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A live Christmas tree or a cut tree? That is the question

The town's final budget worksession for the 2016-'17 budget was last Thursday and the budget will be presented at tonight's Town Board meeting.

Most everything discussed and agreed upon at the second

budget worksession on May 12 was solidified last Thursday but there was much discussion about the upcoming Christmas festivities in K-H Founders Park and the problem of bears getting into dumpsters – those that are bear

proof and those that aren't.

Christmas Tree

Though commissioners agreed to allocate \$30,000 for new Christmas decorations and lights – saying the current version of both are awful – it was the \$20,000 al-

located for a live 30-ft. Christmas tree that caused the most stir.

"The \$20,000 is for the tree and that gets it here," said Town Manager Bob Frye. "The rest is for

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Teacher John deVile goes to Washington

A dozen civics, history and social studies teachers traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to lobby the U.S. Senate to move forward with the process of appointing Judge Garland to the United States Supreme Court.

President Barack Obama nominated Garland two months ago, but the U.S. Senate has not taken any action on the nomination and all indications are that they won't until a new President is elected. Garland has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the nation's second most important court, for 19 years. He's been the court's chief judge the last three years.

The 12 teachers who were invited to the White House last week included Franklin High School U.S. History Teacher and former Highlander John deVile

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Class of 2016 graduates Saturday, May 28 in HS gym



Remy Adrian, Whitney Billingsley, Katie Deal, Cole Drummonds, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kyle Gabbard, Chancey Gilbert, Kimberly Griffin, Jamison Grace, Charles Hall, Carra Hammond, Hayley Hays, Courtney Henry, McKayla Hensley, Edgardo Jarquin Colmenares, Delaney Keith, Nathan Laderoot, Mary Lupas, John Lupoli, Carrie McClure, Jordan McGillivray, Blakely Moore, Austin Nichols, Sierra Nylund, Miriana Orete, Donald Pair, Carter Potts, Timothy Renfro, Tasha Thurmond, Dylan Vinson, Colin Weller, Mascots: Stephen Pierson and Taylor Hays
– Photo by Sunset Yearbook Staff.

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Governor's aide outlines his plans for state

Attendees voice concern over 'Bathroom Bill'

By Lane Giddings
Reporter

The Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce hosted April Riddle, the senior aide to Governor Pat McCrory, on Thursday, May 19, 2016, to give the Governor an opportunity to share his plans for North Carolina regarding the economy, education, roads, and how the Bathroom Bill will affect North Carolina this tourist season.

Economy

April Riddle, in her discussion of North Carolina's financial state, announced that North Carolina is, "the fastest growing economy in the nation."

She spoke of the Governor's creation of 280,000 jobs in North Carolina. North Carolina

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

About tonight's Town Board agenda

Tonight's Highlands Town Board meeting has a full agenda. As always we will meet at the Conference Center at 7 pm.

The first item on the agenda will be a public hearing for a zoning change to the property next to the Old Helen's Barn. The request is for a new hotel on the site.

A major item will be the presentation of the town budget for FYI 2016/'17. A public hearing for the adoption of the budget will be set for the June board meeting. The proposed budget totals \$14.5 million. That figure includes all operations of town government including the enterprise utility funds.

There will be no ad valorem tax increase in the budget, although there are rate increases in water, sewer and sanitation. Water will go up \$3 per month and sewer and sanitation will be up \$1.50 each. The town has not increased rates on these utilities for several years, yet operating costs have risen. Auditors and regulators require the town to operate these utility



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

services deficit free. Without rate increases these departments fall in the red this coming year.

Also, in water and sewer we are facing major capital expenditures. The new bleach system at the water plant will cost \$580,000, and the new screening system for the sewer plant will be \$135,000. In addition, we will spend this coming year \$102,000 for the design and engineering services for the replacement of the Buck Horn Water tank. The actual construction of the tank is scheduled for the following year and will be around a half million dollars. I know some folks will criticize the increased rates. I believe the town should address these small increases now, rather than delay and face huge increases down the road, like was done several years ago with a 22% electrical rate increase.

Our reserves will remain strong for the coming year with both the general fund reserves and the enterprise reserves at around 30% each. The town has redirected \$320,000 in electric reserve funds to expand Altitude Broadband. We take this utility service to the next level of operation in 2017 by expanding the fiber network. This expenditure is a loan that will be repaid.

The board will also review town park policies that have been in draft form for a number of months. The policies will address banners, signage and the use of Founders Park.

US Cellular will present a final draft of its proposed cell tower contract. The tower is to be located next to the fire station. I have received feedback that some believe the town gave US Cellular special consideration by locating on town property. To set the record straight, US Cellular deployed their engineers around town and decided what was the best location for the tower. They made a proposal to build it next to the fire station. The town would have considered proposals by other cell phone providers. US Cellular made the first and only one. They will be investing over \$200,000 to locate their equipment on the tower that Highlands will own. It is a winning investment for both US Cellular, and Highlands.

See you tonight.

• MILESTONE •

Lewicki graduates from Cal-Arts with MFA in Theater



On Friday, May 13, Megan Lewicki graduated from California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, CA. Started by Walt Disney and now ranked as America's top college for students in the arts by Newsweek/The Daily Beast, CalArts has set the pace for educating professional artists since 1970. It offers rigorous undergraduate and graduate degree programs through six schools—Art, Critical Studies, Dance, Film/Video, Music, and Theater. CalArts has championed creative excellence, critical reflection, and the development of new forms and expressions. Basically if students can think it, the faculty and alumni will help them achieve it.

The graduation took place outside on the lawn of the university where parents and friends enjoyed picnics and live music performed by the students. Each graduate was given nine seconds to cross the stage in costumes and to music of their choosing – Megan chose the opening refrain of Game of Thrones and wore a gown with a crown of flowers in her hair. She was picked up by a management company and is pursuing her acting, writing and producing career.

Actor Don Cheadle, who graduated from CalArts in 1986, was the keynote speaker.

• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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• OBITUARY •

James Ray Wyatt



James Ray Wyatt, 74, of Highlands, NC, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Born in Eddie, KY, he was the son of the late William Henry Wyatt and Goldie Neal Wyatt. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Carol Wyatt; second wife, Glenda Wyatt and ten brothers and sisters. James was a member of Blue Valley Baptist Church in Highlands, NC. He worked at the Buck Creek Recycling Center.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Perkins; ten step-children, Roger Perkins, of Thetford, VT, Gloria Potwin of South Royalton, VT, Beverly Wheeler of Tunbridge, VT, Eddie Perkins of Chelsea, VT, Marcia Rogers of South Royalton, VT, Judy Pederson of Claremont, NH,

Dennis Perkins of Highlands, NC, Angie Manley of Franklin, NC, Timmy Perkins of West Topsham, VT and Christine Perkins of Bayside, NY; two sisters, Jolene Cantrell of Tennessee and Patty Jean Swindle of Ohio; two brothers, Glenn Wyatt and Gary Neal Wyatt both of Florida. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

No Services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Blue Valley Baptist Church, Highlands, NC 28741.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.com

• MILESTONES •

Puchacz earns BA from UNC-Charlotte

Stephanie Denise Puchacz (right) graduated from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte December 2015 with a BA in Communication Studies. She works for United Rentals in Charlotte, NC.



Danielle Puchacz (Stephanie's sister) was named to Newberry College's Dean's List for the Spring semester.

Mullarkey earns Gold Award

Congratulations to Micah Mullarkey (2017, NC-SSM) who attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2016 National Spanish Exam. Mullarkey, formerly a student at Blue Ridge Early College, earned a Premio de Oro (Gold Award, 95th percentile or higher).

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the



Micah Mullarkey

Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 160,000 students participating in 2016."

