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Highlands Commissioners hone 2016-2017 budget

By Lane Giddings
Reporter

At the second 2016-'17 Budget Workshop meeting on Thursday, May 12, certain items like the Playhouse wall and the Rec Park renovations which appeared to

be a go at the first budget workshop meeting two weeks ago, were nixed.

A lot of discussion revolved around changes to the employees' health insurance coverage, which is currently paid for by the town and

was long considered a huge benefit to being employed by the town.

But due to changes in health insurance coverage nationwide, the town's insurance policy will increase to \$269,556.00 starting January, 2017. This is a 30% price

increase over last year's policy.

The budget committee felt this rate of increase is unsustainable. According to the Affordable Care Act both employees and children of employees must be

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HS students pick Fan of the Year



At the May 10 Athletic Banquet at the Rec Park, Andrea Chalker, HS K-1 teacher was named "Fan of the Year" who is the person who supports Highlands athletics in body and spirit.

Photo by Lane Giddings

County Manager's budget includes more money to Highlands Rec. Dept.

Before County Manager Derek Roland's 2016-'17 budget presentation to the Macon County Board of Commissioners Tues., May 10, Highlands Mayor Pat

Taylor addressed board members to thank them for their continued commitment to the town of Highlands.

"I thanked them for the SRO

agreement, school renovations, donation to the school new track, the donation to the Friends of The Park, their ongoing strong

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Highlands PD commemorated during National Police Week



From left: Administrative Assistant, B. MacLean, Officer K. Kinsland, Officer C. Creighton, S.R.O. J. Greenley, Officer E. White, Lt. M. Jolly, Chief B. Harrell, Lt. R. Castle, MPO T. Parker, MPO T. Broughton, MPO T. Fish, MPO J. Phillips, Detective A. Holland. Upper left, K-9 Ruby and upper right, K-9 Hope.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

More on the upcoming budget

During this budget season, I have discussed funding priorities, like the bleach treatment system at the water plant. Let me now share with you some of the items that will not get funded as it stands after two budget workshops.

Our town manager, the person responsible for drafting the budget, has been warning me and the commissioners that the rate of spending needs to slow down. Over the last several years the town has been spending reserve funds to address needed infrastructure and capital improvements. Given strong reserve balances, the board felt it was the time to move forward with such projects as the refurbishment of the Lake Sequoyah Dam.

While Highlands still has substantial reserves, the manager recommends slowing our spending rate where possible on capital projects to maintain and replenish our remaining healthy reserves. Without this change, the manager's analysis indicates balances would drop to critical levels within a few years. We are not Washington. Highlands cannot spend money we do not have, nor should we carry heavy debt



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

loads -- which we don't. The budget has to be balanced every year; it is state law.

Why do we want to reserve funds at 30% levels or more? It keeps the town out of long-term debt. Highlands can self-fund capital projects like the upcoming water tank replacement on Buckhorn which has been an unanticipated expenditure. It jumped on to our "radar screen" of critical projects just a couple of months ago out of nowhere.

So at the last budget workshop session the board decided to postpone budget items that were printed in blue. We were presented with budget items highlighted in black, blue and red. Black meant staff recommended funding as essential items. Red indicated items that should be cut. Blue suggested a possible cut, depending on how much the board was willing to spend in reserve funds. The board placed all items in blue on the cut list. All of our department heads left the meeting with cuts in their proposed budgets. Across the spectrum, certain equipment just couldn't be purchased at this time.

That means the plan to convert the stage area in the gym into an aerobics room, a blue item, was cut. So was the plan to renovate the lower level. Cutting both projects saved more than \$400,000. That is not to say these improvements won't be made in the near term, but not this year. Replacing the 30-year-old, failing windows in the recreation department for \$50,000 was considered more of a priority.

The paving projects on Satulah and 5th Street will also be put on hold for this year. Satulah will be paved after the construction of the new Buckhorn water tank.

The board also decided to delay the replacement of the crossie wall at the Highlands Playhouse with a permanent rock wall. This new wall will be the last in a series of old walls that have been replaced in the downtown area on a phased schedule.

The board also decided to make changes in the spousal coverage of the employee health insurance package. The town will continue to provide this coverage for the coming year, but will assist employees who currently have spousal coverage in making a transition to other providers. Escalating health insurance costs on the

national level make this kind of coverage unsustainable.

There will be a third budget workshop this afternoon at 3 pm at the Highlands

Conference Center. The goal of the workshop is to move toward closure for a proposed balanced budget at the May Town Board meeting the following week.

It's Tee Time!



This shot was snapped by Elizabeth Hess from the Hess-Gates residence in Highlands Falls Country Club over the Mother's Day weekend.

• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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• OBITUARIES •

Opal Lee Allsep Hedden



Opal Lee Allsep Hedden, age 98 of Highlands, NC, went peacefully to be with her Lord and family on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. She was born in Pickens County, SC, the daughter of the late Thomas Lee and Della York Allsep. She was married to Wilbur Ransom Hedden, Jr., who preceded her in death in 1984. She was a devout Christian; a member of Double Springs Baptist Church and she attended Highlands First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hedden was an avid gardener and especially loved flower gardening; she was a good cook; a wonderful seamstress and she enjoyed making beautiful pieced quilts. She enjoyed travel, reading, listening to classical music and old time country bluegrass, writing poetry and was a self-taught artist.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda Hedden of Leesburg, FL,

Lois Rains (John) of Bull-och, NC and Mary Dotson (John) of Highlands; four sons, James Hedden, Ralph Hedden (Jewell), Eugene Hedden (Barbara) and Wallace Hedden (Patricia) all of Highlands, 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Hedden and Laurence Hedden; two sisters, Helen

Hedden Mann and Grace Hedden and one brother, William Lasco Allsep.

