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Trash controversies and other Town news

There are two subjects that never get old in Highlands – parking and trash.

Thanks to a booming season, at times the commercial district is overflowing with the stuff – particularly the restaurants – and as

expected some have turned to the town for relief.

The problem is, at the close of fiscal year 2015-'16 the Sanitation Department – which is one of the town's four enterprise funds – was in the red due to overtime accumu-

lated from Sunday pickups in the commercial district. The amount appropriated from the undesignated Fund Balance to get the Sanitation Fund in the black at the end of the fiscal year, as required by law, was \$10,037.

According to Town Manager Bob Frye, the four-hour Sunday run in the commercial district, which has been going on for about three years and falls into the overtime column, has been costing the

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Visitors to Highlands frolic at Bust Your Butt Falls on the Gorge Road, the site of injuries and one fatality in the past. Last year a man drowned just up river at Dry Falls.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

GA woman is swept over Rainbow Falls

Forest Service reminds visitors of waterfall dangers after recent fatalities

The US Forest Service and the Transylvania Sheriff's Dept. verified reports that 24-year-old Taylor Terrell, of Stockbridge, GA, fell 160 feet last Thursday, July 21, from Rainbow Falls. She

would have turned 25 on Friday, July 22.

U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Cathy Dowd says Terrell was wading in a creek at the top of Rainbow Falls in Transylvania

County near Lake Toxaway when she lost her footing on rocks covered in algae. She says the swift current swept her over the falls.

She was an anchor at WMGT

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Vivi Geren

Photo by Trudie Gagne

Highlands Hurricanes bring home 16 medals

By Coach Steve Hott

Led by Chase Kenter, Vivi Geren and Conner Hughes, the Highlands Hurricanes brought home 16 medals from the Mountain Swim League Conference Championship Meet.

Though it finished 4th, 56 points behind Jackson County, the Hurricanes continued its improvement.

In 2015, they qualified eight swimmers for the MSL Conference Championships and scored 53 points -- six points per swimmer.

This year it qualified 22 swimmers and scored 196 points -- eight points per swimmer and led Jackson County much of the meet. All 22 swimmers swimming

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Trash pickup and more

Tonight's Highlands Town Board meeting has a light agenda. It will begin at 7 pm at the Highlands Conference Center next to the ball field.

A public hearing concerning editorial changes to the UDO is on the agenda. No substantive changes are being made to the UDO. The proposed changes are editorial corrections and word changes for consistency.

Another item on the agenda deals with fund balance appropriations to close out the FYI 2015/16 budget that ended in June. It is not a matter of adding new funds, but rather moving existing funds to appropriate line items as a part of closing out last year's budget.

There will also be a discussion of commercial trash pickup on Sundays. Last year the town paid substantial overtime to commercial trash pickup on Sundays. The town manager will discuss other options that will contain costs and avoid a commercial garbage rate increase to cover the extra Sunday pickup. Our Sanitation Department is an enterprise fund that has been operated like a business. Our auditors and Local Government Commission will



not allow the town to continue to incur overtime costs that are not factored into the operating costs. The operating costs of enterprise departments have to be covered by user fees, not from the general revenue funds.

Another item to be covered is the Christmas Town Lighting. In the past several years this ceremony has been held on Main

Street in front of the Methodist Church on the Saturday evening after Thanksgiving. As part of the event, Main Street is closed late afternoon on that Saturday. The board will be considering moving the town lighting back to Founders Park. A number of years ago, the lighting took place on the hill where Entegra Bank is now located, so it would be a return to a previous site. At one point the lighting was held around the large tree behind Town Hall. There are funds in this year's budget to purchase decorations for lighting the park.

The Town Lighting would coincide with the opening of the ice skating rink. Another issue that board members and town staff have been examining is whether and where to locate a town Christmas Tree in the park as a part of the holiday festivities. There has also been discussion about planting a permanent live tree, or whether a tree should be cut for the holiday each year. Also, part of the discussion will concern donations related to the tree and lighting.

The time is now to decide about the tree and relocating the lighting to the park. Lights and decorations have to be ordered soon in order to be in place by Thanksgiving.

Hope to see everyone tonight.

PS. My apologies to The Park on Main and Landmark Realty, the site and host of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce July After Hours. In my last article I referred to them as Town Park. I realized my error just after press time.

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• LETTERS •

If North Carolina isn't for you move on

Dear Editor,

Regarding the letter in last week's edition entitled, "The Real State of North Carolina," it is unfortunate that Mr. Ready finds his neighbors so distasteful, and almost as unfortunate that his letter was selected for publication. Perhaps he would be more at home spending his summers in Los Angeles.

Richard Fenton
Highlands

Concerning the future of Mirror Lake

Dear Editor,

Regarding Mirror Lake ... judging by all the canoes and fishermen on this little lake, the whole town enjoys it from time to time. Now that the bridge is strong and wider, the road leading down to Franklin is reopened and the housing market has come back to life, we are a thriving area. My family appreciates all the improvements!

Our humble house, ever since it was built, has been in the family for more than 60 years. Our children will inherit it but will the lake survive? Already there are trees obscuring the front of a nearby dock where boats and canoes used to be. Bushes have sprouted in the middle of the lake where it is increasingly filling up with silt and the cover near our house is about five feet high in marsh partially blocking one of the feeding streams.

If the Mirror Lake Improvement Association has to answer to the town for wetland preservation and permission for dredging, etc., why can't the town just buy or lease the lake from us? An added tax to homeowners could be part of the plan and homes with lake views paying higher than those away from water access.

The vigilance of the town on lake levels and dredging periodically would not be such a financial burden on homeowners ... since town people also enjoy it. Has this been considered or is it a dumb idea?

