Traffic checkpoint enrages citizen; mayor and chief weigh in

There have been some traffic stops within the town limits of Highlands recently that have at least one citizen crying foul.

Both Mayor Pat Taylor and Police Chief Bill Harrell weighed in on the matter – a matter discussed in length in a letter-to-the-editor in this week’s edition – both explaining that neither of them are in charge of traffic stops although outside agencies often request participation by the Highlands Police Department.

In his Mayor on Duty column this week, Mayor Taylor explains in detail the events that occurred last Saturday night when a citizen called him to complain about a traffic stop on US 64 east that occurred around 8:30 p.m.

The mayor told the caller he didn’t control the law enforcement operations of the NC Highway Patrol and explained that it has jurisdiction on all public vehicular areas in the state of North Carolina and

School districts across the state are waiting for state to pass 2015-’16 budget

A million-plus North Carolina public school students are back in school, but school districts across the state are still in the dark about staffing and classroom resources.

That’s because state legislators have failed to pass a budget.

As of Monday, Aug. 24th, the budget was 55 days late, now it’s more than two months late – the longest delay in 13 years.

This is affecting county governments as well as school systems.

Macon County School System Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin said the district has been juggling with state shortfalls for some time and has prepared for the Senate budget proposal.

“Third grade teacher assistants (TAs) were funded in 2014-’15 with non-recurring dollars. Therefore, this year we have had to reduce our number of state-paid TAs to 26 through attrition and transfer. We have 35 K-1 classrooms in the Macon County School system. We are covering all kindergarten classrooms with a TA, and evenly distribute the remainder in our first-grade classrooms, however we won’t have enough TAs to cover all of our first-grade classrooms and have had to hire part-time personnel to help fill these very important positions,” he said.

Once the state budget is final – which could be as late as June 30, 2016, Baldwin said he will make personnel adjustments based upon the state budget.

“Fortunately for us, this means that we should be hiring additional employees, rather than reducing our workforce. If the House budget compromise is agreed upon, we will be hiring additional TAs. If the Senate budget is agreed upon, we will be hiring additional K-3 teachers.”

Across the state:
• In Charlotte, 500 teaching assistants will lose their jobs on Sept 4. The state Senate’s budget

Land Stewards urge town to continue to eradicate of Japanese Knotweed and Kudzu

At the August Town Board meeting, the subject of the dreaded Japanese Knotweed was brought up.

The town performed a knotweed eradication program in 2006 and 2007, but evidently the stuff is stronger than Round Up.

Town Manager Bob Fry said The Land Stewards have asked the town to revive its eradication program and to now include Kudzu.

“We are unaware of Kudzu on any town roadsides or prop-

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My wife and I were watching a movie about 9:10 p.m. this past Saturday night when my cell phone rang. I answered, and the caller was apologetic about calling at night. Nevertheless, he had a concern about the town.

The caller let me know that there was a road check point at the Highlands Conference Center on US 64. He informed me it was yet another example of police harassment, and that I needed to get control of it. I have heard the concern before, that these road checks create ill will for our visitors and guests.

I told the caller I was not aware of the road check. He told me about a half dozen state troopers were there. I responded that I did not control the law enforcement operations of the NC Highway Patrol. I stated they had jurisdiction on all public vehicular areas in the state of North Carolina and frequently patrolled US 64 within Highlands. They, like the Macon County Sheriff’s Department, have full enforcement powers within our city limits. I emphasized the mayor did not have the authority to supervise state troopers.

That last statement resulted in an intense rebuke from the caller. I was told that as mayor I needed to have more control and awareness about what was going on in my town. I was also chided for my passive, unacceptable attitude. Before I could respond, the caller hung up.

I took a deep breath, and asked my wife to please stop the movie, that I needed to look into a situation. I walked to the check point, which was less than a quarter of a mile from my house. Yes, there were several state trooper vehicles. A trooper politely told me this was a statewide program, and that they were checking licenses and looking for drunk drivers. I thanked him and returned home.

I decided to call back the person making the complaint and provide an update. When he answered I told him it was the mayor. Suddenly the call disconnected!

Monday I contacted Chief Harrell of the Highlands Police to get further information. He said the road checks by the highway patrol was a part of the Governor’s Highway Safety Initiative. Therefore, state troopers were conducting road checks throughout the region, and had just done one in the Franklin area. Troopers routinely conduct checks in Macon and Jackson Counties as holidays approach. The patrol does not announce their plans in advance, but they did ask assistance from the Highlands Police the night of the road check. The chief let me know that the road check netted two DWIs and six other violations. The DWI levels were in double digits. Seven state troopers operated the check point, and two Highlands officers assisted.

Now am sorry I disappointed the caller with my inaction and passivity. But, I am not the Commissar of Highlands, the incarnation of Chicago’s Mayor Richard Daley. Nor am I “Boss Hog.” I am a mayor of a North Carolina municipality with limited powers and authority. I do not command the highway patrol, the sheriff, nor the Highlands Police Department. While the town manager, the board and the mayor continually review the policies and overall practices of the police, the mayor is not their field commander. I leave the enforcement of laws to trained professionals.

Feel free to call me at (828) 506-3138 almost anytime, but please don’t hang up on me.
Jackson Williams Tarver Jr.