A celebration of life service was held Friday, May 13, 2016 at Double Springs Methodist Church in Mountain Rest, SC with Rev. Roy Lowe officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Hedden family. Online condolences are available by visiting bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Ellen C. Henry

Ellen C. Henry was born in Highlands, NC on August 3, 1952. She achieved her career goals of being a personal banker, and loved being with her husband of 45 years, her children and grandchildren. She had a love for home "Highlands" and on May 14, 2016 at the age of 63 she came home.

Mrs. Henry is survived by her husband Kent Henry; two daughters, Mary Jo Stevens and husband Danny of Virginia and Lina Allen and husband Carl of Virginia; five grandchildren, David Douglas and wife Kelli, Ryan Anderson, Sara Stevens, Brooke Matthews, Erica Conner and husband John; two great grandchildren, Reid Douglas and Ethan Conner; two siblings, Larry Chastain and PeeWee Billingsley and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles H. Chastain; her mother, Maxine Chastain and her brother, Marvin Chastain.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Highlands First Baptist Church with Rev. Oliver Rice officiating. Burial was in Highlands Memorial Park.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, to help support the Halifax County Cancer Association, PO Box 1891, Halifax, VA 24558.

A memorial service will also be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 3 pm at Second Baptist Church in South Boston, VA.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Henry family. Online condolences are available at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

• MEMORIAL SERVICE •

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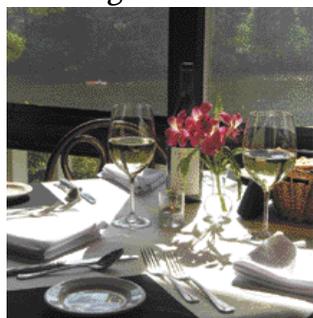


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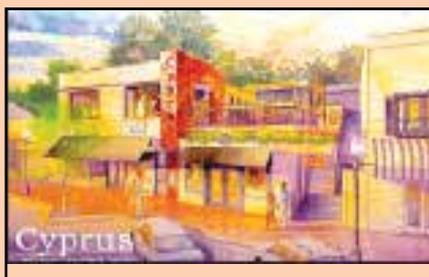


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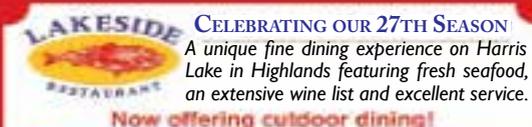
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covered under the policy, but the coverage of spouses is not stipulated. Therefore, the board had to make a difficult decision with the renewal of the policy and has opted to eliminate spousal coverage as a result of the increased cost of insurance.

Parks and Recreation

The Civic Center was a hot topic of debate for commissioners considering all of the renovations that need to be done.

The window replacement project has been deemed completely mandatory costing the budget \$52,000. While both the Civic Center Lower Level Renovations and Stage Renovations need to be made, when the time comes the stage renovations will be the priority.

However, it is unlikely that either renovation will be made this year because the Rec Park tax — .015 of the local tax earmarked for recreation improvements — won't cover the renovations at this time. According to Town Clerk Rebecca Shuler the town has been spending more than the earmarked proceeds bring in and it won't cover either project this budget year. The earmark sunsets the 2017-'18 budget year. The Board hopes the coffers can refill to fund Rec projects during the next budget year.

As far as equipment goes, the Department of Parks and Recreation will be receiving a new Floor Scrubber, \$5,150, Pool Vacuum, \$5,000, Elliptical Bike, \$3,600, and a

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Replacement Tractor, \$13,000.

In addition, \$50,000 will be allocated to move Christmas festivities and decorations to the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park – \$10,000 of which will be invested in a large, living tree for the park. The remaining \$40,000 will go to lighting the entire park in order to create a fresh and festive Christmas experience.

The total cost of Department of Parks and Recreation will come out to around \$128,750.

Street Department – Street Work (Paving)

While repaving of streets such as Satulah and 5th Street were hot topics of discussion, it appears this is not the year for such projects.

The Satulah Road repave-ment project has been pushed back because of the damages the Buckhorn Tank Replacement will do to the road saving the budget \$115,000. While 5th Street repave-ment caused a lot of debate, it was soon brought to light that the south end of the road, which needs the most attention is, in fact, owned by the State of North Carolina; therefore, the repair would

take place on the less damaged north side of the street costing \$176,000. However, this project was then struck from the budget.

Repairs

Another topic of debate was the Oak Street wall – specifically, that portion of the wall that connects to the Playhouse. The final decision of the discussion was, “While the wall looks horrible, it is structurally sound.” This decision will save the budget \$140,000.

The commission decided on repairs to sidewalks, which came in at \$50,000, and Road Striping costing \$30,000.

Equipment

After elimination of a Mowing Tractor, \$120,000, and a Skid Steer, \$65,000, from the budget; it was decided that a Replacement Dump Truck was the priority, costing \$80,000.

Leaving the Street Department total cost at approximately \$160,000.

Sanitation Department

The Sanitation Department budget will allow for 10 Dumpsters and 20 Bear Resistant Lids costing \$30,000. As a reminder Mayor Pat Taylor said, “The only way to keep

bears out of the dumpsters is if people remember to close the lids.”

Utility Projects (Water)

Water Projects were found to take priority this year, costing a total of \$775,000. This includes four projects, the largest being the Bleach Treatment Project costing \$580,000. With this project it was concluded that the Buckhorn Tank Replacement Design/Engineering, costing \$102,000, would also be necessary in order to further the effectiveness of the Bleach Treatment Project.