Isa Noble
Highlands and Clemson

Ready is wrong about 'state of NC'

Dear Editor:

Your 21 July 2016 newspaper had a ridiculous letter-to-the-editor by Milton Ready entitled "The Real State of North Carolina." Ready thinks he can intimidate others to his beliefs. He is wrong. Ready makes references to racism, bigotry, reactionary Southern state, diversity. Let me respond to his ignorance.

Racist: Don't be intimidated by an anti-God anti-Christ message. If someone calls you a racist, respond with, "God was the first and greatest racist! I am proud to be a racist."

Equality: While equality is not mentioned I am sure Ready believes in it. There is no such thing as equality! Whenever I

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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• OBITUARIES •

Linda Smoak Myers

Linda Smoak Myers, age 76 of Highlands, NC, passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2016. She was born in Miami Springs, FL, the daughter of the late Pearl Lott and Lila Dice Lott. She was a homemaker and a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. She was a very active member of Cashiers Baptist Church, including the Van Ministry, the Choir and Mission Trips to Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Kenneth Smoak, 5 brothers, and 2 sisters.

She is survived by her second husband Rodney Myers of Highlands, NC; two daughters, Suzanne Smoak Roweton (Kenneth) of Highlands, NC, and Danielle Rice (Brad) of Cashiers, NC; a son, Thomas Kelly Smoak (Mary) of Honduras; grandchildren, Andrew Kenneth Everson, Kenneth Christian Smoak, Kenneth Edward



Roweton, Jr., Christina Roweton Mohammed, and Karleigh Christian Smoak, Easton Rice and Brooke Rice; great-grandchildren, McKenzie Claire Everson, Lila Kay Everson, Domonic Mohammed, Julian Mohammed and Olivia Mohammed; two sisters, Annabelle Markilin and Pat Anthony both of Ocala, FL.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Cashiers Baptist Church, with Rev. Scotty Patrick officiating. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cashiers Baptist Church, Mission Ministry or Shoe Box Ministry, PO Box 336, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Myers family. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Connor Stephens Pace

Connor Stephens Pace was born November 19, 1988 and died June 22, 2016. He was preceded in death by grandparents Ellen and Eugene Pace, Jr., and Cecil and Juanita Stephens. Connor is survived by his parents Timothy and Celia Pace of Lake Mary, FL, brother and sister-in-law, Drs. Collier and Mary Ellen Pace of Richmond, VA, sister, Cecily Pace of St. Cloud, FL, and aunt and uncle, Jeff and Mary Pace of Honolulu, HI.



joyed fishing, soccer, helping others, and was a real animal lover. He was looking forward to his legal career and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

A funeral was held at the Highlands United Methodist Church, 315 Main Street, Highlands, NC on Monday, July 25, 2016, followed by burial at Highlands Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Association for Public Interest Law, Attn: Associate Dean Rachel Inman, University of

Florida, Levin College of Law, PO Box 117620, Gainesville, FL 32611 or to Cashiers Highlands Humane Society, PO Box 638, Cashiers, NC 28717.

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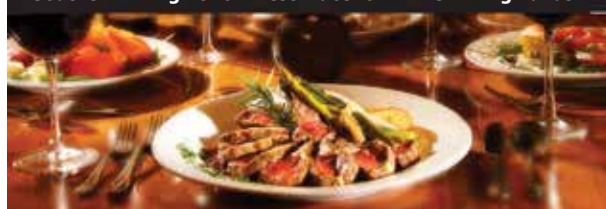
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• THE FREDSTER •

Murdering of police officers is nothing new

If you love America, read this and weep

Editor's note:

Fred is a twenty-eight year veteran of the Miami Beach Police Department. After retirement and for the next thirteen years, Fred ran a rappelling school on the cliffs of Highlands. These are his stories.

Indirectly blame President Obama and his laissez-faire attitude toward the dramatic increase in police assassinations in America. While the direct cause and blame may be abstract, remember the famous saying sitting on President Harry Truman's desk, "The buck stops here."

The power and prestige of our country is rapidly waning and assassinating police officers is all part of our demise. Whether you're a Democrat, Republican, or Independent, you must admit that in the last fifteen years America has been in decline. Starting with George Bush, there have been so many poor decisions that have cost America dearly. While murdering of police officers is nothing new, the increase is dramatic.

This is my true story.

It was just after seven in the morning when my home phone rang. The voice on the other end said, "Commander, this is your dispatcher. Officer Kramer has been shot. He's being rushed to Mt. Sinai hospital and a command post has been set up at the scene of the shooting. Your midnight commander has already set up several perimeters and started a search for the suspect."

"I'm on the way," was my response and hung up the phone. Racing through our kitchen and out the back door, I said to Maddy, "Got an officer down. Probably won't be home 'til late."

It was February 25th 1984. I was commander of the Patrol Division and didn't know it at the time but Officer Donald Kramer, our departmental Santa Claus, was already dead.

Don, a Miami Beach TV repairman, had wanted to be a policeman since he was a child. Finally, and to the chagrin of his parents, Don took the civil service test and was hired. His parents begged him not to join us.

Four days after Don was shot, the doctors convinced Don's parents to pull the plug and allow their son to die.



Fred Wooldridge

I lost a good friend and a fine police officer.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays I would bring my children to the police department to help in distributing food and toys to the needy.

After the police chief and I sat Shiva with Don's parents for two evenings, I got on with the rest of my life.

Officer Scott Rakow, a four-year veteran but a rookie on the narcotics squad, was placed in his car on the causeway far away from the actual narcotics transaction that was about to take place. If anything went wrong with the narcotics sale, the dealers would head across the causeway toward Scott. There was little chance that would happen.

