties and, with hard work and impeccable taste, made it into the establishment it is today.

“The first year it was bare to the walls, we were just trying to figure it all out,” said Lupoli about her beginnings in the business. “We didn’t yet understand the nuances of ordering, so when we got down to the last

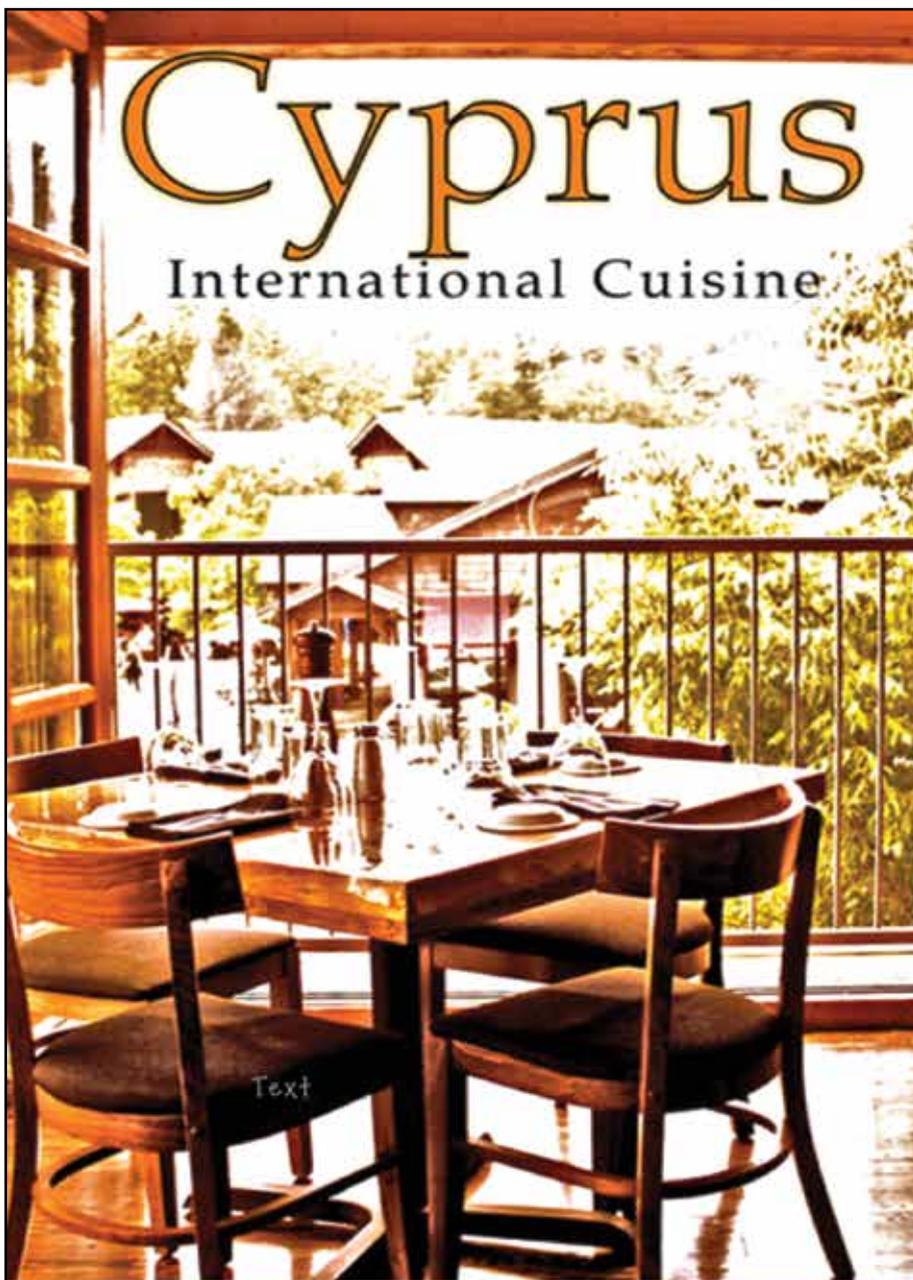
items, we would fold the sweaters as large as we could to fit the entire shelf.”

Filling the shelves is no longer an issue. Antiques line the tops of each cabinet and manikins stand on every surface, surrounded by the corresponding designer clothing. With each new season comes new styles, additions to the TJ Bailey Family and customers, old and new, are amazed by the changes.