Along with these projects, the decision was made in favor of the Helen’s Barn Project. The project will move the underground access boxes and utilities farther from the businesses on Helen’s Barn Ave. The project will cost \$88,000.

Also in the budget was \$5,000 for the Satulah Tank Fence.

Utility Projects (Sewer)

The State has required an Automatic Bar Screening Device. It will be put into the budget this year costing \$135,000.

While in the past Highlands has struggled with finding an Automatic Bar Screening Device that can withstand the town’s cold climate, progress has been made. An Automatic Bar Screening Device supplier in Canada has been found.

This will allow the device to withstand cold environments.

Electric Department

The Electric Department’s only requirement is a \$40,000 Pickup Truck to replace their present truck.

Police Department

The Police Department made cuts on items such as Automatic Emergency Defibrillators and Traffic Control Devices in order to make room for items such as a Replacement Police Vehicle, costing \$43,500, and Vehicle Communications Upgrades, costing \$20,000. This put the Police Department spending at \$63,500.

MIS/GIS

It was decided that the priorities in this year’s budget would be the upgrade of Police Department Servers, costing \$30,000, a new Service Truck, priced at \$40,000, and the Big Bear Pen Tower Extension, at \$50,000.

The decision was made to cut the Email Server and Archiver, and Document Management System funding costing \$20,000 each.

An addition to the budget is additional Staffing for Computer Support Specialists costing \$43,000 plus benefits.

These items bring this portion of budget to \$163,000.

Other Topics Discussed

Citizens were spared an increase in property taxes, electric rates, and fire tax this year.

However, there were increases in water, sewer, and sanitation costs. The minimum monthly charge for water will increase \$3 this year, whereas the minimum monthly charge for both sewer and sanitation will increase \$1.50 each.

While Highlands proper has Broadband coverage, the push for Verizon to increase coverage would greatly benefit the surrounding areas. This would be a revenue-generating project. It is estimated that in two and a half years revenue would cover the construction costs of expansion so the town plans to extend the Bearpen Tower.

The final budget workshop is today, Thurs., May 19 from 3-5pm at the Community Building. The final budget will be presented at May’s Town Board meeting, Thurs., May 26 at 7 p.m.

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support of the Highlands Recreation Department so all Macon County residents have access to the facilities, and their work with Jackson County in creating a fire tax

to cover homes in Jackson County that the Highlands Fire District serves," said Taylor. "I also thanked the Commissioners for its long standing cooperative relationship for the folks in Highlands and residents on the plateau, all of which pay county taxes."

The items praised by Taylor included a \$2,985,878 renovation project that included both Union Academy and Highlands School that was completed just before Christmas last year. In the current year budget, commissioners also allocated \$50,000 to the Friends of Founders Park to help complete the renovations to Founders Park in Highlands. Commissioners also approved \$50,000 for the county to assume financial responsibility for the School Resource Officer position at Highlands School. The SRO funds will be a recurring line item in the county's budget.

"The townships in Macon County are all tremendous assets to our community," said Roland. "Highlands plays a huge role in our economic development, the county's tourism, and the overall quality of life for Macon County residents. Partnering with Highlands on projects like Founders Park and providing the SRO for Highlands School, are small ways the county can ensure that Highlands continues to be an asset for public safety, and the overall general well being for Macon County residents."

Moving toward the county's budget planning process for 2016-'17, Roland presented commissioners with an overall look at the county's more than \$47 million budget, which includes several budget items specifically for the town of Highlands.

"Increasing Highlands' recreation budget this year is crucial," said Roland. "With additions to the Highlands area recreation

such as the indoor pool which operates year round, and additions such as the ice skating rink and continued improvements to Founders Park, the recreation expenses have increased. Those improvements, while in Highlands, don't just benefit Highlands residents, but were established to serve all Maconians and the county wants to ensure those services remain exceptional."

Roland said at \$47,600,000, with this year's proposed budget, Macon County is going to be able to fulfill many of the goals that were set for this organization by the board in January at its worksession.

"At this work session, you were focused on service, you wanted Macon County in Fiscal Year '16-'17 to continue providing the highest level of public service, and we can hit that goal."

The overall budget includes more than \$1 million in capital projects across the county, without needing a tax increase and while continuing to pay down the county's debt. "We'll continue to reduce debt. General fund debt since 2011 has decreased by \$18 million," said Roland. "This decrease, of course, is due to us making our principal and interest payments on our loans, not taking on any new substantial debt, and refinancing our existing debt. In fiscal year '16-'17, we'll see these payments again decrease by approximately \$94,000. Moving forward, to fiscal year '17-'18, if we do not take on any new general fund debt, we'll see these debt payments decline again, by about \$400 thousand."

The county's Emergency Management System is slated for a major overhaul according to Roland's budget, accounting for a \$949,926 increase over the current year's

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budget. The system hasn't been upgraded in 30 years and in areas of Highlands and Nantahala and other remote areas of the county, EMS often experiences limited coverage. The first phase of the project will allow an upgrade to be completed on the county's transmission and reception equipment on five remote communication sites including Cowee Bald, Wine Springs Bald, Satulah Mountain, Scaly Mountain, and Dills Knob. The upgrade will increase connectivity through a microwave system as opposed to the county's current analog system.

Roland's budget proposal also includes a \$50,000 increase to the town of Highlands annual budget allocation for recreation.

Recreation and culture accounts for

\$2,419,132 or five percent of the county's overall budget, with \$500,000 of that specifically allocated to Highlands each year – a figure that had remained static for over a decade.

The \$50,000 increase will bring the annual contribution to \$550,000 and is intended to go toward helping offset the rise in operating costs due to new improvements such as the expansion of Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park and the upkeep of properties such as Zachary Park.