The National Spanish Examinations exist to recognize student achievement in the study of Spanish and to promote proficiency and stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish.

Micah Mullarkey is originally from the Norton Community and is attending the North Carolina

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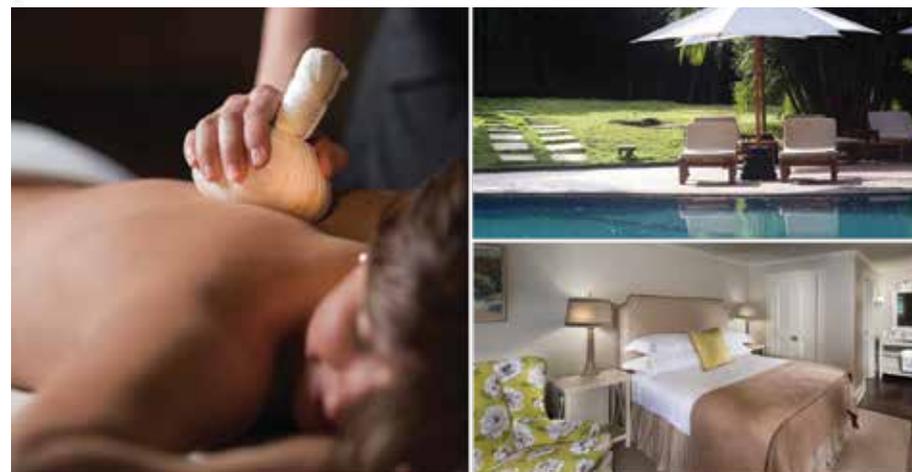
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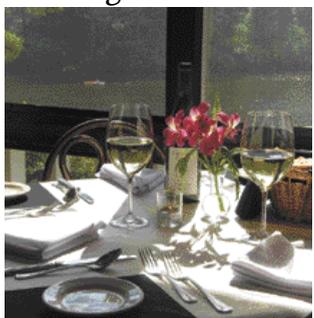


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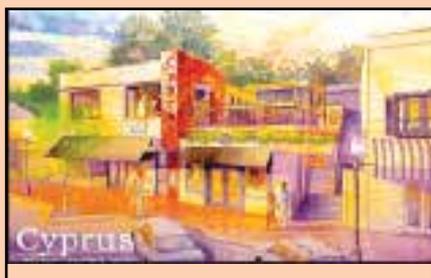


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On May 19th at the Highlands First Presbyterian Church, Highlands School and Rotary Club acknowledged the achievements of Highlands School students at the Academic Reception. The students, 3rd grade through 12th grade, were awarded for achievements such as "A" Honor Roll, "AB" Honor Roll, Beta Club, and Marshals. The Valedictorian, Colin Weller, and Salutatorian, Daniel Cole Drummonds, were also awarded for their academic achievements.

Photo by Lane Giddings

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School of Science and Math in Durham, NC. He completed Spanish I-IV at BREC prior to his acceptance at NC-SSM. Senor Rick Plotts, his language teacher at Blue Ridge, is largely responsible for fostering in Micah a love for the Spanish Language and Latino Culture, as well as his self-study of Greek and Swedish Language.

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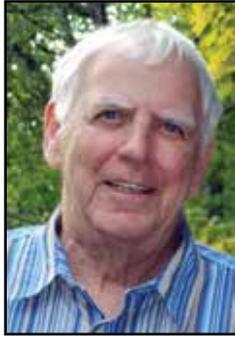
• THE FREDSTER •

I'm baaaacccccckkk!

Dear Fredster:

I am a loyal "Fredster" fan and was wondering if you are going to have a column this season. I would also like your opinion on President Obama's transgender ruling imposed on the United States, particularly North Carolina. Please reply.

Yours truly,
Iva Wantmore



Fred Wooldridge

you're feeling feminine at the time of your need. Does this mean everyone will need a birth certificate on them at all times? How about federal bathroom police? Is that in the mix? If so I want to apply. Fun, fun, fun as I love bathroom humor. Is our president great or what?

Sooooo, as I approached the public restroom on Main Street I looked around for the bathroom police. Not spotting any, I entered the ladies room

and, POW, ran right smack dab into the most gorgeous smoking hot babe. She looked a little like Donald Trump's current wife. We stared at each other for over a minute. Then she said, "I used to be a man but got a sex change. How 'bout you?"

"Nah, not me," I replied, "I was born a guy with over the top testosterone but was feeling girlish when I entered."

"Well, I suggest you get the hell out before I call the bathroom police," she said.

As I dashed for the exit I bumped into another gentleman (I think) who was just walking in. He blurted, "Just in case you're the bathroom police, I was born a girl and can prove it with this birth certificate."

Frustrated with all of this, I decided to return to my old habits and start wearing Depends again.

PS: I made this up.

Dear Iva:

My column will be different this season. Strap yourself in and hang on tight. I'll vary it with the following stuff, remembering that satire is and always has been my main gig. I'm going to throw in some old columns and yes, answer fans' questions from time to time. Police stories will also be in the mix as will political satire. I'm feeling pretty out of control this season and may get fired before the season ends in November. Standby because you're gonna want more, no pun intended!

Believe it or not I was elated when I learned that our beloved Attorney General gave her opinion on North Carolina public restroom laws. I'm certain this will bring out the more feminine side of me. Actually I'm feeling very girlish as I write.

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is also projected to reduce taxes by 4.4 billion dollars. This reduction has moved North Carolina's business tax climate from 44th in the nation to 15th in the nation. North Carolina's income tax is set at 5.499%. This is lower than both Georgia and South Carolina.

McCrory also plans to set up new programs that will allow veterans to be trained for the work force, to decrease the amount of unemployed veterans in North Carolina.

Bathroom Bill

The Question and Comment portion of the event was dominated by concern over the HB2 dubbed "The Bathroom Bill." This bill has created numerous boycotts of North Carolina products and events which has affected the tourist industry in the state.

The audience expressed concerns saying losses are expected to be large during the upcoming tourist season.

Jack Austin, general manager of Old Edwards Hospitality Group, which has made Highlands a wedding destination over the last decade, expressed concern about the potential loss of revenue to the local economy.

"We welcome all weddings, even same sex weddings and with this bill we could easily lose that business which would be a loss to us but would mean a loss of tens of thousands of dollars to the local economy. This isn't just about losing a Bruce Springsteen concert in Greenville, it's about a local merchant or restaurateur losing, too. The economic impact is not good. We don't want to discourage any

kind of wedding."

Austin went on to say that regardless of how individuals might feel, the people who are visiting this part of the state – Highlands and Cashiers -- feel differently.

"They come from big cities, they're a younger clientele, and they've got more progressive attitudes."

HB2 passed within 12 hours of being filed and, was, in Austin's opinion, "not well thought out," he said.

Some members of the audience actually said Governor McCrory ought to repeal the bill and apologize.

Education

While there has been some controversy over Governor McCrory's stance on education, Riddle discussed what the Governor hopes to improve – for one, McCrory plans to raise the average teacher salary to \$55,000.

Linda Quick, board member of Summit Charter School, immediately disputed this statement declaring that as a result of the small budget granted by the state, the school is forced "to go back to the community and raise the money so that we can keep the Governor's promise," she said.

While Riddle had no response to this concern, she did announce that there has been a 50% increase in charter school enrollment — likely due to the huge increase in charter and private school vouchers.

Riddle then discussed how North Carolina's education is improving. The Fourth Grade reading scores are increasing, which the Governor feels is helping contribute to the increase in graduation rate, which is now at 85%.

According to Riddle, the Governor has also invested 980 million dollars in the advancement of North Carolina's university system. There will also be an opening of a new branch of Western North Carolina University's School of Science and Math in

the old Broughton Hospital building in order to make the campus more available to students who live in remote areas.

