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Citizens help police catch one of two wanted in robbery

Sometimes it really does take a village – well in this case a store clerk, a restaurateur, a builder, a surveyor, country club employees and ultimately police officers.

Last Thursday, July 2, citizens rallied to help police apprehend a

robber and the driver of the getaway truck.

At 10:50 a.m. Thursday a 911 call came in from Fressers Eatery on Oak Street reporting that a guy running down Oak Street was being chased by a man, who was

screaming “Help, call the cops I was just robbed!”

James Majszak, 67, the store clerk at Golden Clipper on Main Street, was chasing the alleged robber down Oak toward 5th Street. He had just smashed a glass jewel-

ry case and grabbed two diamond rings valued at \$150,000.

The suspect entered the Golden Clipper through its main door on Main Street wearing a motorcycle helmet; once inside he

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MC Health Department to fill primary care void

A lot of citizens who have tried to see their primary care physician lately are hearing the same thing: “We can see you next week.”

In fact, many residents in Macon County are driving to Georgia for care or going to urgent care or the emergency room.

During its June meeting, the Macon County Board of Health discussed the void in primary care options and voted to move forward with offering primary care options at the health department.

“Macon County Public Health is striving to help fill a current shortage in primary care services in the community,” said Melissa Leatherman, health department public information officer. “Even though we will be limited in the number of clients we can accept into these services, we hope to improve the number of Macon County residents who

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Competition begins for Highlands Hurricanes



The Highlands Hurricanes had its first swim meet of the season in Jackson County last Thursday night. The next meet in Thursday, July 9 in Franklin. But now meets can take place in Highlands year-long. If the pool passes inspection and gets its Certificate of Occupancy this week, the pool will be open this weekend from now on. The town has purchased new pool furniture including chairs, tables and chaises. The pool house interior has been greatly upgraded with new fixtures, showers, walls and soon, tile flooring. Members of the Highlands Hurricanes pictured above are Cane Smolarsky, Toby Henderson, Chase Kenter, and Isaiah Vilardo.

Bird flu affecting NC; precautions in the works

Due to a recent outbreak in the bird flu, the Macon County Fair will not have chickens this year, and the price of poultry may be on the rise.

During a disease update, the Macon County Board of Health was told that a recent outbreak of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5) was impacting the state.

HPAI H5 detections began in December 2014 and have continued to date. The USDA is reporting H5 bird flu virus detections in 21 U.S. states -- 15 states with outbreaks in domestic poultry or captive birds and six states with H5 detections in wild birds only.

Although there aren't any cases of humans infected with these viruses, similar viruses have infected people in other countries and caused serious illness or death.

Human infections with other
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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Highlands and sales tax legislation

Where does Highlands stand in regard to the sales tax redistribution bill that was proposed at the start of this legislative session? Here is my take on this complicated situation. Events in Raleigh baffle your mayor.



Mayor Pat Taylor

Senate Bill 369, the so called fair sales tax distribution bill, debuted this spring. The bill was based on a per capita rather than point of sale tax distribution. Highlands, with 980 permanent residents, stood to lose about \$600,000 in sales tax revenue, and retain only \$200,000. I was outspoken that this per capita formula would be disastrous for town of Highlands' general fund. I appreciate the community's response to that "fair sales tax" proposal. Folks contacted our representatives and signed a petition against the bill.

A compromise proposal was suddenly put forth in the senate. An alternative proposal, House Bill 97, has also been presented with controversial changes like no sales tax exemptions for nonprofits.

State experts have crunched the numbers in the senate proposal, and have built into their projections a 3.5% annual growth

rate. That projection may be a bit optimistic. If the economy has a downturn these figures would not be as strong.

So how would the senate's new formula impact Highlands at the end of a 5-year phased in period? First, it is projected under the current formula that Highlands will receive about \$830,000 in sales tax this coming year. Based on that 3.5% annual growth rate estimate at the end of the 5-year phased in period, Highlands could generate almost \$930,000 from its two cent municipal sales tax portion. Applying the new distribution formula filled with complicated variables, about \$45,000 of that figure would go to the state for redistribution, and the town would retain just under \$900,000. In other words, Highlands would be netting almost \$100,000 more than the nearly \$800,000 we took in this past year.

Here is my take on the situation. First, this new proposal is certainly better than the original SB 369 bill that would have reduced Highlands' general fund by over 20%. Do I like sharing part of the municipal sales tax portion with the state, aka giving Raleigh additional revenue? No, but if our sales tax base continues to expand as we give a portion of new revenue to the state, at least our general fund will be stable.

Will this new senate proposal be included in the new state budget? What about HB 97? Probably no action on both bills will occur this year. As I write this article, the senate and house are in a difficult process of resolving their different budget bills. It is getting late in the session. Sources tell me that the negotiators will simply remove controversial items from the budget, like the rival sales tax bills, and deal with them at a later date. We could be a year or so from knowing what sales tax redistribution formula will evolve from the legislature. Another compromise proposal is possible, so stay tuned.

• LETTERS •

Where will it stop? Hopefully it won't

Dear Editor,

Pastor Steve Kerhoulas asked, "Where will it stop?" in the Spiritually Speaking column of the June 18th Highlands Newspaper. He was most likely speaking of the court's refusal to allow merchants to avoid selling goods to someone who violates the merchants religious beliefs. Specifically, I think, the case concerned selling flowers to gays for the use in their wedding.