Well, as fate would have it, the drug deal turned sour, guns were drawn and a shootout ensued. After several rounds were fired, the drug dealers were able to get into their car and escape, heading west on the causeway toward Officer Scott Rakow.

Scott picked up the chase in his unmarked unit as the drug dealer's car went by him. Then the drug dealers made a mistake that would cost Scott his life. They turned onto a street that came to a dead end. The three bad guys jumped from their car and ran across a nearby vacant field with Scott in pursuit on foot.

One of the drug dealers, in a full run, fired a small 25 caliber automatic pistol toward Scott. It was a wild shot but the bullet struck Scott right between his eyes. He was dead before he hit the ground.

Everyone was eventually captured and all were charged with the death of this fine officer. I got on with the rest of my life.

In Houston, Texas, his mother begged her son not to become a Miami Beach police officer but he was determined to join our department. (His name must remain anonymous.)

He was her only child. This death occurred toward the end of my career so I didn't know this officer well. He had just graduated from the police academy when he was found dead lying on his back in full uniform. His service revolver was still in his hand.

A lengthy investigation revealed he had

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How important is the survey when purchasing a home?

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The value of a survey becomes evident when an un-

known encroachment is uncovered. This is especially prevalent in properties that were originally owned by family members or adjacent properties owned by the same individual. Those encroachments were not necessarily intentional, but with everyone being 'one big happy family' they didn't really care if Uncle Joe's driveway went through Cousin Clara's land, or if Joe and Clara had to use the same driveway. However, you care and by having a survey during your due diligence period, any encroachment problem reverts back to the current owner. The seller will need to solve in order to sell the property.

There are any number of horror stories where a thrifty buyer who chooses not to get a survey ends up spending significantly more money down the line when a diligent neighbor finds out that your necessary and lovely fence is situated on their land rather than your own. In the in-town Highlands area, there are so many 'grandfathered' properties where homes were built on lots that are smaller than current requirements. Here a survey is an absolute must. Even though this article is not about zoning and lot requirements, keep in mind that any changes made to a grandfathered property most likely takes away the grandfathered designation and your request for permits would be denied.

Another potential pitfall would be an unknown utility easement. Imagine if you purchased your dream property



Wanda Klodosky
Landmark Realty Group

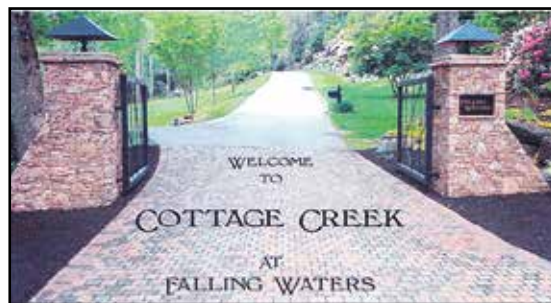
with the plan to add a garage but then find that the utility company has an easement that prevents you from using that portion of your property. These tales of woe could go on and on. Those are just a few examples of the issues that could arise if you do not know your exact property size, usage, zoning, etc.

A surveyor does a lot more than just measure and mark the subject property. A surveyor will also verify the accuracy of the existing land documents that are recorded at the county recorder's office. You should expect your surveyor to note the location of all structures that are on the property and to note any easements or encroachments that are on the property. A survey will also show zoning and make note of any zoning restrictions that the property might violate. Using a surveyor who is knowledgeable of your area is extremely helpful as their research time, thus possibly their cost, will be less.

Should you as a buyer rely on a survey provided by the seller? The prudent move here would be to go back to the surveying company and ask for an update of that existing survey. A lender will not always require a new survey, but they know that regular title insurance covers them. For a buyer to be covered to the same extent, they will need Owner's Title Insurance and a current survey will work with that policy to further insure your investment.

Work with your professional Realtor to make sure you are protected in the home buying process. Your Realtor will have suggestions of good local surveyors as well as other professionals to help insure a safe and profitable home buying experience.

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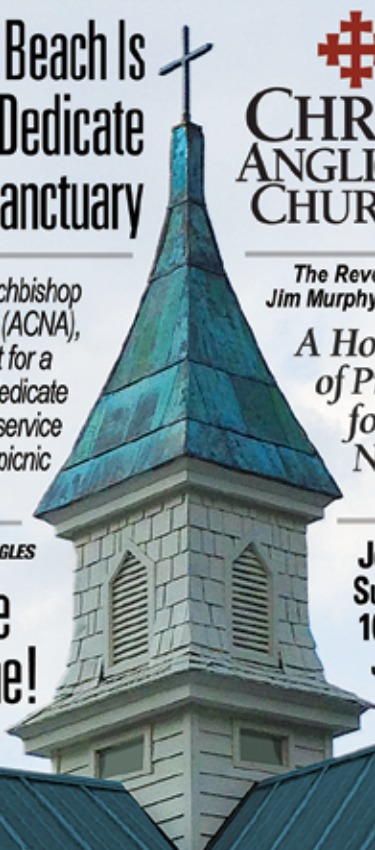
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for points scored for the Hurricanes. In addition to the 16 medals, the team brought home 78 ribbons.

Chase Kenter, Vivi Geren and Conner Hughes all medaled and had All-star qualifying swims each time they swam an individual race.

Chase scored gold each of his four swims and set one team record.

Vivi Geren won one silver and three bronze medals and had four Allstar qualifying swims, while Conner Hughes won one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal and had three All-star qualifying swims.