Roads

Regarding roads in the state, Riddle

• See GOVERNOR page 27



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Correction

Travis LeDoyt, "The Best Young Elvis," will be at the Performing Art Center JUNE 17 & 18 NOT July 17 & 18 For more information call PAC at 828-526-9047.

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On June 10th we will be hiking to Whiterock along one of the most beautiful sections of the Bartram Trail, one packed with stunning wildflowers, endless vistas, and a fascinating geologic history. This hike will also be from 10am-2pm and \$15 for members, \$35 for non-members.

Right now we are enjoying the cool, but (mostly) sunny weather of spring, but towards the end of June, temperatures begin to rise, especially when you travel further down the plateau. Want the perfect way to stay cool and learn more about the history of the Cherokee and the Bartram trail? Float down the Little Tennessee river with your friends from the Highlands Biological Station on June 17th from 10am-2pm. Kayaks and canoes will be available, along with instruction from an experienced guide. This foray will cost \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

These trips are all hands-on, interactive experiences that are best enjoyed with close-toed shoes and clothes that are okay to get dirty. Please be sure to bring a bag lunch and water. For more information, visit www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/.

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.

Daily

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

Mondays

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

- High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Cer-

tified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:25 p.m.

Mon. & Wed.

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

Mon. & Thurs.

- The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch a a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more information, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

- Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

First Tuesdays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

- OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Tuesday and Thursdays

- Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5.

- Pickle ball is played from 11:30a to 1p in the gym at the Rec Park.

Wednesdays

- 499ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 8:45 a.m. Be seated by 8:30.

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

1st Wednesdays

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

3rd Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

- 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 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 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 MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tastings from 1-3 p.m.

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

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

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

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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.

Sat., May 28

• "Run for the Park 5K begins at 9 a.m. Walkers welcome! Call Skip Taylor at 526-4280, or email stmas4280@gmail.com.

• Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale at the ballfield 9a to noon.

• At the Historical Society Village an Open House. Well Strung will be playing bluegrass music from 10 to 2 pm and light refreshments will be served. HHS is located on Highway 64 just before the Rec Park entrance

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile hike, elevation change 600 ft, to Park Creek – Park Ridge, along the Nantahala River. Azaleas may be blooming. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 9 a.m., drive 35 miles round trip. Call leader Mary Stone, 369-7352, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no dogs please.

Sun., May 29

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

Tues., May 31

• Village Nature Lecture Series. Dig deeper and learn more about our natural and cultural heritage at these free family friendly programs, at The Village Green Commons in Cashiers. Programs begin at 5:30 PM, rain or shine. No reservations required. Masters of the Sky- Meet the Raptors and Discover What Makes Them Unique with Michael Skinner.

Thurs., June 2

• Rotary Bingo supporting the Free Dental Clinic at the Community Building at 6:30 p.m.

Fri., June 3

• **Friday Foray with the Highlands Biological Station.** Venture off the beaten path for a few hours and explore the biological diversity of the Highlands Plateau with the Highlands Biological Foundation. On Friday, June 3rd, we will be heading out with fern expert Tom Goforth to learn more about the wide diversity of fern species native to Highlands, from identification to habitat requirements to the basics of propagation. Ferns and friends will be from 10am to 2pm and cost \$15 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, visit www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/.

Sat., June 4

• On National Trail Day, the Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation change 1100 ft., on the Appalachian Trail from Deep Gap to Raven Rock Overlook for beautiful view of Shooting Creek. Meet at Westgate

Plaza in Franklin at 8:30 am, drive 40 miles round trip. Call leaders Bill and Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no dogs.

• At 7:30 p.m., Smokey Mountain Performing Arts Center in Franklin, storyteller Patti McClure is once again putting together a fantastic variety show to support local missions. A host of talented entertainers are scheduled to participate including Blue Ridge, Susan Pons, Scotty and Nikki Corbin, Grady, Mark and Ren Corbin, David Beam, Brandon Scruggs, Ed Hill, Jay Baird and Limited Distance, Teddy Burnett, Shawn Burrows, H2O Cloggers, Mountain Voices, Arphea Brimmer, Ilana Lubitsch and David Moffitt, and Rhonda and Luke Bateman. Entertainment Tonight, as always, will be a spectacular show you don't want to miss!

Sun., June 5

• At the Episcopal Church, "Inquirers Class." Adults 9-10 a.m. and youth following the 10:30 a.m. service.

• At Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, inaugural event, Sundays at Sotheby's, from 1- 4 p.m. The Director of Ceramics, Frank Vickery, and the Ceramic Artist in Residence 2015-2017, Samantha Oliver, from The Bascom will share their talent, inspiration and their works. The first Sunday of each month, we will feature various artists at Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, 114 N 4th Street.

Mon., June 6

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library in Cashiers, NC at 6 p.m. After the presentation a raffle will be held

Thurs.-Sun., June 9-12

• At K-H Founders Park, Highlands Motors Festival.

Fri., June 10

• SOAR Charity Pasta Dinner at the Highlands Civic Center from 5-7 p.m. \$10 per person.

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Sat., June 11

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 8.5 mile hike, elevation change 800 ft., to Noland Creek in Smoky Mtn. Nat'l. Park. Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9:00 am, car-pooling to Bryson City, then on Lakeview Rd., "road-to-nowhere" where trail begins at the Bridge. Meet at Bi – Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9:00 am. Call leaders Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no

dogs.

Sun., June 12

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike to Cliffside Lake Park, climbing 400 ft. to gazebo on Clifftop Vista, then descending to walk around the lake. Meet at Bi – Lo parking lot in Franklin at 2:00 pm, drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Jean Hunnicutt, 524-5234, for reservations. Visitors welcome, no dogs.

Fri., June 17

• Friday Foray with the Highlands Biological Station. Float down the Little Ten-

nessee river from 10am-2pm. Kayaks and canoes will be available, along with instruction from an experienced guide. This foray will cost \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, visit www.highlandsbiological.org/forays/.

Fri. & Sat., June 17-18

• At PAC, Retro Rock: Travis LeDoyt. The best young Elvis. Call 828-526-9047 for tickets.

Sat. & Sun., June 18 & 19:

• Highlands Village Square Art & Craft

• See EVENTS page 12

2nd weekend for HCP's comedy/mystery 'The Game's Afoot'



Guests at William Gillette's mansion in HCP's production of *The Game's Afoot*, now in second week of performance at Highlands Performing Arts Center. Standing L-R: Stuart Armor, David Spivey, Lance Trudel, Raina Trent. Seated: Virginia Talbot with dog Portia and Lauretta Payne

Sherlock Holmes has fascinated mystery lovers ever since Sir Arthur Conan Doyle came up with the character in the late 1900s. And now in the 21st century Sherlock is still around and in the Highlands Cashiers Players' (HCP) production of *The Game's Afoot*, now in its second week at Highlands Performing Arts Center. This comedy mystery, written by master playwright Ken Ludwig, won the Edgar Award for Best Mystery Play in 2012

An actual person is featured in the play, William Gillette, famous actor of yesteryear, who created the stage persona of Sherlock Holmes with deer stalker cap and curved pipe and played the role for 30 years! Set in 1936, the action begins when Gillette's actor friends arrive at his mansion to celebrate Christmas Eve, but the festivities come to a halt when one of the guests is murdered. Like his stage character Sherlock Holmes, Gillette attempts to solve the crime with many hilarious situations and laughs for the audience along the way.

