Highlands School Varsity Soccer – 2015

With Head Coach Chris Green and Assistant Coaches David Parrish and Kevin Vinson, are team members Harrison Renfro, Remy Adrian, Dylan Vinson, Colyn Weller, Austin Nichols, Brandon Dorau, John Murphy, Benjamin Miller, Ryan Houser, Jody Thorke, Max Renfro, Jose Jiminez, Manuel Contreras, Freddie Lopez, Caden Smolarsky, Carson Talbert, Drew Chalker, Jared Shearl, Jake Billingsley, Destin Gerhart and Samuel Hawkins. Not pictured is Tucker Johnson. As of last night’s conference game at home game against Murphy, Highlands has now 5 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties to its credit. They beat Murphy 6-1. The next game is away at Tallulah Falls on Friday, Sept. 25 and the Home Game is a conference game Wed., Sept. 30 against Swain. – Photo by Kim Lewicki

Tourney at Parker Meadows proves to be economic boon to county; area businesses

When Macon County commissioners first began considering the development of a new recreation complex at Parker Meadows, the economic benefit of such a park was touted as huge.

In January 2014, Macon County Economic Development Director Tommy Jenkins presented commissioners with an impact study claiming that a 24-team tournament would provide an economic benefit to Macon County of $259,500. Last weekend the first tournament was held at the park and the community at large was able to see the economic impact in action first hand.

Last weekend’s tournament featured 35 teams hailing from three states: North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. North Carolina teams came from as far

Highlands is holding out despite Duke Energy’s demands

Anyone who attended the Sept. 17 Town Board meeting likely came away feeling confused, frustrated and annoyed in regards to Duke Energy’s and Highlands’ relationship.

Duke is seeking to amend its contract with its wholesale clients so it can levy a cost recovery surcharge for costs associated with its coal ash dump issues. However, it refuses to spell out the specifics or what it will cost unless Confidentiality Agreements (CA) are signed and all negotiations are conducted in closed session. In addition, it doesn’t want the likely surcharge to appear on bills to customers.

“From day one, we have told them no,” said Town Manager Bob Frye. “It’s not to say we can’t go into closed session and talk about this – our problem is at some point we have to make what we did public and we don’t want anyone to think that we did something behind closed doors that sold the

NC budget comes through but falls short for public ed.

Nearly a month after the start of school, the NC General Assembly finalized the 2015-2017 budget which Governor McCrory signed into law on the same day.

Public Schools First NC, a group of citizens, parents, teachers, businesses and organizations joining together to advocate for a first-rate public education system for all North Carolinians, was disappointed.

They say the new biennial budget did not do more to restore public education funding since the 2013-15 budget cuts reduced the number of teacher and teacher assistant positions and funding for classroom resources.

“With our economy improving and our revenues increasing, it is a good time to invest in public education to help us restore the losses of the last budget cycle,” said Yevonne Brannon, Chair, Public Schools First NC. “Our economy shows signs of recovery, yet our state legislature didn’t use this opportunity to invest in our teachers and their students and get us back on track to providing our children with a world-class education. Instead, tax cuts are being handed out to the wealthy again while teachers and teacher assistants are struggling to make ends meet – with many either leaving the profession or going to neighboring states where they can earn a living wage. Instead of using the revenue increases to move ahead, we are just treading water.”

Franklin High School history teacher and WNC NCAE Legislative Chair and NC Hope Street Group Fellow John deVille agrees.

“What is most disturbing is the General Assembly’s lowering of the corporate tax rate from 5% to 3% which the General Assembly’s own budget office projects will cost the state about $3.94 billion in lost revenue – that’s a loss over five years of $2.2 billion to public education,” he said. “The General Assembly had the opportunity to clearly turn the corner back toward the 2007-2008 funding levels (which were already well down from 2001) but rather chose to barely maintain status quo

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First, the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. All money will go to the scholarship fund that benefits our graduating high school students.

All qualified high school students seeking to further their education receive scholarship assistance. While pursuing an advanced degree students can apply for continued support. Last year 47 scholarships were awarded.