“I would call Anita to come and spruce up the store. In the end you would look around and the place looked brand new. It would just sparkle. Anita has a talent for making fantastic displays,” said Lee Byers, former manager.

“It’s not about making a sale, it’s about building relationships,” said Lupoli about TJ Bailey’s reputation for customer service. “We don’t want customers to just shop with us, we want them to fall in love with Highlands. Our goal is to create an environment

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- French wine tasting from 5-7 at Mountain Top Wine Shoppe on Main St.
- Zahner Lecture: "4,000 Reasons to Love (and Protect) Native Bees at the Highlands Nature Center at 6:30p. It's free.

Fri. July 17

- TJ Bailey For Men is celebrating its 30th year in business. Come to the "Bash of the Year" in Town Square from 5 to 10p. Food, Beer, Live music featuring the Tallulah River Band.

July 16-Aug. 1

- At Highlands Playhouse, the musical "Godspell." Wed. through Sat. at 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

Sat., July 18

- The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day from 9a – noon this Saturday. If you're interested in participating, please email Ran Shaffner at highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at 828-526-5622. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot (near the pool entrance) in the Recreation Park at 9:00 AM for a brief orientation session, and you'll be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment.

- Epionce Open House at the Center for Plastic Surgery with Dr. Robert Buchanan, 10a to 4p.

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club annual auction will be held Saturday at the Sky Valley/Scaly Mt. Fire Dept at 169 Hale Ridge Road, Scaly Mountain, NC. Doors open at 6 PM and admission is free

- Live music in K-H Park. 6-8p with August Christopher. Bring a picnic!

Mon.-Wed., July 20-22

- Little Highlander Volleyball Camp will be held at the Recreation Department from 9am-noon on July 20th-22nd. For students in 3rd-8th grade. The camp will be run by Katy Postell and the varsity girls' volleyball team. The cost is \$50.

Mon., July 20

- At the Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station, a garden tour of native plants and how to enjoy them in your garden from 10:30-11:30a. Free.

Tues., July 21

- At the Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station, "Year-round green appeal: Moss gardening basics with Annie Martin from 2-4p. \$10 for HBF members and \$35 for new members.

- Eco Tour: "Heart of Horse Cove." Join Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust as we explore Horse Cove. Many have traveled the hairpin picturesque drive down to the Cove but few know about the rich natural and cultural history of this charming valley. Come hear its stories. \$35 new friends includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a year membership to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust! HCLT members: \$10. Reservations required: Julie. hitrust@earthlink.net, 526-1111. ETA to be

announced.

Wed., July 22

- Free Interlude Concert Series at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Christina Smith, flute Robert Henry, piano.

- North and South Jackson County Republicans will meet on Monday at Ryans in Sylva. 6 PM to eat and 6:30 to meet on the 4th. The agenda includes speakers Attorney Leo Phillips Vice Chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Party and Co-Treasurer of the Republican Party District 11 and Hunter Murphy candidate for NC judgeship. Republicans and unaffiliated voters are invited to attend. For Jackson County GOP information, please call Ralph Slaughter @ 828 743-6491 or email: jacksonctygop@yahoo.com

Thurs.-Sun, July 23-26

- The 50th Annual Macon County Gem-boree is Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Daily admission is \$2 for adults and 12 & under admitted FREE. A Run-of-Show Ticket is also available for the event. This special pass is only \$5 and will allow you admission to the event all 4 days for one low price. On Sunday all Macon County residents can enter for only \$1 admission. For more information on the 50th Annual Macon County Gem-boree, contact the Franklin Chamber of Commerce toll free at 800-336-7829 or 828-524-3161.

Thurs., July 23

- At the Nature Center, Zahner Lecture: White-Nose syndrome and bats: the current status of this wildlife health crisis from 6:30-7:30p. Free.

Sat., July 25

- At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with the Balsam Mountain Trust at 11 a.m. Program on the patio at Cliff-

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• A Tennis Camp will be run held at the Recreation Department on Saturday from 9am-noon. The camp will be run by Coach

Matt Richie. Tennis balls will be provided and we will have a few loner rackets available for the camp. The cost for the camp is \$12.

