Costs of commercial garbage pickup in town’s sights

Although he may have gone about it in the wrong way, back in August Town Manager Bob Frye was right to try to stop the bleeding in the Sanitation Fund that was discovered with the Fiscal Year ‘15/’16 audit.

In an attempt to cut expenses in the fund, he cut Sunday trash routes – without proper notification – which alarmed and in some cases outraged business owners accustomed to the run.

After much research, the Town Board and staff have determined that something does need to be done to get the Sanitation Fund in the black. The residential side of things is fine; it’s the commercial side that is out of whack.

Members of the town staff met with sanitation workers, rode routes, went through pickup.

County leaders looking for viable broadband options

Leaders in Macon County are taking matters into their own hands when it comes to ensuring internet connectivity is easy and accessible.

Highlands officials took the first steps for the municipalities when they decided to provide internet to town residents and now county leaders are opening the discussions with major providers to see how connectivity can be spread throughout the county with viable, sustainable options.

Macon County Commission Chair Kevin Corbin spoke to providers from four internet providers, Dnet, Morris Broadband, Balsam West, and Frontier, and noted that the county’s planning board has already laid a foundation to address areas in the county that aren't currently being serviced.

“Two to three months ago, we basically charged our planning board to give us a map that shows what areas have adequate cell phone service and high-speed internet,” said Corbin. “We felt that where we wanted to go as far as county infrastructure, this was probably the most important thing we could look at.”

The group shared concerns and challenges surrounding internet in Macon County. According to Tony Carter, General Manager of Morris Broadband, Macon County’s terrain is a huge roadblock and makes expansion and providing services to remote areas of the county nearly impossible for the company to do alone.

Carter noted that for Morris Broadband, it cost anywhere from $50,000 to $75,000 per mile to run fiber and offer internet connections.

Corbin said that while Macon County is rural and struggles with a challenging geography, internet connection is an issue across North Carolina.

“You have to look at what it’s going to cost to get those customers,” said Corbin. “I had conversations with the Speaker of the North Carolina House about two weeks ago, concerning this same thing. It’s probably a little more difficult here, because of our

Group pedals to raise $50,000 for Navy Seal Fnd.

“Can you think of someone off the top of your head who you would call a hero? Someone who would sacrifice their comfort, their time with family, and even their lives for a stranger – and not ask for recognition? If someone comes to mind, you’re lucky to know that kind of person. If, like most people, you’re drawing a blank, I’d like to introduce you to our modern-day heroes: Navy SEALs.”

This is how organizer Christian Fitzgerald begins his passionate plea for support of a cause that is dear to many.

Last year’s Pedal for Patriots crew outside their destination, the National Navy UDT Seal Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL.
Mayor Pat Taylor

Another topic of concern was providing broadband coverage throughout Highlands. Several folks said how critical this initiative was to the future of our community. I told everyone where we were in the process, and that we were reviewing possible partnership models with private providers.

Finally, people in the group brought up their concerns about downtown parking. They wanted to know what the town was planning to do to address this problem. Some folks advocated bringing back two-hour parking, some installing parking meters, others more stringent enforcement measures. The idea of off-street parking with shuttle service was proposed, while several folks thought building parking garages would solve the problem. Some expressed the idea that the parking problem that was especially intense this summer was indicative of too much growth in Highlands, and it should be curtailed. The opposite view was that we can’t, nor should, stop business growth since people have to make a living here on the plateau.

By the end of the hour, this mayor was about to have a panic attack! I didn’t have quick solutions for these pressing problems.

With citizens and commissioners working together these problems will be solved in time. After these coffees I frequently do follow up reviews of issues discussed with town staff and individual commissioners. These coffee sessions provide great venues to civilly discuss local issues. Now if only we could get folks at the national level to have civil discourse about problems facing the country instead of name calling and running down irrelevant rabbit holes!

Until February, give me a call at 828-506-3138 if you have any questions.
Edward Paul Dietrich, 100, of Highlands, NC and Deerfield Beach, FL passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2016 in Highlands. He was born May 14, 1916 in Salamanca, NY to Herbert H. and Maude Rich Dietrich.

Mr. Dietrich was a Commander in the United States Navy (Retired); was an Alumnus of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1940, and he saw action in three World War II ship commands, the Battle of the Atlantic, the Aleutians Campaign, the Central Pacific-Marianas Campaign and post surrender mine-sweeping in the Sea of Japan. Mr. Dietrich proudly served his country with 38 years of combined active duty and reserve service.

He served as Deerfield Beach City Commissioner; was a member of Deerfield Beach Civil Service Board and was Board Chairman of Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce as well as a Board member of Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club and Kiwanis International Foundation Hickson Fellow. He was co-founder and past president of Deerfield Beach Historical Society and was a Deacon of Community Presbyterian Church for over 30 years.

In 1947 he founded Deerfield Builders’ Supply (DBS); was Board Chairman of DBS Florida Atlantic Forest Products and DBS Design Centers, which at their peak had $30,000,000 in annual sales and 100 employees. He was Board Chairman of Deerfield Beach Bank and Trust; served on the Board of Advisors of Southeast Bank; was Board Chairman of Broward Builders’ Exchange (now Construction Association of South Florida) and was a founding member of Lumbermen’s Credit Association of Florida.

