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Community funds WNC Hospice House in big way

Paoletti Restaurant raises \$85,000 at 2nd annual benefit and an anonymous donor gives \$75,000

Supporting the Hospice House has truly become a community initiative.

For the second year in a row Paoletti Restaurant in Highlands

held a Peaceful Journey fundraising benefit for the Hospice House – last year \$175,000 was raised. Figures are still coming in after the Sept. 28 affair but so far \$85,000

has been reported.

“The HHWNC Foundation Peaceful Journey 2016, served 55-persons and all auction items were sold. It was a fabulous event

and went off without a hitch. The food and wine were exceptional and a great time was had by all,” said owner Arthur Paoletti.

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HS Middle School VB team wins Tri-State Championship



On Friday, Oct. 7, Highlands School middle school volleyball team defeated Rabun Gap Nacoochee in the Tri-state Middle School Volleyball Championship. The game was played at Tallulah Falls. Coaches for the team are Jaime Dooley and Angela Sanchez.

Zika infection found in Macon County resident

On Monday, Oct. 10, Macon County Public Health announced the first case of Zika virus infection in a Macon County resident. The case was confirmed in an adult person who has recently traveled to a country with ongoing

Zika virus transmission. The patients' symptoms have resolved. To protect patient confidentiality no additional details on this patient will be provided.

At this time, no cases of the

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Two vie for District 3 seat on Macon C. Commission

Two seats on the Macon County Board of Commissioners will be on the ballot this November. The Macon County Commission District 2 seat left vacant by Commission Kevin Corbin after he announced his bid for the NC House of Representative as well as District 3 which is a seat currently held by Incumbent Commissioner Paul Higdon are both up for grabs this election cycle.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners District 3 election will be a rematch between Higdon and challenger Bobby Koppers who held the seat until 2012 when Higdon successfully ran a campaign against him.

Higdon lives on his great

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“To live in the hearts of those you leave behind is to never die.”

Those words epitomized the sentiment at a dedication on Monday, Oct. 10, which immortalized the life of John “Sto” Stowers who died this past July.

By all memories and descriptions offered, he was a man

Oak Lane Greenway entrance & steps dedicated to the late John Stowers

to be remembered and someone who would truly appreciate the new entryway to the Greenway.

According to Ran Shaffner, the steps were proposed by Bill and Pat Jordan as a memorial to John, who was familiarly known as “Sto.”

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Commercial trash pickup woes



Mayor Pat Taylor

At the next Town board meeting our staff will present a report on the commercial trash issue that came to light several months ago when Sunday pickups were abruptly suspended. On August 17, I met with a group of business people who were concerned about the loss of Sunday collections, and how it was handled.

I let everyone know the town staff would analyze the issue and come up with recommendations to address commercial trash problems. During the month of September, the staff studied the issue. Staff rode with sanitation workers on the routes to gain a better perspective of the issues. Pickup schedules were analyzed. Staff surveyed other agencies and municipalities in the area concerning schedules and rates. Billing practices and account reviews were conducted.

Let me highlight some of the findings of the staff. First, Highlands is the only town in the area that picks up trash beyond a Monday through Friday schedule. Second, our fees for commercial pickup are below what other municipali-

ties charge. Third, analysis of commercial accounts revealed some customers are paying far below the rate that should be charged for the services received. This out of balance situation seems to have evolved over a number of years.

Our financial officer crunched the numbers and discovered we are losing between \$45,000 to \$50,000 a year in the

commercial trash collection area. On the other hand, the residential side is solvent and is even generating a small surplus. Our landfill tipping fees for commercial trash are just breaking even with fee rates, so other expenses are part of the loses.

Adjustments in the commercial trash area will have to be made, first by insuring that services for each account are congruent with rates charged. The staff will be sending a letter to commercial customers concerning these individual account adjustments. For some commercial customers, no adjustments in their accounts will be made, for others fee or schedule adjustments have to be made. This accounting process will help close the deficit in the commercial area. But, the board will also have to consider other adjustments such as overall schedules and rate adjustments.

The staff will make a full report at the Town Board meeting on October 20. The board will consider staff recommendations and take action.

We need to make the commercial trash collection solvent and generating a surplus like the residential side. Now the surplus would be placed in a reserve fund so when a new trash truck is needed down the road, the reserves would cover the cost.

Also, the staff will make recommendations concerning the problem of residents and visitors using commercial dumpsters to dispose of their trash. Other issues, such as the creation of a trash and recycling convenience center, will be presented.