The next step in the county budget process includes a budget worksession scheduled for May 31 at 4 p.m. in the commissioner's board room of the Macon County Courthouse.

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

HCMF Festival of Feasts begins

Sumptuous meals with fascinating people in some of the region's most spectacular homes epitomizes the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival of Feasts.

"These annual feasts provide important and vital financial support to the Festival, which allows us to bring world-class chamber music to the mountains each year," says Festival Artistic Director William Ransom.

The 2016 lineup begins with the exquisite "Valencian Banquete" hosted by Kay and Frank Cohen at 6 p.m. Sat., June 4. Guests will be treated to lobster paella, watermelon gazpacho, poached pears and more. Cost is \$125; limited to 14.

Caroline Gilham and Lane Cook will host "Stars and Bars" at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, July 2. This gala features a cocktail buffet with beef tenderloin and all the tantalizing accompaniments. Guests will be joined by festival favorites David Coucheron and Edward Arron. Cost is \$125 and it's limited to 14 places.

"A Rustic Italian Dinner at Casa Callina," hosted by Jack and Jolane Edwards, is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16. It'll offer a traditional Italian feast with lasagna, caprese salad, roasted vegetables and all the trimmings. The Eroica Trio members Sara Parkins, Erika Nickrenz and Sara Sant'Ambrogio. will be there, too. Cost is \$100; limited to 15.

"An Evening with Roman and Will," hosted by Olivia and Bob Holt, is an exciting fusion of Italian, Greek, and Spanish cuisines, set for 7:15 p.m. Sunday, July 24. Special Music Guests are internationally-recognized violinist and festival artist Roman Kim and Dr. Ransom. Space is limited to 12 and it's \$125.

"The Vega Cooks - Round II" is set for 6:00 P.m. Wednesday, July 27, at the home of Martha and Al Pearson. It'll feature Yinzi Kong, Jessica Shuang Wu and Guang Wang of the Vega String Quartet performing in a venue that's a little different from their normal stage - the kitchen. The trio will cook up a Chinese Hot Pot Party for 20 guests. Cost is \$125.

The last feast is "A Louisiana Creole Feast" at 7:15 p.m. Monday, August 1. Guests will be treated to crawfish etoufee, boudin and other Louisiana treats, with special musical guests The Canterbury Quartet. Cost is \$125 per person and limited to 13 places.

For reservations or more information about the Feasts of the Festival, call (828) 526-9060.

Ongoing

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

Mondays

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

• 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., 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

• 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 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.

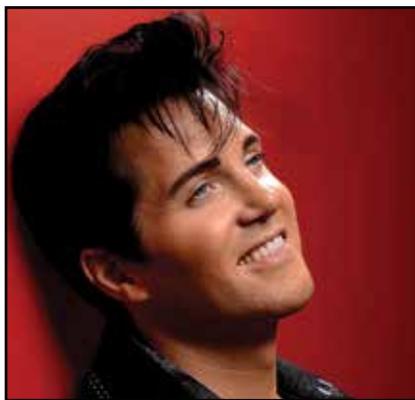
Thursdays

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• 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. as First United Methodist Church

PAC announces the 2016 concert season!



Right Travis LeDoyt, left, Guy Bavli and above Balsam Range.



We decided to shake things up this year! We have included new art genres with an illusionist/mentalists and comedy and satire along with our favorites of Broadway, Bluegrass and Retro-Rock. The season starts off with Travis LeDoyt, who the NY TIMES dubbed "the BEST Young ELVIS." Two concerts: July 17 & 18. Travis only sings ELVIS' songs from 1959 to 1962.

Next up...Guy Bavli, Master of the Mind. An illusionist guaranteed to baffle your mind. Saturday, June 25. He delights audiences with interactive entertainment that delivers a unique combination of mystery, humor and suspense. He starred at Caesar's Palace for three years and on NBC's hit show "Phenomenon."

Bluegrass is always a HIT in our area. The Grammy Award winning Balsam Range is coming back by Popular Demand, Saturday, September 17. In addition to the Grammy Award Balsam Range also received Entertainer of the Year from the International Bluegrass Music Association.

The political season will be in full swing by September and we will welcome the political relief with the satirical comedy of Capital Steps on Saturday, September 24. "Political Incorrectness" at its BEST. Regardless of whom you support...no one or no party is safe from being

roasted.

Broadway comes to the Highlands Cashiers area with the Phat (Phantom) Pack. These three Phantoms met in Las Vegas while performing in the Phantom: the Las Vegas Spectacular. All three having sung on Broadway in a variety of hit shows, Phantom, Les Miz and many more. Saturday, October 1 with a GALA concert at 5pm and a GALA dinner at Highlands Falls Country Club at 7pm. Surprises are scheduled!

Saturday, October 29 brings us more Bluegrass with the International Bluegrass Music Association Award winner for "Best Fiddler", Michael Cleveland and the Flamekeeper. Michael Cleveland has been awarded "Best Fiddler" for 10 years in a row.

The last concert of 2016 will bring back a flood of fond memories with The Drifters, the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 25. The Drifters are once again touring the US under the auspices of their original management team. Start our Holiday Season off with an evening of song, dance and cool memories. The Drifters... no more needs to be said!

Tickets are available for PAC Members now by calling 828.526.9047 and available for the public on April 15 online: highlandspac.org or by calling the box office.

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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 Street, 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 at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45 a.m.

• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

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

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park at 10 a.m. \$5.

• At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.

• Highlands Marketplace at K-H Park 8a to noon.

Thurs.-Sun., May 19-21

• At The Bascom, Collective Spirits.

• HCP presents "The Game's Afoot, 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee. Call 526-8084 for tickets.