The Game's Afoot, directed by Michael Lanzilotta with a cast of accomplished actors, is on stage at Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Thursday, May 26, through Sunday, May 29, evenings at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2:30. Tickets are (\$23.50). Call 526-8084 and leave a message for a call-back if operator is not able to answer right away. Tickets are also available on line, highlandscashiersplayers.org.

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Show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. New location at Highlands (Bryson's) Plaza on Hwy. 106. Regional art & crafts, live music. Sponsored by Macon County Art Assn. FREE! For info call (828) 787-2021.

Sat., June 18

• At HUMC, tea and crumpets with Mary Kay Andrews, shares the story from her latest book, "The Weekenders." She is known for her mysteries, as well as her

novels. This fun-filled afternoon is a fundraiser for the Highlands United Methodist Church's new Faith & Fellowship Center. Tickets are \$20. Call 828-526-3376 or 828-526-2746.

• At CLE, POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GLOBAL MARKETS 10a to noon.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a very strenuous 9-mile hike, elevation change 3800 ft., to Gregory Bald from

Sam's Gap in Smoky Mtn. Park, through Cades Cove, one of the most natural garden spots in the Park. Meet at Dillsboro Huddle House at 8:00 am, drive 130 miles round trip. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations. Able visitors welcome, no dogs.

• Shrimp Boil fundraiser to benefit Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on the plaza in the park at 6 p.m. Proceeds will help complete the Monument Garden, the Sitting Fountain

and the Historic Fireplace. \$50 ticket includes the Low Country Boil Dinner and 3 drinks including wine and beer. \$5 wine and beer tickets available at the plaza. Live music by Goldie & The Screammers.

Sun., June 19

• At PAC, WCU presents Shakespear at 5 p.m. Performance is \$20 Fish n Chips dinner is \$50. For tickets call 526-9060.

Tues., June 21

• 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. Balsam Mountain Preserve Expedition- Our visit will include a hike through the renowned landscape that some call a living laboratory for scientific research and exploration as well as a visit to their on-site nature center to meet the wildlife that reside there.

Wed., June 22

• At CLE, BEES, PLEASE: Native Bee Diversity in Your Garden and Beyond, 2-4 p.m.

Thurs., June 23

• At CLE, HIGHLIGHTS OF NC MUSEUM OF ART. 10a to noon.

Sun., June 25

• The LIFE-Saving ministry is having its 4th Annual Bloemsma Barn Event. Mountain Faith Band from Sylva will be performing in Franklin's 1st ever Amphitheater Style Concert. They were Semifinalists on America's Got Talent this past season. Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center has two free medical clinics serving WNC and upper NE GA.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will hold a Hike Leader Workshop for those interested in leading hikes. Lunch will be provided after the workshop and then a hike. Meet at the NHC Club House on Carl Sla-

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2015 Concert Season

Retro Rock: Travis LeDoyt

Friday, June 17 & Saturday, June 18

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Broadway: The Phat (Phantom) Pack GALA

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Guy Bavli: Master of the Mind

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Bluegrass: Balsam Range

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Bluegrass: Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper

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Retro Rock: The Drifters

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gle Rd. at 10:00 am. Contact Mary Stone, 369-7352, or mary23stone@yahoo.com, for reservations or information.

- At PAC, Guy Bavli, Master of the Mind at 8 p.m. Call 828-526-9047 for tickets.

Tues., June 28

- Village Nature Series. Dig deeper and learn more about our natural and cultural heritage at these free family friendly programs, the final Tuesday of the month from May through September at The Village Green Commons in Cashiers. Programs begin at 5:30 PM, rain or shine. No reservations required, everyone welcome. If Fossils Could Talk- Discover the History of the Earth Through Fossils and Local Geology with Dr. Frank Forcino.

Sun., July 3

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

Tues., July 5

- Guided adventures led by experts in their field. Reservations required. \$35 do-

nation 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.

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 Kelsey Hutchinson - Founders Park. Your leader will be Sallie Taylor of the Bascom. To sign up please call Hillrie Quin at 828 526-2385 or email hillriemquin@gmail.com. Sign up early. \$25 and will include the hikes, lunch and a year's membership in the Highlands Plateau Greenway

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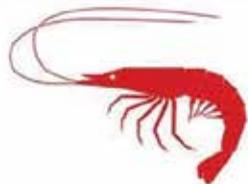
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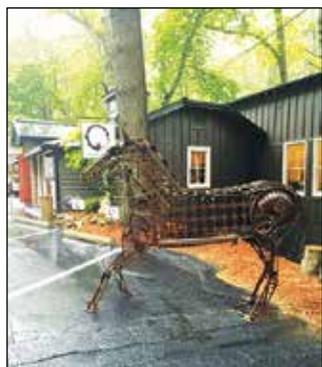
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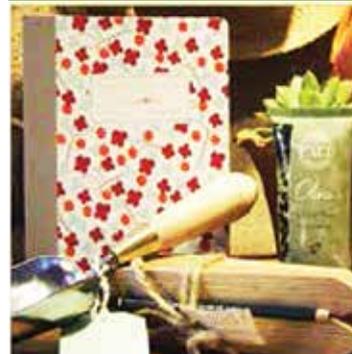
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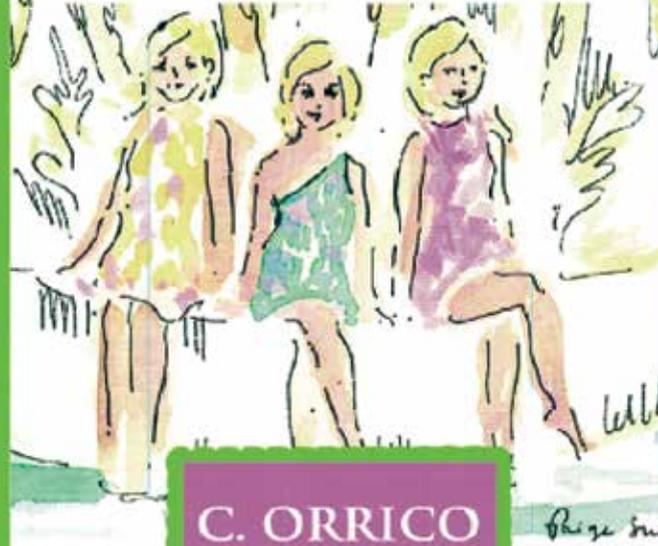
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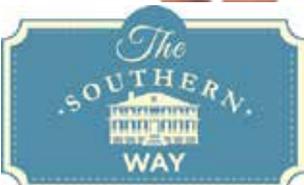


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Wildwood Forest home with beautiful mature landscaping. Open deck and covered porch. Features 2 master suites. Home is fully furnished, well maintained and would be a great investment opportunity. MLS #81577 \$400,000



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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The perfect walk to town cottage, minutes from Main Street and Harris Lake. Totally updated with two living areas in this open floor plan. Upscale kitchen, two bedrooms, three baths. \$549,000 MLS #81068



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



Cullasaja Club On the 6th fairway of with mtn and lake views. 5br/4ba + 2 1/2 baths, sunroom, home office, upper level loft with 2nd office/hobby and kid's room. Lower level family room with wine room & climatized cellar, 3 ensuites & billards room. \$1,390,000. MLS #83731



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

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Jody Lovell is allowing me to hijack her article this week so I can tell you that, as president of the Highlands-Cashiers Board of REALTORS®, I was privileged to attend the National Association of REALTORS® Mid-Year Legislative Meetings in Washington, DC earlier this month to represent the Highlands-Cashiers area.



Deborah Mackie
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The most amazing thing I discovered is that REALTORS®, no matter where they are from, are more alike than different. We face the same challenges; enjoy the same victories when we find just the right property for our clients and work hard each and every day to ensure our clients understand the CURRENT real estate market in their area. REALTORS® are the Voice of Real Estate.