Tuesday, July 28

• Village Nature Series: "Get Acquainted with the Natives" – a colorful discussion about

native plants and pollinators with Susan Sunflower. Susan is a Master Gardener and member of the Native Plant Society and Western North Carolina Botany Alliance. She is the founder of a habitat stewardship outreach and educational group, Transylvania Naturally, to promote native habitats for endangered, indigenous pollinators such as certain bees and monarch butterflies. Programs begin at 5:30 PM and usually last about an hour.

Wed., July 29

• Adult, Child and Infant First Aid/CPR/AED certification class at 9am at the Community Building. Learn how to respond to first aid, cardiac and breathing emergencies. Upon completion attendees receive certification from the American Red Cross. Please pre register we need a minimum of 6 for the class and a maximum class size of 16.

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. St. Paul's Chamber Choir, Atlanta - directed by Trey Clegg.

Sat., Aug. 1

• The annual Open House at the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. from 11a to 3p. Fire truck rides and hot dog plates. Donations accepted.

• The Bascom 30th Anniversary Celebration. Free and fun for all from 3-7p.

Mon.-Thurs., Aug. 3-6

• Little Highlander Softball Camp will be held at Zachary Park on Buck Creek Road from 9am-noon. The cost for the camp is \$50.

Wed., August 5

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Helen Kim, violin Robert Henry, piano.

Sat., Aug. 8

• An exciting weekend is ahead with the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in August.

Reviving a custom from the 1920s and 1930s, an elegant, traditional Garden Party will be held from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the beautiful gardens of Frank Langford in Highlands Falls Country Club. Ticket price for each event is \$50 or \$90 for both. Tickets are available online at incarnationwnc.org, at the Church of the Incarnation or by phone at 828-526-2968. Proceeds from the auction and concert benefit health and human services in the community.

Wed., August 12

• Free Interlude Concert Series at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Western Carolina University Faculty Concert.

Thurs.-Sun, Aug. 13-16

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Fri., Aug. 14

• The annual Alpha Delta Pi Sorority alumni luncheon at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club at 11:30 a.m. All ADPis are invited to come and renew acquaintances and college memories. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Emily Buskirk at 787-1015 or Vesta Jones at 526-0477. Reservations need to be made by Aug. 7.

Sat., Aug. 15

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with the Balsam Mountain Trust at 11 a.m. Program on the patio at Cliffside Lake. No pets allowed. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to program. Free by \$4/vehicle admission to recreation area.

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attend church services held by Monteith, the organization's pastor, and to get off and stay off drugs and alcohol. If they do not follow Monteith's rules, they are removed from the program.

Monteith talked to county officials about the push back he has gotten from the community and asked the county to support his efforts.

"The county isn't making it easy and we don't have any support front he community," said Monteith. "Everyone thinks these people aren't worth saving and that they put themselves in this situation."

Monteith's request came after being notified that the building that houses his church and shelter is in violation of numerous codes. Macon County Building Inspector Bobby Bishop sent Van's Electric, Monteith's landlord, a letter on July 1 informing him he had a month to bring the building up to standard or the operation would be shut down.

"The occupancy has been changed from a business to an Assembly/residential," reads the letter. "There have been no permits applied for this occupant change and there are numerous violations in the building code, fire code, and environmental health issues. We are giving the tenant and owner 30 days to comply with proper plans and permits for the building. If this is not done in this length of time, the power will be removed from

the building on July 31 of 2015."

"What am I supposed to tell the people living there, or the family with six kids with nowhere else to go, if I can't meet these codes?" asked Monteith.

Derek Roland, Macon County Manager, said the violations found in the building were not county regulations, but instead come from the state building and fire codes and are enacted by the state. With the codes being state mandates, Roland told Monteith that the county couldn't legally just look the other way and ignore the violations like Monteith asked the county to do.

"No one is denying the merit of your intent and I commend you for this ministry," said Roland. "But our job as a county is to make sure that wherever citizens lay their heads at night is safe, and these codes are in place to ensure that, so we are bound by law to enforce them."

Monteith plans to spend the rest of the month attempting to meet code and appease the county to continue his ministry.

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to which shoppers want to return and eventually bring their kids and grandkids. We want them to love the community and join the community."

Lupoli has always supported local businesses, stressing the importance of building up the town as a whole. Friday's anniversary party will be catered by local businesses, Mountain Fresh Grocery

and Satulah Mountain Brewing Company, for this reason.