An extraordinary woodwind musician, he was a member of regionally-renowned Sunliners Jazz Ensemble, the Fort Lauderdale Symphony, the Boca Raton Pops, and the Deerfield-Pompano Pops. He took up the bagpipes at age 90, and was a member of the Highlands Pipe and Drum into his early 90’s.

Thousands have benefited from his quiet generosity and altruistic spirit. Whether rebuilding the Charlie Tigner family home after a devastating fire, wielding a paintbrush on one of his beloved historical city homes, expediting the shipment of over two million board feet of lumber for the Baptist Haiti Mission, supporting participation in the construction of over 100 Habitat for Humanity Homes, funding more than 80 Boy Scout Eagle Scout projects, or strapping on a tool belt to help build Fort Riverbend, he has always shared what he earned from his community.

Mr. Dietrich was married to the late Emily Olson Dietrich for 55 years and is survived by his wife of 19 years, Doris Legette Allen Dietrich; his two daughters, Joanna Leathers (Chester) of Gainesville, FL and Christina Flagg (David) of Gainesville, FL; his son, Edward H. Dietrich (Pat) of Boca Raton, FL; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was extraordinarily generous with his talents, time, and treasure. His many accomplishments and contributions were always downplayed by his well-developed and sincere sense of modesty.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Dietrich family. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Edward Villiers Morse passed peacefully from this life on Thursday, October 27, 2016. A resident of Cashiers, North Carolina, Ed was born in Detroit, MI in 1943 to William and Madeline Morse. He is survived by his wife and lifelong partner Patricia Murray Morse, his sons, Nelson Morse of Alexandria, VA, and Brent Morse of Seattle, WA, his stepson Taylor Simon and stepdaughter Leigh Simon both of New Orleans, LA, daughters-in-law, Katherine Morse and Jody Simon and two precious grandsons Patrick and Alexander Morse. Dr Morse graduated from Michigan State University and received his PhD from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. For 35 years, he
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Highlands co-founder Truman Kelsey’s monument at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park has taken on new meaning.

At the site – which will include the fireplace and a welcoming arm walled plaza – a plaque has been designed to list children lost to area families.

For Highlands families who have lost a child and make a donation in his or her memory, the name of their child will be included on a plaque in the fireplace area of the park.

The plaque is 11 inches wide and 14 inches deep and there is room for 20 names.

To make a tax deductible donation to remember the child, make checks payable to Friends of the Park and mail it to PO Box 1703, Highlands, NC, 28741. Please include the name of the child you would like to honor so it can be included on the plaque. Space is limited.

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Names will be listed as per donation received NOT based on the amount donated. For more information, please contact Nick Bazan at nicholas.bazan@gmail.com or 828-371-2653.
MILESTONE

Buchanans celebrate 50 years

Smokey and Lassie (Crane) Buchanan will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 12, 2016. They were married November 12, 1966, at the Seneca, SC, courthouse.

Mr. Buchanan is the son of the late Minnie Buchanan of Bucky’s Handweaving in Norton.

Mrs. Buchanan is the daughter of the late Frank and Effie Crane of Crane’s Stables in Highlands.

They dated for five years while they built their home in Norton. They continue to live in the house they built together and will celebrate their anniversary sharing a meal with their daughter, her family and their son.

Their grandson, Micah Mullarkey, is attending North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham, NC. Their favorite gift will be having him home to celebrate with them.

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was a professor at Tulane University in New Orleans touching and influencing the lives of countless numbers of university students. He retired from Tulane in 2008 to Cashiers but returned to again serve as a professor at Western Carolina University in 2015. During his very productive professional career he conducted and published groundbreaking research on HIV/AIDS and other high risk health behaviors and served as a consultant to government and business.

In New Orleans, Ed worked tirelessly to support first responders experiencing trauma after Hurricane Katrina and continued this work with emergency personnel in Jackson County, North Carolina. Since becoming a full-time resident of Cashiers, Ed has been involved in numerous community volunteer efforts including the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and the Community Care Clinic of Highlands Cashiers. Most recently he served on the Boards of the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic, the Village Green, the Summit Charter School and the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley. Ed loved his community and its people and could be seen in the Cashiers Christmas Parade riding the Fire Truck as Santa Claus, as the Lavender Tooth Fairy in support of the dental clinic and as the Easter Bunny on the Village Green.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 11AM at Cashiers United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to one of the above organizations or to the charity of your choice.

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Later (Matthew 25:40), Jesus said “as you did to one of the least of these my brothers, you do to me.”

Jesus is again quoted (John 13:34) as saying “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”

Clearly, Jesus is for brotherly love, not hatred. In addition, hatred doesn’t just hurt the recipient, it hurts the souls of those who hate even more.

As for Jesus himself, was he not born a Middle Eastern Jew, with dark skin? The whole notion of black vs white is superficial, if not artificial, as we are all human beings whose ancestors originated in Africa. If you don’t believe me, have your DNA tested and find out for yourself.

To hate others for their humanity is to hate oneself. That is no way to live.

Ultimately, this is about justice, and not for ‘just us.’ As the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Until all are free, none are free.” Now that is the way to live.

When we all come together, we can create something positive for everyone.

Dan Kowal
Franklin

What will it be?