You may be hearing that there is an inventory shortage if you are listening to the news. That is not the case in the

Highlands-Cashiers area. It is still very much a Buyers' Market here. In fact, we really have too much inventory. We would like to offer some advice to our sellers in preparation for the coming season to help them get ready to SELL.

It all comes down to three things: price, location and condition. It is critical to price your home based on current sales information. It doesn't matter how much you paid for it. It doesn't matter how much you have put into it, how much you neighbor

get out of it or how much your neighbor thinks it should sell for!

Be sure your REALTOR® gives you at least three solid comparable properties from the past 6-12 months as close to yours as possible. It isn't always easy to do this, but I can't stress enough how important it is to be IN or even ahead of the

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Pavlovsk Palace - Thursday, June 2, 10 am - 12 noon
Movie: Like Water for Chocolate - Monday, June 6, 2-4 pm
Rise of Latin American Cinema - Tuesday, June 7, 10 am-12 noon
Highlights of NC Museum of Art - Wednesday, June 15, 10 am-12 noon
Great American Photographic Road Trip - Thursday, June 16, 10 am - 12 noon
Pioneer Potter, Walter B. Stephen (Bascom Exhibition/Lecture) - Thursday, June 30, 4-5 pm

BRIDGE

Thinking Bridge I [Series] - Monday, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 9:30-11:30 am

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY:

Advanced Photo editing for iPad - Tuesday, June 14 - 10:30 am -3:30 pm
iPad PRO, Friday, June 17 - 10:30 am -3:30 pm
SIRI: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know - Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

CULINARY:

Cooking Demo and Lunch at Lakeside - Monday, June 13, 11:30 am - 2 pm

CURRENT AFFAIRS:

Cold War to Global Disorder - Wednesday, June 8, 10 am - 12 noon
Syria - Friday, June 10, 2-4 pm
Political Economy of Global Markets - Saturday, June 18, 10 am - 12 noon
Unending Conflict on Korean Peninsula - Wednesday, June 22, 10 am - 12 noon
FBI Post 9111 - Thursday, June 23, 2-4 pm
Legal Eagles or Donkeys and Elephants - Monday, June 27, 2-4 pm

HISTORY:

The Creation of Lexus - Thursday, June 16, 2-4 pm
Frederick Law Olmsted and the South - Monday, June 20, 2-4 pm
Japan and the US in the Cold War, Tuesday, June 21, 10 am - 12 noon
League of Nations - Friday, June 24, 2-4 pm
James and Dolley Madison, Washington and Montpelier - Saturday, June 25, 10 am - 12 noon
Building a Sacred Landscape - Wednesday, June 29, 10 am - 12 noon
Mummies and Mysteries of the Peruvian Desert - Thursday, June 30, 2-4 pm

HOME, GARDEN AND NATURE:

How to Plan A Garden (includes tour) - Thursday, June 9, 9:30 am - 12 noon
Garden Study Field Trip with Mary Palmer Dargan - Thursday, June 14, 9:30 am - 1 pm
Simply Succulent Gardening - Tuesday, June 28, 10 am - 12 noon
Past Perfect: Living with Heirlooms and Antiques - Thursday, June 30, 10 am - 12 noon

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE

The Amazing Life and Work of Peter Matthiessen - Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 (4 sessions), 3-5 pm

MUSIC:

Carnival in the Americas: Trinidad, Brazil & New Orleans - Friday, June 17, 10 am - 12 noon

SCIENCE:

Southern Appalachian Mountains: Salamander Capital - Thursday, June 2, 10 am - 12 noon
Earth's Ever-Changing Climate - Friday, June 3, 10 am - 12 noon
A Biomimicry Primer: How Nature Inspires Science - Friday, June 10, 10 am - 12 noon
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**THE CURIOUS MIND
KNOWS NO BOUNDS**

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CURRENT market. It doesn't matter what it might have sold for a few years ago.

Second, location; if you have a home on the plateau, you have it covered!

The third factor is condition. If you want top dollar, your home MUST be in top condition. Does it need to be painted? Are there any repairs to be made? How does the yard look? Does it need landscaping? Does your home need to be staged? Do we need to tuck away all those fam-

ily photos so that the buyer can see themselves as the owner?

Consult your REALTOR® to find out what he or she thinks is the best approach to get your home in top condition for selling. They do know what's best and what will work, so you are ready to accept that offer without having to do these things after you get it and can sell quickly.

If you are selling this season, I hope you will find these tips helpful. Happy Selling!! Don't forget to use a REALTOR®!

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In the Heart of Highlands Country Club



This charming and well-maintained 4 bedroom home has a spacious master on the main, gleaming hardwood floors and fireplace. A wonderful sun room across the back overlooks the lovely grounds complete with sitting areas. This is a perfect home for entertaining. Add a double garage, workshop and lots of storage and there is nothing lacking. The best price in Highlands Country Club.

Offered for \$850,000. MLS 83938.

Sweet Dreams are Made of This



This +/- 73 acre parcel in Highlands features a stone bridge and gated entry, sprawling meadows with mountains that surround in every direction, and a pond. An updated log cabin, barn, and pristine horse stable offer endless possibilities. Perfect for a family compound, equestrian center, subdivision or a grand and private estate. Call for a private viewing.

Offered for \$5,000,000.

Fantastic Joe Webb, Lovingly Restored



This pristine Joe Webb log cabin has been renovated from top to bottom! New luxurious baths, designer kitchen with new upgraded appliances, custom cabinets, gorgeous granite, gleaming hardwood floors, beautiful screened porch, courtyard dining area with fireplace...everything has been done for you. The home is nicely sited on a level, low maintenance lot located just 5 minutes to town.

Offered for \$925,000. MLS 83891.

Majestic Beauty in Ravenel



This stately home features soaring ceilings, FOUR FIREPLACES, an open floor plan and many windows for fantastic views of Whiteside Mountain! A large master suite is on the main level and has a fireplace and exceptional views. An office, bonus room and additional bedrooms upstairs can sleep many!

Offered for \$2,600,000. MLS 82617.



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Spacious home on 1.16 acre. Large kitchen, separate dining room, LR with rock fireplace, master suite on main. Two guest suites and loft area on UL. LL den/family room with rock fireplace and two additional rooms. Covered decks on each level. Furnishings available. Offered at \$625,000. MLS #83512



This home is on almost 3 acres. This 4 BR 4.5 bath home, has 2 bonus rooms. Beautiful hardwood, real marble and granite. Offered at \$1,485,000. mls #83724



Great room has cathedral ceiling with fireplace. Master suite has ensuite bath. Stainless kitchen has granite counter tops and is near screened dining porch with mountain view. Room above garage with bath and wet bar. Offered at \$569,000. mls #83804



One-level 4BR/3BA home. Vaulted living room with wood burning fireplace, separate dining room, large eat-in kitchen. Covered front porch, wood and tile flooring. Also updated 2BR/1BA guest cottage with fireplace. Two barns over 110 years old and other out buildings. All on 2.58 acres with creeks and a level playing yard. Offered at \$495,000. mls #83714



Great log cabin with rock fireplace. Open great room, dining room, kitchen, hardwood floors and split floor plan. Large open back deck with winter view of Rabun Bald Mountain and front covered. One-car garage, wheel chair accessibility, all on one level. 17-acre community Lake Osage. Offered at \$299,000. mls #83801



Stunning waterfall and fully renovated 4 bedroom 3 bath that sits on 1.75 acres and abuts USFS lands. New kitchen with ea- in breakfast room, formal dining room or den, large open living room with cathedral ceilings. 3 fireplaces, new deck. Offered at \$649,500. mls #83894