Folks can sign up for the golf event by calling town hall at 828-526-2118 or 828-2778, no later than September 30. Spaces are still available.

If you are not a golfer, like myself, please join me in supporting the scholarship fund by making a contribution. Simply make out a check to the Town of Highlands and designate it for the scholarship fund. Your contribution will be acknowledged and is tax deductible. As a retired educator, I believe in supporting young people in their full pursuit of education. Giving to the scholarship fund is an investment in everyone’s future that helps our youth realize their full potential.

Mayor John Cleaveland and other community leaders had the original vision to create the scholarship fund. Currently the scholarship fund is over $880,000. Special state legislation was required for the town to administer the scholarship program. There lies the problem. Highlands was mandated by the legislation to put the principle in a standard, interest based savings account. Before the recession of 2008, savings accounts yielded enough to fund the annual scholarships. Since then, saving account interest rates have been no more than 1%, therefore insufficient to fully fund scholarship needs. Rather than cut into the principle, proceeds from the golf and fishing tournaments have helped fund scholarships. Organizations, such as the Eastern Star and ABC Store, have also made important contributions.

Please join me in supporting this tremendous community program. Also, let me express my thanks to Commissioners Brian Steihler and Donnie Calloway for all the hard work and leadership that they have given to this effort. We are also very grateful to Wildcat Cliffs Country Club in their ongoing hospitality and support of the event.

On another note, I have been briefed by our staff who attended a week-long conference for municipalities involved in building broad band networks for their communities. Highlands is not alone, but just a part of a movement by small, underserved communities across the nation. In the 1930s rural communities formed EMCs. Now small, rural communities are forming broadband organizations. Related to our broadband initiative will be the creation of a smart grid system. This connected grid will facilitate better management of our electrical grid and customer savings.

Finally, at last Thursday’s board meeting an informative presentation and subsequent discussion.

George Joseph Jerry died Wednesday September 2, 2015 from complications of congestive heart failure.

An artist, auctioneer, carpenter, cook, friend, inventor, museum consultant, newspaper columnist, photographer, poet, political and financial pundit, property manager, technology enthusiast and raconteur, George was such a Renaissance man that his wife Jane eventually began introducing him as an “omnivilogist” when people asked her about his profession.

George was preceded in death by his cherished wife Jane (Pfeffer) Jerry, Highlands, NC; siblings Georgette Reardon, Pepperell, MA; Andrew (Carol) Jerry, Sanbornton, NH; Louise (Joe) Pirrotta, Danvers, MA and Richard (Lisa) Jerry, Leicester, MA; nephews and nieces: Wendy Bergquist Bastos, Nashua, NH; Dickie Bergquist, Berlin, NH; Marcia Blanchette, Danvers, MA; Karen (Freddie) Blanchette Hector, Lynn, MA; Curtis (Michelle) Jerry, Pembroke, MA; and Brittany Gentile Tommasone, Worcester, MA; great nephews and nieces: Adrianna Bastos, Nashua, NH; and Adonna and Dante Hector, Lynn, MA. George also leaves his two very dedicated caregivers: Rhonda Crisp, Franklin, NC, and Vicki Palmer, Scaly Mountain, NC.

George was born on October 23, 1947 in Barre, VT. He was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy (VT), Lyndon State College (NH), University of New Hampshire and the Boston College Carroll School of Management (MBA). Between 1968-1995 he worked in the automobile business in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts for dealerships in Rutland, VT; CU Wells in Montpelier, VT; and Paul Mitchell in Rochester, NH. He was also a successful independent consultant for locker systems in the automotive industry.

George managed many committees and boards across the country and received the Award for Outstanding Service by the Society of Automotive Engineers in 1993. He was a dedicated supporter of the Highlands Library, the Mountain Arts Council, and a supporter of many other non-profits. George was a prolific writer and his reviews of novels and the many books he wrote were featured in the North Country News, Burlington Free Press, The Weirs Review, The Nashua Telegraph, New Hampshire Business Review, and The Portsmouth Herald. He was also an author of the book “The Art of Seeing” which is in the permanent collection of the North Country Chamber of Commerce.