Other notable swims include:

- Anna McKibben, three Team Records and two All-star qualifying swims;
- Vivian Kennedy, two Team Records and one All-star qualifying swim;
- Rylee Kay Watson, two Team Records and a silver medal;
- Penelope Hilson, one Team Record and a silver medal;
- Sadie Green, one Team Record, two All-star qualifying swims and a bronze medal;
- Barrett Neil, a silver medal;
- Maddy Jolly, a bronze medal;
- Finneaus Garner, one team record and three All-star qualifying swims;

• Diane Dallmann, one team record and one All-star qualifying swim;

• Annie Geren, one All-star qualifying swim;

• La-Donna Dallmann, one All-star qualifying swim;

• Landon Green, one All-star qualifying swim;

• Mia Kaylor, one team record;

• George Bujorneau, four exhibition All-star qualifying swims and three First Place finishes.

Also scoring for the Hurricanes were Ryan Neil, Blake Kenter, Fenton Hilson, Jackson Gagne, Peyton Kaylor and Brady Jolly. Swimming exhibition for the team were Ben and Andre Halldin.

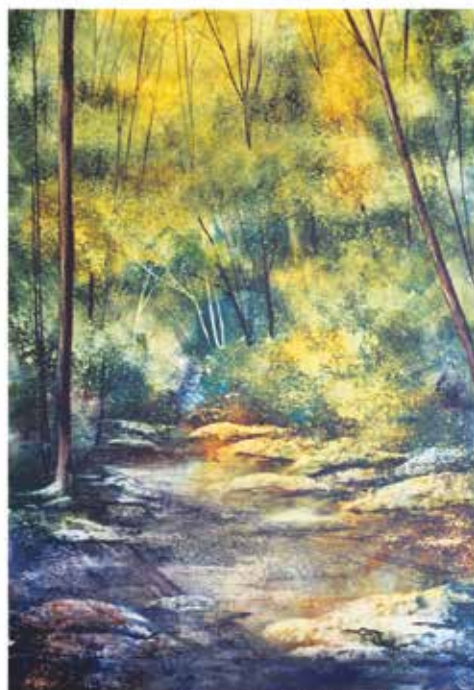
The Highlands Hurricanes are a Highlands Recreation Park Swim Team that practices at the Highlands Rec Park Pool in the evenings during the week and on Saturday mornings. Attendance at all practices is not required. The only requirement to join is that you be able to swim 25 yards (one pool length) unassisted.

For further information please call Steve Hott, Head Coach at 828.421.4121 or the Highlands Rec Park Pool at 828.526.1595

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accidentally shot himself in the leg while practicing his quick draw in front of a full length mirror next to his bed, severing his femoral artery. Death came within 40 seconds as the officer bled out trying to call 911.

At his funeral, held at St. Patrick's Church on Miami Beach, his mom got out of a funeral procession car and the bag-pipes began to play. As she climbed the steps of the church, she spotted her son's casket at the entrance to the church and she crumbled to the ground, crying profusely. The service was

delayed for about 15 minutes as uniformed officers tried to console her. She was all alone in the world. No friends, no family and now no son. As usual, I got on with the rest of my life.

Now, in my retirement, I sometimes sit on my back deck and look out at the distant mountain ranges. I reflect back on how fortunate I am to be alive. Yes, my guardian angel must still be with me. And I hope he never gives up on me.

Note: If this column troubled you, then don't read my mystery/thriller titled "Deceived."

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

ONGOING

• Terry Johnson, owner of Estate Jewelers of Highlands - 360 Main Street, has merchandise from an anonymous individual whose sale will benefit the Hospice House Foundation of WNC. To date, this effort has raised roughly \$20,000 in support of HHFWNC. Johnson is

waiving the consignment fee on the sale of this select merchandise. Go into Estate Jewelers of Highlands and to see the merchandise.

NOTICE

• Relay for Life Luminaries in memory of or in honor of a cancer victim may be purchased ahead of time by calling Delaine Mehder

at 828-482-0326 or E-mail dmehder@gmail.com. Forms are also available at the Hudson library.

• Summer Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Sundays 5:30 and 8 pm; Mondays and Tuesdays, 2, 5, and 8 pm;

• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. Contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.

Daily

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, wine flights.

Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Meeting at 7 pm first Mondays.

• At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:25 p.m.

Mon. & Wed.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to 1p. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more information, call Tricia Smith at 828-

338-8167.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30am at the Rec Park.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

First Tuesdays

• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. For info call 828 369-7385.

Tuesdays

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library,

• FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.

• The Beyond the Walls Book discussion group meets at 4 PM at The Ugly Dog Public House. Each week a short story discussed.

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

Music of F.J. Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven and Felix Mendelssohn featured at HCCMF this 5th week



Canterbury Quartet

The Canterbury and Vega String Quartets, along with Miles Hoffman on viola and Helen Kim on violin, bring their talents to the stage for the 35th season of The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30 the artists will be playing the music of F.J. Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven and Felix Mendelssohn.

Members of the Canterbury Quartet, William and Alexandra Preucil, Sonja Braaten Molloy and Martha Baldwin, are members of the Cleveland Orchestra. Led by former Cleveland Quartet first violinist, William Preucil, they enjoy playing the most majestic works in the string quartet repertoire.

The Vega String Quartet is Quartet in Residence at Emory University. Members Jessica Shuang Wu, Yinzi Kong and Guang Wang have made it their mission to create and cultivate a new generation of passionate and educated chamber music lovers. The New York Times raved, "Their playing had a kind of clean intoxication to it." The Los Angeles Times praised their L.A. debut as "triumphant."

A nationally renowned violist, Miles Hoffman is violist and artistic direc-

tor of the American Chamber Players, with whom he regularly tours the United States and Canada. He has also appeared as a soloist with many orchestras around the country, performing a broad repertoire that ranges from baroque to contemporary compositions, and he has been a featured lecturer for orchestras, universities, chamber music series, festivals, and various other organizations.

Friday's performance will be held at the Highlands Performing Arts Center at 6 P.M. Saturday's performance will be held in Cashiers at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library at 5 P.M.