Jackson Williams Tarver Jr., husband of Loretta Thometz Tarver, died August 29, 2015 of complications from esophageal cancer. Born April 14, 1941 in Macon, GA, he was the son of Margaret Taylor Tarver and Jackson Williams Tarver Sr., who was a former editor and publisher of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Jack attended Northside High School in Atlanta, earned his Bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University, and graduated from University of Virginia Law School. He spent nine years at the law firm Troutman, Sanders, Lockerman, and Ashmore, where he became a partner before leaving to pursue a lifelong passion for the music industry.

A charismatic manager and promoter whose career spanned four decades, he was involved in the development of the original Underground Atlanta, and was owner of Muhlenbrink’s Saloon. In the 1970s Jack became owner of the Great Southeast Music Hall, where he helped launch the careers of acts such as Jimmy Buffett, Billy Joel, and Linda Ronstadt, and for many years wrote a weekly music column in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution under the pen name J. Garland Pembroke. In the early nineties, Jack owned The Old Post Office, a popular live music venue on Hilton Head Island that often featured the early years of Hootie and the Blowfish, and Widespread Panic, to name a few. His lifelong passions included attending auctions and collecting antiques, particularly cars and Coca-Cola memorabilia, and supporting local dog rescue organizations.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Jackson Williams Tarver, III, of Athens, Georgia; daughter Margaret-Allyn Gallerani (Jim) of Wellesley, Massachusetts; sister Margaret Tarver Jason, of Jacksonville, Florida; and grandsons Drew and Connor Gallerani. He was predeceased by his first wife, Harriet Lester Tarver.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cashiers Highlands Humane Society, where Jack was proud to be a Board member. (CHHS, P.O. Box 638, Cashiers, NC 28717)

The memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 11 AM at Arlington Memorial Park, 201 Mount Vernon Hwy, NW, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328.

The need for traffic checks is suspicious

Dear Editor,

This letter has a two purposes. One is to ask what is going on with the police roadblocks in Highlands. I understand they have been taking place on Saturday nights on Highway 64 by the ballpark. We were stopped this past Saturday before 9 pm as we headed out of town. There were at least six state patrol cars (perhaps more) and probably 10 or more state troopers. They checked drivers for their license, checked everyone in the car by shining flashlight on them and inquired as to where we had been, etc. One of my neighbors was stopped at the same spot two Saturdays ago. Do we have a large unknown crime issue in town that would justify such actions? I’m sure this will have an immediate impact on the restaurant business in Highlands. We certainly won’t be going while this is going on .....it is needless harassment especially before 9 in the evening. I might understand if there was a problem or if they were conducting this activity after 11 p.m. when there could be impaired drivers out....but around 8:30 in the evening...come on. And to have such a force seems unnecessary. Surely this is much about little and the effort could best be used elsewhere....where there is real crime taking place.

Since our mayor has given out his phone number and encouraged people to call him when needing an answer or pointing out a problem, I did. Thus, the second purpose of my letter is to report the mayor’s response. It did not seem not creditable. He said he didn’t know about it and couldn’t do anything about it. It doesn’t seem reasonable that state police would be conducting road blocks within his town and he didn’t know. If he didn’t know, he should have and if he did, he shouldn’t have told me he didn’t. Both are wrong.

Something seem out of balance with such a massive state police action here in our town. I think answers to this situation are warranted.

James Riddle
Highlands

Park is little piece of heaven

Dear Editor,

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frequently patrols US 64 within Highlands.

“They, like the Macon County Sheriff’s Department, have full enforcement powers within our city limits, and I, as mayor, don’t have the authority to supervise state troopers.” (See his complete response in his column on page 2.)

Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell spoke passionately about the subject of traffic stops, particularly in light of the recent attacks on law enforcement officers nationwide.

“Concerning the recent traffic checkpoints, I don’t usually respond to inappropriate rants and raves, however, I feel compelled in light of recent tragedies within our nation, wherein public safety officers are being brutally shot and murdered, to respond as to why we conduct periodic investigative traffic checkpoints,” he said.

“First off, I would like to commend and thank our officers, who worked in conjunction with the NC Highway Patrol, in conducting yet another successful checkpoint this past weekend. It isn’t our purpose as public safety officers to interrupt the evening of those driving home from dinner or to inconvenience citizens by making them wait in their vehicles for a few moments while we verify their information – instead our mission is to inconvenience the criminal elements who are driving without a license, without insurance, while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

“Our mission is to deter and reduce crime, and apprehend fugitives to ensure that all law-abiding citizens who happen to pass through these checkpoints arrive at their destinations as safely as possible. All of these aforementioned tasks have been accomplished here in Highlands. This provides peace of mind to our citizens as they travel to and from the many fine restaurants, shops and events that Highlands offers secure in the knowledge that their police department is doing all it can to ensure they don’t encounter a drunk driver on their way home.”

• See CHECKPOINT page 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

“A curious mind knows no bounds”

• DEBUTANTES AND DOWNTON: American Heiress Do the London Season Tue., Sept. 8 Time: 2-4 Cornelia Powell, author, wedding folklorist and costume historian, entertains audiences around the country with her Downton Abbey costume talks and PowerPoint presentations and is back to discuss the glitz and glamour of Downton Abbey’s fictional countess Cora Crowley.

• BEEKEEPING AND THE STORY OF MANUKA HONEY: Wed. Sept. 9 Time: 10-12 Mike Everly, President of Forest & Bees Native Honey is going share what the “buzz” is about regarding the importance of the honey bee and the health benefits Manuka honey is known to have.