This sanitation issue directly connected to overall environmental concerns for the plateau. Everything we consume has to be brought in by truck. Everything we discard has to be sent back by truck to be recycled or placed in the county landfill. It all costs money.

The next Town Board meeting is Thursday, Oct. 13.

• LETTER •

Asking Kuppers to save Blue Valley

Dear Editor,

I wrote this letter to candidate for MC Commission, Bobby Kuppers, but I wanted everyone to read it.

"Thank you for your recent mailing, reminding Highlands residents of your past support for our town.

"At this time, I believe that the best support you could give to the people of Highlands, the business people and residents, both summer and year-round, would be to support Wilderness designation for Overflow Wilderness Study Area (our beloved "Blue Valley") in the current Forest Service revision of the Nantahala National Forest plan.

"Overflow Creek is a major tributary of the Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River. It contains a rare Old Growth forest ecosystem, that is home to populations of the rare Mountain Camellia, endangered green salamanders, for which the Highlands area is known globally, and provides habitat for increasingly rare migrating songbirds, such as Hooded Swainsons and Cerulean warblers.

"For those of us who live and work in the Highlands area there are precious few places to find solitude or simply take a quiet walk in nature, away from the pressure of our tourist economy. Dry Falls is congested with tourists, as is Whiteside Mountain and the Chattooga River at the Iron Bridge. In the 70's and 80's clearcuts marred the trails to Scaly Mtn., Yellow Mtn. etc. In Blue Valley, Overflow's densely forested ecosystem offers one of the only places left for solitude away from developed recreation.

"With permanent Wilderness designation, all of the current users will continue to use Overflow/Blue Valley as they have for decades; hunters, fishermen, hikers, campers, birdwatchers and biologists, etc.

"It seems the most vociferous objection to wilderness designation comes from the timber industry, the only "stakeholder" that will not profit from it because they will not be allowed to harvest timber. Commissioner Kupper, unlike some of the counties to our west who have passed resolutions against wilderness, our Highlands economy is not based on logging. Like it or not, it is based on tourism and second homes. Our shops and restaurants and inns, provide jobs, and second homes give employment to carpenters, electricians, plumbers etc.

"Our Chamber of Commerce touts the natural beauty of this area. People want to come here to visit and to live here because they are attracted to the beauty of the area. Visitors to the Smokies also come to the nearby Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River for recreation.

"The US Forest Service Blue Valley overlook has been an inspiration to many visitors. Permanent protection of Overflow WSA as the "Blue Valley Wilderness" would be a feather in our cap. Businesses will benefit and property values will be enhanced. Please show your support for your Highlands constituents by supporting protection for Overflow."

Glenda Zahner
Highlands

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •

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• OBITUARIES •

Sandra Baty Hamilt



Hamilt and Melanie Hamilt and three brothers, Jerry Baty, Ronnie Kenneth Baty, and Barry Baty.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son, Keith Alan Hamilt.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2 pm in the chapel of Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 1-2 pm, one hour prior to the service, at the funeral home.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Hamilt family. Online condolences are available at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Sandra Baty Hamilt, 77, of Highlands passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. She was born in Macon County the daughter of Marie Carolyn Hopper Baty and the late Ronald Henry Baty. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Leon Hamilt, who died in 2009.

Mrs. Hamilt was a registered nurse and a member of the American Diabetes Association and the Georgia Nursing Association. She was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by two sons, Gregory William Hamilt (Ona) of Suwanee, GA and Douglas Mitchell Hamilt of Highlands; three grandchildren, Jonathan Hamilt, Elizabeth

Jorita Rosalie Porter Babb



D. Babb of Cullowhee; one brother, Leston Porter of Hazelwood, MO; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 15 at Pine Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Aaron Langston and Rev. Everett Wilson will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 5-6 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service at

the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Pine Creek Baptist Church or Four Seasons Hospice House Foundation, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.com

Jorita Rosalie Porter Babb, 80, of Cullowhee, NC, passed away Friday, October 7, 2016.

Born in Castlewood, VA, she was the daughter of the late Henry Roy Porter and Viola Marie Jessee Dearing Porter. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Chase Babb; two sons, Aubrey Alan Babb and Robert Lynn Babb and one brother, Roy

Leon Porter. Jorita was former owner of Cashiers Insurance Agency, Inc. She was a member of the NC China Painting Club and loved gardening and flowers. Jorita was a member of Pine Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah Hicks and husband Ralph of Cullowhee and Carla B. Tucker and husband Chris of Cashiers; one son, Michael

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disease are known to have been acquired in North Carolina. "As long as the outbreak continues in Central and South America and the Caribbean, we could possibly see more travel-related Zika virus infections in our county," said Jim Bruckner, Macon County Health Director. "We have anticipated all along that travel-related cases

would be identified in North Carolina," Bruckner said. "We want to take this opportunity to reinforce that travelers to any of the countries with active Zika transmission should follow precautions to minimize their exposure to mosquito bites."