On the Atlanta side of Highlands. Master and guest bedrooms on main, living room, kitchen, and dining in greatroom design. Lower level has recreation room, laundry and guestroom/storage. Large deck overlooks mountain vista. Offered at \$165,000. mls #83759



This charming cottage is on .60+/- acre with spring water and large shade trees. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, additional workshop and storage or studio. Good condition and ready for a new owner. Offered at \$199,900. mls #83676



Spectacular views. Great room with massive stone fireplace, screened porch, custom kitchen, main level master with ensuite bath, split plan with den-office/ bedroom, Upper level guest suite. Lower level living. Two-car carport. Water feature with garden area. Offered at \$1,495,000 mls #83691



In Highlands CC on 2.4 acres this 3 bedroom 3 1/2 has a library office and room above the 2-car garage. Custom kitchen with stainless and granite. Living and dining with Carolina room and mountain view. Master on main with custom bath, 2 bedrooms up with baths and great storage. Offered at \$1,850,000. mls #83898



This 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath has mountain view of Whiteside, Bearpen and more. Main level has custom kitchen and wood floors with vaulted ceilings. Large covered porch, screened porch and patio, too. Terrace level has a guest suite with additional living room. 2-car garage. Offered at \$945,000. mls #83356



Move in condition with this post and beam home. 3 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths plus an art studio and family room. The greatroom opens to a huge screened porch with a private setting, off Garnet Rock Trail and convenient to all HFCC the amenities. Offered at \$565,000. mls #83704



One of the highest points at Highlands Country Club, spacious open plan. Private porches off bedrooms, huge living porch with grill and views of Whiteside, Shortoff, Cowee, and the vistas beyond. 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Pyramid ceiling in the Great room, bar, sunroom and office. Offered at \$1,850,000. mls #83447



On Lake Sequoyah this home has 3 bedrooms and 3 baths with an additional room for guests. Very open plan floods the greatroom with light. Master on main with 2-car garage, lower level with family and guest rooms. Great low maintenance yard. Offered at \$699,000. mls #83932



3 bedroom, 2 bath close-to-town charmer. Open floor plan and remodeled kitchen with stainless appliances. The living area with fireplace. Screened porch with hot tub and deck with an outdoor fireplace. Offered at \$239,000. mls #83686

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and the group shared the same sentiment – that it's hard to teach students the procedures and roles of government when the Senators are currently ignoring their responsibilities.

DeVile and the other educators attended a mock hearing held by Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee to demonstrate the importance of having the full complement of nine justices on the Supreme Court.

"Most striking to me was the testimony of Judge Timothy Lewis. He made a point of informing the committee that even though he had had strong disagreements with Judge, and now Justice Samuel Alito, that he, Lewis, had testified on his behalf during his confirmation hearings because he deserved to be confirmed because (a) that was President Bush's choice and (b) he was eminently qualified," said deVile.

The educators also met with President Obama's senior adviser Valerie Jarrett at the White House.

"It's not only about Judge Garland," Jarrett said. "It's about the future of our country and making sure our students have a system they can trust and even-

tually lead. Your coming here, speaking out and being engaged gives your students a role model to whom they can aspire. That's important at a time when so many people have become disillusioned with our government."

Jarrett asked the group for specific examples of ways the situation with Judge Garland has impacted what they have taught in the classroom.

DeVile said that just last Monday he taught a lesson on the issue and asked his students to develop pros and cons for both having the hearings and delaying the hearings. He said in the three classes he taught the lesson, all students developed both advantages and disadvantages to delaying the hearings but overall, the students agreed that politics should be kept out of the decision and the hearings should be held for Judge Garland.

Jarrett encouraged the group of educators to use the current situation with the U.S. Supreme Court appointments as a teachable moment for students and said to use it as a way to encourage them to get involved in the process.

Deeded Lake Access



A gorgeous blend of a mountain Arts & Crafts style (with a touch of airy contemporary + eclectic) makes this well-designed, 3BD/2.5BA home the perfect choice for your getaway or year 'round living. Features include an open floor plan; tons of natural light; soaring stone fireplace with gas logs; expansive wrap-around decking; and full basement with garage. Situated across from the serene, private, community lake on two beautifully-wooded lots.

Offered at \$335,000. MLS #83834.
Contact Susie deVile (828) 371-2079.
Light and Bright Cedar Log Cabin



Cedar log cabin close in to Main Street. Light and bright, with vaulted ceilings and open floor plan. Fireplace in the living room, oak flooring throughout, with pine ceilings and painted pine and log walls. Lots of outdoor living space on the open decking, covered porch and screened gazebo. Paved access and serene, man-made water feature with three cascades of falls. One bedroom/one bath suite over the garage. Being sold completely furnished.

Offered furnished at \$365,000. MLS #83701.
Contact Susie deVile (828) 371-2079.

Pond and Pastoral Views



Close to town in the highly desirable Webbsmont neighborhood, this neat-as-a-pin 4BR/2.5BA home is a perfect sanctuary. Pastoral, mountain and pond views and spacious decking. Gorgeous, stone fireplace in the living room, with lots of windows. Open and spacious floor plan. Enjoy morning coffee or evening wine on the dock. Workshop (insulated with electricity) could be converted to a writer's or artist's studio!

Offered at \$360,000. MLS #83812.
Contact Susie deVile (828) 371-2079.

Completely Renovated Rarity, In Town



A rarity now in the market, this stunning 5BR/5.5BA home situated near Lake Sequoyah boasts an expansive, gourmet kitchen; hickory flooring; two wood-burning fireplaces; and a sumptuous master suite with gorgeous, spa-like bathroom. Upstairs, there are two lovely guest bedrooms and baths, as well as a comfortable, well-lit living area. Downstairs features a clever and fun bunk room, a separate bedroom, two additional baths, a kitchenette, a wine room, and more!

Offered w/new furnishings and art \$1,175,000.
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Just 5 minutes from Downtown Highlands. 3br/2ba with private setting, lots of glass to bring the outdoors in, additional lot included. \$299,000. MLS# 82336



Only 6 minutes to downtown Highlands with 3br/2ba & 2-car garage. Immaculate, updated kitchen, wood floors in main living area, private back deck and side patio. MLS #83770. \$295,000



Highlands Falls Country Club 2br/2ba condo (only 7 steps) in with sweeping views of the 13th Fairway. Vaulted ceiling in main living area with stone fireplace, spacious kitchen with breakfast nook, sun-room and deck. \$229,000. MLS #83675



Sequoyah Point Way. Homesite on Lake Sequoyah with exceptional views of the lake, privacy, city water and sewer. Great reduced price! \$347,000. MLS# 77522



3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home in Highlands Falls Country Club Community. Raised ceilings in the upstairs living areas, a 3 car garage plus golf cart storage and the possibility of a great golf course view make this a fantastic opportunity. A wonderful wrap-around glassed/screened covered porch is perfect for entertaining. \$777,000. MLS #81880



Highlands Mountain Club with great mountain view. Spacious 3br/2ba, two bath spacious condo. Enjoy the pool, tennis, and clubhouse. It comes furnished, with dishes and linens, so just move in. \$249,000. MLS #82270



Family friendly home on 13.8 acres with great mountain view. 3 br/2 ba with a creek and three springs on the property. Will consider owner financing. MLS #74052. \$339,000



Wonderful home in prestigious Wildcat Cliffs CC. Just a two minute golf cart ride to the clubhouse. Fantastic views from the back porch of Whiteside Mountain and Cullasaja Club golf course. MLS#82872 \$375,000



Highlands Falls condo with 3br/3ba and great golf course view, sunroom, stone fireplace, vaulted ceiling. Just reduced to an amazing \$295,000! MLS# 73808



Walk to town. Impeccable, updated condition with 2 br/3ba and extra sleeping quarters. Wrap-around porch, screened porch with fireplace. MLS # 83227. \$545,000



On the Cullasaja River with 4.61 acre family compound or investor acreage just 3 minutes to downtown Highlands with 2 br/ 2 ba home. Foreclosed property at incredible price. MLS #83615. \$597,000.



