The big ‘July 4th Cool Off’ & more at the ballfield Monday

Highlands annual July 4th festivities begin at the ballfield at 9 a.m. with family games – balloon toss, 3-legged race and more – a fire hose soaker; the MAMA helicopter visit and Highlands Rotary BBQ both at the ballfield and in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street at 11 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blue Mountain Movement will be playing at K-H Founders Park and at 3 p.m. there is a Duck Derby with cash prizes at N. 1st and Spruce streets. At 8 p.m. there is a Patriotic Concert at the First Presbyterian Church and at dark the fireworks begin.

‘Relay For Life’ Returns to Highlands

After a one-year hiatus, an abbreviated event returns Friday, Aug. 5

“We have a robotics team. While the number changes it consists of anywhere from 10 - 20 students at any given time,” said Highlands Principal Brian Jetter. “They practice after school. The sponsor is Anne Porter.”

This spring, Highlands students worked to program a robot made from Legos as part of the SMART League competition.

“This helps students learn to work in teams,” said Jetter.

2016 fundraising begins for WNC’s Hospice House

Hospice House Foundation of WNC (HHFWNC) is working hard to raise $5.2 million to make the Hospice House of Franklin, NC a reality. Hospice Houses are skilled inpatient facilities with a home-like setting dedicated to expert end-of-life care.
I had the most important person I have ever had to visit my pottery studio this past Saturday. And, I have had important visitors before, well known potters like Otto Heino, Tom Turner, Sid Luck and Cynthia Bringle. But none as important as my four-year-old granddaughter, who asked me if we could go to my studio and play with clay.

I brought her to my studio, a place I don't frequent as often since becoming mayor, full of anticipation and ideas for her. After all, I have taught thousands of children art in my 40-year career as an art educator. My mind began to run wild with all the art and education theory that I had to apply in guiding my grandchild in this first encounter with clay!

I quickly cleared my smallest work table of clutter. It was the perfect height for a four-year-old. I assembled a collection of clay working tools and all the clay she could use. No little half-pound ball for my granddaughter, heck, she had at least five pounds of clay at her disposal.

As a good teacher I showed her how to roll the clay out, make basic shapes, and attach clay parts with water. I was on the way to guiding her to being the greatest child ceramic artists of all time. I just knew I could transform her into a gifted child prodigy.

Then something happened, I took all these grand ideas running through my head and put them way back in the corner, and did what I was supposed to do by simply being a grandfather. I sat down in a chair next to my grandchild and watched her as she worked with the clay. I gave her some assistance when needed and asked to do so. But primarily, I sat there in wonder as I listened to her continuous narrative of what she was thinking and doing.

Oh yes, she produced some wonderful pieces. There was the pony horse that was inspired by her watching the video cartoon “My Little Pony.” Then she produced a couch and a large free standing flat screen TV. For her final feat in clay, she rolled a coil of clay, put two eyes on it, and placed it upright on the couch. Now “Mr. Snake” could watch TV. Brilliant!

While this was a special moment for me, similar touching episodes occur throughout the Highlands plateau, especially this time of year. Grandparents and parents have wonderful discovery experiences with their youngsters. It can occur by encountering nature, the arts, or sports, to name only a few. These encounters can be formal and planned, or spontaneous and accidental.

Our community is also blessed with so many workshops, classes, camps and activities for both our young and old. Being in Highlands, our small, slow-paced community surrounded by stunning natural beauty provides a perfect backdrop for everyone to learn, study and to make personal discoveries. Both my granddaughter and I encountered this wonder on Saturday.

Let’s be thankful this July 4th that we are free to explore, discover and reach our full potential, and so too our children.

Dear Editor,

My husband and I (two men) have had a home in Highlands for about 7 years. We love the area, the people and being part of the community. I mention these things because recently we have felt less welcomed and included in NC and your June 23, 2016 paper added to that feeling. The letter from the mayor about the Orlando tragedy mentioned NOTHING about condolences, thoughts, prayers to the victims, their families or the LGBT community. Nor did it mention how the Highlands community should take this opportunity to support their LGBT neighbors and friends. His letter simply talked about our fabulous police force, which I agree do a great job. But what a missed opportunity - you should have mentioned it to him or included an Editor’s Note.