Sunday and Monday, July 31 and August 1, The Canterbury Quartet and Miles Hoffman will be joined by William Ransom on piano as they highlight the music of Brahms and Mendelssohn. Sunday's concert will be held at 5 P.M. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center and Monday's will be held in Cashiers at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library at 5 P.M.

For tickets and further information please call the Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival at 828-526-9060 or visit them online at H-CMusicFestival.org.

Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet at First Presbyterian Wed. Aug. 3



At 2pm on Wednesday, August 3, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church.

Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet is a group founded in 1993 and currently Quintet in Residence at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. Since its founding, the group has entertained audiences around the world in nine countries on three continents in venues such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, and Shostakovich Philharmonia Hall. The Quintet performs a wide variety of music ranging from Early Renaissance to Jazz.

There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual- come as you are. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5.
• Pickle ball is played from 11:30a to 1p in the gym at the Rec Park.

Wednesdays

• 499ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 8:45 a.m. Be seated by 8:30.
• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

• Recently released movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

Thursdays

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.
• Zahner Lecture Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center: Free
• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 5 pm at Christ Church of the Valley. 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 pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's Funnel Home and across the street from the Lazy Hiker Brewery 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: from 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: from, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

Fridays - Tuesdays

• Movies at The Highlands Playhouse, 3 and 7 p.m.

Fridays

• 199ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45 a.m.
• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.
• Friday Night Live, 6-8pm in Town Square. Live music. Free

Every 2nd Saturday

• A group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Highlands Hudson Library at 10am. There are speakers, videos, recipes, health tips, and more to educate people about any health issues. Group is a non-profit. Contact Kelly Woods 828-421-3520 or live4above@aol.com

Saturdays

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tastings from 1-3 p.m.
• At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.
• Highlands Marketplace at K-H Park 8a to noon.

• All knitters, crocheters and other needle craft artists are invited to join The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon. In event of cold/rain, meet downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

Thurs., July 28

• Art on the Hill at Chestnut Hill. Featuring quilts made by members of Cashiers Quilters Guild from 4 - 5:30 pm. Refreshments served. Questions? Call 787-2114.

• Calling all P.E.O.s. Luncheon at Highlands Falls Country Club at 12:15 p.m. Registration is 11:30a until noon. \$25 per person. Make checks payable to: PEO Chapter BJ. Mail checks to Mary Ann Ray, 104 Lake Court #130, Highlands, NC 28741. For more information call 828-526-8251.

• Guided adventures led by experts in their field. Reservations required. \$35 donation for new friends includes the guided hike,

lunch on the trail and a one year membership to HCLT, \$10 for HCLT members. Contact Julie at julie.hitrust@earthlink.net or 526-1111. Heart of Horse Cove- Get a rare chance to explore some of the treasures of Horse Cove, an enchanting community rich in cultural and natural history.

• Publishing "Our State" Magazine – 2-4p, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton 2 828-526-8811.

• At the Nature Center, Zahner Lecture: The Ocean's Invisible Forest: Insights into the Ecology of Phytoplankton at 6:30 p.m. Free.

Fri., July 29

• At Hudson Library, Community Coffee in the Meeting Room 11-noon with Mayor Patrick Taylor. Subject is an Open-ended Question Session

• At Hudson Library, teens are invited to a pizza and a movie for completing the summer reading program at 3pm, registration is required.

• Mr. College Football, Tony Barnhart – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• The Coalition for Nonnative Invasive Plant Management (CNIPM) is sponsoring a

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This week at the Nature Center

The southern Appalachian Mountains are considered one of the most biologically diverse areas in the temperate world with nearly 10,000 species known to exist here, 1,400 of which are flowering plants. Have you ever wondered which of these can help you, which can harm you, and which have influenced the course of history? Join us on Monday, August 1st from 10:30-11:30am to learn which plants are toxic and what parts of the plant can harm you, and then round out your knowledge with the history and folklore behind these plants. Or, if you are more interested in the animals of the southern Appalachians, come watch us feed the animals in the Nature Center on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:30am-Noon or come to the next Zahner Conservation Lecture.

On Thursday, August 4th Carlton Burke will be giving a presentation on "Venomous Snakes and Their Contributions to Science" at the Highlands Nature Center at 6:30pm. Ruth and Tom Claiborne and Mary Todd and Jim Davis are sponsoring this lecture. Venomous snakes are feared and persecuted by almost every segment of our society, but like all living things, they deserve our respect and understanding. In this program we will explore human attitudes about snakes both venomous and non-venomous, discuss the various species of venomous snakes in the southeastern United States and facts concerning their natural history, and learn how their venom and other attributes have benefited science and the medical fields. There will also be live examples of venomous snakes on display.

Burke is an interpretive naturalist and educator who operates Carolina Mountain Naturalists, an educational service that offers live wildlife and nature programs to various organizations such as schools and



Corn Snake

camp. Burke also teaches various classes for the Blue Ridge Naturalist Certificate Program, works as a seasonal educator with the Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association, and is a NC State and Federally Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator and Licensed NC State Wildlife Damage Control Agent. He is also the co-host of the weekly radio program NATURE NEWS.

For a full schedule of lectures, programs, and more information on the centennial celebration, please visit www.highlandsbiological.org/foundation/ or call the Highlands Biological Foundation at (828) 526-2221.

Highlands Friends of Haiti Concert with Maria Howell – July 31

Los Angeles based vocalist, Maria Howell, returns to the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation to benefit Highlands Friends of Haiti. This global outreach mission of Incarnation focuses on nutrition, education and community development in one of the poorest areas in Haiti. The event begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, wine and a silent auction preceding Maria's performance. Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased at the Church of the Incarnation, 520 Main Street, Highlands, NC or online at the church's website: incarnationwnc.org. For more information call 526-8016.