Dear Editor

This coming Tuesday, November 8, 2016 might be “doomsday” for America regardless of one’s political affiliation. Will it be the clown or the crook. Pray for America.

Fred Wooldridge
North Palm Beach, Fl.
Now is the Time to Purchase Rental Properties on the Plateau

We’ve all noticed that our area is getting more and more visitors. Our increased popularity was boosted even further this summer season by the oppressive heat that plagued a large portion of the country. I had several first-time area visitors admit that they had come here “looking for anywhere that was cooler.”

Several of those first-time visitors fell in love with the area and are now searching for their second home here.

Old Edwards and The Park on Main are both increasing their room inventory to accommodate the demand for more hotel room availability. Obviously, these thriving businesses are not making a knee-jerk reaction to a particularly busy few months. They are seeing the increase in visitors as a trend.

The increase in business makes this a great time for the savvy investor to consider purchasing a vacation rental in our beautiful area. The fact that our area has still not followed the trend in the large metropolitan areas of being a Seller’s market where inventories are low and homes sell quickly also bodes well for the buying investor.

That said, desirable turn-key homes have begun selling quickly on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, which underlines further that THIS is the time to act.

As with any investment, the primary advice is to do your homework. Work with your financial advisors to come up with a solid business model before you begin your search. Take into consideration how much you will use the home, what your tax implications will be and whether this is an investment you want to undertake on your own or with other like-minded investors. Also keep in mind that a vacation rental home now might end up being your retirement home in the future.

When you get your plan together, the next step is to find an experienced local Realtor who will help you find a viable property for your portfolio. Some of the things that make a home a desirable rental might not be included in the home that you find to purchase. Holding out some of your investment funds to upgrade the older home should be a part of your business plan.

A renter usually wants to have every amenity in their rental home that they have in their personal homes (or even more!).

Our Landmark Vacation Rental professionals list the following items as the most asked for (read that demanded) amenities for rental homes. Convenient to Restaurants & Shopping; Mountain Feel (wood floors, fireplace - no wallpaper); Connectivity (wireless internet, cable or satellite TV - a television in each bedroom and living area preferred, a home phone in areas with poor to no mobile service); Air Conditioning; Granite Countertops and Good BBQ Grills. Having a mountain view or lake/stream frontage is advantageous and increases the rental value.

Another big decision when you look at purchasing rental property is who will manage the property. Working with a local, experienced rental group like Landmark Vacation Rentals will take a lot of the day-to-day stress away as well as increase the marketing visibility of the property. To increase our ability to work with real estate buyers and investors, Landmark is merging our Sales and Vacation Rental services and look forward

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William ‘Bill’ Robin Nellis

William Robin Nellis, (Bill) 65 years old, lost a three-year battle with cancer on October 29, 2016.

Formerly a resident and businessman of Highlands, NC, Bill has resided in San Miguel De Allende since 2012.

Bill left behind one son William Jake Nellis, daughter-in-law, Ashley Nellis and two grandchildren, Hope and William.

Bill partnered with Chris Job and Marty Hogan of Houston, Texas in developing communities in Highlands. Old Highlands Park, Village Walk, The Cottages at Highlands Cove and The Birches of Wildcat Cliffs. Bill was known for his attention to detail along with his creativity and hard work.

Bill was known for removing the large boulder at Bridal Veil Falls so traffic could once again drive under the falls. His love of local theater in Highlands, such as The Instant Theater, gave him an opportunity to make local audiences laugh. Laugh they did when he won the local beauty contest for the Bolivia Mission trips!

He was an active member of the Highlands Rotary Club and considered it an honor to participate in all of the great endeavors of this club.

Bill was born in the Finger Lakes area of New York, both his parents and only sister are deceased.

He loved San Miguel and had been active starting a local pickleball group. His presence in life will be missed.

A private family service will be held in honor. If you would care to make a memorial donation, Bill appreciated the local Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society.

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• Wanda Klodosky is the Broker in Charge of Landmark Realty Group’s Highlands office. Landmark also has offices in Cashiers and Burlingame providing the Highlands Cashiers Plateau with professional and friendly service. Visit their website at www.Landmarkrg.com
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First Mondays

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

• At the Rec Park, High Cardino 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 1 p.m. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

Mon. & Thurs.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9 a.m.

Tuesdays

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

• The Beyond the Walls Book discussion group meets at 4 p.m. at The Ugly Dog Public House. Each week a short story is read.

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

First Tuesdays

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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

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

Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets in Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public of all ages. The meetings are held at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights rd. For information call 828-369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays

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

• Pickle ball from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gym at the Rec Park.

Wednesdays

• 49ers 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 3:30 p.m. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

• Storytime with Miss Dean-na at Hudson Library 10:40 a.m. Open to the public.

• Zahner Lecture Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. Free

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. 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 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant’s Funnel Home. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

2nd Thursdays

• Sapphire Valley Needle- point Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

3rd Thursdays

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: from 4:30-6 p.m., Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474.

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

Fridays

• 99ers 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, 6-8 p.m. in Town Square. Live music. Free

Saturdays

• At Mountain Top Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tastings from 1-3 p.m.

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

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

• The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 a.m. until noon. In event of cold/rain, meet downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

Thurs., Nov. 3

• Bingo at the Community Building to benefit the Highlands Literacy Council at 6:30 p.m. There are 15 games at $1 per card, creating a night of entertainment for only $15 per person.