Then there is Fred’s article. I refer to this as an article because it is neither an OP ED or even a journalistic column. Your inclusion of this article with biased undertones, insensitivity and bigoted attempts at “humor” is shocking, poorly timed and very disappointing. Agree or disagree with the NC State HB2 Legislature but, you should have more common sense and decency for Highland’s LGBT visitors and community members to realize that we are still very sad by what happened in Orlando. Most of the country is trying to unify and heal instead of writing divisive and inflammatory ideas like these. Whether people think Fred is a bigoted moron or a poet, YOU, the editor, ultimately determine the content of the paper and therefore are responsible for this lack of sensitivity.

And finally, to add insult to injury, you decided to run these two articles during Pride Month, a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBT community.

Seriously, this week’s paper poured salt on our wounds.

Andy More
Highlands

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and remembrance and a “Fight Back Ceremony” at midnight, when the event ends. Throughout the evening Hurricane Creek and others will provide entertainment and a variety of activities will be held.

Highlands’ teams are now being formed to participate on Friday, August 5. For more information, please contact Sarah Bishop at sarah.bishop@cancer.org

**Tours of Episcopal Church Garden July 9**

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Celebrated author to be guest of honor at The Bascom’s Mountains in Bloom Garden Event

The Bascom is thrilled to announce famed author of The Bee Cottage Story, Frances Schultz, as the guest of honor for Mountains in Bloom, July 15 and 16, 2016. Frances was born and raised in Tarboro, NC and frequently returns to the state. A long-time supporter of the arts, and an accomplished artist in her own right, Frances is pleased to be the guest of honor and to be supporting The Bascom.

Frances Schultz is the author and co-author of several books, including The Bee Cottage Story. A contributing editor to House Beautiful magazine and former editor-at-large for Veranda, she has also written for The Wall Street Journal, Town & Country, Indagare, and The New York Social Diary. Schultz was also the on-air host of the award-winning cable television show Southern Living Presents and has appeared on The Today Show, The Nate Berkus Show, CNN’s Open House, and many others.

A socialite of the Hamptons summer scene, Frances will be an integral part of the benefactor exclusive events for Mountains in Bloom. Friday, July 15, is The Hamptons in the Mountains benefactor party which is inspired by all of the luxury, beauty, and exclusiveness of Long Island, NY. Partygoers will dance to the music from Class Act, and will dine to culinary masterpieces designed by Lee Epting, which reflect the culinary tastes of The Hamptons.

Saturday, July 16 will begin for benefactors with a private salon, hosted by Frances Schultz. While sipping mimosas and enjoying an intimate catered breakfast, Frances will regale benefactors with stories from her fascinating life, and will sign copies of her book. The Mountains in Bloom weekend will close with a private sunset soiree champagne toast held at a surprise garden for benefactors only.

For tickets or for more information about the event, please visit www.mountainsinbloom.com. The Bascom, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, always offers free admission to exhibitions. For more information regarding The Bascom, please visit www.thebascom.org.
The FredsTer

I promise I’m not making this up!

The lil’ missus and I are blessed with three awesome children who all turned out great and, believe it or not, all get along with each other. Well, most of the time.

It’s our opinion this was no accident. It was about parenting. And yes, my lil’ missus was most responsible for this training. Yeah, yeah, yeah, I know I’m bragging about her but it’s the truth. Now they’re all middle-aged adults and we laugh and joke about the conservative life they were raised in. No, Maddy was not a tiger mom; she was a loving, controlling and disciplined mom. I believe that type of parenting is gone from America, at least for now.

Of the three, Jeff, our youngest and his wife Lisa are the most interesting to write about so let’s get started.

Don’t ya just love the Jenifer Aniston TV advertisement where she’s having a dream she’s on an airplane with no showers? In reality, she’s in her bed flying Emirates Airline. The ad takes on special significance for us since Jeff, our youngest, is… or should I say was, a captain for Emirates Airline for the past 10 years. He flew the giant 777.

Emirates Airline is without a doubt, one of the finest and most luxurious in the world. The problem is the airline overworks their pilots who fly to some of the scariest parts of the world where health standards are at a minimum.

While Emirates Airline pays well, it was his yearning to return to the good ole USA and fly for one of our airline companies that made him quit and come home. Living in the Middle East for 10 years was enough and we agree. We want our kid and his wife to come home.

So by the time you read this, Jeff will be sitting in a flight simulator, learning to fly a different aircraft for a US-based freight carrier. For sure it will be a much easier and safer life for him and his wife, Lisa.