The pastor feels that one's personal religious convictions should allow a person to avoid the secular laws of society. Really? Does that mean that it is acceptable to refuse to serve a person in your restaurant because of his skin color (based on your religious beliefs, of course), refuse to hire an otherwise competent and qualified person for a job because she is a woman (based on your religious beliefs, of course), work children 14 hours a day regardless of child labor laws (based on your religious beliefs, of course), prohibit mixed racial and gay

marriages (based on your religious beliefs, of course), refuse to pay your taxes because some money pays for welfare or our defense budget (based on your religious beliefs, of course)?

No, pastor. You and I have a right to hold religious beliefs which may be contrary to the secular laws of our representative democracy, but that right, like all of our rights, is limited. When we hang out a shingle to do public business, we are obligated to do just that - serve the public, all of them. This does not force you or me to change our personal religious beliefs. It merely allows our country to function as a just and orderly society. Sort of like, "render to Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's." Where have we heard that before?

So, my answer to your question, "Where will it stop?" is, Hopefully it won't.

**Paul Gerhardt
Sapphire, NC**

So many things make Highlands unique

Dear Editor,

Having heard and seen Rhonda Vincent on The Cumberland Highlanders Show, I was ecstatic and surprised to learn she was to perform in Highlands.

Nothing that happens in Highlands after 35+ years should surprise me. This community is unique; one never knows who one may come in contact with.

In attendance at the Performing Arts Center were millionaire business men, a local musician who is talented enough to play with any group, rank and file citizens, along with part-time summer residents, all who addressed each other on a first-name basis.

The support the business community affords each other and their contributions to charity and the performing arts is second to none.

Many of the community's amenities were made possible by donations to the music

makers along with citizens' donations large and small.

Needless to say, Rhonda and The Rage didn't disappoint; they delivered. How any performers can maintain such a hectic world-wide tour and make each audience feel special is class showmanship.

BBQ, beer, and bluegrass with a helping of hunting hounds and motorsports - it doesn't get any more American than that.

I hope the sound of that greyhound and the sight of Martha White will bring The Rage back to our state soon.

Peter and Valerie Whitcup, your show presented a winner.

**Philip Powell
Highlands.**

Phenomenal 4th

Dear Editor,

Just like the fireworks punctuated the night sky over Highlands synchronized to patriotic music broadcast on WHLC radio occasional rain showers seemed synchronized to allow Independence Day activities to proceed on schedule for the ever present, fun loving crowds gathered in Highlands over this past holiday weekend. July 4th in Highlands exemplifies the spirit of community as so many contributed so

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•MILESTONE•



At the Monday, June 29 BOE meeting, Macon County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chris Baldwin presented 2015 Highlands School graduate Kirstyn Lamb with a certificate of merit for scoring 103 soccer goals during her career at Highlands School. He said she is the only student in Macon County Schools history to score that many goals.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

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much to this special day in our nation's history.

Mayor Patrick Taylor's article last week wrote of the many who came together to assure that Highlands' tradition of a grand fireworks finale capping the day's event would indeed continue, and some 24 hours before the fireworks, the Rotary Club of Highlands' Dennis "Doc" Wilson, Tay Bronaugh and team barbequed throughout the night for the annual Rotary BBQ – served this year to live music in their new location in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park.

Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored music on Friday and Saturday evenings and the annual patriotic concert performed by Highlands' Male Chorus provided ample entertainment throughout the community, while Lester Norris and the Recreation Department staff added to the festivities with family games at the ball field to highlight just a few of the weekend's activities.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, a sincere thank you to the community of Highlands', town officials and administration, the police, fire and rescue personnel who serve to protect and keep us safe, and to all past, present

and future members of the armed forces whose defense of this great nation make it all possible.

Bob Kieltyka
Executive Director
Highlands Area Chamber of
Commerce

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avian influenza viruses have occurred after close and prolonged contact with infected birds or the excretions/secretions of infected birds (e.g., droppings, oral fluids).

The health department said it was working to educate the community on the outbreak and how to best stay safe.

"As a general precaution, people should avoid wild birds and observe them only from a distance; avoid contact with domestic birds (poultry) that appear ill or have died; and avoid contact with surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces from wild or domestic birds," noted Melissa Leatherman, public information officer for the Macon County Health Department. "People who have had contact with infected

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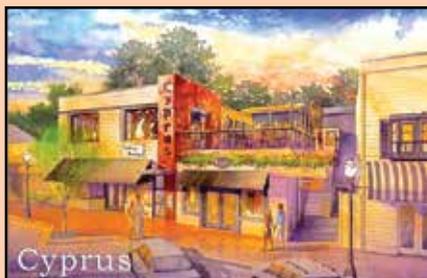
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• **THE CASE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OPTIMISM:** Fri. July 10 Time: 10-12 Presenter Patrick Allitt will discuss the history of environmentalism, real environmental threats and concerns as well as how we are addressing them as a society. Dr. Allitt is a Professor of American History at Emory University.

• **AUTHOR SERIES: "SOMETHING RICH AND STRANGE."** Reading and Q & A with Ron Rash Fri. July 10 Time: 2-4 Critically-acclaimed poet, short story writer and novelist Ron Rash will read and discuss his latest collection of short stories, Something Rich and Strange. Rash has received the prestigious O. Henry Prize for short stories twice.