• TSUNAMIS, EARTHQUAKES, VOLCANOES: The Titanic Forces of Nature Thur. Sept. 10 Time: 10-12 Natural disasters are extreme sudden events that cause damage to people and property. This lecture will look at some recent disasters and will discuss why they happened and to what extent they can be predicted. Dr. Helen Aves holds a Ph.D in Geology from Columbia.

• IPAD SHORT COURSE: Basic and Advanced Fri. Sept. 11/18 (2 Sessions) Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost $125/$140 This class taught by Nigel Sixsmith will teach you everything you need to know to get up and running with your iPad.

• MEXICAN MISADVENTURE: Emperor Maximilian of Mexico and the American-born Princess Who Tried to Save Him Sat. Sept. 12 Time: 10-12 Rick Hutto is back with us to share a story of romance, intrigue, and adventure! Hutto is former chairman for Georgia Council for the Arts and former White House Appointments Secretary to the Carter Family.

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Several years ago while shopping at Ingles in Cashiers I spotted a young man sporting a full, well groomed beard, lengthy hair, clean but worn bib overalls and tired-looking work boots. His dirty fingernails made me think he might be a farmer. He was with his wife and two small children.

I couldn’t resist so I walked right up to him and asked, “Excuse me, sir, but are you a real bonafied mountain man or are you just faking it?” Realizing I might get punched, I cringed, waiting for his answer.

He shot back with a friendly smile and said, “No sir, I am not a fake. I am a real mountain man. I farm, hunt and fish to feed my family. We get money to buy staples here at Ingles from the sale of canned goods from our farm.”

I couldn’t believe it. I had, in fact, met a real mountain man so I stuck out my hand for a shake and said, “Well, let me introduce myself. I am a bonafied city slicker who spent most of my life in Miami and always in a city somewhere. I’ve never grown a vegetable but my lil’ missus used to can blackberries from our hedge off Clear Creek Rd. but that’s about it.”

We shook hands and he said, “Well it’s a pleasure to meet a bonafied city slicker and especially one who is willing to admit it. Lots of folks come to the area and try to fake being country but they really stick out.”

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But I will say this. I always feel like I am among friends here in Highlands and I enjoy the variety of people I meet.

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Property. However there is rampant growth on private properties next to town streets. It will spread and should be monitored for invasion as long as it persists,” wrote Barbara Landwehr, Chair of the Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau in her letter to the board.

In 2006 the town and the Land Stewards began eradicating Japanese Knotweed and Kudzu on town property and right-of-ways, including NCDOT right-of-ways within the town limits.

“We are requesting the town continue this effort until there is no new growth, that treated areas be monitored for several years, and that the herbicide glyphosate (Round Up) be used on Japanese Knotweed as was done in 2006,” she wrote.

Over the years, the herbicide Tribune was used but according to experts, Tribune kills growth above ground, but not roots. Glyphosate kills both and is still the herbicide most often recommended and used.

“We urge the town to resume treatment with this herbicide,” said Landwehr.

Japanese Knotweed plants were introduced from Japan first into the U.K., then into North America in the 19th century as, a landscaping ornamental.

A common habitat for Japanese Knotweed is sunny, moist areas, including riverbanks, roadsides and, lawns and gardens.

According to landscape experts Japanese Knotweed is often spread via landfill – all it takes is one fragment of one root, furiously submerged within a pile of fill dumped onto an unsuspecting yard and, a burgeoning menace is gaining a toehold.

“Before you know it, all other plants are crowded out by this highly successful competitor for landscaping space, resulting in a monoculture,” they say.

Japanese knotweed doesn’t invade forested areas; rather, it prefers areas disturbed by humans; areas with not only ample sunlight but also friable soil for its invasive roots.

Total eradication requires several seasons before satisfactory results are achieved.

“Think persistence not “silver bullet,” say experts.

The Land Stewards concur.

“Complete eradication is extremely difficult and requires a multi-year effort. Knotweed has tremendous regenerative abilities and can grow from root and stem fragments as small as 1/2 inch,” said Landwehr.

“In some cases roots have reached 10 feet deep and have run horizontally 65 feet from the parent plant giving rise to new plants along the way. The roots can invade pavement, sewer systems, and foundations.

“The environmental threat to our native plants and animals is enormous,” said Landwehr.

“Knotweed can form large colonies of near solid mass, crowding out all other growth and resulting in loss of food and shelter for our birds and other animals.”

Even where treated years ago, Knotweed has resprouted in several locations in Highlands but according to the Land Stewards most of the plants have not reached mature size of six to 10 feet.

“We feel that it is critical to gain control at this stage with a multi-year plan for eradication and monitoring,” she said.

The original eradication program was undertaken in 2006 and 2007 by the town and the Land Stewards. The Land Stewards located the plants and the town applied glyphosate (Round-up) two times in the fall as recommended by Dr. Kenneth McCaskill, director of the NC Extension Service, Dr. Robert Wyatt, director of the Highlands Biological Station, and the late Dr. Bob Zahner, forester and nationally recognized conservationist.

In 2013 regrowth was noticed and the Land Stewards, with the endorsements of Dr. Jim Costa, executive director of the Highlands Biological Station and Dr. Gary Wein, executive director of the Highlands Cashiers Land Trust, urged the town to resume these treatments.

Town Manager Frye said this isn’t the first time this has come up and staff and he are looking into the best way to accomplish eradication.

“I hope to have a recommendation in time for the next Town Board meeting [Sept. 17]. He said the town may give the organization “seed” money so the Land Stewards can hire folks to help since town employees can’t go on private property adjacent to town property where the plants have taken root.”