"John and Anita care about the community and give back a lot. I believe that's one of the key reasons their business is here 30 years later," said Tanya Kuzmina, manager.

When asked about lessons learned since opening TJ Bailey, Lupoli said: "The little things

matter. One customer may need a whole new wardrobe, and the next guy might just need you to lend an ear."

Lupoli and Kuzmina are in agreement regarding their favorite aspect of working at TJ Bailey – the customers.

"Seeing familiar faces come year after year, summer after summer, that's just joy," said Lupoli.



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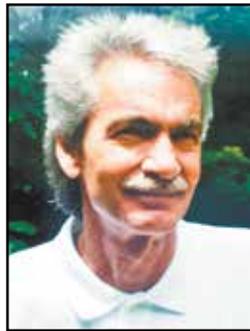
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We find that something in Acts 17:26-27: "From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him though He is not far from any one of us."

Doesn't this sound fantastic to you? God has done something for you. Namely: He has determined where and when you should live in history. Surely you've wondered (I have) why you live in this great nation with all of its comforts and conveniences. Why were we not born in a foreign land? A repressive government? A different era characterized by significant hardships vs push-button ease? Ultimately the answer is not heritage, connections or a false sense of simply deserving such. No...ultimately God says, "He has done this."

Since this is so, the follow-up question has to be "why?" Why has God done this? We read the answer already, didn't we? "That we would seek Him." The incredible conclusion is that God places all of us in a location and history in such a way that our opportunity to know Him is maximized! This is true for you. You are where you are because God wants you to know Him. Somehow...for you...that opportunity is now optimal.

More than seven billion people now populate our planet. God sees every single one of them. He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for their sins (and ours). I hope you will grasp this as something very personal and loving that God has done for you and that you will, in fact, seek and know Him.

By the way...a very important P.S....Even if your times and location are extremely difficult right now...even unprecedented...please remember: God can do anything. He raised His Son from the grave. Jesus Christ now lives. He will live in you if you will ask Him. And He will give you grace and power to live with any difficulty and every situation, I promise.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from June 10. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 10

• At 6:52 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident in the Mountain Fresh parking lot.

June 24

• At 11 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

June 25

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

• At 4:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106 near Lower Buttermilk Road.

June 26

• At 2:20 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident in the Mountain Fresh parking lot.

June 28

• At 11 a.m., a single pane glass window valued at \$250 was reported broken at the old Stop n' Shop on N. 4th Street.

June 29

• At 3:15 p.m. officers were called to TJ Bailey's about a shoplifting incident where a watch and bullet pen valued at about \$500 were taken.

• At 5 p.m., Dennis B. Ahlzadeh, 60, of Atlanta, GA, was arrested for shoplifting at TJ Bailey's for Men and resisting, delaying and obstructing justice with the use of his hands. He was issued a \$1,500 bond. His court date was July 9.

June 30

• At 8:40 a.m., a mailbox valued at \$300 was reported to be knocked over by a vehicle at a residence on Hudson Road.

• At 10:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 near Oak Street.

• At 10:49 a.m., Douglas M. Grimm, 75 of Atlanta, GA, was arrested for DWI and making an unsafe movement on Main Street. He was issued a \$2,500 bond. His court date is July 29.

July 2

• At 10:40 a.m., officers responded to a robbery at The Golden clipper where two diamond rings valued at \$150,000 were stolen.

• At noon, officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 west.

• At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of shoplifting at the Little Flower Shop on Main Street where two boxer shorts and a stuffed animal valued at \$61 was taken.

July 4

• At 12:05 p.m., a vehicle damaged a mailbox valued at \$75 and didn't stop to report it at a residence on Foreman Road.

July 6

• At 10:09 a.m., officers were called about a bear at a residence on Moorewood Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from June 28.

June 28

• At 1:13 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Oak Street.

June 29

• At 1:18 a.m., the dept. stoodby for the MAMA helicopter at the hospital.

June 30

• At 6:50 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.

• At 8:07 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Elm Court.

July 1

• At 10:05 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Lake Court.

• At 10:50 a.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 12:20, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Pierson Drive.

July 2

• At 7:26 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.

• At 10:55 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance on Main Street.