Sat., Nov. 5

• At PAC from the National Theatre of London, a comedy by Richard Bean, One Man, Two Guvnors at 1 p.m. Featuring a Tony Award-winning performance from host of The Late Late Show, James Corden, the uproarious One Man, Two Guvnors was a runaway hit both in London’s West End and on Broadway. Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small time East End hood, and on Broadway. Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small time East End hood, now in Brighton to collect £6,000 from his fiancée’s dad. But Roscoe is really his sister Rachel posing as her own dead brother, who’s been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers. Holed up at The Cricketers’ Arms, the permanently ravenous Francis spots the chance of an ex- tra meal ticket and takes a second job with one Stanley Stubbers, who is hiding from the police and waiting to be re-united with Rachel. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guvnors apart. Simple.

On Sunday, Nov. 6 at 12:55 p.m. the Bolshoi Ballet will perform The Bright Stream. During harvest festival at a collective farm, a visiting dance troupe reunites a ballerina with her childhood friend Zina. In order to teach her unfaithful husband a lesson, Zina, the ballerina and the ballerina’s husband decide to swap roles ... for the evening. Tickets are available for both screenings online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling 828.526.9047. Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands

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Thurs.-Sun., Nov. 10-13

• Highlands Food & Wine.

Thurs., 7 p.m. Grand Tasting at The Bascom; Fri., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Truckin’ Old Creek Circle, Highlands. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sip & Stroll at various retail locations; 6 p.m. Wine Dinners at various restaurants; Sun., 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Gospel Brunch at 5th Street at Carolina Way; 6 p.m., Rockwood Rocks at Rockwood Lodge. For ticket and festival information, visit www.highlandsfoodandwine.com

Thurs., Nov. 10

• The November meeting of the Western North Carolina Woodturners Club, Inc. will be on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ridge School in Glenville, NC. The School is located at 95 Bobcat Drive, Cashiers NC. This is the last meeting for 2016.

• Fri., Nov. 25

• At PAC, Retro Rock: The Drifters at 8 p.m. Call 828-526-9047 for tickets.

Sat., Nov. 26

• Annual Town Lighting and first appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Claus at K-H Founders Park. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 3

• Annual Christmas Parade on Main Street at 11 a.m.

Two Live via satellite shows at PAC this weekend

It’s One Man, Two Guvnors at 1 p.m. on Sat. and the Bolshoi Ballet on Sun. at 12:55
This column was dictated by Lord Banjo, the family dog. He’s too much of an aristocrat to do his own typing.

I’ve always known I was exceptional in many ways – my thick black wavy coat, my white chest, my big brown eyes – but it turns out I’m even more special than I’d thought. Don’t act so shocked; I have proof of how remarkable I am.

As a gift for my Dad, I had my DNA analyzed. Mom, Dad and I were all pleasantly surprised – dare I say impressed – by my lineage.

One side of my family tree is all Golden Retriever. Goldens can trace their lineage back to nineteenth century Scotland and were accepted initially by the Kennel Club of England as the Golden Flat-Coat, as they were bred in part from Flat-Coated Retrievers. It’s a bit surprising, then, that there are no Flat-Coats anywhere on my family tree, especially since my adoption papers at age two designated me as a Flat-Coated Retriever mix, and I’m black like they are. Perhaps the DNA powers that be assume Flat-Coat in the mix.

Given the lineage on the other side of my tree, I consider the Golden side the “common” side. Why? Because on this side, one great grandparent is a Great Pyrenees. How noble, how royal! Did you know that the breed may date back to 1800 BC? Even better, did you know that Louis XIV, the Sun King, declared the Great Pyrenees to be the Royal Dog of France? That’s why, from this day forth, I shall be known as Lord Banjo – not Banjo Boy, Little Boy or the little boy in the fuzzy suit as my Dad calls me. How unbecoming!

Granted, one of my four great-grandparents was a mix of Golden Retriever and Australian Shepherd, but I’m giving more weight to the Great Pyrenees lineage – after all, they weigh the most. Those majestic white dogs may weigh as much as 80 – 120 lbs., so I’m on the trim side at only 82 lbs. Mom and Dad should stop thinking I weigh a tad much, as I come by my regal bearing and imposing size honestly.

I see no need to spend time on the working class origins of my Australian Shepherd/Golden Retriever great-grandparent. Clearly, my royal blood has much more bearing, don’t you think? It matters not that the DNA analysis labels me a Golden Retriever, Great Pyrenees, Australian Shepherd cross; I’m claiming the Great Pyrenees as my dominant ancestor. I get my calm and friendly demeanor from both the Golden and Great Pyrenees but have none of the energetic traits of that damned Australian Shepherd. Simply put, my demeanor is quite regal.

Now that you know my story, please let it be known far and wide that I am due royal treatment from one and all. I hereby decree that I shall:

• Be allowed to sleep in my parent’s bed, especially since I so graciously let the cat sleep on all of my dog beds.
• Cease hearing complaints about the “royal” black hair I leave all over the house.
• Suffer no recriminations when I help myself to the cat’s food.
• Be served tasty gourmet dog food.
• Be thanked regularly by my parents for gracing them with my presence.