George was predeceased by his parents Katherine (Tardie) and Richard Jerry and nieces: Adrianna Bastos, Nashua, NH; Dickie Bergquist, Berlin, NH; Marcia Blanchette, Danvers, MA; Karen (Freddie) Blanchette Hector, Lynn, MA; Curtis (Michelle) Jerry, Pembroke, MA; and Brittany Gentile Tommasone, Worcester, MA; great nephews and nieces: Adrianna Bastos, Nashua, NH; and Adonna and Dante Hector, Lynn, MA.

To me this project is straight from heaven, it is so Godlike.

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Eliane Vanderplancke Baertsoen

Eliane Vanderplancke Baertsoen, 91, passed away at her residence on Friday, September 18, 2015. Mrs. Baertsoen was born June 6, 1924 in Rekkem Belgium to the late Jules and Julienne Lesage Vanderplancke. She was the wife of the late Daniel Baertsoen who preceded her in death. In Belgium she worked in the laundry business until she came to the United States where she was a caregiver. Elaine was a devout member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Detroit, MI. She was a loving wife and mother. She was known to many as a loving, kind, and gentle person. Her favorite thing to do was to watch TV and see all her “stories”.

Survivors include her son, Marc Baertsoen (Jeff) of Sapphire, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Jacques Baertsoen, and a brother, Noel Vanderplancke.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends for Life Forever Farm, P.O. Box 340 Sapphire, NC 28774.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is serving the Baertsoen Family. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

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Birth Announcement

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spending $63 per student more than last year in constant dollars while providing tax cuts to the super wealthy.”
North Carolina’s per-pupil expenditure ranks 46th in the nation and it is spending $877 less than in 2008 and spending about half for textbooks as in 2009.
“We continue to rank only 42nd in the nation in teacher pay and nearly 70 percent of our experienced teachers will not get a raise in this two-year budget,” said Brannon.
“These current funding challenges are compounded by a steady annual increase in student enrollment while we see again this year significant tax dollars being diverted from public schools to private schools with a 129% funding increase for school vouchers.”
DeVille said WNC NCAE was also deeply troubled by the continuing siphoning of taxpayer dollars to sectarian private schools which are essentially unaccountable through the voucher program.
“We are at a loss to understand how that policy is conservative and we are at a loss to understand how that diversion of essential funds from traditional classrooms helps public education in our state,” he said.
However, DeVille said there is some good in the budget.
“We are happy to see the essential teacher assistants retained. We are glad the House rejected the proposal by the Senate to end the pension plan for all new state employees and thus crippling the existing model. We are happy that driver’s education was maintained and that families were spared the extra expense and that all NC drivers were spared the likely increase in insurance premiums which would have occurred with the end of the program,” he said.
Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin spoke more of the silver lining.
“There are still quite a few questions left to be answered regarding our actual allocations, but this budget is

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Black lives definitely don’t matter

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A black man, living in the slums of Detroit, had to stab a fellow black man in self-defense. He went on to become a renowned brain surgeon who is a candidate for the presidency in 2016. Early on, wouldn't you think our president would hold this man up as an example of what can be accomplished with perseverance? Instead, they are enemies.

I am stunned and appalled by the hypocrisy of black persons joining together in a march shouting, “Black lives matter, black lives matter” over and over. If black lives matter, why has no one from our black president right down the line to American mayors done anything to stop the nightly slaughter of black on black murders occurring in the ghettos of most major cities, including our president’s home town of Chicago. The good people who are stuck in those neighborhoods live in constant fear of death as do their children.

And where are the police? you ask. They’re in hiding, doing as little as possible not to become a race victim or lose their pension…or job….or life. In the interim, policemen are being picked off and murdered one by one. Can you blame them for hiding? Our president seldom, if ever, champions for the plight of police officers. Inviting a cop over for a beer in the Rose Garden just doesn’t cut it!

If you remember nothing else from this column, remember that police officers, regardless of race or religion, are the last line of defense between you, the citizen, and those who would kill you and take all you have.