Sat., May 21

• Greenway workday 9a to noon. Call Ran Shaffner if you want to participate 828-482-1451.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take moderate-to-strenuous 5-mile hike to Windy Falls on the Horse Pasture River. Trail begins in Gorges State Park with an elevation change of 700 ft. The rarely visited waterfall has several drops, rock outcrops, and small cave nearby. Meet at Cashiers Rec Park at 10 am, drive 40 miles round trip. Call leader Mike Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. Visitors welcome.

• Craft Fair and Auto Show at the Memorial United Methodist Church at 4668 Old Murphy Road in Franklin. 10a to 2p. Profits from food and the bake sale will go to fund Cartoogechaye Christian Fellowship community projects.

Sun., May 22

• The Boy Choir at the Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. Free but seating is limited.

Mon., May 23

• "Jungle Eagle" film to be presented at 7:30 p.m. at Hudson Library following a mixer at 7. The film, a PBS production, features the elusive Harpy Eagle of South America, a mythic bird that lives a reclusive life high in the jungle tree canopy chasing monkeys.

Thurs. May 26

• Center for Life Enrichment offers classes: Drug Development, Drug Costs and Some "Oops" Moments, 10a-12 noon, Location: CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more info contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• The Utopian Communities, 4-5 pm, Location: CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Fri., May 27

• Mayor Talk at Hudson Library 11a to noon. Budget items.

• Center for Life Enrichment offers class: Digital Currency, 2-4 pm, Location: CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more info contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

• Annual Salamander Meander at the Nature Center. Bring a flashlight and meet at 9 p.m. Ages are 6 to adult, and the cost is \$5 per person. Advanced registration is required. Call Patrick Brannon at 526-4123 to register.

HCP's opening night of comedy/mystery 'The Games' Afoot' is tonight, May 19



When theater enthusiasts see the name Ken Ludwig listed as playwright, they know they will see a very funny, well-crafted comedy, for Ludwig has a reputation as the modern master of farce. And such a play is now on stage at the Highlands Performing Arts Center where the Highlands Cashiers Players (HCP) present Ludwig's recent play, "The Game's Afoot," winner of the Edgar award for Best Mystery Play of 2012 from the Mystery Writers of America.

The plot features the real life actor William Gillette, who played the role of Sir Conan Doyle's great detective Sherlock Holmes for 30 years on the stages of America and Britain in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In the play, "Game's Afoot," actor friends gather at Gillette's mansion for a celebration on Christmas Eve, but the festive mood is soon dampened when one of the guests is murdered. Gillette is determined to follow in the footsteps of his alter-ego Sherlock Holmes and solve the crime.

Director Michael Lanzilotta, who is the president of the Players, has assembled an experienced and talented group of area actors, well-suited to the characters they play. Stuart Armor is William "Willie" Gillette, Virginia Talbot plays his mother, David Spivey as Felix assists Gillette in a Dr. Watson-like-role. Megan McLean is a none-to-tactful theater critic. Guests include Lauretta Payne, actor married to Felix, Lance Trudel and Raina Trent, play a young married couple. Lynleigh McLain is the police inspector and Ken Knight, the mysterious man in the audience.

"The Game's Afoot" closes HCP's 2015-2016 season with laughter, clever dialogue, and an intriguing murder mystery to solve. The play runs Thursday, May 19 through Sunday, May 22, and Thursday, May 26 through Sunday May 29, evenings at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2:30.

HCP box office opens 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and an hour before the show. Tickets are \$23.50. Call 526-8084 and leave a message for a call-back if operator is not on duty. Individual tickets are also available on line, highlandscashiersplayers.org

Captain America choir to sing in Highlands



The Atlanta Boy Choir now being featured in one of the highest grossing films of all times will give a concert at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Sunday afternoon May 22 at 5 pm. This choir which was chosen by Walt Disney Productions for this film Captain America: Civil War will be heard throughout the world in this highly acclaimed motion picture.

This year's performance in Highlands directed by Maestro Fletcher Wolfe will include boys and men who sing throughout the world and each year come to The Church of the Incarnation preceding their international tour which this year will be to British Columbia.

Their longtime accompanist and mentored by Maestro Wolfe for most of his amazing concert career will be Dr. Robert Henry, organist and Choirmaster of The Church of the Incarnation. He will be joined in this performance by an instrumental ensemble comprised of some of Georgia's finest instrumentalists.

This concert always draws an overflow audience and is free and open to the public. There will be some front row seats reserved for those wishing to contribute as a sponsor for those boys in the choir who come from disadvantaged families. Call the Choir at 404-378-0064.

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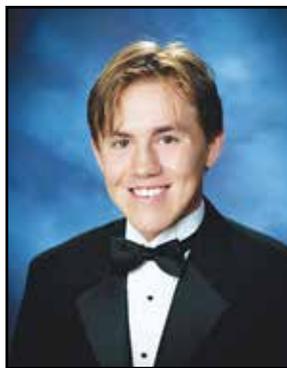
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Class of 2016 Graduation is Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in the new gym at Highlands School

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Doctor Robert E. Turoff

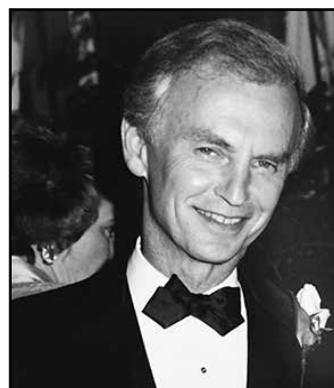
Doctor Robert E. Turoff passed from this life on Wednesday, May 11th at the Fidelity Eckerd Living Center in Highlands, North Carolina. Dr. Turoff was born in Juneau, Alaska on December 10th, 1932 to Louis Webster

Turoff and Marjorie McConaughy Turoff. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Cynthia Massie Turoff.