In last week's issue we said this shot by Elizabeth Hess was taken at HFCC. It was taken at hole 8 on the Highlands Country Club course where Hess was playing golf with her mother-in-law Barbara Gares. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

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the decorations and lighting.”

Commissioner John Dotson contested the allocation saying “We could buy one for \$5,000 every year.”

He pointed out that there were lots of trees at Christmas tree farms that are too big to sell which the owners would probably like to get rid of.

“I know they are waiting for the White House to call but that’s just not going to happen,” he said.

But a live tree has long been in the plans for K-H Founders Park and Commissioner Brian Stiehler said though he agreed allocating \$20,000 for a tree was a lot of money, he would like a live tree.

He said a live tree would mean a 90-inch root ball and he was sure that he could find one here in Highlands, one a property owner might like to get rid of, especially if his or her name was associated with the tree in the park.

Mayor Pat Taylor reminded the board that erecting a cut tree each year would mean constructing a concrete pad and involve guy wires – probably not the look or feel the Founders Park Coalition was thinking of when it planned a Christmas tree for the park.

For budgeting purpose the \$50,000 was left in the Rec Park budget for 2016-17 but it could change.

Dumpsters

For a few years now, the town has allocated \$30,000 a year to replace old, rusted and weak dumpsters with bear proof dumpsters and bear proof lids.

The trouble is they don’t always keep bears out. Why? Because of people said Mayor Taylor.

“We are getting a lot of complaints about garbage in the streets so maybe we need to consider a punitive approach,” he said.

According to Town Manager Frye, the problem is the dumpsters aren’t being secured properly. “They’re not being used correctly,” he said. “By not doing anything about it we are rewarding inappropriate behavior. We can put bear proof lids on every dumpster in town, but if they aren’t being used properly then they won’t work.”

Nothing monetarily was decided upon concerning dumpsters and their use, but the issue isn’t dead.

Utility Increases

Commissioners also discussed the increase in the minimum charge for water, sewer and garbage pickup.

All three are enterprise funds, which means they are supposed to be self-sustaining with all expenses paid for with each respective fund. That hasn’t been the case – capital expenses have been typically paid

out of the General Fund Balance or the Electric Fund Balance.

The minimum monthly charge for water will go up \$3 from \$32 a month to \$35; sewer will go up \$1.50 from \$32 to \$33.50; and garbage pick-up will go up \$1.50 from \$18.50 to \$20 per month. This will put the funds, which are currently in the red in the black, but just barely.

Commissioner Amy Patterson wondered if the increase was enough given that the funds are supposed to be self-sustainable and oil, fuel and tipping prices at the dump are likely to increase at some point.

“Instead of dribble drabs each year, should we consider more? We’ll be ahead for now, but for how long – the departments are supposed to pay for themselves,” she said.

But Commissioner Dotson said he preferred assessing financial needs in the enterprise departments each year. “This shows taxpayers we are reassessing each year and not just taking the money,” he said.

Balancing the Budget

Budget expenditures for 2016-17 are more than revenues even though scores of items didn’t make the final budget. Expenditures are estimated to be \$14,520,640 and to-

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thirty-fourth Mountain Garden Club

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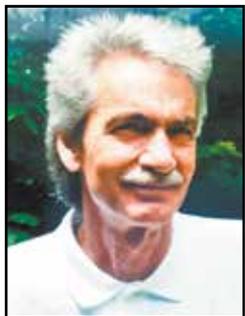
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I am writing this article from scratch. I don't have an outline. I don't know exactly where I'm going. I'm not sure where I will wind up. I haven't thought it through...but the above phrase somewhat haunts me. It bothers me. Ironically however, and nonetheless, I resonate with it. It connects. I think I understand it. I think I identify. Don't you? Haven't you been there? A stormy, troubled heart? And yet to whom do you go?

Of course, the right answer is "the Christian." But, oh how often we Christians are loathe to listen! Have you ever thought about it? That is, one of the reasons we love the Lord Jesus is because He listens. Furthermore, He listens honestly. It's not enough to speak honestly. One must learn to hear honestly. And honestly, not every Christian has it all together. Not every Christian lives in victory. Not every Christian knows the Bible. And much of the time they would like to tell that to other Christians in hopes of gaining insight and help. It's even possible that sometimes a storm-tossed Christian may find a better hearing from someone in a bar than from someone in a church. Long time "Churchers" tend to respond with "come up to where I am" rather than getting down to where others are. Life is not tidy for some Christians. All the ends are not neatly tucked in. Their lives are one of storms and trouble.

How then do they receive a chance to be heard?

1) By those people who read the Bible. There we find murderers, adulterers, persecutors...and more all being sought and used by God. The Bible is in color...not black and white!

2) By those who are honest with themselves. Even spirit filled Christians struggle. Ignoring the struggle doesn't eliminate it. Jesus helps those who are honest. I don't know how He can help those who aren't. 3) By those who ask the Father to give them a heart like His. That will do it. I promise. Jesus sees all and is surprised by none. His heart is tender and great. He will always listen. He always keeps the big picture in mind. He always remembers our frame that we are like dust. He always treats us with grace. That's the ideal!

Every church I know of has people with stormy, troubled hearts. You can help calm the waters. Slow down. Listen between the lines. Be a healer. Be available to Jesus. Through you He will always listen.

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from May 10. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public offenses have been used.

May 10

• At 9:30 a.m., officers received a report of a breaking and entering with larceny from a storage unit on Brooks Road where tools valued at more than \$1200 were taken.

May 12

• At 5:05 p.m., a shoplifting incident was reported at Highlands Pharmacy where 30 loperamide hydrochloride tablets were taken.

May 13

• At 11:10 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Holt Knob Road.

May 14

• At 10 a.m., \$200 was taken from a wallet belonging to someone at OEL.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue

Dept. log from May 6

May 19

• At 1:02 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

May 20

• At 8:45 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD.

• At 6:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a possible structure fire on N. 4th St.

May 21

• At 1:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

• At 8:41 p.m., the dept. was called to investigate the smell of leaking gas at a residence on N. 4th St.

• At 10:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Birchwood Drive.

May 23

• At 1:52 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Church Street.

• At 8:45 p.m., the dept. was first-

responders to a residence on N. 4th St.

May 24

• At 8:36 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west and later stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• A little after midnight, the dept.

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tal revenues are expected to be \$13,387,536 which leaves a deficit of \$1,113,104.

Since by law the budget has to balance, \$37,980 will be allocated from the General Fund Balance which leaves it with \$2 million and \$200,000 will be allocated from the Water Fund. In addition, \$875,124 will come from the Electric Fund. That will leave the Electrical Reserve Fund with \$2.2 million.

Despite the subtraction of funds, the town's Fund Balance is at a healthy 30%.

After its presentation tonight, a public hearing will be set for the June 18 Town Board meeting prior to adoption. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

– Kim Lewicki

stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

• At 10:47 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Center Drive.