America is at the brink of chaos. Push yourself away from your cozy life in Highlands and watch what is happening to America. We are losing our Christianity, our moral values, and our sense of what is right and wrong. And don't even get me started on the plight of our Jewish allies. Personally, it scares the hell out of me.
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**Fri., Sept. 25**
- Operation Christmas Child of Western North Carolina is having a Project Leader Gathering from 6-8 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, Fellowship Hall, 1150 E Main St., Franklin. A Project Leader is the person who promotes Operation Christmas Child for your church, school, community group, or business. There will be make-and-take crafts, patterns for making shoebox items, prayer, and lots more!
- Beatlemania Celebration at The Bascom 6-10 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. $50 per person Heavy Hors D’oeuvres and Black Bird Cash Bar. For tickets call 828-526-4949.

**Sat., Sept. 26**
- Scaly Mountain Fun Day, 10a to 4p at the Sky Valley-Scaly Mtn Fire House on Hale Ridge Road in Scaly. Pancake breakfast in the Old Scaly School House from 7:30-10:30a. Indoor Yard Sale. Fire House Open House with firetruck rides and tours from noon to 2p.m.; Facepainting, Chili Cookoff; Bake Sale and the filling of a time capsule to be opened in 2025. Bring photos, predictions, etc. Also, music, food and beverages.
- Health Fair at the Highlands First Baptist Church, from 10a-2p. Free flu vaccines for uninsured (Insurance will also be filed), blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and weight and BMI info. Vendors and organizations will also be there. For more information, call Carrie at 828-526-4153.
- A Gala Fundraiser for PAC. Concert featuring 3 Tenors and a Diva is at 5p at PAC and the Gala begins at 7p at Highlands Falls CC. For tickets call 828-526-9047.

**Sun., Sept. 27**
- Family Hiking Day from 2 – 5 pm at Standing Indian Campground Picnic Shelter in Franklin. There will be nature-themed fun activities and organized hikes (varied lengths for all abilities). All ages are welcome. Refreshments served after the hike. Campground Picnic Shelter in Franklin Registration required - please call Paul Dyer at 828-347-6052.
- At the Church of the Good Shepherd, a piano and organ concert at 4 p.m., with pianist Sandra Davis and organist Dr. Jack W. Jones.

**Mon., Sept. 28**
- The Jackson County Republican party
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will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Ryan’s in Sylva. Come earlier to eat. The guest speaker is Deon Dunn, who will speak for presidential candidate Senator Ted Cruz, For Jackson County GOP information, please call Ralph Slaughter @ 828 743-6491.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society Annual Meeting will be followed by a presentation by William McReynolds entitled “Social Behavior in Birds: Murder, Dissimulation and Exaltation in the Avian World.” Highlands Civic Center for refreshments at 7 p.m.; program begins at 7:30.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

• Village Nature Series: “Sheepnoses & Timbertwigs” – all about heritage apples with Dana Holden at The Village Green Commons in Cashiers. No reservations; rain or shine. Programs begin at 5:30 PM.

Wed., Sept. 30

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital community health screening on Wednesday on the 1st floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the hospital campus. Men requesting a PSA check will need to bring a physician’s order for this screening.

Complimentary flu shots will be available at the screening. Appointments are limited so please call Sheraldean Norris at (828) 526-1498 for your appointment.

• Paoletti’s Restaurant is having a charity dinner for the Hospice House Foundation of WNC at 7:30 p.m. It’s Dining for Dignity - $250/person ($150 if tax deductible) This will be a relaxed dining experience where patrons choose from a decadent 4-course menu especially selected for the evening. Silent Auction, too! For reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 828-526-4906.

Thurs., Oct. 1

• Life Chain at 1:30p in front of the First Baptist Church of Highlands. Prayer hour is 2-3p. LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Fri., Oct. 2

• The Macon County Public Library, Nantahala Community Library and Hudson Library will be closed for staff training.