However, the CDC does provide spe-

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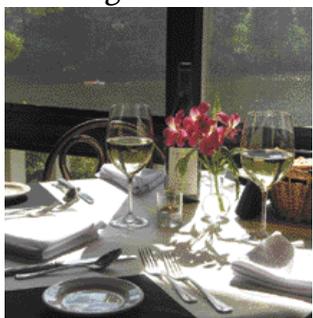
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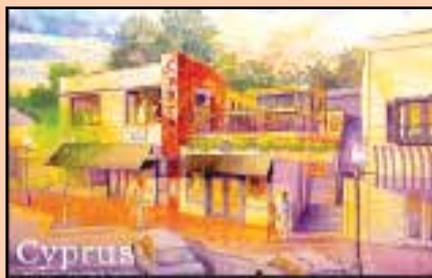
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“A longtime resident of Montgomery, AL, Sto died on July 9, 2016, and for those of you who weren’t privileged to know him through his associations in Highlands with the Highlands Country Club, the Biological Station, and the Bartram Trail Society, a short description of his extracurricular activities will suffice to capture his personality and character,” said Shaffner. “Sto is remembered for his love of nature and the outdoors, his vast knowledge of trees, flowers, birds, waterways, coastlines, and trails, and his generosity in sustaining the environment and its inhabitants. He was an explorer and adventurer and was fun to be around.

His beloved cocker spaniels knew and loved this spirit, and were always at his side to share the next experience with him. His greatest joy was doing for others, particularly those less fortunate than he was. When birding, hiking, running, cycling, kayaking, fishing or in any other of his many activities, he shepherded those who were with him to make sure they had the fullest experience possible. He loved to introduce friends of all ages to new pursuits and made a difference in the lives of many young people. He was a free spirit filled with the joy of life which he generously shared with all those lives he touched.”

Sto’s wife Jennie unveiled the rock to which a plaque is mounted which reads: “Sto’s Steps, In loving memory of John ‘Sto’ Stowers who passionately shared his love of nature to all along the streams and trails of our beloved Highlands Plateau.”

“He would be amazed by this and would want everybody to remember to treasure every day. He did and he didn’t miss anything,” said Jennie.

The new and much needed stone stairway at Oak Lane Greenway entrance was prepared by the Town of Highlands crew, built by Jim Tate’s workers (Jose, Luis, Sergio, and Hocho), and funded by Bill and Pat Jordan, Bill and Phyllis Lax, and the Highlands Greenway. The stone and plaque were provided by Stowers’ comrades, Canty Worley and Hillrie Quin.

– Kim Lewicki

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• THE FREDSTER •

Washed up



Fred Wooldridge

Excuse me, sir, but do you live here?" the young woman asked, cradling an infant kid on her arm with another older child clinging to her skirt.

"Well, kind of," I responded. "I'm part of those dreaded summer people the locals don't much care for. How can I help you?"

"Oh good, you'll have to do," she responded. "I have a husband who is a total slob.

Everything he eats winds up on his pants and shirt. Plus, I have two kids who spill everything they touch on me and themselves. I have spent hours looking for a laundromat. Where's your friggin' laundromat.... excuse my language?"

I gave her my best blank stare. I'm thinking to myself that Highlands has become so uppity it no longer has a laundromat for the regular folks but I didn't want to say that to her. I'm also thinking.... Duh.... there used to be one across from BI-LO in Franklin but I don't know if that one is there anymore.

Finally, I took a deep breath and spoke. "Well, you're probably not going to believe this but Highlands does not have a laundromat. There is one eighteen miles away in Franklin.... maybe.... maybe not."

"No laundromat?" she replied, "that's deplorable."

Shocked, I looked both ways before answering. "Please, young lady, don't use the "deplorable" word in public. Refer to it as the D. word. We have many really nice, rich Democrats in this town and they might be offended."

"Good Lord," she replied. "You rich people are over-the-top deplorable. I'm outta here. And by the way, I've heard about you "six months." You come into town with your thousand dollar bills, drive ten miles an hour around the curves and throw trash out of your car windows."