Esteemed Orthodontist Dr. Turoff graduated from Emory University Dental School and University of Montreal School of Orthodontics. He practiced for over 30 years in the Atlanta area. Bob was a member of the Capital City Club of Atlanta. He later retired with his wife to Cashiers, North Carolina and became a member of The Chattooga Club.

Avid skier, runner and athletic adventurer, Bob loved travel, experiencing the world's cultures and reading.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brother, John Lewis Turoff as well as brothers-in-law, Robert W. Massie, Richard T. Massie and James E. McMullin.



Sisters-in-law Lorraine Bagby Massie, Eleanor E. Turoff, Elizabeth Massie Cummings and husband Tom, Page Massie McMullin, and Marilyn Foulk Massie also survive him.

Bob was a pillar to his family, a cherished friend to many and will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

The family has honored Bob's request to be cremated and a gathering to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cashiers Community Fund (www.cfwno.org) or Cashiers Historical Society (www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org).

Online condolences may be left at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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For brokers, we will see a huge number of new listings flood our market and inventory will greatly increase. This means that if you are a seller your competition just got fierce. There are two major factors that will increase your chances for a successful and quick sale.

The first item is your price. A good and professional broker knows all aspects of the market – what has sold at what price and has a pulse on the market. That includes studying listing to sale ratios and NOT suggesting a price that is too high. That encourages a home to sit for a year or two and then it becomes stale to the marketplace and other brokers. It can be a wonderful property but a disservice has been done and offers appear to be “low balls,” when, in fact, they are fair market value. Sellers resent the offers and are disappointed. This also skews the entire MLS numbers to suggest properties are selling for 20% less with days on the market averaging 425! This is not the norm if you are priced correctly from the onset.

In the last month we had two listings that were under contract after only 2 days and 5 days on the market before going under contract! I'm writing an offer on another property that was listed for fifteen days and another one that was listed for thirty eight days. This is how brokerage should be done. Some sellers may think they were underpriced given the interest in their homes



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so quickly when actually the broker did their job...priced it at fair market value and buyers saw the value.

The second item is maintenance. When returning from the winter you may find gutters filled with left-over leaves, clogged downspouts, eroded yards, decks that now need painting, rotted posts or boards, floors damaged from broken pipes and many other maintenance issues. The “dreaded” mildew smell is an immediate turnoff! Landscaping and yards may be a mess from the winter. Remove limbs and blow

leaves away from walkways and driveways. Curb appeal is most important and even a few planted flowers or pots filled with color make a difference. The first impression may be the last.

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• BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Sara Shook Joins White Oak Realty Group

Susie deVile, Owner/Broker-in-Charge, has announced that Sara Shook has joined White Oak Realty Group, a Highlands, NC real estate firm.

Sara Shook, Executive Assistant, has lived in the Highlands-Cashiers area since 2011. A Sarasota, FL native, she graduated from Booker High School and was accepted into the Visual Performing Arts Program for Music where she performed and sang classical and jazz music. After graduating from high school, Sara attended Meridian Career Institute and received her Cosmetology License in 2008. After successfully co-owning a salon for five years, Sara became intrigued with real estate and began the NC broker pre-licensing course.

"I am so excited about my affiliation with White Oak Realty Group," said Sara Shook. "There is a definitive culture in the White Oak office – lots of energy, enthusiasm, a focus on customer service and innovative marketing strategies, as well as a deeply cooperative spirit. I am eager to bring my entrepreneurial, passionate work ethic to the White Oak Realty Group team and all of our clients."

"Every now and then, you have the great fortune to meet a bright, shining star who is bubbling with intellect, cre-



ativity, kindness, and tremendous interpersonal skills. We are beyond delighted to welcome Sara to White Oak Realty Group," said deVile. "Sara's passion for public relations, her ability to listen to the needs of others, and her strength in negotiations are a few of her many talents that will make her very successful. We are thrilled she has already begun working with us as an assistant so that the moment she becomes licensed this fall, she will be able to hit the ground running in sales and marketing. She has already proven herself to be invaluable in assisting us as we launch our busiest season to date! Sara is as kind and energetic as she is lovely in every sense of the word. We know that she will be a tremendous asset to all of our clients and to the firm."

Sara is married to Tyler Shook of Highlands, and they have two daughters, Lilah and Violet.

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Highlands School students win prizes in NC poster contest



Ashlyn Thalgett (1st grade) with Chris Boltz.

Three Highlands School students took home prizes from the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest and each won 2nd place in North Carolina for their posters.

For more than 50 years the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest has helped students learn about caring for natural resources.

This is the sixth year Highlands School students participated in the contest sponsored by the National Garden Clubs and U.S. Forest Service. Mountain Garden Club (MGC) serves as the local sponsor and thanks all students who participated in the contest and the teachers who made it possible: Jaime Dooley, Andrea Chalker, Cynthia Henderson, Jaime Christy, and Margie Potts.



Jaylin Raby (2nd grade) with Wanda Cooper.



Wyatt Wilson (3rd grade) with Rebecca Schilling and Wanda Cooper.

Walkers sought for Park 5K event

You don't have to be a runner to participate in the upcoming Run for the Park 5K, set for Saturday May 28.

The run/walk will benefit Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park and local athletic scholarships and begins at 9 a.m. in the park.

"A number of people have asked if walkers are welcome and the answer is of course," said race director Skip Taylor. "We want to encourage everyone to come out and support our efforts to complete Phase II of the park, so the more walkers the better."

And two legged walkers can also bring their four-legged friends, Taylor said. Strollers are also welcome. However, walkers, those with pets and strollers will be asked to line up at the back of start for the safety of the runners.