Hear ye, hear ye, life shall henceforth be splendid for Lord Banjo.

Kathy Manos Penn is a Sandy Springs resident now happily retired from a corporate career in communications. Look for her first collection of columns “The Ink Penn, Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday” on Amazon in November. Contact Kathy at kathymanospenn@gmail.com, visit her website at kathymanospenn.com or visit her Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/KathyManosPennAuthor.
Halloween in Highlands ~ A night full of characters
In addition, a rental increase on dumpsters from the current amount of $46 per month and/or for toters from the current amount of $5.75 could also be looked at, but these increases would not net as much as the per pickup price increase.

Nix also said a list of Saturday and Sunday customers has been developed and that a Saturday and Sunday pickup fee could be initiated to cover additional costs.

There is an average of 35 customers per day that are picked up or checked, some of which do not realize they are being picked up on these days.

For a long term solution, a convenience center located in the city limits would also be beneficial to control excess garbage in private dumpster and street cans.

Recommendations include realigning current billing to reflect the current level of service, increasing commercial rates across the board and starting a Sanitation Reserve Fund to balance expenses and to help purchase future equipment. With a Sanitation Reserve Fund, the department could be self-sustainable and could cover its own expenses instead of raiding the General Fund.

The solutions appeared to be straightforward — in fact, commissioners Pierson and Calloway wanted to initiate them right away. “We could send letters to the people who are not paying for services rendered and fix this right away,” they said.

But others discussed overhauling the whole system.

“It’s like a house I decided to add another room to and then another and another and now I have this conglomeration that doesn’t actually work together because it was built piecemeal without a comprehensive plan,” said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

Nix contended that if people paid for the services they got, then it would be an easy fix.

However, in the end the board agreed to consider the matter further and discuss it at the November Town Board meeting.

– Kim Lewicki
First Baptist Church Highlands is drop-off site for Christmas charity

First Baptist Church in Highlands will now serve as one of around 4,500 U.S. locations collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for children living in poverty overseas through the Samaritan’s Purse project Operation Christmas Child—the world’s largest Christmas project of its kind.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

During National Collection Week, Nov. 14 – 21, Highlands residents will donate shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, notes of encouragement and fun toys, such as a doll or soccer ball—for Operation Christmas Child to deliver to children in need around the world. This year, Highlands’ residents hope to receive hundreds of shoebox gifts toward the 2016 global goal of reaching 12 million children in need.

During National Collection Week, donation sites will be set up around the county. The Relay Center Coordinators, Sergio Barranco and Angelica Garcia, will serve as the Relay Center Coordinators, managing operations at the drop-off location, where they hope to receive hundreds of shoebox gifts to contribute toward the 2016 global goal of reaching 12 million children in need.

The gifts will then be delivered around the world by the Samaritan’s Purse project Operation Christmas Child to children who are living in the midst of poverty, war, disease or natural disaster.

Highlands - First Baptist Church at 220 Main Street, Highlands.

Mon, Nov 14 2016: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Tue, Nov 15 2016: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Wed, Nov 16 2016: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Thu, Nov 17 2016: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Fri, Nov 18 2016: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat, Nov 19 2016: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun, Nov 20 2016: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Mon, Nov 21 2016: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (828) 508-7466 or (828) 508-2695 or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. By going online to give the suggested donation of $7 per shoebox gift, participants can follow their box to discover where in the world it will be delivered. They can also pack a shoebox gift online and even upload a photo and note of encouragement.

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terrain, but this is a problem all over North Carolina, not just a Macon County problem.”

Corbin informed the providers and members of the commission that he presented Tim Moore, Speaker of the House, with the hypothetical possibility of a partnership on the state level, to partner with private companies to make reaching rural communities cost effective and possible.

Each of the providers agreed that a public private partnership would make the possibility of expanding more likely. Dnet Manager Judy Chapman said not only would it help the possibility of expansion, in the region it has even been successful. In Graham County, the Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team (GREAT) covered the cost of switches and equipment needed for wireless expansion, making it possible to improve the infrastructure needed to get internet connectivity to more residents.

Commissioner Ronnie Beale noted that looking for those types of opportunities locally is something he wants to ensure that Macon County leaders and the providers continue to explore. Beale thinks that private, public partnerships are essential because internet has such an economic impact for counties, that grants for economic development and infrastructure should be beneficial.

“Internet connectivity is no longer a luxury, it is essential for business, education, and just day-to-day life,” said Beale. “I feel like we [Macon County] are being penalized for where we live. We are being held back and punished for living here. That just isn’t right and something needs to be done.”

After a lengthy conversation, Macon County Commissioner James Tate said that he would like to see a follow up meeting happen to continue moving forward working with providers to take action. The rest of the commission agreed.