– Kim Lewicki

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**Paoletti’s Hospice House fundraiser moved to Wed. Sept. 30**

Paoletti’s Restaurant is having two charity functions for the Hospice House Foundation of WNC on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Cocktails and Casual Grazing - $150/person ($100 is tax deductible). A come-as-you-are social cocktail reception with hors d’oeuvres and select wines.

At 7:30 p.m. it’s Dining for Dignity - $250/person ($150 is tax deductible) This will be a relaxed dining experience where patrons choose from a decadent 4-course menu especially selected for the evening.

This dining venue is limited – early reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 828-526-4906.

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On Sept. 8 from 2-4 p.m. she will present a “costume talk” as part of CLE’s Lecture series in its space in the Peggy Crosby Center. Call 828-526-8811 for more details and reservations. Space is limited.
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The proposal would slash 8,500 teaching assistant positions across the state. This after nearly 1,000 teachers resigned from CMS in June, after Gov. Pat McCrory proposed a budget in which only one-third of North Carolina teachers would receive a raise.

• In Raleigh, Wake County Public Schools has ended drivers education classes for high school students. The Senate budget would end state funding for drivers education. Wake County opened this school year still in need of 100 teachers. The House budget would give teachers only a 2% pay raise while NC teacher pay ranks only 42nd in the nation.

In Greensboro, Guilford County Public Schools cut three work days from teaching assistants to save $390K. Interestingly, the General Assembly has wasted $1.3M in extra per diem costs to lawmakers in extra session days since they missed their July 1st budget deadline. Lawmakers also took a week’s vacation after missing their July 1st deadline.

• In Winston-Salem, WS/Forsyth County Public Schools opened this year in need of 68 teachers. Meantime, the state Senate’s budget proposal would give no raise to the state’s most veteran teachers.

• In Asheville, Buncombe County Public Schools has cut teaching assistant hours from eight to seven per day.

• In Greenville, Pitt County Public Schools has cut 25 teaching assistant positions due to questions of the state budget.

“School systems across the state are feeling the pain from the negligence of state lawmakers in Raleigh,” said Gerrick Brenner, executive director of ProgressNC. “When one party controls state government, claims a revenue surplus (445 million), and still cannot pass a budget in time for the first day of class, it’s clear that our public schools are not a priority for this governor and those leading our legislature.”

The NC General Assembly Continuing Budget Authority has been extended to September 18, 2015 by House Bill 18, S.L. 2015-233, signed by the Governor August 27, 2015.

– Kim Lewicki
• Highlands Area Events •

**Mon.-Sat.**
- Nantahala Tennis Club meets at 9 a.m. to noon each day. All visitors welcome.

**Sun. - Tues.**
- Movies at the Playhouse: 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Call 526-2685 for weekly movie.

**Mondays**
- Shortoff Baptist Church hosts a non-denominational Men’s Meeting the first Monday night of each month at 7 p.m. and all men are invited to attend.

**Mon. & Wed.**
- Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call 828.342.2498.
- Donation Based Family Fitness Class at The Nature Center every Monday at noon and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Teens and Adults.
- Heat Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
- Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9 a.m.

**First Tuesdays**
- The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. This group is sponsored by the local affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). For more information: Ann 828 369-7385

**Tuesdays**
- Growing Stronger Together - A support and learning group for women who have physical or mental difficulties including depression or high stress. $5 per session. Meets weekly on Tuesdays through August 4 at the Peggy Crosby Center, Rm. 203. Led by Bonnie Gramlich, LPC and sponsored by HUMC and the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands. Call 828.342.0546 to register or for more info.
- FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6 p.m.
- FREE Yoga in the K-H Founders Park Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. Bring the whole family (along with a towel and a bottle of water) for a gentle, community stretch!

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays**
- OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828.331.1524
- Tuesday and Thursdays - Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park will resume Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 8 a.m. $5.
- Pickle ball is played from 9:30-11 a.m. in the gym at the Rec Park.

**1st Wednesdays**
- Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:15 p.m. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

**2nd Wednesdays**
- General Audience Movies at Hudson Library at 2 p.m. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

**Wednesdays**
- Children’s Book of the Month Club and Story Hour with Nonnie (Diane McPhail) at Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at 11 a.m.
- Live music at Satulah Mountain Brewing Company with Jimandi, a local duo, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

**Thursdays**
- Storytimes with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 a.m. Open to the public.
- Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Cashiers Community Center. Questions? Call Lisa 828-506-3555.
- NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15 p.m. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

**2nd Thursdays**
- Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

**3rd Thursdays**
- Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474
- Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

**Last Fri. of each month**
- Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11 a.m. to noon at The Hudson Library.

**Fridays and Saturdays:**
- The Highlands Historical Museum is open every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. On display is a Botanical History of the Highlands Plateau, a gallery of local photographs by George Masa, and presentations of Mary Lapham’s TB Sanatorium, the Moccasin War of 1885, Abraham Lincoln’s alleged origins, Joe Webb’s tools, and books and DVDs about Highlands history. For more information, email highlandshistory@nctv.com.

**Fridays**
- Live music in Town Square from 6-8 p.m. (Through Oct. 23, weather permitting)
**Newspaper Article**

**Highlands Area Events**

**Saturdays**
- Highlands Marketplace in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street from 9a to 2p.
- Children’s Story Hour with Nonnie (Diane McPhail) at Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at 11 a.m.
- At Mountain Top Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tasting from 1-3 p.m.
- Music in the K-H Founders Park from 6-8p. Bring a picnic. (Next and last one is Labor Day weekend.)