• At PAC, Fifty Years of the Beatles Yesterday & Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience at 8pm. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047. Presented by Dan & Beth Riley. This show takes the incredible music of The Beatles and personalizes it with the stories and perspectives of audience members. Depending on the audience’s participation, the show will last 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

Sat., Oct 3

• Highlands School Fall Festival at the Rec Park from 5-9p.


Sun., Oct. 4

• Empty Bowls, 11:30a - 1:30p at the First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are $20 and includes hand-pottereed bowl, soup, bread, des-

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Fifty Years of the Beatles

Yesterday & Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience

at the Highlands Performing Arts Center on Friday, October 2 at 8 p.m.

What’s your favorite Beatles song? When asked this question, people don’t just tell you the name of the song. They tell you a story associated with that song – about a first love, a first kiss or a touching story about a parent or the loss of a loved one. Simply put, The Beatles music is the soundtrack to our lives. Yesterday and Today gets to the heart of that. This show takes the incredible music of The Beatles and personalizes it with the stories and perspectives of audience members.

As audience members come into the theatre, they are invited to go to the Song Request table. To make requests, people fill out a card giving their names, the songs they are requesting and the reason they have chosen those songs. Every Yesterday and Today performance is driven by its unique audience, each performance is different and personal. The concert consists of 2.5 to 3 hours of music, depending on the voracity of audience interaction. The set list contains songs chosen by audience members prior to the show and again at intermission. Audience members’ stories will be told throughout the concert capturing the importance of The Beatles music and how it touches all of us individually. Yesterday and Today is a unique Beatles tribute show. The Yesterday and Today cast does not dress as The Beatles, nor attempt to execute “Liverpudlian” accents. The concentration is on presenting the music in a personal, giving, exciting, and well-executed manner.

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Fall Home Improvement

Easy Interior Upgrades to Add Beauty to Your Home

(StatePoint) Making home upgrades? Why not make style a priority? There are many easy ways to add beauty to your home in the most unlikely spaces.

Striking Bathroom

Performance and aesthetics can intersect when making bathroom changes. Upgrade water-hogging appliances with modern, efficient models that are stylish and easily maintained.

**Striking Bathroom**

These choices can save you money on water bills and time on cleaning day.

Some designs, such as the Cascade high efficiency toilet (HET) from Mansfield Plumbing, even promote health. Its rimless design eliminates the germs and bacteria that hide in difficult-to-access areas. Both the round front bowl and elongated SmartHeight bowl design are approved to meet EPA standards for water efficiency, using just 1.28 gallons per flush -- a savings of 20 percent more water than older models.

If you have young children at home, consider adding a stylish Elementary juvenile toilet to a bathroom. Less than a foot high, the child-sized toilet makes potty training much more fun and successful.

**Quick Design Elements**

Installing decorative polyurethane millwork pieces makes for a fast, easy project, even for novice do-it-yourselfers. Only have an hour? Use out-of-the-box-and-onto-the-house pieces from a brand like Fypon, which come pre-primed and ready for installation. Try these five transformative projects:

- Surround your foyer entryway with pilasters and a crosshead. While you’re at it, surround room dividers with pilasters and a crosshead to make transitioning between rooms a unique experience.
- Add a two-piece ceiling medallion around the top of a light fixture or ceiling fan in less than 10 minutes. Interlocking pieces snap together quickly.
- For a bathroom upgrade, install moisture-resistant pilasters on both sides of your shower stall and a door crosshead overhead.
- Give tops of bathroom and kitchen cabinets style with corbels. Accent a boring kitchen island with decorative brackets or corbels.
- Add a large sunburst...
Fall Home Improvement

window pediment half round above a bed to serve as a decorative headboard.

Add Style Anywhere  
Even your most utilitarian spaces deserve a style makeover. And windows are a good place to start. Whether your home is modern, contemporary or traditional, say goodbye to plain panes and consider something more interesting and elegant.

Acrylic block, glass block or decorative glass windows in any room -- even a closet -- add privacy and light. And brands like Hy-Lite offer vinyl-framed decorative glass windows with silk screened designs. Their Home Designer Collection features a range of styles, including baroque, prairie, mission and metro, to complement any home.