• **ORIGINS OF CHAMBER MUSIC:** Sat., July 11 Time: 10-12 Join Dr. Stephen Crist as he looks at chamber music from its earliest beginnings as well as samplings from some of chamber music's greatest musicians. Dr. Crist is Associate Professor of Music History at Emory University.

• **BREAKING THE GERMAN ENIGMA CODE OF WWII:** Tue., July 14 Time: 2-4 During WWII, Germany believed that its secret codes for radio messages were indecipherable to the Allies. However, the meticulous work of code-breakers cracked the secrets of German wartime communication and played a crucial role in the German defeat. Learn the history of the "Enigma" machine and the complex and urgent task of breaking the code. Presenter Laura Lembeck is a lecturer in the Department of Math and Computer Science at WCU.

• **RUSSIA'S FIRST CRIMEAN WAR:** Wed. July 15 Time: 10-12 Eren Tasar, Professor of History at UNC Chapel Hill, will talk about the parallels between Russia's recent annexation of Crimea and the Crimean War of 1853-1856, with an emphasis on the colossal cost of both episodes for Russia's geopolitical health and international staining.

• **FACEBOOK TIPS AND TRICKS:** Wed., July 15 Cost \$35/\$45 Mary Anne Baker will teach you how to post photos, create a status update, how to tag and un-tag yourself in other's posts plus much more.

• **RUSSIA'S BUSINESS CLIMATE AND ITS FUTURE:** Thur., July 16 Time: 2-4 This will be an interactive presentation with presenter Jerry Barber who has lived and worked in Russia on and off since 1970. He was one of the first Americans to own businesses there and at one time was the leading importer of arms to Russia.

• **RUSSIA AFTER THE WALL CAME DOWN AND CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE:** Fri., July 17 Time: 10-12 Jerry Barber discusses his years spent living and working in a country that sparks our curiosity and concern. He encourages participants questions and observations.

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can access a primary care provider (have Primary Medical Home). Many residents that are unable to receive services in a timely manner end up in emergency rooms or the urgent care, ultimately costing the community valuable health care dollars. Our goal is to help manage these patients and their health conditions resulting in better long term health outcomes.”

The goal of the program is to address wide variety of illness -- acute medical problems such as common colds, sinus infections, stomach problems, and skin rashes. The clinic will serve a limited number of patients to ensure the program is sustainable.

“Part of our function as public health is assurance,” said Macon County Health Director Jim Bruckner. “We have to assure that the service is provided to the community, provide the service ourselves, or contract for the service

to be provided. That is under the law,” Bruckner said.

The primary care clinic will be implemented in three phases, with the first phase already complete. The clinic will begin by providing primary care to Macon Citizens for the Handicapped. The second phase will be to expand the health department’s family planning patients who do not have a primary physician. The final phase, which is expected to be final by the year’s end, will be to implement an application process to serve the general public.

Applications will be reviewed to determine if a patient meets the guidelines set forth for primary care. There are age restrictions – initially the program will only serve patients ages 21-59 years old and only 150-200 patients will be served. The health department plans to offer primary care while the primary physician void continues in the county. In the event that additional doctors come to the area, which

Bruckner noted is in the process, the health department will stop the program.

The program will be different than the county’s free health clinic.

“It will be a combination of insured and uninsured (self-pay) patients based on a sliding fee scale,” said Leatherman. “We are not trying to take on the role of the Franklin or Highlands free clinics. A sliding fee schedule based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be utilized to determine what clients will have to pay for the services they receive.”

Those with incomes greater than 200 percent of the FPL will pay 100 percent for primary care and laboratory services with fees based on the current Medicaid rate. Those with incomes at or below 199 percent of FPL will pay 80 percent for primary care and laboratory services.

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• THE FREDSTER •

Warning! This is sooooo tacky ...

Just when I thought I had seen and heard it all, Burger King Corp. of Japan announced the introduction of their spray cologne that smells like one of their Whoppers sizzling on the grill. Could I make this up? Hey, look it up on the internet. Early reports indicate the Japanese people have a strong yen for this fragrance. While more study is needed, the mere fact that Burger King sold out within a few hours of the spray hitting the market is enough to get me excited.



Fred Wooldridge

My inventive juices began working overtime. I called a friend of mine currently living in Saudi Arabia who is a fragrance expert, and asked if he had heard of this new trend. His name is Hous bin Pharteen and he is responsible for the creation of the ever popular fragrance of camel breath which is also dispensed in an aerosol can.

You have not lived life to its fullest until you have taken a deep whiff of camel breath. In fact, rich, uppity Arabs have a game called "sniff the camel" where contestants dispense the fragrance from a spray can and see how long they can "hold" before throwing up. The person who throws up last wins. Fun, fun, fun!

And are you aware that male camels have a different breath smell when they're sexually aroused? Shut up! Not only do they froth at the mouth, (I can identify on this point) their slobber can be used for medicinal purposes. Mr. Pharteen is currently working on a fragrance of aroused camel breath for those up for the challenge. Are you writing this down?

Since Hous is not yet making a lot of money with his new product, he plans on keeping his day job of whacking off thieves' hands in the public square on weekends. There's no charge for attending and if you mention my name, he'll make sure you get a good seat. Here's a tip on seating: Never sit closer than the third row to avoid "splash."