**Thurs., Sept. 3**
- The final Zahner Conservation lecture at 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center will discuss Monarch Butterflies.

**Sat., Sept. 5**
- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will host a beginner’s walk around the Old Ranger Station on Flat Mt. Rd. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands. Russ Regnerly will lead with Bill Peavey assisting. No experience is necessary. Binoculars and birding guidance are provided.
- Fall Arts & Crafts Show at the Village Green in Cashiers. 10am - 5pm (Rain or Shine. More than 70 exhibiting artisans and good food. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to benefit area non-profits. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley.
- At Cliffs Side Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with the Balsam Mountain Trust at 11 a.m. Program on the patio at Cliffs Side Lake. No pets allowed. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to program. Free by $4/vehicle admission to recreation area.
- At Scudders, an auction of a string of pearls and a hand carved wooden bowl from Bolivia at 8 p.m. to benefit The Highlands Bolivia Mission on this Saturday, September 5 at 8PM.

**Sun., Sept. 6**
- The High Mountain Squares will host their 13th Annual “Greenway Dancem” Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m. Jim Duncan from Otto NC will be the caller. It will be at the Macon County Rec Park Pavilion on Allman Dr, off GA Rd (441 South), Franklin NC. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday, Sept. 10**
- The WNC Woodturners meeting at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville, N.C.
- Dahlia Festival Patron Party. 6:30 p.m. at the Hudson House, Highlands Country Club. Mexican Fiesta with Live Mariachi Band. Tickets $125. For more details, go to www.highlandshistory.com or call the Highlands Historical Society at (828) 787-1050. Proceeds raised by the Festival underwrite the upkeep of the Prince House, the oldest home within the town of Highlands.
- Rotary Craft Beer Night at The Farm from 7-11 p.m. at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn. Local and Regional Craft Breweries, and Lite Bites from area restaurants. Great rockin’ country music by Timeless Highway with Tommy Dodd. $50 per person, or sponsor a table! Tickets are available on line at rotarycraftbeer.eventbrite.com, or email rotarycraftbeer@yahoo.com for details. All proceeds benefit the projects and programs of The Rotary Club of Highlands.

**Sat., Sept. 12**
- Highlands’ 5th Annual Dahlia Festival. 1- 5 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park & Civic Center. All dahlia enthusiasts are urged to join in the competition. Prizes will be presented in multiple categories. It is to celebrate the beauty and enjoyment of these gorgeous flowers that grow so well in our beautiful mountains. Come and bring your blooms to share with other dahlia lovers. Public admission $5 at the door. Exhibitor fee $10. Live Music (Dulcimer players 2 – 3:30 p.m.) Refreshments and Actors in Period Costumes at the Highland Historical Museum.
- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will host the annual Charlie Davis Memorial Blue Ridge Parkway Outing as we search for migrating warblers, vireos, thrushes and raptors on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We leave at 7 a.m. from Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in Highlands. Please pack a light lunch as we will stop at a scenic spot for a picnic and more birding before returning mid-afternoon. Bring water and your camera. The Parkway in autumn provides spectacular views and interesting birds even in less than perfect weather. Please contact Romney Bathurst (828-526-1939) or Brock Hutchins (828-787-1387) to sign up.

**Sun., Sept. 13**
- The 23rd Annual Bel Canto Recital will again present a quartet of renowned singers from the world of opera – Jennifer Black, Audrey Babcock, mezzo-soprano, Jonathan Burton, tenor, and Mark Walters, baritone. Don’t miss this year’s performance! If you have any questions, please call us at 828 526 5213 or email at highlandsbelcanto@gmail.com.

**Mon., Sept. 14**
- Jamie Harrelson, current Highlands Plateau Audubon Society grant recipient for her Master’s research underway at Western Carolina Univ., will present her results on the Mon., Sept. 14
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**Tues., Sept. 15**
- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will host a “Birds & Beer” social at the Ugly Dog Pub in Highlands. Enjoy a favorite beverage, “Pub Grub” and bird talk with Audubon members and guests. We start at 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**
- Eco Tour: “Bald Rock.” Join Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust on this special access hike to the summit of “Old Bald” through Camp Merrie-Woode. Learn about a number of rare plants from your botanist guide and be rewarded with a grand view from above. $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. Together we are saving mountains: www.hicashlt.org.
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This unique show then celebrates Nitty Gritty Dirt Band’s landmark ‘Circle’ album (initiated by McEuen in 1971), and shows the audience how Carter Family music and Mother Maybelle Carter, Earl Scruggs, Roy Acuff, Doc Watson, Vassar Clements, Merle Travis, Jimmy Martin… and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (NGDB) came together for the historic sessions.

John Carter (son of Johnny Cash and June Carter) takes the helm to relate the Carter Family story. This leads to how NGDB joined the icons of Country Music for a magic Nashville week in August of 1971 to create the classic multi-platinum album - Will the Circle Be Unbroken. Presented by Ray & Diane McPhail.