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free seminar for property owners and the general public on Friday, July 29, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 at the Community Building, next to the ball park in Highlands. Russell Funderburk, Horticulturist at the Highlands Biological Station Botanical Garden, will explain control methods for our "most unwanted" nonnative invasive plants, giving practical advice on control methods and native alternative choices for landscapes. Included in the curriculum will be an open discussion period for questions and dialogue with the faculty and moderator, Dr. Jim Costa. A light lunch at 12:30 will follow the morning session for those who preregister. Walk-ins are welcome and we encourage you to bring a sandwich and join us. An optional fieldtrip to the Botanical Garden will follow at 1:30 to see examples of eradication and control techniques for the invasive plants at the Botanical Garden. He will also show examples of native alternatives. To preregister for lunch please email swansondollie@gmail.com or call 828-526-2609.

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "34th Anniversary Dance," Friday night, at the Trinity Assembly Church, 6971 Georgia

Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Jerry Biggerstaff from Marion, NC will be the caller. Rounds & lines by Mike McDonald & Debbie McClain. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. You are in luck, new dancer lessons will begin Sept 12th, join us. Everyone is welcome.

Sat., July 30

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 7-mile moderate hike, elevation change 400 ft., along the Bartram Trail from Jones Gap to Big Fishhawk Mountain, passing Jones Knob, Whitewrock Mt. & Little Fishhawk along the route with view-points westward toward the Nantahala Mountains and view of Albert Mt. and Rabun Bald. Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot at 9:00 am, drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Charlee Tisdale, 864-784-2124, for reservations. Visitors welcome.

• At Hudson Library, celebrate the end of summer and all the reading you've done by coming to an Ice Cream Party on, July 30th at 1 pm.

• Titans of Chamber Music: Brahms – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• ACNA Archbishop Foley

Beach at Christ Anglican Church, 464 US Hwy 64 east in Cashiers at 10:30 a.m. to dedicate Christ Anglican Church's new facility. All are welcome.

Sun., July 31

• Highlands Friends of Haiti Concert – featuring Maria Howel Los Angeles based vocalist, Maria Howell, returns to the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation to benefit Highlands Friends of Haiti. This global outreach mission of Incarnation focuses on nutrition, education and community development in one of the poorest areas in Haiti. The event begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, wine and a silent auction preceding Maria's performance. Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased at the Church of the Incarnation, 520 Main Street, Highlands, NC or online at the church's website: incarnationwnc.org. For more information call 526-8016.

Tues., Aug. 2

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library in Cashiers, NC. The speaker will be Ryan Kaufman, head guide at Headwaters Outfitters in Rosman, NC. There is an informal gathering beginning at 6PM with the speaker's presentation starting at 7PM. After the presentation a raffle will be held with the grand prize being a custom, handmade, fly rod from Raven Fork Rods.

Wed., Aug. 3

• Summer Interlude Concert at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet.

Thurs., Aug. 4

• Chestnut Hill Wellness Fair, 10a – noon. Free blood pressure check, hand massage and healthy snack. Stay for free lunch and hear Larry Reeves, Ombudsman, speak on "Under Construction: Building a More Positive Attitude While Aging." Call 526-1851 to reserve your luncheon spot.

• At the Hudson Library is hosting "Yoga at the Library" at 11am in the Community Room of the library. The program is presented by Yoga Highlands and it's FREE.

Sat., Aug. 6

• Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House from 11am-3pm. Free hotdogs and fire truck rides with demonstrations, too.

Tues., Aug. 9

• At the Nature Center, Night Sky Mysteries. 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 10

• Summer Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Steven McCluskey, Baritone and Robert Henry, Piano

Sun., Aug. 13

• At Cliffside Lake, Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust and live raptors at 11 a.m.

• Scaly Mountain Summer Festival 9a to 3p at the Scaly Mountain Fire Station. Arts, Crafts, yard sale. Food and beverages, entertainment and music, games and prizes for kids, tours of fire station and fire truck rides from noon to 2p. For more information, call Grace Crouch at 850-251-7355.

• At The Bascom, a Barn Dance from 6-10 p.m., \$5 per ticket. Donnie Calloway will be the caller. Includes live music from Benny Queen and the Wild Hog Band, square dancing, creative exercises for children, contra, pottery studio sale, food & drink, arts & crafts and a raffle. For more information call Will Barclidft at 828-787-2897.

Mon., Aug. 15

• The Highlands Bolivian Mission, now in its 19th year, is having its fundraising auction at Highlands Country Club on Monday night from 7-9p. The cost of the auction is \$125 and that includes dinner; a silent auction and the live auction. Reservations can be made by calling 526-3605 or the Highlands United Methodist Church at 526-3376

• TOWN OF HIGHLANDS JOB OPENINGS •

Position Title:
Computer Support Specialist
Salary Pay Range:
\$39,557 - \$59,335

The Town of Highlands is accepting applications for the position of Computer Support Specialist. An employee in this class is responsible for assisting with maintaining the town's information technology and communications systems including installing and maintaining hardware and software applications, troubleshooting and resolving equipment failures, serving as a local area network specialist, updating computer systems, and maintaining telephone systems with vendor support, as well as wireless networks (SCADA - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) used to monitor and control operational processes of the water and sewer treatment plants.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. The Town of Highlands provides a competitive benefits package. The successful applicant is subject to a criminal background check, a pre-employment drug screening and passing a physical examination.