But enough about Mr. Pharteen and his camel spray. I actually have a connection in Japan who is a friend of a friend of the uncle who is a big shot with Japan's Burger King conglomerate. Won Hung Lo was stunned to here from me 'cause he heard a group of left wing conspirators had ganged up on me, forcing me to start a petition to elect our president to a third term. For the record, I am not starting a petition to have our beloved president run for a third term, so do not come to my house with torches wearing hoods.

I also wish to inform everyone that I have commandeered a can of the Japanese Burger King fragrance for my personal use. Each morning, I spray my underwear with it. After all, it is the home of the Whopper. (Ha!) For those Highlanders who walk around town with their heads in dark places, their shorts in a permanent wad and hate my stuff, allow me to inform you that none of this is true except for the Burger King spray. Make note that from time to time, I have been known to fib...or even lie and put it in print. The bottom line is I lie a lot! Should I become a Democrat?

Warning: Fred's mystery/thriller novel titled "Deceived" is filled with raw sex, insane violence and knock your socks off drama. Do not read this book if you suffer from A fib.

Art League 'Summer Colors Fine Art Show' is this weekend at the Sapphire Valley Community Center



Balsam Lake, Oil, by Jack Stern

The Art League of Highlands-Cashiers' annual Summer Colors Fine Art Show is being held this year on Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12 at the Sapphire Valley Community Center, located on Highway 64, approximately two miles east of the Cashiers crossroads. Show hours both days are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This free indoor show is one of only two annual events sponsored by the Art League.

Recognized regional artists will have on display and for sale original works in oil, watercolor, acrylics, dry media and mixed media, as well as photographs, sculpture, glass, one-of-a-kind jewelry, textile and wood turnings.

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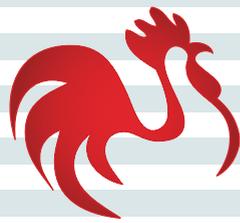
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HCCMF to feature debut of Russian violinist

Since its first season, the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival has been a showcase for exciting new talents.

This season, its 34th, will feature the U.S. debut of Russian violinist Roman Kim.

"I am absolutely thrilled that we will present the US debut of Russian violinist Roman Kim, perhaps the most outrageously talented violinist I have ever heard -- he is being touted as 'the new Paganini!' This is quite a coup for the festival," says Festival Artistic Director William Ransom.

Kim will be performing solo violin on July 10 and 11 with Dr. Ransom on piano. Audiences will be treated to J.S. Bach's "Sonata in C Minor;" Niccolò Paganini's "Cantabile" and "I. Palpiti;" and Giuseppe Tartini's "Devil's Trill" Sonata.

In addition, Kim will perform "Two Romances" and "I. Brindisi."

On July 12 and 13, he'll perform Mozart's "Duo for Violin and Viola;" Verdi's "String Quartet;" and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence for String Sextet;" with violinist Jessica Wu, violists Yinzi Kong and Yang-Yoon Kim and cellists Edward Arron and Chris Rex.

Despite his youth, Kim has won an international following with a series of YouTube performance videos demonstrating his fearless virtuosity, artistic enthusiasm and unrestrained energy. He is artistically focused on the major works by Glazunov, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, Brahms and Mendelssohn. But his most important inspiration are the life and the work of legendary violinist Niccolò Paganini. Following his idol, he does not only energize original compositions, but also arranges complicated works of music literature for his instrument.

Jimi Hendrix is a further inspiration for Roman Kim. Hendrix encourages Kim to look beyond stylistic horizons and search for unheard sounds by employing unconventional means. As a composer, Kim does not submit to established schools and writes his music as he feels it.

Roman Kim received his first violin lessons at the age of five, and by the age of seven won first places in national competitions, which led him to the Central Music School in Moscow in 2000. With a stipend of the Mstislav Rostropovich Foundation (2001 - 2008) he received teaching by Maxim Vengerov since 2007 and attended master classes with Midori Goto, Lewis Kaplan, Miriam Fried and Gidon Kremer, while continuing to play concerts in major halls of Russia, Western Europe and South Korea.

Roman Kim studied violin at the Central Music School in Moscow with Prof.



Violinist Roman Kim

Galina Turtschaninova. At the age of 16, he was admitted at the Musikhochschule Köln (Cologne College of Music), where he is currently studying with Prof. Viktor Tretyakov. In 2012 he won the first place at the 28th International Music Competition, "Valesia Musica." As a winner of the Cologne International Music Competition (2011), he played with the WDR Radio Orchestra Cologne.

Throughout the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival's 34th season, which stretches through Aug. 9, concerts will be held at 6 p.m. on Fridays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. on 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. on Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

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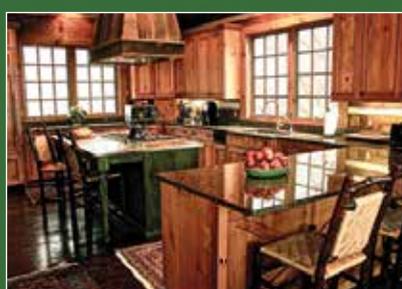
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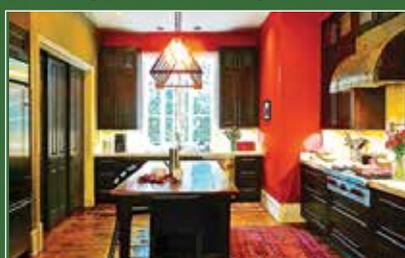
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entered the side room to the right of main showroom.