Sponsored by the Mountaintop Rotary Club, the Friends of Founders Park and the Highlands Roadrunners Club, the race will begin and finish on Pine Street, which runs through the park. That street will be closed the morning of the race. Fifth Street from Oak Street Alley to Chestnut will also be closed to traffic briefly at the start of the race. It will likely reopen by 9:15 a.m. And Oak Street Alley will be close during the race until approximately 10 a.m.

The race is open to runners and walkers of all ages. In addition to trophies for first place female and male overall winners and male and female masters winners (over age 40), awards will be presented to first-, second-, and third-place male and female winners in each five-year age group (15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-75, 76 and over). All youngsters under age 15 will receive a participation medallion. The first 120 runners and walkers who register will receive a race T-shirt.

The entry fee for those that pre-register is \$30 for adults, \$25 for students (15 and older) and \$10 for those under 15. Race day registration is \$35 for adults, \$30 for students, and \$15 for those 14 and under. Participants can register on line at www.active.com or www.webscorer.com, or by using printed forms available at the front desk of the Highlands Recreation Park, the Cashiers Glenville Recreation Center, Hudson Library, or the Highlands Decorating Center. Race day registration begins at 7:45 a.m. under the breezeway of the new park entrance and restrooms.

For more information, contact Skip Taylor at 526-4280, or email stmas4280@gmail.com.

2016 Feasts of the Festival

Every season the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival offers an opportunity to meet interesting people and enjoy wonderful food and drink in the setting of some of the area's most beautiful and elegant private homes and restaurants. These annual FEASTS provide important and vital financial support to the Festival which allows us to bring world-class chamber music to the mountains each year.

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Our earthly life ends with death, but Christian faith leads to life after death. After the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the proclamation of the early Church had two elements in Luke's account in the Gospel. First, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus to fulfill the will of God the Father to redeem mankind. Second, the disciples of Jesus receive their final instructions to preach "repentance" for the forgiveness of sins starting from Jerusalem and extending to all nations. Jesus encouraged the disciples to touch him in order to strengthen their faith by experiencing his physical presence as a risen person. The risen Christ brings the message "Peace be with you" which unites the people of God in Christ Jesus.

"Peace be with you!" This powerful phrase has to be followed by all of us as Christians and non-Christians in the world to protect mankind. Peace is the key to eradicate the evil things which are happening in the world. When Jesus appeared in the midst of the disciples after His resurrection, he said to them, "Peace be with you". Our life on earth is full of problems in our relationship with others. Jesus' word of peace helps people to build up good relationships. Jesus came in to this world not to divide but to unite people in the name of love. Jesus' best commandment is to love God and fellow human beings. It is difficult to forgive our enemies, but Jesus asks us to love our enemies. It is the climax of Jesus' preaching and living.

The main sources for this are the Gospels and the Epistles of St. Paul. According to Matthew, Jesus appeared to the holy women and again on a mountain in Galilee. According to St. Mark, Jesus was seen by Mary Magdalene by the two disciples at Emmaus. St. Paul (1 Cor.15:3-8) gives facts as to the witnesses of Cephas, the eleven apostles, and more than 500 brethren, many of whom were still alive at the time of the Apostle's writings. Christ completed the mystery of our salvation and redemption by His Resurrection. Christ was the first to rise into life immortal. Jesus is the model and the support for our new life of grace. (Romans 6:4-6&9-11). The Resurrection of Jesus is the gift of love to humanity. The risen Christ is the blessing of hope and the promise of peace for the world.

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The Highlands Police log entries from April 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

April 27

• At 1 p.m., officers were called about a larceny and trespassing at a residence on Talley Lane where metal fencing valued at \$500 was taken.

April 30

• At 1 p.m., officers were called about a breaking and entering with larceny at a residence on Cherokee Drive where yard tools valued at more than \$1000 were taken.

• At 7 p.m., officers were called about a breaking and entering and larceny at a residence on Wyanoak Road where two flat screen TVs and a DVD player were taken.

May 3

• At 2:154 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hummingbird Lane.

May 4

• At 9 p.m., officers were called about someone have a large amount of mail, packages and documents addressed to other persons in a parking lot on N. 4th Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from May 6

May 6

• Early in the morning, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cook road.

May 8

• At 9:41 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Simon Speed Road.

• At 1:34 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a business on Main Street.

• At 4:09 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

May 9

• At 8:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a business on Main Street.

May 10

• At 2:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Raoul Road.

May 12

• At 3:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the hospital.

• At 5:58 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Panther Mountain.

May 13

• At 10:36 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

• At 11:09 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cotswald Way.

• At 8:54 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

May 15

• At 9:43 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Sagee Drive.

• At 6:03 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Buck Creek Road.

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• At 3:25 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

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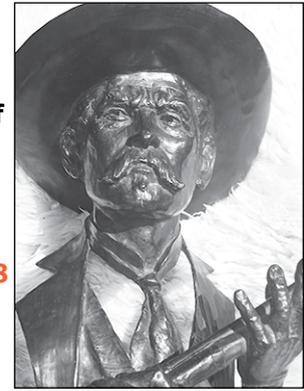
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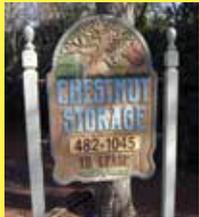
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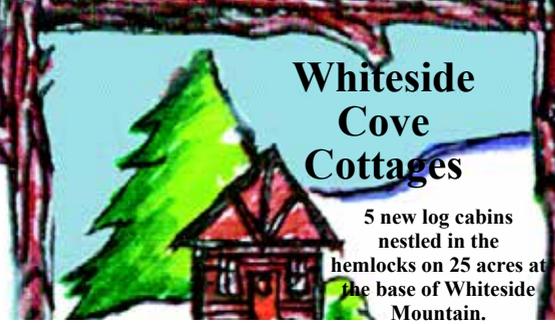
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Mom's Day at FELC



From left: Rotarian Bob Kieltyka, Bascom Executive Director, Teresa Osborn and Christy Kelly, President Rotary Club of Highlands.