And here’s a quick side note about flying in an Emirates airplane. On our fifth and last flight to Dubai, I showered over the North Pole just because I could. We were flying at 38,000 feet where the outside air temperature was 90 degrees below zero Celsius. I crossed another important item from my bucket list and yes, standing naked in a warm shower on an airplane was fun, fun, fun.

And here’s another interesting thing you might find a bit racist… not. One time I left first-class and walked downstairs to couch. I was staring at over 400 passengers, a mix of Muslims, Indians and Pakistanis who were staring back at me. With the dangerous state the world is in, I found it unnerving.

Jeff laughed and said, “All our flights are like that, dad,” proving there are a lot of middle easterners that are peaceful, loving people living out their lives as we are.

Lisa, Jeff’s wife, is equally as interesting as her husband. She is known as the savior of dogs, cats and yes, camels in Dubai. She runs an unfunded rescue system in the desert outside of Dubai for hundreds of animals who are left in the desert to die. Jeff supports her efforts as it is hard work. With the help of many volunteers, including a number of veterinarian volunteers, she travels into the desert daily with food and water to help keep them alive. They number in the hundreds. It’s incredible the number of people leaving Dubai for good who dump their pets in the desert.

Recently, a car crossing the desert just outside of Dubai struck and severely wounded a roaming camel. Lisa was called and, with the help of her volunteers, responded immediately. Once it was determined the camel was beyond medical help but in no pain due to shock, Lisa set up a tent on the highway to shade the camel. For the next two days she and her volunteers sat 24/7 with the camel, feeding and comforting it until it died.

Many stopped on the highway and offered to put a bullet in its head but Lisa wouldn’t permit it. Could I make this up?

While Jeff finishes his pilot training in a different aircraft, Lisa will remain behind until the end of June, looking for volunteers and a new leader who will take on this horrendous task. Let’s pray this story has a happy ending for the animals.

And finally, are you aware I have two published books on the market? Check them out on the Amazon book store. A word of caution: Strap yourself in before you read my mystery/thriller titled “Deceived.”

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House in Franklin on Maple Street.

The far western region of North Carolina and northeast Georgia are vastly underserved by hospice inpatient facilities (Hospice Houses).

Currently, 23% of the population in western North Carolina, or 31,500 individuals, are age 65 or over. In the four-county northeast region of Georgia, 28% or 21,000 individuals are age 65 and over.

This speaks volumes to the need for medical services tailored to the final years of life; yet, there are no hospice houses in these areas. The closest hospice houses in NC are Clyde, Flat Rock, and Asheville. There is one in Seneca, SC, with all well over an hour's drive for the majority of people in western North Carolina and northeast Georgia. This long distance often results in hospice patients and their families choosing a hospital or nursing home for end-of-life inpatient care -- neither of which provide the ideal setting nor the type of care for life's final journey.

When medical conditions cannot be managed in the home, when the caregiver needs relief, and at the end-of-life, hospice patients are best served in a Hospice House where the staff is trained, experienced, and focused on providing end-of-life care that promotes comfort and dignity.

HHFWNC estimates the proposed Hospice House will serve 200 terminally ill patients per year and support an additional 400 family members.

Fundraising for this $5.2 million project is well underway. In addition to $1,177,000 raised to date, HHFWNC has received two challenge grants totaling $1.3 million in support of this initiative. To support the advance construction of the proposed Hospice House donations or pledges can be made over three to five years.

For additional information, about Hospice House or to make a donation or pledge, call HHFWNC's president, Michele Alderson at 828-524-6375.

Last Thursday, guests enjoyed catering, donated by New Mountain Events, and musicians Paul Savaiko and Dave Stewart. As guests departed, ladies were given a long-stem red rose, compliments of BI-LO.

Last year, owners Kevin and Arthur Paoletti and Meg Littleton Paoletti of Paoletti’s Restaurant in Highlands opened their hearts and restaurant in support of your Hospice House Foundation of WNC. Roughly 60 dining patrons participated in the event held at Paoletti’s Restaurant on September 30, 2015, netting roughly $175,000. Plans for their September 2016 event are underway. Stay tuned.
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Wednesday – Prime Rib with Baked Potatoes & Salad – Premium Angus standing rib roast, cooked medium rare w/red wine au jus. Two baked potatoes & a large Caesar salad. $34.95 serves two

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A bracing new documentary chronicles the life, art and passion of legendary conductor Robert Shaw, 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, July 6, at the Highlands Performing Arts Center.