Only Majszak and owner Kay Tallent were in the store. Majszak became suspicious and was entering the side room when the robber did his smash and grab. He exited the store by the second door on Main Street, turned onto 4th Street and ran toward Oak Street where he had parked his motor scooter on the corner.

With Majszak hot on his heels, he opted to escape on foot and turned right onto Oak and proceeded toward 5th.

According to witnesses, the suspect was dressed from head to toe in long pants and in a long sleeved shirt and wearing a motorcycle helmet.

Seconds after the 911 call came in Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell was on scene and had secured and impounded the motor scooter, which had been identified as the suspect's.

There wasn't a license plate on the scooter which Chief Harrell described as a "small youth motor bike which isn't street legal."

Continuing to flee, the suspect crossed over 5th Street – narrowly escaping being hit by two pickup trucks traveling on 5th Street in opposite directions. He ran into the woods between the Episcopal and Catholic churches toward the Hudson Library.

Both George Schmitt, Jr. of Schmitt Building Contractors and Steve Foster of Foster and Associates Surveyors, were going about their work day when they simultaneously braked at 5th and Oak to avoid hitting the suspect as he crossed the street before heading for the woods.

Emily Shuler, 4- & 5-year-old teacher at Highlands Community Child Development Center was taking her group of 20 children, who were holding the "walking rope," on its annual Fourth of July parade – this year walking up Fifth Street – when the trucks braked at Fifth and Oak.

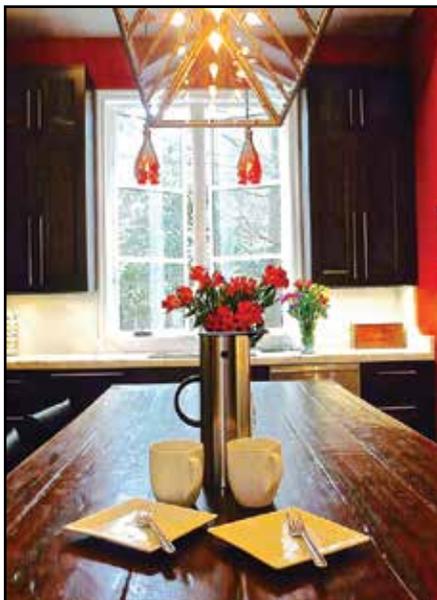
"I heard people yelling and turned around and saw a dude run across the street and jump into the bushes. Two trucks had just slammed on their brakes to keep from hitting him," she said.

Instead of continuing on their walk, they went into the park where Chief Harrell told them to hurry up and get back to the school.

Meanwhile, Schmitt who was traveling south on 5th Street toward Main, figured the suspect was heading for Hudson Library and so turned left on Main toward the library.

"He pulled out of the library parking lot right in front of me. I saw the passenger in the sweatshirt and recognized him as the

• See ROBBERY page 17



This high-end urban kitchen is one of six to be featured on the August 22 Tour of Kitchens.

Laurel Garden Club annual Kitchen Tour tickets on sale now

Laurel Garden Club presents its third popular Tour of Kitchens. Six special kitchens in six amazing Highlands homes will be featured, along with glimpses into the houses and fabulous gardens. The houses include two historic homes, two luxurious log cabins – one built by Joe Webb, a recently completed home designed by Norman Askins, and as a special treat: Highlands' own urban penthouse.

Sharing recipes and preparing samples will be celebrity guests Cassandra King, author of Moonrise, along with Janice Owens, Florida writer and author of The Cracker Kitchen, A Cookbook in Celebration of Cornbread-Fed, Down Home Family Stories and Cuisine. King and Owens are collaborating on a new cookbook, A FINE FROLIC: The Cracker Art of Good Living. Another cookbook author who will be demonstrating his recipes is Johnathon Scott Barrett, whose Rise and Shine! A Southern Son's Treasury of Food, Family and Friends will be published in September.

Distinguished professionals at the homes they helped design include Architect Norman Askins autographing his book, Inspired by Tradition: The Architecture of Norman Davenport Askins; garden designer Alex Smith, answering gardening questions; and Chad Lucas, of Lucas Patton Designs, taking questions about his work.

At the Laurel Kitchen Shop in the Performing Arts Center, The Saucy Sisters,

a.k.a. Beverly Pittman and Barbara Nowak of Highlands and Nashville, will be pouring bubbly and signing some of their many books on wine and entertaining. Another delight at one of the homes will be the music of The WellStrung Band, celebrated for their renditions of bluegrass, folk and Americana.

The timed tickets are \$65 each and can be purchased at The Dry Sink, 450 Main Street in Highlands, or online at www.laurelgardenclubhighlands.com. Transportation* in private vehicles will be provided from the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street, where you can also visit the Laurel Kitchen Shop and purchase home-cooked casseroles, desserts, cookies and accessories for the home. Tickets for the Patrons' Party

at Highlands' Ugly Dog Pub, August 21, from 5 – 7 p.m., are available for online purchase as well. The tickets are \$75 each and include wine, beer, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment will be provided by The WellStrung Band.