“What I don’t want to do, and I don’t think this board wants to do is: a lot of times government starts talking about something, a lot of talk occurs, a committee is formed, then three years go by and nothing happens,” said Commissioner Corbin. “That’s what we don’t want to have happen.”
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and the state’s forestry commission are leading the response.
About 1.3 million barrels of gasoline flows daily on the line.
Shippers using the east coast supply artery were bracing
for a longer shutdown as Colonial said it was hard to predict
a repair schedule but did say its main gasoline line could be open
as early as Saturday.
The shutdown will restrict gasoline supplies to millions of
Americans in the U.S. southeast and possibly the northeast but
the northeast could be less affected since it can get supplies via
waterborne shippers.
But both Lenny Metrick, manager of the Exxon Farmers
Market and the Citgo D&J and David Bock, owner of 4th Street
Market’s Shell station said the local impact is unknown at this
time.
Neither one has been told anything by their suppliers con-
cerning shortages or price increases.
The latest incident also temporarily shut down the distillates
line, which transports diesel and jet fuels to the northeast. but it
reopened early Tuesday, Colonial said.
A spokesperson for the U.S.
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration said inves-
tigators were on the scene. They
noted that contractors were re-
portedly working on repairs on
Line 1 related to the Sept. 9 spill
but the facts on the ground are
not 100 percent clear.
The shutdown already has
shippers and fuel companies
scrambling to secure supplies via
sea or other alternatives to get
fuel to the east coast. fuel retail-
ers and consumers are likely to
be most affected, though prices
at the pump have not risen yet,
even as gasoline futures have
spiked.
The 5,500-mile (8,850-km)
Colonial Pipeline is the largest
U.S. refined products pipeline
system and can carry more than
3 million barrels of gasoline, die-
sel and jet fuel between the U.S.
gulf coast to the New York har-
bor area.

“We have a responsibility to get involved
and try to make our communities a
better place to live”

For 25 years I served my community and my country as an
Officer in the U.S. Submarine Force. When I retired, I came home
to serve my community as a teacher and football coach. 40 years
of service have taught me that accomplishing worthwhile goals
requires teamwork, cooperation, and compromise. For four years as your Commissioner
I was proud to put this philosophy into action. I met with and listened to citizens like
yourself and worked with officials of both political parties, and together we were able to
make meaningful improvements in our county in the areas of infrastructure, school
construction and technology, economic development, and recreation facilities.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve you again on the
Board of Commissioners. Just as I did in my first term, I promise to work closely with my
fellow Commissioners to ensure that the needs of the Highlands community are addressed
fairly and completely, so together we can make our county a better place to live. In my first
term I consistently stood with Highlands, and now I need you to stand with me!

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I am writing this article on Monday, October 31. To some it is Halloween. But for those of us of the Christian faith, it is more importantly Reformation Day. This day is recognized by Protestants and Evangelicals as the day that started a reform or return of the church to the rudiments of the faith and clarification of historic, Scriptural truth. This clarification of the faith was set in motion by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517. Next year we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the courageous efforts and sacrifices made by so many that not only returned the church to its roots, but set in motion other ideas about freedom and personal responsibility that are with us to this day.

Another way of defining this movement is what is called “The Five Solas.” They are specifically “sola Scriptura,” “sola Christus,” “sola Gratia,” “sola Fide,” and “sola Deo Gloria.” Simply put, Scripture alone was the phrase used by the Reformers indicating that the church’s authority – and by every Christian – is only the Holy Scriptures. Our absolutes and guide for practice and teaching is not in ecclesiastical traditions or human opinions. We seek to let the Scriptures be our guide regarding doctrine and our walk for the Lord. This forbids relativistic modifications to please present tastes and preferences, and instead says that God’s Word is our ultimate authority for truth. The Reformers would refer to this as “the rule of faith” that makes secondary all other creeds and ideas, and judges the veracity of all other truths.

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Christ alone was their way of affirming the Scriptural truth spoken by the apostle John. “Jesus said, ‘I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.’” Our hope of salvation, our hope of eternal life is not in works, religious practices or good intentions. Salvation is in and through Christ alone, which forbids all forms of universalism and ecumenics that seek an equivalency between all religions regarding eternal life. Christ alone is not popular in our new globalization, but it is the Word of God nonetheless.

Grace alone was the Reformers’ attempt to push away the practices of the church in order to focus on the Gospel. The church was not to be a work, but the grace of God in faith. The church was to be a holy place of sanctuary, not a places of works. This was the heart of the Reformation – to很明显从一开始就是关于信仰和行为的平衡。
The Highlands Police log entries from Oct. 21

Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Oct. 21
• At 10:40 p.m., officers responded to a call about a simple assault at a residence on Poplar Street.

Oct. 22
• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 west near First Street.

Oct. 20
• At 6 p.m., officers received a call about someone using a key to enter a home on Holt Knob Road and taking $4,500 worth of possessions from the home including antiques, a gun, tools, radio and stereo equipment and more.

Oct. 23
• At 6:56 p.m., officers received a call about larceny of IDs and $101 in cash from a wallet at Bank of America.

Oct. 24
• At 3:11 p.m., officers received a call about a tree cutter who was being rude at a residence on Dog Mountain Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Oct. 27.

Oct. 27
• At 10:11 a.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.

There have been a significant rain fall.

In addition, Mayor Patrick Taylor urges citizens to begin taking water conservation measures.

He said the state fire marshall will likely issue a fire ban within the next few days as Highlands is now 21 inches below normal rainfall and Highlands Nd Macon County are experiencing extreme drought conditions.