The voices rising up to praise the beauty and insight of the film “Robert Shaw – Man of Many Voices” are only eclipsed by those in tribute to the man himself. Even The New York Times calls the film “p pignant and compelling” and references the celebrated conductor as a “tremendous force.”

There are a few – although growing – opportunities to see this film in the type of acoustical setting that does its choral beauty justice. Highlands-Cashiers is one of the early ones.

Robert Shaw would have been 100 years old in 2016. In celebration, there have already been numerous interviews and articles on the man’s accomplishments and legacies. Many laud him as a great conductor. He did win 16 Grammys, after all, including the first gold record for a classical music album. It is his work with choral groups, though, that elicits the most heartfelt remembrances. The movie captures many of these. From classical icons like Sylvia McNair, Yo-Yo Ma and the late Florence Klopoff to political greats like former president Jimmy Carter and former ambassador Andrew Young, the praises are universal. The voices of the choristers and musicians who worked with him, though, offer some of the most moving moments.

Maestro Shaw’s influence went well beyond classical music. How many recall his being a star in the world of pop music before his classical years? Or the musical diplomatic tours behind the Iron Curtain? His early activism for civil rights, even when not to his benefit, is perhaps most easily overshadowed and yet no less important.


This screening is presented by the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival and the Highlands Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are available by calling (828) 526-9060 or emailing hccmf@frontier.com

Highlands Performing Arts Center is located at 507 Chestnut Street.
NOTICE
• Summer Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Sundays 5:30 and 8 pm; Mondays and Tuesdays, 2, 5, and 8 pm;
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• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to 1p. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

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• 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.

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 8:15 a.m.

Wednesdays
• 499ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 8:45 a.m.

Thursdays
• Storytime with Miss Deanna at 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

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Highlands Events

• 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 3rd Friday
• Senior Dinners are at noon November through April.

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 Mountain Top 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. June 30
• At CLE, Past Perfect: Living with Heirlooms & Antiques – 10 am – 12 noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.
• At CLE, Mummies and Mysteries of the Peruvian Desert – 2 – 4 pm, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.
• At CLE, Pioneer Potter, Walter B. Stephen (Sponsor: Bascom) – 4 – 5 pm, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Fri., July 1
• At the Cashiers Library, “Hands On” Science Program created to provide insight into the lives, habits, and characteristics of reptiles, especially snakes! Bring your children to meet some gentle reptiles in the Library Community Room on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Carlton Library.
• At the Highlands Civic Center, Ron Cromer will present ‘Snakes Alive’ at 2:30pm at the Highlands Civic Center. This fun program includes a lecture dispelling common myths about snakes and the opportunity for attendees to hold snakes as well as other reptiles.

Sun., July 3
• At Cliffside Lake, Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust and live raptors at 11 a.m.

Mon., July 4
• Family Games at the ballfield beginning at 9 a.m.; Rotary BBQ, 11a-2p at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street; live music at K-H Founders Park from 11a to 2p; Duck Derby at N. 1st St. and Spruce St. at 3 p.m. See ad on page 11 for all events.
• At Highlands First Presbyterian Church, Patriotic Concert at 8pm featuring the Highlands Male Chorus led by Joe Powell and accompanied by Carol Guise; Larry Black, Trumpeter; and Angie Jenkins, Pipe Organ.

Tues., July 5
• 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. A Walk through Time, Sargent to Sunset, Visit the historic Sargent property, HCLT’s first conservation easement and home to a number of rare plants then trek up to Sunset Rock, one of HCLT’s oldest owned properties.

Wed., July 6
• Summer Interlude Concert at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Co-sponsored by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival “The King of Instruments Meets the Instrument of Kings” Norman Mackenzie, Organist and Yvonne Toll, Trumpeter.

Fri., July 8
• At Hudson Library, at 2:30pm, get ready to learn all about Monarch butterflies and create fun crafts presented by Balsam Mountain Trust.

Sat., July 9
• Highlands Plateau Greenway’s Highlands Art Tour hike begin at 9:30 a.m. at K-H Founders Park. You will walk Main Street to the Bascom Art Gallery for a tour and then see the Bascom trail to Oak Lane back through the Rec Park to the Highlands Historical Society and K-H Founders Park. To sign up please call Hillrie Quin at 828 526-2385
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**Living Outside:**

**The Power of a Deck**

The addition of any amount of usable square footage to a property increases its value and customized decks are a hot trend in home upgrades while personalizing your yard. Experts agree that multi-level decks—a series of deck levels connected by stairways or walkways—are a very popular option. While wood decks are the most popular, they also require more upkeep. So, people are considering composite materials as a viable option. They may cost more up front, but ultimately last longer and require less maintenance. By designing your deck with accents, lights and unique accessories, you can transform your backyard and make a sizeable impression on potential buyers.