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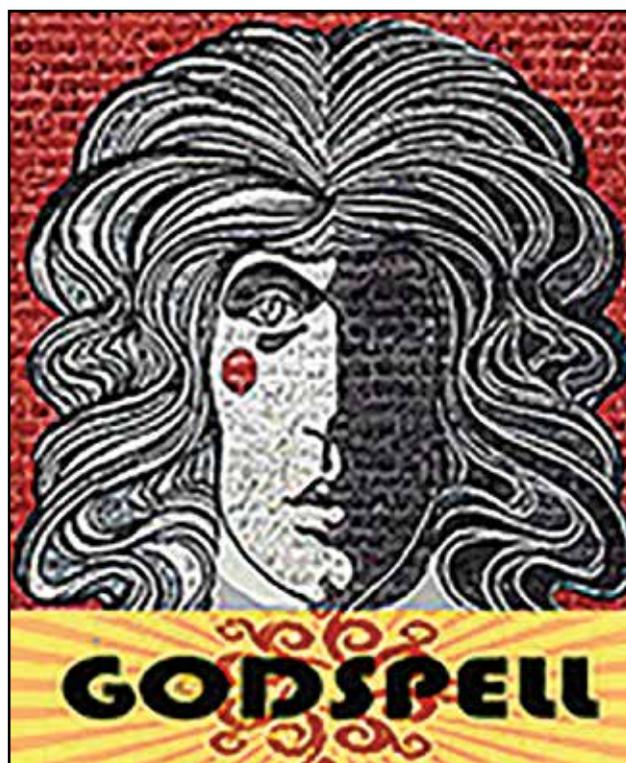
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Audiences have been raving about the incredible talent showcased in the current Highlands Playhouse production of *Anything Goes*. The cast is made up of professionals from around the country – including many with Broadway and national tour experience. This talent comes from exhaustive auditioning in New York City and at national cattle calls. What may surprise many, however, is that some of the talent originates from Highlands and surrounding areas.

One talent gracing the stage is Otto resident, and Playhouse veteran Heidi Spoon. A longtime member of Actors Equity (the stage actors union), Spoon is no stranger to Playhouse audiences.

Another long time professional is Ginny King, a resident of Sautee Nacoochee, GA. King was an original cast member of the Broadway company of the hit musical 42nd Street. This production marks her Playhouse debut, but Patti promises that this won't be the last time we see her in Highlands.

Young local talent is also featured among the cast. Highlands resident, and Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School junior, Abigail Gilbert is in the company, as is her classmate at Rabun Gap, and Franklin native, Alexis Lewis. Rabun Gap resident Preston Williams and Clayton native Walter Pigford are also making their Playhouse debuts. Williams is a recent graduate of Niagara University with a BFA in Theatre and Pigford attends Armstrong Atlantic with the hopes of earning his degree in Theatre as well.

"The Highlands Playhouse is here to serve the community, and what better way to do that than through the showcasing of some of their most talented residents. Our children's camps are a huge success, there are excellent theatre education programs at the PAC and all over the area, we can't wait to see the next generation of theatre performers blossom on our stage, working with some of the most highly regarded professionals in the theatre industry."

Individual tickets for *Anything Goes*, or any of the Playhouse productions, are \$32.50 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Show times are Tuesday - Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday Matinees at 2 pm. For additional information or to order tickets, call the Box Office at 828-526-2695 or email highlandspayhouse@yahoo.com.



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Thurs., July 9

• Zahner Lecture at the Highlands Nature Center at 6:30 p.m. "Coyotes: From the Wilderness to the Mean Streets. This lecture is sponsored by Mr. RB Haynes. It's free.

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center, River-view Street, Franklin. Special guests will be Dr. Timothy Beck; M.D. of Internal Medicine, Medical Director, and Co-Owner of Personal Lab Services in Franklin, NC and Terry Nugent, Lab Director. There will be coupons for everyone in attendance, light refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome.

• The July meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners, Inc. is Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville, N.C. Located at 95 Bobcat Drive, Cashiers, N.C. Drive to the back of the school to the wood-working shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 P.M., March through November.

Fri. & Sat., July 10 & 11

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Fri., July 10

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• At the Highlands Playhouse, the musical "Anything Goes." For tickets call 828-526-2695.

Sat., July 11

• At The Bascom, A Barn Dance from 7-10 p.m. Bluegrass music by WellStrung and food by Fressers. \$5 per person. Sponsored by Diane and Ray McPhail.

• Volunteer Get Free Beer! Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Stewardship Coordinator, Kyle Pursel, will lead a volunteer work day at either Satulah Mountain Preserve or Kelsey Trail. Thanks to a partnership with Highlands' Satulah Mountain Brewing Company, afterwards volunteers will enjoy a free beer at the brewery. For more contact Kyle at stew.hitrust@earthlink.net or 526-1111.

• At The Molly Grace, on 4th St. in Highlands, artist Pam Pattilo will be painting work "inspired by nature" from 10:30a to 5:30p.

• Live music in K-H Park from 6-8 p.m. Bring a picnic.

Sat., & Sun., July 11 & 12

• Summer Colors Fine Art Show from 10a to 5p at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Indoor exhibition & sales.

Sun., July 12

• The Coro Vocati will perform in concert at 3p at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. This 24-member professional chamber choir will perform a varied program of a cappella music including several Robert Shaw and Alice Parker spirituals. There is no charge for admission.

• Mountain Faith, a popular Bluegrass Gospel Band, at Iotla Baptist Church, 1537 Iotla Baptist church Road in Franklin. Finger food at 5p and singing at 6p. Everyone is invited.

Mon.- Fri., July 13-17

• At First Baptist Church: Camp Kilimanjaro from 9a to noon. At Camp Kilimanjaro, kids will learn to walk in God's wisdom as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies, and dramas. Vacation Bible School at Camp Kilimanjaro will be filled with excitement, so contact us today! We're calling all trekkers to join us in an epic expedition through Proverbs! Call 828-526-4153.