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Faith alone was the Reformers’ slogan that captures the teaching of Romans 3:28, indicating that justification – being made righteous by Christ’s righteousness – comes only to those who have faith. Simply, being made righteous and given salvation is given to those who believe in Christ’s sacrifice for our sins, given by the grace of God, and excludes our good works. Good works are what follow our salvation. “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

And finally, Glory to God alone said it all for the Reformers and us. He is to receive all the glory and all the praise for our temporal and eternal blessings in Christ Jesus, our Lord. In the coming year, may the words soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone! be always upon our lips.

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Monty Lowell of The Father’s House in Franklin and Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor with proclamation in support of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is Nov. 12-20

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Macon county for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and
WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness including: The Father’s House, Reach, and Macon New Beginnings; and
WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2015 is “Being homeless is not a crime,” and
WHEREAS, the Town Of Highlands board recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Macon County; and
WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of The Father’s House, Reach, and Macon New Beginnings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Of Highlands board hereby proclaims November 12-20, 2016 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Of Highlands board encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.
One-Stop early voting ongoing in Highlands and Franklin

One-Stop Voting places – Macon County’s early voting options – are in Franklin and Highlands. However, days and times are different at each location.

Highlands’ One-Stop voting starts at the Civic Center (Rec Park) at 600 N. 4th Street in Meeting Room 1 and is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday Nov 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Franklin’s One-Stop voting location is in the courthouse in Franklin – 5 W. Main Street – in the Board of Elections Office on the first floor basement level in room 127B.

It is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

One-Stop voting ends at both locations, Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. Any registered voter of Macon County may vote at either One-Stop voting location.

Remember, the PROPOSED NC Voter ID requirements are NOT in effect. If you are registered to vote, you DO NOT need special identification to exercise your right to vote.
To his heart.

For several years he and friends he’s gathered along the way pedal 586 miles from Atlanta, GA to Ft. Pierce, FL to raise money for the Navy SEAL Foundation. This year’s trip begins Thursday, Nov. 3 and ends six days later in Ft. Pierce on Election Day – Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Since 2000, the Navy SEAL Foundation has provided an array of compassionate and effective programs that provide financial, educational, and emotional support to SEALs and their families. I believe that they are experts in knowing exactly how to help, whether that means providing family retreats and children’s camps to boost morale, helping ease the cost of a memorial service, or preserving the legacy of fallen heroes through the construction of beautiful monuments.

SEALs are elite warriors that cross land and water to gather critical information, rescue hostages, or take direct action on behalf of the United States. Most of these missions are done in complete secret and are extremely dangerous. SEALs are willing to risk being injured or killed to protect the people and the values they love. When that risk becomes a harsh reality, SEALs and their families need their own heroes.

That’s where the Navy SEAL Foundation steps in. Joining Chris from Highlands this year are Brad Knopf, John Underwood, Drew Rooney and Steve Abarany.

So far almost $35,000 has been raised through social media – the goal is $50,000. To make a donation go to crowdfire.com. The event is Pedal for Patriots 2016. Click on Drew Rooney. Or, you can go to www.pedalforpatriots.com to learn more or make a donation.

The Bascom Announces New Board Members for 2017

At The Bascom’s October board meeting, The Board of Directors welcomed three new board members and recognized the dedication from the board members whose terms were expiring. The Board oversees operations of The Bascom, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Highlands, North Carolina. The Bascom Visual Art Center focuses on providing excellent exhibitions, free of charge; a robust education department with art classes for people of all ages; and partnerships with local nonprofits.

The new Bascom Board Members bring expertise in several areas of community outreach. They are Ruthie Edwards, Robert Tucker, and Karen Weihl.

The Board of Directors also acknowledges the dedicated service of retiring Bascom Board Members Bev Seinsheimer, T. Wayne Davis, and Elizabeth Rodriguez.

Teresa Osborn, Executive Director of The Bascom, thanked those that had served on the board saying, “I am so thankful for the hard work and dedication of the out-going Board members. While we are sad to see the retirement of Bev, T. Wayne, and Elizabeth, we know we will see them at The Bascom frequently. They have been instrumental in the success of our organization and have developed a close relationship with both Bascom members and staff.”

Osborn welcomed the new board members saying, “We are thrilled to have Ruthie, Robert, and Karen joining our board. They have all been involved in The Bascom for quite some time. Karen has been a painting instructor at The Bascom and Ruthie has been heavily involved in Collective Spirits in the past. Robert has served on The Bascom board in years prior, was the chairman of Mountains in Bloom this year, and was also named the 2016 Bascom Volunteer of the Year. We are so excited to have them on The Bascom Board and can’t wait to work with them.”

For more information about The Bascom, please visit www.thebascom.org
ITEMS FOR SALE

2014 NAVY BLUE SUBARU OUTBACK 2.5I LIMITED with only 37,900 miles. Perfect condition. Garaged. All belts & whistles. $19,500. Call 828-526-5667 or 828-482-2444.