**Hardwood Floors Make an Impression**

Hardwood flooring enhances the look of any room and creates a classic ambiance. Real estate agents agree that those homes hold their value better, sell faster and attract higher prices. Hardwood floors are always a draw and they impart warmth, depth and richness that can’t be matched by carpeting, tile or vinyl flooring.

Restoring hardwood flooring in the home is one of the best long-term investments one can make. And 90% said these homes sell for more money. In addition, an EPA study found that pesticides used in gardens and homes can gather on floors and other surfaces in the home. Wood floors don’t trap or harbor dust mites or molds like carpet. Though wood floors will probably need to be refinished at some point, when properly taken care of they are much easier to maintain than other floor surfaces. Hardwood floors could make the difference between a sale or watching a potential buyer walk out the door.

** Pets Can Be a Factor**

Sellers are advised to create the illusion that everything is new and fresh in their homes. But with pets, it’s not always easy to keep things that way. They could scare away a potential buyer from stepping foot in the house; Many are worried about dogs or freaked out by birds; Allergies can also be a factor; A dog that barks or jumps on people is not good

So, it’s best to relocate the pet for a showing. That can be to a friend or family member or a pet daycare facility.

If pets must be in the home: Put them in a carrier and attach a note warning buyers not to disturb them; Clean the litter box and keep it out of sight; Put food and water dishes away after feeding; Consider hiring professionals to remove pet stains.

To some, pets are smelly, noisy and damaging to a property. Don’t let that be the reason you don’t sell your home.

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**H-C Chamber Music Festival launches its 35th Season with an opening Gala Concert Friday, July 1, and Saturday, July 2**

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival launches its 35th Season with an opening Gala Concert set for Friday, July 1, and Saturday, July 2.

“The season proper begins on July 1/2 celebrating both our Founder Lucas Drew and the Fourth of July weekend, with a ‘Founder’s Celebration’ with violinists David Coucheron, violist Yinzin King, cellist Ed Arron, bassist Janet Clippard and myself on piano,” says Dr. William Ransom, The Anna and Hays Mershon Artistic Director. “We’ll be performing Massenet’s ‘Meditation on Thais,’ Dvorak’s ‘String Bass Quintet,’ and Schubert’s ‘Trout Quintet.’”

The launch of the festival’s 35th season doesn’t end with the pair of performances celebrating Dr. Drew’s clear-eyed vision for this internationally-recognized institution.

“You will not want to miss the Gary Motley Jazz Trio who will have an evening of their own in ‘All That Jazz’ – one performance only at 5 P.M. Sunday, July 3,” says Dr. Ransom.

Motley, is the director of the Emory University Jazz Studies Program, He is best known for his captivating performances, classic yet current sound, and popularity in the Southeastern United States jazz music scene. Motley has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Great American Jazz Piano Competition and the American Composers Forum. His notable performances include the premiere of his first orchestral work “The Artist and the Visionary,” duo performances with pianists Dave Brubeck and Kenny Barron, and concerts with Jon Faddis, Eddie Daniels and Benny Golson.

Motley premiered his “Highland Summit: A Suite for String Quartet and Jazz Quartet” with the Vega String Quartet in 2006 at the Highlands-Chamber Music Festival and performed his piece “Suite Odyssey” at Carnegie Hall in 2007.

In 2010, his composition based on a work by Toni Morrison premiered at the Toni Morrison Society’s 6th Biennial Conference in Paris. Recent engagements include the 2014 National Black Arts Festival with Wynton Marsalis and Marcus Belgrave, the 2015 Emory Jazz Festival with violinist Regina Carter, bassist Rodney Whitaker and drummer Carl Allen.

Throughout the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival’s 35th season, which stretches from June 26 through August 7, concerts will be held at 6 P.M. Fridays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 P.M. Saturdays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers. Sunday concerts will be staged at 5 P.M. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 P.M. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

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**Wednesdays Interlude Concerts begin at First Presbyterian July 6**

At 2pm on Wed. July 6, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature Norman Mackenzie, Organist; and Yvonne Toll, Trumpeter in a concert entitled “The King of Instruments Meets the Instrument of Kings.”