• SNAG Golf Camp will be held at the Recreation Department July 13th-17th from 9-10:30am. The camp is for ages 5-12. Camp will be run by Lou Miller and Erica Mason. Cost for the camp is \$20. All equipment will be provided.

Mon., July 13

• The Battle of Sugartown Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 on Monday, in the Boiler Room Restaurant at 1024 Georgia Road in Franklin. All DAR members and prospective members are welcome. For further information, please contact 828-524-2673.

Tues., July 14

• Free Yoga in the K-H Park, 6-7p. Bring a mat or towel and water.

• The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music free family concert followed by ice cream social provided by Kilwins at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands at 3 p.m.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers, NC on Tuesday. It is open to the public. The speaker will be Mac Stone, Executive Director

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Wed., July 15

- Free Interlude Concert Series at the

Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Presented jointly by Highlands Chamber Music Festival and First Presbyterian Church "The Great Romantics" with music by Chopin and Brahms Norman Krieger, piano.

- The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music free Interlude concert with Norman Krieger at Presbyterian Church in Highlands at 2 p.m.

Thurs., July 16

- Zahner Lecture: "4,000 Reasons to Love (and Protect) Native Bees at the Highlands Nature Center at 6:30p. It's free

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

- Scaly Mountain Women's Club annual auction fundraiser in the community room of the Scaly Mountain Fire Dept. on Hale Ridge Road.

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.

Tuesday, July 21

- 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.

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 Cliffside Lake. No pets allowed. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to program. Free by \$4/vehicle admission to recreation area.

- 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. No reservations are necessary, everyone is welcome, rain or shine. Programs begin at 5:30 PM and usually last about an hour.

Wed., July 29

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

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Will God ask you to which church you belonged?

By Ted Schmidt

When the time comes for each of us to meet God, do you think He will ask us about church membership? With so many denominations, do you think some denominations will get into heaven, and some will not?

The Apostle Paul may have been inspired to foresee the many denominations that exist today. Paul writes in I Corinthians 1:12 (and following) about some who say they "follow Apollos, while others follow Cephas, and still others follow Christ." In the First Century Church, there were already divisions over theology and leadership. Paul addresses these issues and reminds the readers that Paul and Apollos are mere human beings, and the foundation of the Church is Christ.

What does this mean to us today?

Denominational differences generally are not over salvation issues, yet these differences help to take our eyes off the most important focus of our Spiritual lives. The result promotes a move toward Cultural Christianity by focusing on details that distract from a personal relationship with our Maker and Saviour. Further, the focus on these issues lures one into a false sense of security (i.e.: if I have all my doctrine in place, then I must be good with God).

Cultural Christianity is easily observed. While most Americans say they are Christians, church attendance does not reflect this statistic. Further, of those who do attend worship services, many do so out of habit. We are all creatures of habit. Many feel if it is Sunday, we should be in church. If we are going to church as a behavioral pattern, then we are missing the point. If we are going to church because it is what we do on Sunday and it is the church our family has always attended, then we are missing the point. While good habits are not to be discouraged, the question is why do we attend church?

In Hebrews 10:25, Paul writes that we "should not forsake assembling together." Paul further states this is for the purpose of encouraging one another. It is a part of one's Spiritual life, not one's entire Spiritual life. So we need to ask ourselves some questions about why we attend church. Is it a behavioral pattern or is it a heart's desire? Is it a social event or is it an opportunity to share what God is doing in our lives? Is it a membership or a personal relationship? Is Jesus walking with us through our week or is He someone we visit once a week in church? Is Jesus speaking to our heart every day or do we wait for the preacher to deliver his message to us on Sunday?

With regard to leadership, there have been too many churches that have suffered as the result of a fallen leader. One must wonder if the focus in that church was the leader or Christ? If it was Christ, then the fellowship should not suffer as a result of a fallen leader. As Paul says, "So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God," (I Corinthians 3:22 and 23).

When the time comes for us to meet our Creator and Savior, do you think He will ask about our church membership? Will He ask who our pastor, preacher, or reverend was? Or will He greet us like a loving Father or a close old friend?

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guy who ran in front of me," he said.

Schmitt said he was wearing the helmet and attempting to remove the same long sleeve shirt he had worn when he crossed 5th Street just minutes earlier.

They were driving a black and silver extended cab Mazda pickup truck which according to Chief Harrell is registered to a party in Granite Falls, NC who hasn't reported it stolen.

Schmitt followed on their bumper as they traveled east on Horsecove (Main Street) until they pulled into Townsite Apartments and stopped.

"I told them to wait right there; I said, 'They are coming to get you.' The driver said, 'Wait right here?' and I said 'Yeah.'"

Of course they didn't wait, instead they turned around at the stop sign on 6th Street and traveled west on Main Street.

About that time, Foster, had driven north up 5th Street, turned right on Chestnut and looped back to Main where he saw Schmitt and stopped.

"I told him that the guy in the pickup is who the cops are looking for," said Schmitt. "I didn't know what he'd done, but I figured it was something!"

Foster then took chase.

According to Chief Harrell, the incident was observed by witnesses who were calling 911 different times giving the location of the suspect.

Foster followed them down 5th Street to Pine and then 4th Street to the old Stop and Shop and back onto 5th.

He chased them all the way until they crashed where 5th Street dead-ends.