Later that evening, in the quiet of my home where I do my best thinking, I thought about Highlands not having a laundromat. Is this possible, I thought? Has Highlands become so uppity we can't or don't want a laundromat for the non-rich regular folks.

My juices were flowing and my brain was on fire. How about putting one in a currently vacant store right in town but next to impossible to see or find...like the lower level of Highlands Plaza. I would

call it "Tubs R Us." Or how about "Scrub-a-dub-dub, three sheets in a tub." My brain is smokin'.

On the opposite wall of the laundromat would be a vending machine offering six packs of chicken wings from Bryson's deli. By the way, their wings are killer.

Now close your eyes and imagine this. You're sitting in a comfortable chair listening to a washing machine remove poop from your infant's unintended accident while you munch down on an awesome chicken wing dripping in your favorite sauce. My favorite is blue cheese The word "heavenly" comes to mind

On second thought, maybe chicken wings and baby poop are not the best combo. Fagetaboutit! Anyway, will someone paleeeese spend a few bucks and open a laundromat.

And here's a final thought. While waiting for your clothes to wash and dry, read either of my two books titled "Deceived" or even better "I'm Moving Back to Mars." Load either of them onto your e-reader and I'll see everyone next May, the good Lord willing.

Note: Hurricane woes sent Fred home early. This is his last column for 2016. If he's still up to it, his columns will return Spring of 2017.

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cific travel advisories for the Florida area having mosquito-borne spread of Zika,

Zika virus is transmitted through the bite of an infectious mosquito, although cases of transmission through sexual contact and blood transfusion have also been reported. Symptoms can include rash, red eyes, fever and joint pain. Only about one in five people infected with Zika virus will show symptoms.

A pregnant woman infected with Zika virus can pass the virus to her unborn baby. A serious birth defect of the brain called microcephaly and other adverse pregnancy outcomes have been reported in some infants born to mothers who were infected with Zika virus while pregnant. State health officials are in constant communication with local health departments to work with health providers, including obstetricians and gynecologists, to ensure they have the latest

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Tuesday: Made in-house Italian sausage lasagna and a large house salad.

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Wednesday: Chicken or steak pot pie and a large salad.

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North Carolina Community Foundation reactivates statewide Disaster Relief Fund to support victims of Hurricane Matthew

The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) has re-activated its statewide Disaster Relief Fund to support relief efforts related to Hurricane Matthew in North Carolina, according to an announcement made today by Grants Chair Rodney E. Martin, who is also a member of the NCCF statewide board.

The fund will support nonprofits with programs that can help hurricane victims included in the 66 counties that have been designated a federal state of emergency. This region includes areas of central and eastern North Carolina. NCCF's affiliate foundation board members serving these regions will work with NCCF's statewide Grants Committee to make grants decisions based on their knowledge of local needs.

Credit card donations can be made online through the NCCF website via the "Give Now" button or under the "Giving" tab at nccommunityfoundation.org or by downloading a contribution form from the site and mailing or faxing it to NCCF offices. (The fax number is 919-827-0749.) The form or checks can be mailed to NCCF at 3737 Glenwood Ave., Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please designate your gift for "Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief." All gifts are tax-deductible.

All funds will go directly to nonprofit organizations serving the needs of local victims in this region of North Carolina. Local affiliate foundations will determine the nonprofit agencies that can best provide relief for victims of storms and flooding in the affected areas. No portion of the NCCF's Disaster Relief

Fund will be used for the Foundation's administrative or operational expenses. The Foundation also encourages this practice among local recipient agencies.

"This is a devastating blow to our state, and our hearts go out to our neighbors and friends who have suffered losses due to Hurricane Matthew and related flooding," said NCCF CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside. "Our affiliate foundations and statewide Grants Committee will ensure that contributions we collect for the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund are effectively distributed to those nonprofit agencies that can serve the greatest needs in our state," she said.

For more information visit nccommunityfoundation.org, contact the NCCF headquarters office in Raleigh at 919-828-4387 or email questions to info@nccommunityfoundation.org.

About NCCF

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made more than \$116 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$222 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels. For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org and Facebook and follow on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF.

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information, as well as access to guidance and testing.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a travel advisory recommending pregnant women consider postponing travel to any area with active Zika virus transmission. Women who are trying to become pregnant should talk to their doctors about the risk of Zika virus infection before traveling.

While the primary mosquitoes that carry Zika virus are not believed to be widespread in North Carolina, individuals

are always encouraged, as a routine precaution, to take steps to prevent mosquito bites.