Tired of slinking down into your tub so that neighbors can't see you? Replacing your standard bathroom windows with privacy windows (including those that open to allow in fresh air) can make your bathing experience more enjoyable --- and private.

Make a house a home with projects that improve the look and performance

Make Your Home’s Exterior Pop with Color

(StatePoint) Color is a fundamental component of curb appeal and can make your home either stand out from the pack or blend in nicely with its environment. But you’re not alone if you’re unsure how to incorporate color to make your home look its best.

The Roof
Color is critical to personality expression, so it makes sense for homeowners to select their roof color. Consider opting for colors that complement the home’s architectural style or give a nod to a particular era in design.

A blend of two to eight colors is a great way to shake things up. And certain roofing companies, such as DaVinci Roofscapes, offer a range to choose from. Their 50 standard colors include diverse hues like dark amber, smokey gray and light violet, and the brand even allows homeowners to customize. To sample potential custom blends, check out the DaVinci Color Designer Tool at davinciroofscapes.com/color/designer.

Front Entry
Are you an introvert with an orange front door? If so, you’re sending mixed messages to friends and neighbors. The front door is the home feature offering the most flexibility in color choice, and a great place to let your personality shine.

Try installing smooth fiberglass paintable doors, which makes it easy to update your home’s exterior now and in the future.

Here’s a look at what paint colors on entry doors of a home say about the occupants inside:

• Red: This bright color says I’m not afraid of standing out or saying what’s on my mind.
• White: Says that I prefer things organized, neat and clean. Even if my home isn’t always this way, I wish it were.
• Green: Tells the world you have traditional values and enjoy being a member of the community.
• Black: Says I’m consistent, conservative and reserved and my design style is timeless rather than trendy.
• Blue: Tells people you’re naturally at ease and people are attracted to your easygoing personality.
• Yellow: A personality similar to green but a bit less traditional, yellow says you’re most likely a group leader.
• Purple: Reveals a free-spirit, comfortable taking risks, thinking differently and dreaming big.

Make your home your own. Spruce up the exterior with dashes of color to showcase your personality and complement your home’s style.
The use-agreement outlines event fees, which includes $15 per team participating in a tournament, as well as a $25 per day for each ball field being used. For the first tournament, $825 was paid to the county by USSA.

"These event fees are intended to be competitive with other facilities and is not where we expect to see an economic boost from the park," said Corbin. "We know we are not going to rush on the fees and we don't want to. We want to get teams here and see them spend money at local businesses. We will see the economic benefit from the increase in sales taxes from having them here."

Obviously with extra funds filling the county's coffers the funding of county responsibilities ought to come easier in years to come.

Due to $7,000 pulled in at the concessions stand this past weekend, County Manager Roland said he will be hiring a part-time person, so the Parker Meadows Recreation Complex is turning out to be a job creator, too.

In 2014, Franklin collected $9,523.55 in room occupancy tax. Because September is typically a down time for the tax collection due to school beginning and the full before leaf season, the added traffic due to the tournaments should be reflected in an increase.

"With our first tournament finished, we have seen what is going to work and how we can make things better," said Macon County Recreation Director Seth Adams, who was at the park all weekend. "We have heard a lot of great things from coaches and parents and are excited about the response we have gotten so far."

Some of the changes Adams referenced include the park use-agreement approved by commissioners during their September board meeting. The use-agreement is an agreement with the county and tournament directors that outlines the dos and don'ts for tournaments. When approved by commissioners, Adams and the board agreed that as tournaments started to happen, things can be changed as circumstances arise.

"If there is ground water contamination, said Frye. "You won't know until you are in remediation which is basically open ended," Frye added. "We have seen situations in the Dan River and across the state."

"Duke's way of striking back at the environmentalists and the CAMA regs is to pass all these subsequent costs onto everyone else," said Frye. "The other issue that Duke and Kevin disagree on – about which we agree with Kevin – is that nowhere in the CAMA regs does it specifically say that Duke has the authority or the right to do cost recovery at the expense of its customers, retail or wholesale."