The concert is sponsored by the Cullasaja Women’s Outreach, Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival and First Presbyterian Church, and will take place at the church.

Norman Mackenzie’s abilities as musical collaborator, conductor, and Concert Organist have brought him international recognition.

Yvonne Toll is one of Atlanta’s premier trumpet performers and instructors.

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. The church is at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

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**Annual Patriotic Concert at First Presbyterian Church on July 4 BEFORE fireworks**

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present its annual patriotic concert at 8pm on Monday, July 4. The free concert will last one hour, ensuring plenty of time to watch the town fireworks display. Featured will be the Highlands Male Chorus under the direction of Joe Powell, with Carol Guise as accompanist; Larry Black, trumpeter; and Angie Jenkins, pipe organ. Come dressed as you are. In the event the fireworks display is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street. Due to construction, both the terrace and the front lawn will be closed.

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I personally subscribe to a patriotism rooted in ideas that in turn gave birth to our country. When I’m feeling patriotic, I think of these ideas that motivated the Founders and compelled them, in many instances, to put their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor on the line.

In reading the Declaration of Independence again, it’s all there. All men are created equal. They are endowed not by government but by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. Premier among those rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Government must be limited to protecting the peace and preserving our liberties, and doing so through the consent of the people.

During patriotic holidays, such as Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day on July 4th, you will see a multitude of flags flying in Highlands. In fact, you will see flags flying throughout the year. Highlands is not only a unique and charming mountain town, it is a patriotic town which remains a true example of the Declaration of Independence, our American Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Freedom...understanding it, living it, teaching it and supporting those who are educating others about its principles is patriotism at its core.

Where many cities and towns have taken away the rights of the people, Highlands exemplifies freedom. We are a small community knitted together with the understanding that in and because of our differences, each individual plays an important role.

The annual community Thanksgiving Dinner is served at no cost to all who attend. There are many folks and churches represented who come together on Main Street for the community’s annual Palm Sunday Service, the Easter Sunrise Service, and the Easter Egg Hunt. The Christmas Tree Lighting is complete with Christmas Carols, free hot chocolate and of course our own Santa Claus. The annual Christmas Parade includes a blend of local children and adults displaying their floats, talents, pets and a walking live Nativity scene with real camels.

The annual 4th of July celebration includes a delicious Rotary Club barbecue, family games at the ballfield with a display of the town Fire Department ladder truck, the MAMA Medical Helicopter, live music at the Kelsey-Hutchison Founders Park, plus an awesome display of fireworks after dark.

Highlands School (grades K – 12) still recites the Pledge of Allegiance. The public is invited to student music events including songs with subjects from contemporary and patriotic to religious and spiritual observance. Prayer is still allowed in accordance with our Bill of Rights which states freedom of religion….not freedom FROM religion. Unlike the Constitution, the Bill of Rights has never been amended.

Charity starts at home and Highlands has more charitable events and organizations than I have the space to name. How does any of this relate to real estate?

As a people, we have the freedom to own land and control it within the boundaries of the law. Real estate is the backbone of our economy. In Highlands, we have seen the extreme monetary appreciation of owning real estate and during the recent years of recession, some of the woes that have brought prices down. Gratefully, our economy has stabilized and people are flocking in large numbers to discover the American dream of owning real estate in Highlands and becoming a part of our special community.

Some of the things I hear from visitors is that Highlands remains a safe environment from the crime and fear of potential terrorism found in big cities. It offers a refuge for those seeking a peaceful habitat in a naturally beautiful landscape with a mild climate. Perhaps the greatest natural

• See INVESTING page 22
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**Terrific Fairway Cottage at The Cullasaja Club**

Priced for quick sale. Level entry Fairway Cottage is at the end of the Cul-de-sac with adjacent .35 acre lot available at $20,000. 3BR/3BA and loft bonus room. Big enclosed living porch and lower level guest suite. Well maintained. Great view of fairway and mountains. Walk to the clubhouse. Asking $259,000. MLS # 83981

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**This mountain retreat features a main house and separate guest quarters with waterfalls along property line and almost 5 acres bordering a horse pasture and Christmas tree farm. There is a pond, huge yard with several pavilions and a gentleman's shed. Deck with tin roof overlooks pond and pasture with sound of waterfall. Offered at $549,000. mls #84082**