The Bascom subject at Rotary

Teresa Osborn was the guest speaker at the May 10 Rotary Club of Highlands meeting. The former Executive Director of the Hudgens Center for the Arts in Duluth, Georgia, Osborn opened her program by thanking all of the Rotary Club members who are past board members, volunteers, staff members, donors, and/or members of the Bascom Art Center. It appeared that every Rotarian in attendance has been involved with The Bascom in one way or another, since its inception 1985.

2016's major summer exhibition "Of Land and Spirit: Cherokee Art Today" will provide an excellent platform for this approach to programming. The exhibition, curated by Anna Fariello and produced in collaboration with the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, will celebrate the innovation of contemporary Eastern Band Cherokee Indian artists, displaying their work in context with historical examples of traditional crafts of the Eastern Band. This exhibition runs from June 12-September 28.

On Sunday, May 8th at Eckerd Living Center, the Highlands-based band Well Strung and the Mountain Garden Club presented a well-attended, toe-tapping Bluegrass Concert for the residents of the Eckerd Living Center and their families. In addition to celebrating Mother's Day at a tea which preceded the concert, the residents enjoyed classic and enduring songs such as "I'll Fly Away" and "You Are My Sunshine." Well Strung band members are as follows: Rachel Friday, Knight Martorell, and Jeff Schenck.

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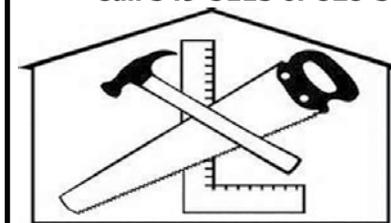
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Highlands School athletes Dylan Vinson, Jose Jimenez and Colin Weller are shown with Coach Brett Lamb.

Rotary Club of Highlands sponsors annual Athletic Banquet for Highlands School

On May 10 the Rotary Club of Highlands continued its long tradition of support for the Highlands School by sponsoring the high school athletic banquet. Rotary members decorated the rec center gym and served supper for the students, their families and their coaches.



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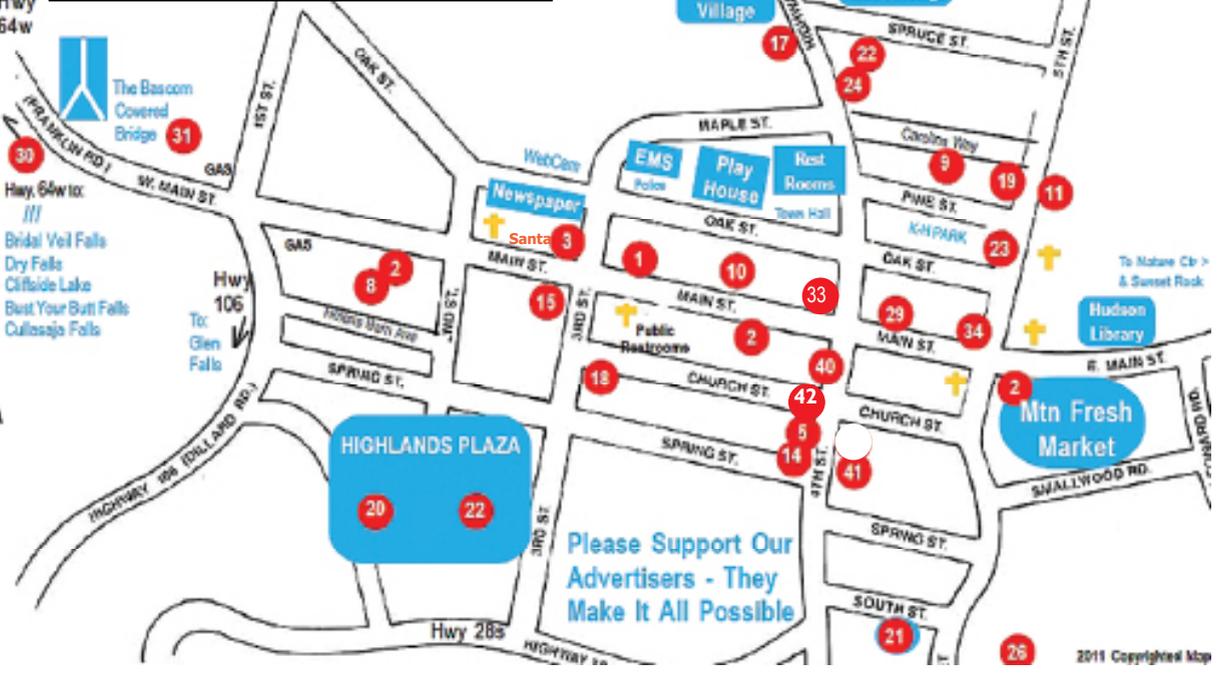
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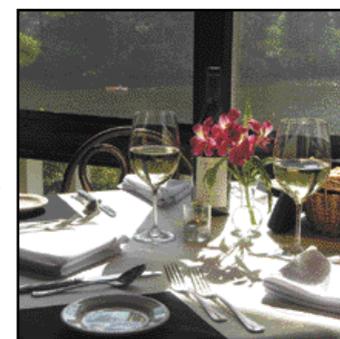
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