Applications are available at Town Hall or may be downloaded from the Town's website at www.highlandsnc.org under Employment. Resumes may be submitted in addition to applications. All completed and signed employment applications may be submitted in person to Sonjia Gibson, HR Director, at the Town Hall, 210 N. Fourth Street, Highlands, NC, by email to sonjia.gibson@highlandsnc.org, by fax to 828-526-2595 or by U.S. Mail to the attention of Sonjia Gibson, HR Director, PO Box 460, Highlands, NC 28741. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The Town of Highlands is an Equal Opportunity/Drug-Free Employer. Applications will be reviewed as received, and position will be open until filled. (7/28)

Position Title:
GIS & Computer Support Specialist
Salary Pay Range:
\$39,557 - \$59,335

The Town of Highlands is accepting applications for the position of GIS and Computer Support Specialist. An employee in this class serves in a dual capacity as a GIS technician as well as computer technical support specialist. Emphasis of the work is on installation, maintenance, and repair of GIS databases and maps used for permits, zoning, parking, street maintenance, location of utilities, and parcel and cemetery plots. This work also includes conducting electrical

audits, mapping of utility lines, installation and maintenance of Ethernet and fiber optics, wireless radio networks, and interoffice networks of all Town agencies including remote control devices for water and sewer plants. A secondary role is the installation, maintenance, and repair of office based computer hardware, software, printers, and related equipment in Town offices as well as wireless networks (SCADA - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) used to monitor and control operational processes of the water and sewer treatment plants.

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Position Title:
Head End Technician
Salary Pay Range:
\$53,133 - \$79,700

The Town of Highlands is accepting applications for the position of Head End Technician. This person is responsible for the reception, and distribution of off-air, satellite, microwave and tape originated programming to the outside plant utilizing coaxial cable, microwave, and fiber optic transmission technologies. This includes the installation, construction, operation and repair of all equipment associated with the headend and signal distribution network. Full job description is available on our website at www.highlandsnc.org or at the Town Hall.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Anglican car-wash transfiguration

Christ Anglican Church, a one-time Highlands parish, moved east several years ago as it purchased its own property in Cashiers. The parcel, on the right of 64 just beyond the crossroads, has been amazingly transfigured. In keeping with the gospel story of Jesus' mountaintop Transfiguration, the church at 464 US Hwy 64E, has taken what was formerly a retail feed-store, and in more recent times, a real-estate office combined with a car-wash, and transfigured it into a sparkling masterpiece for Christian worship.

Upon purchasing the property in 2012, the joke around Highlands and Cashiers was that the Anglicans were fixin' to use the car-wash to do mass baptisms. "We never attempted to do that," said the Christ Anglican (CAC) Rector, the Rev'd Jim Murphy, "but we did entertain other applications for the facility. For the couple of years before reconstruction began it was home to a local food ministry and farmers' market."

In short order and with the blessing of God inspired growth, it became apparent that CAC would have to expand its physical footprint. "Truth-be-told," Murphy said, "we quickly found ourselves short on seating capacity, be that for worship, fellowship, or discipleship. For the sake of the Lord's kingdom, we needed to accommodate the people he was sending."

Less than a year after their initial remodeling was complete in 2013, the process was begun to plan for the future. A vision was cast in 2014 by CAC members and the services of a local AIA architect, C. Allen Brown, were retained. A contract with the Highlands construction firm, MEI, led by Keith McKim was also signed. The transfiguration started in earnest in 2015 as the fellowship and classroom space was renewed and expanded. During that time, new restrooms were added, along with a kitchen, foyer, porch, and entrance.

Around the end of last year, that phase of the project was complete and the extant CAC sanctuary was closed for expansion. "From Thanksgiving until this June, the new fellowship and discipleship room served as our worship space," said Father Jim.

As Jesus was "transfigured" on the holy mount where in his glory was clearly seen, Christ Anglican is nearing the completion of their transfiguration. "A few items more and the glory of God will be more completely seen," said the Building Committee Chair and High Hampton resident, Major General John Grinalds.

Christ Anglican hosted the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of North America on Sunday July 31st. The Most Rev'd Dr. Foley Beach will dedicate at that time. A dozen or so of our Highlands neighbors who are members at CAC say, as does Psalm 34, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

In certain ways, Murphy believes that CAC will have come full-circle on the Mount of Transfiguration, returning to be a full-time feed store but now with a spiritual stock, an ongoing real-estate office wherein you can stake your claim to property in the heavenly kingdom, and it all comes through the washing waters of baptism. CAC Highlands-Cashiers invites you to come and taste and see.

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town \$1,300 per month or \$17,000 a year.

It wouldn't matter if the Sanitation Fund was self-sustaining through monthly charges to residents and businesses, but it's not.

"I have been looking at this for years, and the overtime due to the weekend runs on Saturday and Sunday get factored into department expenses and everyone pays, even those who don't get the service, like residents, but we need to address the shortfalls and make service and fees equitable to all," said Frye.

So what's the problem?

Two weeks ago Frye stopped Sunday pickup in the commercial district and several restaurateurs were upset. They thought the town should have been more forthcoming about the change and some think the town should just absorb the cost.

However, the town can't absorb the cost and balance the books at the same time.

Turns out, the solution was relatively easy. With extra toters — the big garbage receptacles

on wheels which cost \$5 each per month to rent -- and/or a dumpster, Sunday garbage generated at the restaurants can be safely contained until Monday morning pickup. So far, most of the restaurants have been understanding and have agreed to rent more toters which alleviates the problem of overflowing bins.

"We have worked this out with most everyone who voiced concerns," said Frye. "It's just costing the town too much to continue the Sunday run. It's too expensive and not all Highlands' citizens benefited from it."

He said over the years it also became clear that his sanitation crews were running on Sunday to alleviate the pickup on Monday.

Though only the commercial district gets Saturday pickup, and that, too, is overtime, the department is able to absorb that cost. Overtime on Sunday puts the department in the red.