FIREWOOD: Premium seasoned hardwood. Cord, 1/2 cord or 1/4 cord or Rik. Call Matt at 828-482-2214. (st. Oct. 20)

LOCAL ORGANIC BEEF BONES (SAPPHIRE) perfect for soup and broth. Bag of 4 large bones for $10. Call 828-885-5251. (st. 10/13)

CLEAN FILL DIRT – Call 828-526-3375. (10/20)


HARDEN CHERRY DINING ROOM SET with Hutch and 6 Chairs. $700. 828-526-0612 or 803-646-1672. (st. 9/1)

MAHOGANY DINING TABLE W/ 6 CHAIRS - $350, OBO. 828 526-4818. (st. 8/4)

ALL FURNITURE, home décor, carpets & more. Sky Valley, GA 304-9786 or 706-746-7451. (st. 8/4)

MAYTAG GAS DRYER, $100. Office furniture by Cashiers Custom Furniture. 2 desks, bookcase, file cabinet. Call 828-226-2083. (st. 7/28)

KOBALT DIAMOND SHIELD REGULAR TRUCK BED TOOLBOX. Deep low profile full size. 17”x69”x19” fits most full size trucks OBO. Call Frank in Scaly Mountain 828-526-1953. (st. 5/11)

HELP WANTED

PART TIME/SEASONAL HELP through Christmas needed at retail store. Possibly could extend beyond that. Contact info@biz-spot.net. (st. 10/27)

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is seeking a part time Financial Secretary. Salary DOE. Must be proficient in Quick Books. Send Resume including references to Highlands UMC, PO Box 1959 Highlands NC 28741. (st. 10/20)

RESTAURANT MANAGER needed for a very busy lunch and dinner restaurant in Highlands, NC. Experience Required. Send resume to info@main-street-inn.com. (st. 10/1)

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION IN HIGHLANDS is looking for a Nursery Attendant for the 10:30AM Sunday Service three Sundays a month for approximately 2.5 hours. Experience working with children 0-5 years old is required. Please contact the church office by phone 828-526-2968 or email at incarnation@incarnationwnc.org. (st. 8/25)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLANDS, NC is seeking a part-time director of music, salary DOE. Musical training and experience required. Resumes, including references, may be sent to FBC Highlands, POB 625, Highlands, NC 28741 or emailed to info@fbchighlands.org. 828-526-4153 (st. 8/4)

VACATION RENTALS

VISIT FALLING WATERS
A gated community 2.4 miles from Main Street, Highlands. Lot prices $139,000 to $379,000. 7 available. 3 homes for sale: $748,000-$1.3M. Directions: From Main Street and the Dillard Road go south 1.8 miles to Mountain Laurel Drive. Turn right, go .3 mile turn left on Moonlight Hill 100 feet entrance on the right. For more information and photos, go to highlands cottages.com or 828-508-9952. Owner Developer. (st. 10/20)

RESIDENTIAL FOR SALE

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A gated community 2.4 miles from Main Street, Highlands. Lot prices $139,000 to $379,000. 7 available. 3 homes for sale: $748,000-$1.3M. Directions: From Main Street and the Dillard Road go south 1.8 miles to Mountain Laurel Drive. Turn right, go .3 mile turn left on Moonlight Hill 100 feet entrance on the right. For more information and photos, go to highlands cottages.com or 828-508-9952. Owner Developer. (st. 10/20)

PRIVATE, GATED COMMUNITY – 3,800 Elev. Great Views. 9 miles from Highlands, For Sale by Owner - 3% Broker Participation. 6 beds/4.5 baths/4,233 sf. Visit our website: www.OurMountainHome.net. Phone (706) 746-0077. (st. 10/6)

1000 SQUARE FOOT CHALET with 2 large bedrooms and 2 full baths. Well maintained and fully furnished. Large scenic deck overlooking stream and lots of rhododendrons, low maintenance. Private owner must sell this fall season way below appraised price for $125k or offer. Look up on the Internet. Enter “109 Moon Mountain Rd, Highlands NC 28741” and click on Zillow to see pictures, call 770-393-4597 (Atlanta) or 828-526-8550. (st. 10/6)

LOTS/LAND/FOR SALE

LOT 3.4 MILES FROM HIGHLANDS. 2 acres, beautiful mountain ridge and meadow view with small pond and spring. Off of 64 between Dry Falls and Cullasaja Falls on Turtle Pond Road. Commission offered to agents. $59,900. (828) 200-0949. (st. 10/6)

LANDSCAPED 4 ACRES WITH PONDS, stream, trails, orchards. Septic-approved. 828-743-7432. (10/20)

PROPERTY FOR SALE ON FOREMAN RD. 1.79 acres. $190,000.

Any reasonable offers will be considered. Call 828-526-5011. (st. 9/1)

SERVICES

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT, reliable and friendly with more than 25 years experience available for elderly care day or night. References available. 828-226-8161. (10/20)

SEASONED BOOKKEEPER desires year-round position in Highlands, full or part-time. Local references. Reply to bizbookkeeper4u@gmail.com (10/6)

ALL AROUND OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Bookkeeping Services, Payroll Prep, Payroll Tax Prep, Billing Services, Virtual Assistant, Data Base Management, Administrative Services, Research Assistance, Quickbooks Set-up and Training. Call Mary James at 828-421-0002 or email mjames@allroundofficesolutions.com (st. 1/15)

HIGH COUNTRY PHOTO/KEVIN VISON: scanning photos, slides & negatives to CD or DVD for easier viewing. Video transfer to DVD. Everything done in house. Leave message at 828-526-5208. (st. 9/1)

MOLD AND MUSTY SMELL IN YOUR HOME? Call for free inspection. 828-743-0900.

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