Duke is holding out to see how the dice roll.

"Duke Energy pleased guilty to nine violations of the Clean Water Act due to coal ash dumps and was fined $102 million – the largest such penalty in North Carolina history. Stockholders paid the fine and Duke began cleaning up the Dan River.

On Sept., 2014, the NC Legislature –
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The nature of our human structure is a physical body, fused with a soul. When we relate with fellow human beings, we express a lot of feelings. It may be psychological, social, biological, sexual, political, cultural, moral, economical or spiritual. Love is the base of our human life and it has multiple dimensions in different contexts.

In general, love would be classified as either impersonal love or interpersonal love. A love for an object, principle or goal is said to be impersonal love, but interpersonal love refers to love between human beings. In Greek Philosophy, there are six kinds of love. Namely: (1) EROS. i.e. Sexual passion and desire. (2) PHILEO. i.e. deep friendship. (3) LUDUS - Playful love like dancing. (4) AGAPAO – selfless love (5) PRAGMA – Longstanding love and (6) PHILANTHIA - self-love.

Let us reflect on love in different contexts. In biology, love is sexual. In psychology, love has a cognate and social aspect. In physics, love is attraction and repulsion. In religion, love is considered the greatest commandment in life. In society, love exists in a family context, as there is parental love and brotherly love. In morality, love is restricted on the basis of moral law.

Now I would like to reflect on love as the basis of Christianity. In the Old Testament of the bible, we know that God promised to send His son as redeemer of the world. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ who is the Son of God gave His life on the cross through His passion and death. It is the climax of God’s love, Jesus teaches us that Love is the greatest commandment. “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34).

Our Christian life is a call to live as a witness for God’s love. St. Paul writes in the letter to the Corinthians about God’s love. “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing . . . So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor.13: 4-13).

Jesus also speaks that the climax of love is to lay down your life for your friends. (John 15:13-17).
**POLICE & FIRE**

The Highlands Police log entries from Sept. 2. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

**Sept. 5**
- At 7 p.m., officers responded to a call of a larceny at a residence on Holt Circle where a driveway lantern was taken.

**Sept. 6**
- At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106.

**Sept. 10**
- At 5:29 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hummingbird Lane.
- At 6:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on US 64 east.

**Sept. 11**
- A little past midnight, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Harris Drive.
- At 4:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a business on Main Street.

**Sept. 12**
- At 1:41 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a bicycle accident on NC 106.

**Sept. 13**
- At 11:26 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hummingbird Circle.
- At 7:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.
- At 11:33 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hummingbird Circle.

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**BIZ/ORG NEWS**

**OEI joins Relais & Chateaux**

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Patrick O’Connell, President of Relais & Châteaux North America and Chef/Proprietor of The Inn at Little Washington, says, “Relais & Châteaux is an association of outstanding hotels and restaurants in 52 nations around the world. Each year we add new members to our ranks who reflect the high standards that have come to embody our organization. We are honoured that Old Edwards Inn is joining the R&C family and look forward to introducing our loyal and discerning guests to the unique charms of this property.”

Richard Delany, President and Managing Director of Old Edwards Inn and Spa, says, “As a European-style hotel with a local, sustainable culinary program in a unique mountain location, we have realized for some time that Old Edwards and Relais & Châteaux share the same mission and values. We are truly honoured that R&C views Old Edwards as a fit with their venerable collection. Our team looks forward to welcoming the members into our family and sharing The Art of Fine Living at Old Edwards, Madison’s Restaurant and Highlands, North Carolina.”

For information about Old Edwards Inn & Spa visit www.oldedwardsinn.com.

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**SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from page 16**

...SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from page 16 down one’s life of one’s friends. Jesus invites us to love our enemies. This is the way in which Jesus asks us to practice love. Love of God is essential for the human relationship. Where there is love, there is no enemy. Where there is love, there is no violence. Where there is love, there is no discrimination. Where there is love, there is peace. Love of God is the foundation from which we receive grace and blessings so that we are able to love our fellow man. It is our duty not only as Christians, but also as people to promote the virtue of love in our life.
No complaints here! It’s as if someone opened a gate and buyers have decided it is time to invest in our little piece of paradise. Every broker I know is much busier and a lot happier this year than last.