Saturday, September 26 brings Three Tenors & a Diva to the Performing Arts Center for a GALA evening beginning at 5pm with a concert and then moving to the Highlands Falls Country Club for a GALA dinner and cocktails. Antonio Buonaurro, James Gagen & Thomas Bethman have so much to offer on their own, that together they surpass all expectations. Their careers have reached every continent and touched thousands of international audiences from New York’s Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall to premier international venues such as La Scala. They will steal your hearts with heroic arias and the Italian heritage will ring through. Broadway’s greatest music is woven in throughout the concert with “Phantom,” “West Side Story,” “Man of La Mancha,” and many more. As a finale, they often sing the Andrea Bocelli hit “Time to Say Goodbye”. But what good is a tenor lover without a Diva? Donna Bounauro tames these three. She is a beautiful soprano weaving her voice in operatic solos, duets and production numbers. A true night of magic is guaranteed. The concert is presented by Victor & Bertie Fransen and Sandy Cohn & Ruth Gershon. The GALA is presented by Jane Webb & David LaCagnina, Nancy & Lyle Nichols, Faye & Irwin Siegel, Cindy & Rick Treverathan and Anne Watkins.

The Beatles landed in America in 1964. For the past year venues across America have been celebrating 50 years of the Beatles’ music. On Friday, October 2nd Yesterday & Today: The Interactive Beatles Experience comes to the Performing Arts Center. What’s your favorite Beatles song? When asked this question, people don’t just tell you the name of the

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**The crowd is his element, as the air is that of birds and water of fishes. His passion and his profession are to become one flesh with the crowd. For the perfect flâneur, for the passionate spectator, it is an immense joy to set up house in the heart of the multitude, amid the ebb and flow of movement, in the midst of the fugitive and the infinite. To be away from home and yet to feel oneself everywhere at home; to see the world, to be at the centre of the world, and yet to remain hidden from the world—impartial natures which the tongue can but clumsily define.”

—Charles Baudelaire, The Painter of Modern Life

In the 1860s, Charles Baudelaire presented the above portrait of the flâneur—an individual who strolls, ambles, and wanders amongst the delicious array of sights, sounds, and smells in his or her surroundings. The flâneur has no timetable, agenda, or plans. Truly experiencing the world is his or her only aim.

How often do we gift ourselves such deep, rejuvenating pleasure? In our modern age, we are both blessed and cursed with ubiquitous access to technology. Technology promised to save us time, but ended up owning it.

I’m heading to Italy with a friend to soak up all the joyous art, food, wine, coffee, gelato, and shopping. But more importantly, my intention is to get lost on purpose. To go flâneuring. To regain my ability to truly see, to see with the eyes of a traveler, and to discover and engage deeply in the Italian culture.

In addition to some books, some sturdy walking shoes, a camera, and my passport, I’ll be bringing along my journals and sketching supplies. A “dumb” flip phone is making the trip for emergency purposes only. Items that connect me to the Internet and my daily life will stay in a drawer in Highlands.

I have no idea what all we will see and do. No real plans. No head down looking at a phone. There will be paper maps and the heart of an explorer. Conversation. And eyes wide open.

The Highlands-Cashiers plateau is a wonderful place to go flâneuring and escape every day life. Our healing and nurturing mountains provide the perfect backdrop to explore, unwind, and inhale deeply. Let your shoulders and heart rate drop. Experience a quiet mind.

You can take an afternoon, a day, or an entire week to walk trails lined with lush trees and shrubs. You can discover waterfalls, majestic vistas, and native flora and fauna. You can choose to turn off your phone (but carry it with you for safety) and look up. For goodness sake, look up.

Here’s to your journey ... wherever you may be flâneuring in your life.

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

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*Offered at $1,280,000. MLS #81486.*

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**Gone Flâneuring**

**CONCERTS from page 18**

Song. They tell you a story associated with that song—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. The show becomes a therapeutic musical session with laughter and tears and personal stories that connect the audience, band and performers in a way that no other show can.

The performance 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. As audience members come into the theatre, they are invited to go to the Song Request table. To make requests, people fill out a song list that is presented to the band on stage.

*See CONCERTS page 23*
**Main Street**

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Log cabin on a large private lot on Blackberry Lane. Move in condition. 2BD/2BA, loft, workshop. Glassed in porch overlooks private wooded area. Storage and room for a workshop. downstairs. Offered mostly furnished at $399,000. MLS #76607

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Civilized yet private compound of 7-plus acres off Flat Mountain Road. High quality finishes great scales and exceptional taste. 1BD/2BA. Offered at $895,000. MLS #80371

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Looking for that in town location with a flat building site and walk to town...Well this is it. Has a historical house to restore or just start over. Sidewalk in front and only 4 blocks to downtown. Offered at $450,000. MLS #78627

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Charming cottage in the trees on East View Drive. 3BD/2.5BA plus a loft. Custom kitchen with stainless and granite, Propane range. Formal dining room, Large living room with fireplace. Great fenced yard. Offered at $445,000. MLS #79665

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A total of 79.93 acres! Formerly a thriving cattle ranch with 2 homes, 2 barns, tractor and camper sheds and a garage/workshop. Hay producing grounds, large garden spots, timber, 2 creeks and numerous natural springs. Long range mountain and pastoral views. Asking $975,000. MLS #82477 & #82525

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Park-like 23 acres is unrestricted, has over 1000’ of Clear Creek flowing through it and is just 5 minutes from downtown Highlands! Tall trees and native shrubs surround the entire property providing total privacy. Furnished guest house, and a 3BR/2BA one-level older home with sunroom and large playroom. Offered at $1,000,000 MLS #82493

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Great log cabin with rock fireplace. Open great room, dining room, kitchen, hardwood floors and split floor plan. Large open back deck with winter view of Rabun Bald Mountain and front covered deck for rockers. One car garage. 17-acre community lake Osage. MLS # 67737, Offered at $369,000.