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Methamphetamine trafficker sentenced to 12.5 years in prison

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Joel Elias Gonzalez, 53, formerly of Franklin, N.C. was sentenced yesterday to 151 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for trafficking large quantities of crystal methamphetamine, announced Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Gonzalez pleaded guilty in February 2016 to one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

U.S. Attorney Rose is joined in making today's announcement by Daniel R. Salter, Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which oversees the Charlotte District Office; C.J. Hyman, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Charlotte Field Division; Sheriff Robert L. Holland of the Macon County Sheriff's Office; and Sheriff Chip Hall of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

According to filed court documents and statements made in court, from in or

about June of 2015, Gonzalez was responsible for trafficking large amounts of crystal methamphetamine (crystal meth) in the Franklin, N.C. area and the Rabun County, Georgia area. Court records indicate that Gonzalez purchased the crystal meth from a source of supply in and around Atlanta, Georgia. According to court records, Gonzalez was responsible for trafficking approximately 1.3 kilograms of crystal meth.

Gonzalez is in federal custody and will be transferred to custody of the Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility. Federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole. In making today's announcement, U.S. Attorney Rose noted that multiple agencies worked together to bring this prolific crystal methamphetamine trafficker to justice and thanked the DEA, the ATF, the Macon County Sheriff's Office, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for investigating this case.

Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Kent of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville handled the prosecution.



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Although the plant sale is famous for their lush hostas, ferns, butterfly loving plants, etc., also available are vicious trowels and shovels, dahlia tubers and plants with expert advice, fairy garden plants, and note cards with nature images captured by club members.

Garden club members will be on board to help you choose, the Hummers from Highlands school will be on hand, as well as our scholarship students.

The 34th annual Mountain Garden Club plant sale, at the corner of Hickory and Hwy.64 East (Cashiers Road) on the ball field begins precisely at 9 am and ends at noon. Proceeds benefit local college bound students, Eckerd Living Center gardens, Highlands School butterfly garden club and Hummers group, as well as other civic organizations. You'll be glad you came.

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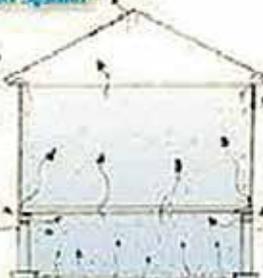
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said that, "efficiency is something very close to the Governor's heart" and in that regard noted North Carolina's Department of Motor Vehicles' improvement: specifically, the ability to access the DMV online.

Another advancement in transportation would be a merit system the Governor plans to use in order to decide which areas receive new roads. This system will allow the roads that need the most improvement to be repaired, as opposed to, "the areas with the most political power having the best roads," she said.

Attendees did express concern about the lack of snow removal on secondary roads. This creates dangerous conditions for commuters and school buses, they said. Riddle said she would convey concerns about clearing the secondary roads to the Governor.

Riddle said the Governor plans to also make bridge safety a priority, especially in Western North Carolina. Currently, Bonner Bridge is seeing the effects of this push, because it is currently

being renovated.

Riddle intends to take the comments made by the community back to Governor McCrory for consideration. He is seeking re-election this November.

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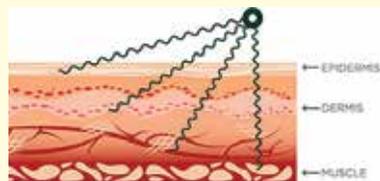
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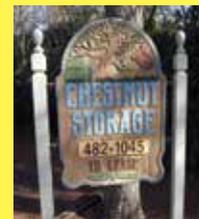
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From left: Christy Kelly, President of the Rotary Club of Highlands and Mary Adair Leslie, Executive Director of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

Rotarians hear about PAC's 2016 season

At the May 17th Rotary Club of Highlands meeting, Mary Adair Leslie reviewed the history and mission of the PAC, as it is commonly known, and gave highlights of the 2016 season. The PAC was incorporated as a 501c3 not-for-profit in 1999. Its mission is to provide the Highlands Community with a first-class, low cost, state of the art facility for nonprofit organizations within the community to use as a venue for the performing arts. The PAC has two resident organizations: the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival and the Highlands Cashiers Players. Each entity has its own board of directors and they fundraise separately.

The PAC has a membership program and presents a series of performances in the "shoulder" months when other groups are not using the theater. In 2016, the PAC will present Retro Rock singer Travis LeDoyt - The Young Elvis -- on June 17 & 18; Mentalist Guy Bavli on June 25; Bluegrass Band *Balsam Range* on September 17; the Comedy Group *Capital Steps*, September 24; *The Phat (Phantom) Pack GALA* (a performance by three Broadway stars all of whom have performed in Phantom of the Opera followed by a gala dinner at Highlands Falls Country Club) on October 1; 10 time International Bluegrass Music Association's Fiddle Performer of the Year *Michael Cleveland and The Flamekeeper* on October 29 and Retro Rock group *The Drifters* on November 25.

Additionally, the PAC hosts the PAC Youth Theatre Group, and presents live feeds from the Metropolitan Opera, the National Theatre of London and the Bolshoi Ballet during the winter months.

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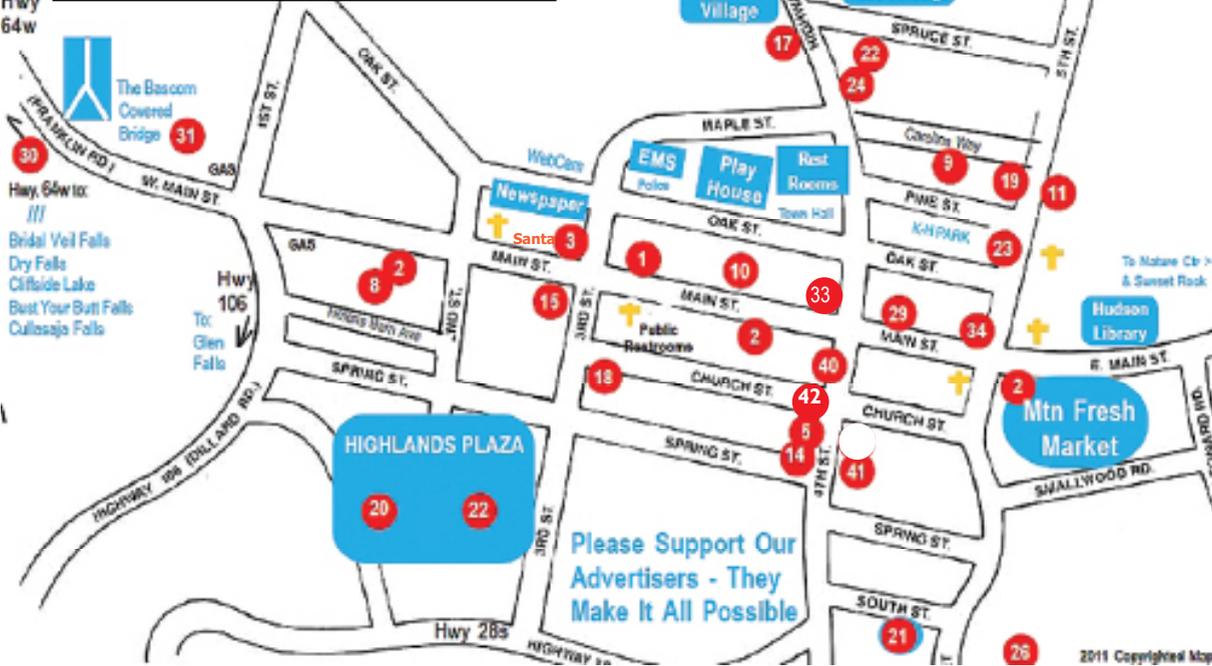


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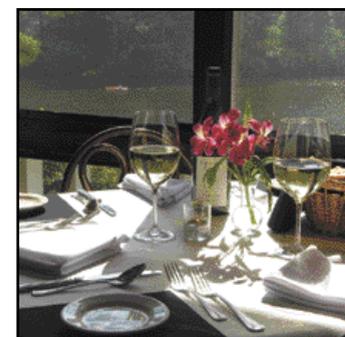
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