**On Dog Mountain, this lovely 2BR/3BA contemporary has a large living area with open great room and wood-burning stove. Plus den/office. Loads of windows give you the feel of being in the forest canopy. Updated kitchen with granite countertops, Kohler sink, hard-wood floors. Offered at $297,000. mls 83981**

**This lovely home sits on a gentle knoll with a nice natural yard and wooded view. Living area has cathedral ceiling, spacious kitchen, split bedroom floor plan and great loft. Huge deck. 2 car garage. Offered at $329,000. mls #84027**

**Elevated over the roaring Cullasaja River sits this 2BR/2BA river retreat on .89 acres. Elevated with river front shower. Offered at $299,900. mls #82940**

**This updated Farmhouse has the charm of years gone by, but with all the upgrades, finishes and fixtures that are so desired today. Bear Creek Farm is situated on 37.81 acres with breathtaking mountain views as well as views of the Christmas Tree Farm and pond. This is the perfect property for a retreat for family and friends! Offered at $1,900,000. mls #83716**

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**This move-in ready home on 3 acres off Bowery Road is only a few minutes from downtown. Mountain contemporary, with hardwood floors, huge stone fireplace. Master bedroom has double baths, and a large walk-in closet. Upstairs has two guest bedrooms with a connecting bath. The massive decks boast some of the best views in the area. mls# 84268. Offered at $2,200,000.**
**Free Summer Food Program at Rec Park for reduced lunch students**

The Highlands Emergency Council is sponsoring a free children's summer food program provided by Manna Foodbank. The program is available for all children who receive free or reduced breakfast/lunch during the school year. Sign-ups will be held at the Highlands Rec Park from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., July 5-12.

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Big Bearpen Mountain in town limits with 3 br/3 ba. Meticulous log home offers all the warmth of Old Highlands charm, yet it is bright and open bringing in natural sun light. $940,000. MLS #83797

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Amazing Highlands Estate with 23.44 acres and mountain stream. Original Joe Webb log cabin with 6 bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, beautiful porches and patios with fireplaces. MLS #83860. $4,300,000

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Highlands Country Club. Lovely, immaculate 4 br/5 ba home with 4 ensuites and a great open floor plan.. Update large kitchen featuring granite countertops Offers lots of storage space, 2 car garage, workshop, numerous decks and porches off of most rooms. $949,000. MLS #81619

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Great home, in Webbmont area with open floor plan! Master Suite on main level, easy level entry, expansive back deck and private pond. Ideal for those who like to entertain friends and family. Broker Owned MLS#82545 $485,000

MountainTop Wine Shoppe has new owners

Two Highlands’ childhood friends, Jim Tate and Davis Picklesimer, have come together to buy Mountain top Wine Shoppe. Located on Jim’s grandmother’s property on Main Street, both enjoyed exploring the property years ago as boys. Both show an appreciation for how Highlands shaped them over the years and feel called to give back to the community which has given them so much. Nothing else has changed ... same great venue, same great inventory of wine.

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“They have to work together to research and create solutions to problems, complete challenges together, explain how they worked together to judges, and come to a consensus as a team. They also learn the ‘hardware’ skills: how to program a robot, build necessary attachments to complete challenges, and use strategies for solving challenges.”

Macon County received a $550,000 grant from the North Carolina Golden Leaf Foundation to expand the district’s STEM program over the next few years. The grant will be provided to Macon County over a 24-month period and requires that after the two-year period is finished, the district be responsible for continued employment for the STEM coordinator.

“The GoldenLeaf grant will provide for a STEM coordinator position, professional development for our teachers in STEM, supplies and equipment for high school STEM Labs, and middle school science and math software,” said Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. “Additional robotics kits will also be purchased. Summer and after-school enrichment programs will also be provided through this grant.”

In addition to a districtwide STEM coordinator, the grant will also purchase needed materials and training to develop STEM curriculum in addition to growing the existing SMART League.

“Hopefully, it means that there will be more students/more teams involved in the competitions,” Jetter said of the grant.

The SMART League and Macon County’s implementation of the STEM curriculum is part of a regional effort and partnership with Southwestern Community College to get children involved in programs centered around science, technology, engineering and math at an early age.

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asset found in Highlands is the warm and welcoming spirit of its people.

These are some of the reasons why I moved to Highlands as a year-round resident over 31 years ago and I have never looked back.

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The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

— “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost

By Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran Church

How many of us, in our lives, whether we are young or not-so-young, have had to make choices about the paths we take?