I did a comparison of year-to-date from January 1 until September 22 for 2014 and 2015. Here is a short synopsis of home sales. The areas I used are Highlands, Cashiers, Sapphire, Scaly Mountain, Glenville and Toxaway.

• In 2014 YTD, we sold 271 homes and had 2 pending.
• In 2015 YTD, we have sold 329 homes and have 26 pending.
• In 2014 YTD, we sold 46 in Highlands.
• In 2015 YTD, we have sold 58 in Highlands with 8 pending.
• In 2014 YTD, we sold 14 homes in Cashiers.

So you see that consumer confidence is definitely up – in our area anyway. There is new construction and custom homes and townhomes going up.

Walk-to-town has become very popular. When I first became a broker 14 years ago, the criteria was mountain view or golf course when working with buyers. I feel that now with the majority of our buyers being “baby boomers” and many having knee and hip problems resulting in mobility issues, the trend will remain in or close to town.

I have had several buyers this year wanting to move here full time – also a new trend. We are also seeing an increase in the number of younger buyers who have discovered our area.

As we who live or visit here know there is no place quite like Highlands! Award-winning restaurants, playhouses with superb talent, boutique shopping, culinary events, garden tours, gorgeous scenery, art galleries, and wonderful weather, it is a place that we are delighted to call home!

Invite your friends… they will fall in love!

• Pat Allen is owner and broker-in-charge of Pat Allen Realty Group. Visit its webpage at www.patallenrealtygroup.com or call Pat’s cell at 828-200-9179 or the office at 828-526-8784.

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Public invited to Art League presentation at The Bascom

The speaker at the September 28 meeting of the Art league of Highlands-Cashiers will be Norma Boosey Hendrix at The Bascom atrium beginning at 4:30 p.m. Its free and open to the public.

Her presentation will be based on her journal, ”A Thousand Mornings,” which will include selected mixed media paintings that resulted from those drawings.

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New executive team at The Bascom

Mike Campbell, Board Chair of The Bascom, announced today the appointment of Teresa Osborn as Executive Director. The appointment of Osborn marks the completion of a year-long reorganization and development process that The Bascom has undergone with careful planning and consideration from The Board.

“It was Teresa’s history of developing both long- and short-term goals and of achieving them that made her stand out,” Campbell stated. “She is noted for building consensus among the many communities that make up an organization like The Bascom.”

The Executive Team is comprised of Teresa Osborn as Executive Director; Tracy Gihl, Chief Financial Officer; Tom Roberson, who was appointed last month to the position of Chief Development Officer; Sallie Taylor, who previously served as Interim Executive Director and has accepted the position of Chief Exhibitions Officer.

“The combination of these four executives creates the strongest leadership team The Bascom has ever had,” said Campbell. “We will have Teresa’s leadership, Tracy’s expertise, Tom’s experience, and Sallie’s creativity. This is a dynamic team and we could not be more excited.”

As the newly appointed Chief Exhibitions Officer, Sallie Taylor stated, “Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my responsibilities and opportunities while serving as Interim Executive Director, I am eager to assume hands-on responsibility for the dynamic exhibitions which are the backbone of The Bascom’s mission and presence here. I look forward to working with Teresa.”

Osborn comes to The Bascom from The Hudgens Center for the Arts where she has served as Executive Director since 2008. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia and furthered her studies at Vanderbilt University and Western Kentucky University’s Studies Abroad Program. Teresa and her husband, Jim, are thrilled to be moving to the Highlands/Cashiers area.

“The first time I saw The Bascom I was completely blown away,” said Osborn.

“There is a huge growth potential for The Bascom and I can’t wait to start working with The Bascom staff. I am looking forward to being surrounded by the warm and welcoming people who live here and the beauty of Western North Carolina
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