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4BD/4.5 BA on a large lot. Designed finishes throughout, with great room spaces and a huge dressing area and walk-in closet. Huge covered screened porch with tree house feel. A workshop and 2 car garage. Furnishings are negotiable. Offered at $1,695,000. MLS #80040

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HCP’s ‘VANYA …’ runs through Sept. 6 at PAC

An accomplished cast of six local actors has been earning many laughs at Highlands Performing Arts Center (PAac) in the Highlands Cashiers Players production of “Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike,” winner of the 2013 Tony for Best Play.

This delightfully funny comedy, directed by Virginia Talbot, continues this week, Thursday through Sunday, September 3—6 at PAC. The plot concerns the relationships of three siblings—Vanya, played by Michael Lanzi-lotta, and Sonia (Lauretta Payne), who live in the family home, and glamorous Masha (Adair Simon), who returns with her boy-toy Spike (Chris Hess), planning to sell the house. The strange housekeeper Cassandra (Frannie Oates) uses her voodoo skills to help thwart Masha’s plans as Nina (Raina Trent), the lovely young girl next door, catches Spike’s wandering eye. And who is Hootie Pie?

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Reduced! Offered for $765,000. MLS80561.

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This charming mountain cottage is pristine in every way! Expansive screened porch, vaulted great room with stone fireplace and Cypress floors. Tuscan-style kitchen with marble countertops, custom cabinets and stainless appliances. The master suite has a new luxury bath with an antique vanity jetted tub and glass shower and designer tile! Separate guest quarters are adorable.

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Picturesque In-Town Mountain Cottage!

Talk about a charming cottage! White fence, one level living, lovely perennial grounds and a path to the stream! Hardwood floors, glass door knobs and built-in china cabinets but modernized with custom cabinets, lovely kitchen and baths. Screened porch and wonderful living room with a huge skylight!

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Sit atop downtown Highlands and be mesmerized by mountain views! New designer kitchen, light and bright rooms, vaulted ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors, lots of windows and an open floor plan. Decks overlook mountain views. Over an acre with paths and a fire pit. Near the conservatory and Sunset Rock.

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Highlands Mountain Retreat

This home is nestled in the rhododendrons and mountain laurels with a spring fed stream, yet within minutes to downtown Highlands.

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Falling Waters... is a newer well maintained 52 acre community just 2.8 miles from Main St. Highlands. Secluded but not remote, no road noise, no thru traffic...peaceful, quiet and private.

The land is well forested and gentle, easy building sites and a pleasant place to walk. Two waterfalls and several creeks add charm and interest to many home sites. Paved roads, Underground utilities & Gated.

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Neil & Paula Van Hoogen (the developers) can help. We are knowledgable, experienced and love the building process. We can assist with the many decisions, choices and options. In your absence, we will be your eyes and ears watching out for your best interest. Let's explore the possibilities!

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This most recent checkpoint, conducted in the early evening, Saturday, Aug. 29 by two Highlands Police Officers and seven State Troopers, resulted in multiple DWI arrests. Other recent checkpoints with multiple agencies working together netted numerous traffic violations, including driving without a license or insurance, as well as DWIs.

“These guilty individuals were on the road, during day light hours, waiting in the same line, at the same checkpoint as everyone else – criminals work around the clock, and so do we,” said Chief Harrell.

“Unfortunately, we live in a world where criminal activity is not something limited to shadow or late-night escapades; criminals do not rob stores, break into homes, or drive while impaired during a certain time-frame. Impaired drivers do not restrict themselves to operating a vehicle after midnight, someone without insurance or hiding stolen property within their vehicle, does not restrict themselves to operating a vehicle after 11 p.m. I have personally encountered thousands of such criminals during my career, and can attest first-hand, that these encounters are omnipresent,” he said.

While Chief Harrell agrees that these checkpoints temporarily disrupt people's evenings, the purpose is to permanently disrupt and deter the mind set of criminals who threaten public safety.

“Oftentimes, we are able to locate wanted individuals for crimes committed in our community and abroad,” he said. “For this reason, we cannot notify residents when these checkpoints will occur as that would be counterproductive. Nor can we, or should we, have such measures authorized by elected officials, as this would be a conflict of interest. We serve, unbiasedly, ethically, and with only the best of intentions for our residents.”

Chief Harrell said public safety servants are tasked with protecting citizens 24/7 during a time when police are being shot and killed all over the world.

“We often do this without a ‘thank you’ or recognition, because at the end of the day, our job is to ensure that citizens get home, even when we know there's a possibility that we might not. So, allow me to say, thank you to all of our public safety servants and those who appreciate all we do, and even to those few who are naïve – you're welcome!

“Remember, that five-minute delay in an evening just may have saved a life,” he said.

–Kim Lewicki
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out a card giving their names, the songs they are requesting and the reason they have chosen those songs. Audience members’ stories will be told throughout an evening that captures the importance of The Beatles music and how it touches all of us individually. Yesterday and Today is a unique Beatles tribute show.

The Billy McGuigen Band knows and performs every Beatles’ song ever written the way it was originally written. Billy McGuigan and his brothers are Air Force brats; when their Dad, a Tech Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, was home from duty, he entertained the boys with his guitar—and his love of the Beatles. They inherited that same love and share it with all of us who have lived our lives with the music of the Beatles. Presented by Beth & Dan Riley.