In addition to being fiscally responsible, Frye said the town's auditor has warned that its enterprise funds need to be self-sustaining through fees and charges.

"We just can't eat the cost of this. An enterprise fund is about revenues and expenditures. We could increase rates but not everyone needs or wants Sunday service," said Frye.

The Saturday run, which is a seasonal thing in the commercial district, will continue. Currently, there is garbage pickup Monday through Friday throughout town and just in the commercial district on Saturday.

Other Town News

Planning Director, Randy Feierabend is retiring in October, about a year after he took the job. He says he is unable to sell his home in Boone due to legal problems with the contractor, so he and his wife can't move here permanently. The drive to and from Boone, which is where his wife lives, is also too much every weekend and life will just be easier if he retires and gets a part-time job somewhere closer to home.

Frye will once again be acting Planning Director until Feierabend's replacement is found, hopefully in September before Feierabend leaves. Frye said he won't be contacting any of the candidates

who interviewed last year.

"We are going to reassess the Planning Director requirements and hopefully get someone who wants to advance his or her career rather being at the tail end of it," said Frye. The town is looking for someone who will commit for three to five years.

The town decided to hire within to fill the Finance Director position. Rebecca Shuler has donned

two hats that of Finance Director and Town Clerk.

Lisa Billingsley, who was hired a few weeks ago, is the Assistant Finance Director and Deputy Clerk. Rather than having an assistant, everyone in the office will assist Frye when needed.

"By realigning the staff, we are saving about \$30,000 a year," said Frye.

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Suzanne McDavid Joins White Oak Realty Group

Susie deVille, Owner/Broker-in-Charge, has announced that Suzanne McDavid has joined White Oak Realty Group, a Highlands, NC real estate firm.

Suzanne McDavid, a native of Vero Beach, FL, moved to Highlands in 1994 from Los Angeles. She attended Georgia Southern University and has 25 years of restaurant experience (11 of which were spent at a local favorite ... on the Verandah). After successfully owning Highlands Concierge for three years, Suzanne became intrigued with real estate and successfully completed the NC broker pre-licensing course and state exam. She lives in Highlands with her two children, Remy and Syd-

ney.

"I am so excited about venturing into a new direction in my life," said Suzanne. "The challenge of navigating the world of real estate in Highlands will be a natural one for me, since I absolutely love living here. Beyond its incredible beauty and offering a high quality of life, Highlands offers us all what we imagine when we see ourselves living in an ideal community."

McDavid continued, "My deep experience in the hospitality industry has enabled me to develop intuition as to how to discover and fulfill what a client truly wants and needs, as well as what makes them happy. I

am very eager to make fantastic matches for real estate clients, finding them the perfect home or site to build their ideal mountain home. I'm thrilled to be on this journey with White Oak Realty Group – an innovative, boutique firm that has been built upon a foundation of entrepreneurial principles, commitment to customer service, integrity, and kindness."

"I've known and admired Suzanne for years, and when she approached me and asked if I thought a real estate career would be a good fit for her, I shouted a definitive, 'Absolutely!'" said Susie deVille, Owner and Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group. "Suzanne's energy and devotion to customer service are phenomenal. She's a quick study and understands how to deploy her deep empathy toward lasering right in on what a client seeks. As much as I enjoy who Suzanne is as a person and her creative intelligence, it is her willingness – her passion – to overcome any and all obstacles to truly help a client that makes her a force of greatness. She is such a welcome addition to our team at White Oak, and I know all of our



Suzanne McDavid

clients will relish her sunny disposition, her deep knowledge of Highlands, and her ability to get things – the right things – done."

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

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The Village Nature Series (VNS) is a free educational lecture series that is run by a partnership between HCLT and the Village Green in Cashiers. These events aim to educate individuals of all ages about the natural and cultural heritage of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau with an emphasis on the importance of conservation. For our 2016 VNS schedule, visit our website at www.hicashlt.org.

HCLT's Kids in Nature programs provides a unique environmental education outlet for children in Highlands and Cashiers. Through experiential activities, often conducted outdoors at one of our conserved properties or other public protected areas, our programs focus on giving children an opportunity to learn about and connect with nature. We work with a

diverse group of grade school children including the Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau, the Gordon Center, the Literacy Council, the Sonshine School, the Summit Charter School, and the Town of Highlands Rec Camp.

This year HCLT will be starting a Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program. The goal of this program will be to educate members of the community about stream ecology and the importance of stream health as well as to provide a database of the macroinvertebrate community found within streams located on HCLT conserved properties. We will train volunteers to help collect and identify stream macroinvertebrates. This program will take place on two consecutive Saturdays this fall. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Pursel at hclt_ed@earthlink.net or 526-1111.

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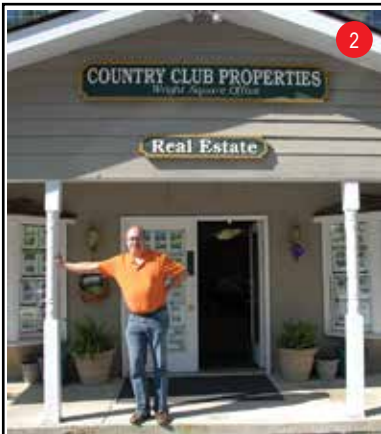


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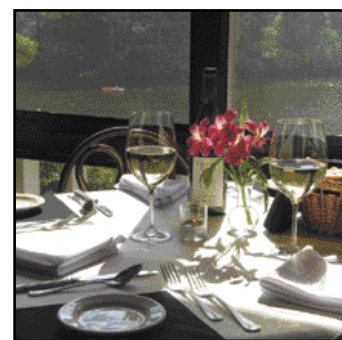
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