• At 6:13 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on 3R Lane.

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changed – only 30% of the face of a building can be stucco.

In addition to the trim, he is going to dress up the street side of the building with foliage, new paint, a new fence and a new brown metal roof rather than the green roof that is there now. The color of the building will change from a beige to a gray/brown with brown trim.

The Appearance Board OK'd the exterior improvements which left the Zoning Board to issue a SUP which is required whenever there is an addition to a commercial building.

The addition is a deck off the back of the building which will be used by the tenant of the apartment Whatley is constructing in the third commercial unit which occupies the rear of the building.

He said it is hard to rent out the rear unit as a commercial space because access to it is so far from Main Street. Consequently,

he opted to make it into a two-story, one-bedroom plus loft apartment with two baths and a deck off the back. The ceiling in the structure is high enough to accommodate a second level.

Since the building is in the B-1 commercial district, incidental apartments are allowed without providing a parking place and there aren't any setbacks needed regarding the placement of the deck in the back yard which is adjacent to The Highlander newspaper building on 5th Street.

According to Town Planner Josh Ward, the deck will not affect the built-upon requirements because it is considered a pervious surface.

Whatley said exterior changes will start with the roof in three to 12 weeks. He expects the apartment to take four or five months and it will follow after completion of the exterior.

– Kim Lewicki

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withholding. That is another \$125,000.

The state decided three years ago to hold back 10% of local departments' cost settlement funds while Medicaid plans and programs were reviewed, and with that three years expiring this year, Macon County Health Department Director Jim Bruckner said the county expected to be allocated the \$125,000. However, as of June 30, the last day in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, the county had not been given the money. If the funds are not distributed to the county by September, when the county closes out its books for the fiscal year, any future payment would go into the general fund and would not be able to be applied back to the health department's 2014-'15 revenues.

"This could impact how we finish out the year," said Bruckner.

According to Bruckner, while it is unclear why the state is holding back the money, from what he and his colleagues with the North Carolina Association of Local Health Departments can tell, the withholding is due to a shift in how the state is interpreting how costs are applied for by local departments.

As it stands, Bruckner said the health

department is in a sound financial position for the current fiscal year. Despite the unexpected \$500,000 revenue shortfall, due to strong budgeting, reducing areas of expenditures and around \$200,000 in revenues that were not previously budgeted for fees and services at the health department, the Medicaid Cost Settlement funds could be able to be absorbed this year.

"We should finish the year in good shape even with the looming cost settlement issue," noted Bruckner.

But if the state continues to withhold the money, Bruckner said next year, the health department would be forced to turn to the county for help to make the numbers add up at the end of the year.

County Manager Derek Roland said that in the event this occurs, the county would address the issue when it arises.

"If this in fact continues to be a problem for all counties across the state, we will have to look to our state legislators for help resolving the funding disparity and look at how our local health department does business," said Roland.

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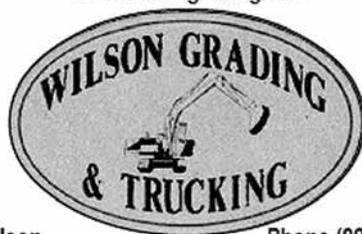


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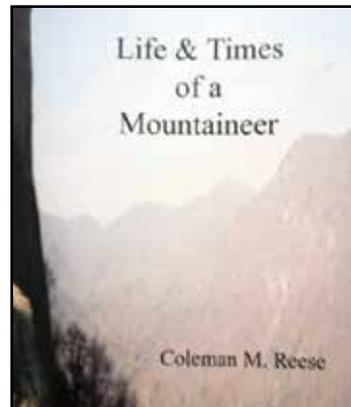
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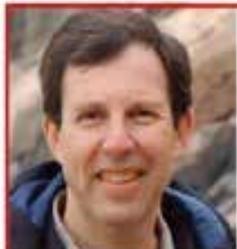


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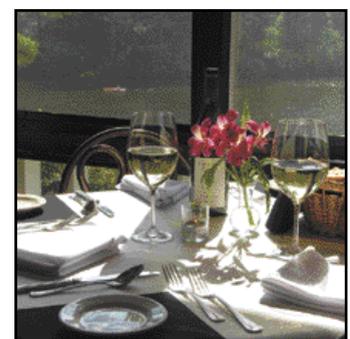
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