For young people, they have to make decisions regarding the classes they take, what college to choose, or what skill they should obtain in order to have a good life. For us “not-so-young-ins” we had to choose a career path, who to marry or perhaps decide to serve our country in the military—all these decisions involve moving forward into the unknown and taking a leap of faith that these choices are right for us.

These kinds of choices can be downright scary.

I remember having to give up my teaching career because I felt I was being called into ministry. I made every excuse I could to avoid it, but in the end I felt compelled to take that leap of faith, that road not taken, because I believed it was Christ who called me.

It was not easy. It took a long time. It was expensive, physically, emotionally, and monetarily.

I suffered great self doubt, feelings of unworthiness and struggled with some of the curriculum. My senior year, while living on campus, I became very ill, yet I didn’t give up. I would jokingly tell my best seminary friend, Susan, “I must be going to doing something beautiful for God, because the devil is after me, hammer and tong.”

In the end I graduated—not with honors—but I graduated!

The devil literally gnashed his teeth at our graduation service, because that very hour, Columbia, SC had one of the worst storms in recent memory, with thunder, lightening and torrential rain.

A few years later as I was consecrated at the Synod Assembly at Lenoir Rhyne, again, a terrible storm rocked the campus just as the service was ending. My poor family had to drive back to Charlotte at night in awful conditions. And

*See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 25

Proverbs 3:5

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The Highlands Police log entries from June 1. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 1
• At 11 a.m., officers received a report about a breaking and entering at a home on 2nd Street.
• At 12:16 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hicks Road.
• At 1:15 p.m., officers received a call about loud music coming from a vehicle parked on S. 4th Street.

June 6
• At 11 a.m., officers responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Pine Street and US 64 east.
• At 2:10 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Third and Main streets.
• At 11:17 p.m., Robert Ryan Oleri, 27, of Franklin, NC, was arrested for DWI. He was issued a $4,000 secured bond. His trial date is July 7.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from June 7,
June 7
• At 2:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.

June 8
• At 6:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

June 10
• At 12:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main St.
• At 9:16 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.
• At 7:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cinnamon Lane.

June 12
• At 3:50 a.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.
• At 7:42 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Ravenel Ridge road.
• At 9:48 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Raoul Road.
• At 11:35 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cheyenne Dr.

June 14
• At 10:42 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hicks Road.
• At 3:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle fire on NC 106.
• At 7:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.
• At 8:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Rhododendron Dr.

June 16
• At 5:45 p.m., the dept. responded to a residence on Satulah Falls Lane.

June 18
• At 11:47 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.
• At 3:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

June 19
• At 1:37 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of the smell of gas at a residence on Hicks Road.
• At 9:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Pierson Drive.

June 21
• At 12:07 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.
• At 8:17 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.
• At 5:07 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Queen Mountain.

June 22
• At 12:24 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.
• At 1:17 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

June 23
• At 8:50 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hummingbird Circle.
• At 8:57 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of an illegal burn at Upper Lake Road and Paul Walden Way.

June 24
• At 4:27 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

June 25
• At 10:52 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Talley Road.
• At 10:52 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Sugar La.

June 26
• At 1:29 p.m., the dept. responded to a residence on US 64 west about a possible gas leak.
• At 6:26 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Kelsey Court.

• Police & Fire Reports

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For new friends, a donation of $35 includes the guided hike, lunch on the trail and a one year membership to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. To reserve your spot or to learn more about how HCLT is conserving valuable land resources for all generations, contact them at 526-1111, julie.hitrust@earthlink.net or visit www.hicashlt.org.

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Crowe is a rising sophomore at Appalachian State University, where she majors in Parks and Recreation Management and has her sights set on a career with the US Forest Service or the National Park Service.

Moore graduated from Highlands School in May and will be a freshman at Lee University in Cleveland, TN this fall. She is interested in how different cultures use plants.

Cabe is taking online classes from Southwestern Community College while working for Planters, Inc. After finishing his core curriculum, he plans to transfer to a college or university to complete a degree in horticulture.

Hudson Library to air the movie ‘Whiskey Mountain’

The Highlands Library will show the feature film, “Whiskey Mountain” at 2 PM on July 15th.

“Whiskey Mountain” was filmed in and around Highlands, Scaly Mountain, Macon County and Clayton, Ga.

It stars Christopher George, who starred in the TV show “Rat Patrol” and features music and an original song by the country western star, Charlie Daniels.

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