The suspects then jumped out of the truck and ran into the woods. One officer secured the scene and the truck and another pursued them.

Soon the officer lost sight of the suspects and returned to the scene where a perimeter was set up with the help of Highlands Fire & Rescue, Blue Ridge Public Safety and MC Sheriff officers.

At about 12:55 a 911 call came from the Highlands Falls Country Club saying that a "person of interest" was in the clubhouse attempting to get a taxi. Units responded.

Schmitt ID'd the "person of interest" as the driver of the Mazda pickup truck and Jeramie Lee McSweeney, 36, of Statesville, NC was taken into custody

McSweeney was charged with three separate counts: common law robbery, failing to stop and report an accident and resisting a public officer. His bond is set at \$10,500 and his court date is July 9, 2015 at the MC Court House. Harrell said McSweeney isn't cooperating.

The investigation is open and continues as the primary but second man is still at large. The rings haven't been recovered.

Chief Harrell said no weapons were used nor were any threats made to anyone.

"I was very glad there were no weapons involved and none of us got hurt," said Shuler.

Chief Harrell said a BOLO has gone out, but without positive identification of suspect at large, he has little hope in that regard.

"I'm elated that our community can pull together in times of duress and under fire as it partnered with the Highlands Police Department," said Harrell. "This effort epitomizes our values and the mission of the Highlands Police Department which is to provide a safe environment for all citizens through the collective contribution of the community. Pride and integrity reflect our dedication to our community's values."

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This summer the Center for Life Enrichment is giving a series of lectures in conjunction with the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. These lectures provide the perfect accompaniment to the festival concerts which showcase extraordinary, internationally known musicians in an intimate setting.

The lecture series is presented by Dr. Stephen Crist, brought back to CLE by popular demand from last year's lectures on chamber music. Dr. Crist is a Professor of Music History at Emory University and holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in music history from Brandeis University.

His primary areas of research concern European music of the sixteenth through the eighteenth centuries, and jazz in the 1950s and 1960s. In his lectures, Dr. Crist will provide a background on the early manifestations of chamber music, a history of its evolution and characteristics as well as a look at famous chamber music composers and samplings of their work.

The series will be as follows: Origins of Chamber Music, Saturday, July 11, Time: 10-12 Chamber Music of Hayden and Mozart, Saturday, July 18, Time: 10-12 Romantics of Chamber Music Saturday, July 25, Time: 10-12 Chamber Music from 1900-Today, Saturday, August 1, Time: 10-12

Tickets for the concerts can be purchased through the HCCMF and tickets for the lectures can be made by calling the Center for Life Enrichment at 828-526-8811 or visiting www.clehighlands.com.

The cost for lectures is \$25 for members/\$35 non-members and will be held in the CLE lecture hall located in the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center, 348 S. 5th Street. Walk-ins to lectures are welcome.

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bird(s) should monitor their health for possible symptoms -- conjunctivitis, or flu-like symptoms."

As of the meeting on June 23, there have been 222 detections reported in the country, which reportedly affected 47,091,293 birds. The last detection was recorded about a month ago.

State Veterinarian Doug Meckes and Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler announced last week that all North Carolina poultry shows and public sales will be suspended from Aug. 15, 2015 to Jan. 15, 2016 due to the threat of highly pathogenic avian influenza. This includes the N.C. State Fair and Mountain State Fair poultry shows, bird shows at county fairs, live bird auctions and poultry swap meets.

"We did not make this decision lightly," said Meckes. "Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a serious threat to our state's poultry and we anticipate the threat of the virus will increase this fall. We want to take appropriate precautions to prevent the introduction to backyard and commercial flocks."

The decision comes after department officials consulted with industry represen-

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tatives, poultry specialists from N.C. State University, fair officials and other related parties. North Carolina joins at least 13 other states that have cancelled or altered poultry shows due to HPAI.

"We know this ban will affect a number of poultry shows and kids who have planned to exhibit at their county fair or the State Fair," Troxler said. "We re-

gret having to make this decision, but we think it is in the best interest of everyone involved."

The Macon County Poultry Club, which has grown significantly in recent years, said it suspected the ban would come. Poultry Club Vice President Chad McConnell says it will mainly affect their planning, but would have a bigger impact on the consumer.

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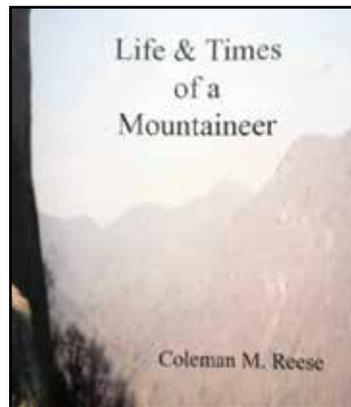
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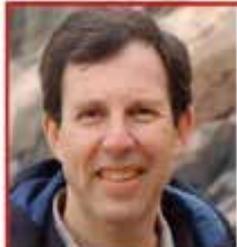


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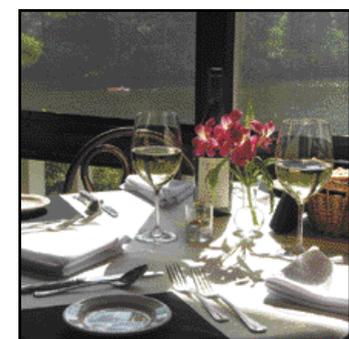
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