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Christ is the answer

By Candi Kerhoulas

Christ Church of the Valley

More than 2,600 years ago, a man named Isaiah, was compelled by God Almighty to speak to the people of Israel. God’s heart had been broken and offended by the conduct of those whom He deeply loved. As a loving Father, He could not let His “kids get away with murder.” Isaiah’s task was to speak frankly and let the people of Israel know what was on God’s mind.

I don’t think I would have wanted his job! In a moment you will see why!

He told Isaiah to tell them that:
1) They had rebelled against God Almighty. 1:2
2) They did not know Him, or understand that He alone was their Father. 1:3
3) As a nation, they were sinners. They were weighed down by so much sin! They had abandoned and despised their Holy God. This nation was utterly alienated from God. 1:4
4) God disciplined them, and wondered why they continued in their rebellion. 1:5
5) God compared Israel to Sodom and Gomorrah. 1:10
6) God declared that He was “sick” of their religious activity! He said that their hypocritical ritualism was an abomination to Him. 1:11-14
7) God did not mince words when He told them that He would not answer their prayers, because their hands were full of blood.

When I read this section of the Old Testament, I could not help but think of our beloved U.S.A.!

We, too, are rebels.

We love other things more than God. We do not truly know Him. We masquerade with meaningless religious goings-on, while our hearts are far away from Him.

We have committed heinous deeds: Murder, abortions, hatred, racism, greed, love of amassing money, adultery and premarital sex, divorce for any reason, drunkenness and drug abuse, pornography, rape, sexual slavery, and child abuse!

We are unjust and acquit the guilty and punish the innocent. We harbor unforgiveness and seek vengeance.

Unbending pride may be the root cause of most of these! Life has become about #1-ME! We, too, are weighed down with what God calls sin.

God’s solution is made known through Isaiah in chapter 66. He wants a heart-to-heart with us. We need to listen!

God invites people to COME TO HIM and reason together. He wants a heart-to-heart with us. We need to listen! We need to speak to Him, also. He alone offers a new start. God our Father will erase our sin. It can be blotted out!

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Isaiah 1:18

How can this happen? Our just and Holy God always has a plan!

See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 25
The Highlands Police log 
entries from Aug. 16. Only the
names of persons arrested, is-
sued a Class-3 misdemeanor
or public officials have been 
used.

Aug. 16
• At 1:30 a.m., Robert Arthur
Cauley, 57, of Franklin, was arrested
for DWI and for injury to property
with a saw/cutting tool.
• At 8:20 p.m., officers re-
sponded to a noise complaint about
amplified music from The Bascom.

Aug. 18
• At 8:50 officers responded
to a 2-vehicle accident on U.S. 64
east.

Aug. 19
• A little after midnight, Julia
Kirsten Henson, 41, of Franklin, was
arrested for DWI and for driving
without a license when she was
stopped on US 64 west.
• At 3 p.m., officers responded
to a call about larceny of property
at Cullasaja Drive and Mirror Lake
Road where a paddle and boat line
were taken from a canoe.

Aug. 21
• At 11:30 p.m., officers re-
sponded to a call about vandalism
and a fight at a residence on Azalea
Circle where a domestic argument
ended with the suspect breaking a
windshield.

Aug. 22
• At 1:04 a.m., officers were
called about a fight outside of the
Ugly Dog Pub.
• At 8:50 a.m., officers respond-
ed to a one-vehicle accident in High-
lands Plaza.
• At 9 a.m., officers responded
to a call about illegal dumping on
Satulah Ridge Road.
• At 4:38 p.m., officers respond-
ed to a call about shoplifting at Pot-
pourri on Main Street where a pair
of Costa Del Mar sunglasses valued
at $160 were taken.
• At 9:20 p.m., officers respond-
ed to a one-vehicle accident on
Horse Cove Road.
• A little past midnight, Anthony
Michael Tiddick, 36, of Franklin, was
arrested for vandalism.

Aug. 23
• At noon, officers responded
to a call about jewelry valued at
$86,500 being taken from a resi-
dence on Worley Road.
• At 9:25 p.m., Steven Allen
Schulz, 63, of Cashiers, was arrested
on Horse Cove Road for making an
unsafe movement, DWI and failure
to comply with license restrictions.

Aug. 24
• At 9:47 p.m., Samantha Heller,
23, of Franklin, was arrested for fail-
ure to appear in court.

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SPEAKING from 
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Isaiah 53:5-6 says, “But he was
wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement
that brought us peace, and with his
stripes we are healed. All we like
sheep have gone astray; we have
turned everyone to his own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the
iniquity of us all.”

Hundreds of years before the
birth of Christ, Jesus’ death was
predicted as the remedy for our
sins! Each one of us needs to have
our sins washed clean. As a nation,
we need to experience forgiveness.
It is found in CHRIST ALONE!

His invitation is to all men and
women: COME!
Town of Highlands

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOB OPENING

Performs complex professional and administrative work directing the activities of the Planning & Development Dept.; facilitates the meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board; and works closely with the Town’s Land Use Committee, under the direct supervision of the Town Manager. Responsible for planning, zoning, watershed, floodplain, code enforcement, and all other related development and land use programs for the Town.

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HELP WANTED

SALES POSITIONS FOR BARDO, A RETAIL FURNITURE & home accessory store. Full & part time positions are available. Send resume to Bardo-49nc@gmail.com or apply in person 460 Main Street Highlands NC. MUST be able to work weekends & or Friday & Saturday nights. Also able to lift over 50 lb. (st. 7/23)

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