Travelers can protect themselves by:

- Wearing insect repellent registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Using air conditioning or make sure window and door screens are in place.

For more information about Zika visit www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html.

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

Highlands and to see the merchandise.

• Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Friday - Tuesday: 2, 5, and 8 pm;

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

First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's

Meeting at 7 pm

Mondays

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

Mon. & Wed.

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

Mon. & Thurs.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

First Tuesdays

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

Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets in Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. 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 more information call 828-369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays

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

• Pickle ball from 11:30a to

1p 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 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

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

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 5 pm at Christ Church of the Valley. Call Lisa 828-506-3555.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc., and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15 pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's Funnel Home. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

2nd Thursdays

• Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

3rd Thursdays

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

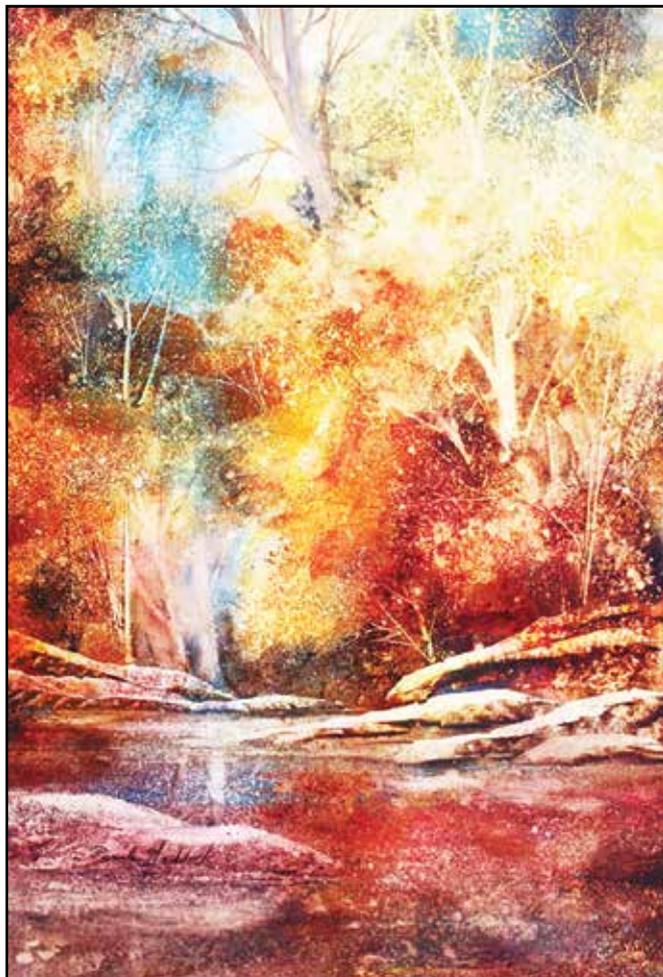
• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: from, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

Fridays

• 99ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45 a.m.

• Open Duplicate Bridge at

Art League's Fall Colors Fine Art Show is Sat. & Sun. Oct. 15-16



The Art League of Highlands-Cashiers' annual Fall Colors Fine Art Show is being held on Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16 at the Highlands Civic Center. Show hours both days are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Recognized regional artists will have on display and for sale original works in oil, watercolor, acrylics, dry media and mixed media, as well as photographs, glass, one-of-a-kind jewelry, wood turnings and ceramics. This free indoor show is final of two fine art shows for 2016 sponsored by the Art League.

Bluegrass Sunday at First Presbyterian



WellStrung Band will be participating in worship during the 11 a.m. service at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16. Members of the group are David Goodrow, guitar, percussion, vocals; Knight Martorell banjo, harmonica, vocals; Jeff Schneck, guitar, mandolin, vocals; and Rachel Friday, bass. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this and all services at First Presbyterian Church. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets.

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1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

• Friday Night Live, 6-8pm in Town Square. Live music. Free **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.

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

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 13-23

• HCP's play "The Sunshine Boys" at PAC. For tickets call 526-8084.

Thurs., Oct. 13

• At Drake's Diamond Gallery, Men's Night Out. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Great bar food and beverages. Jewelry door prizes just for men.

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the special guest speaker will be a Breast Cancer Survivor. There will be free gifts for everyone and a special gift for Breast Cancer Survivors. Gentlemen are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

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Sat., Oct. 15

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct a work day from 9a – noon this Saturday. If you're interested in participating, please email Ran Shaffner at highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at 828-482-1451. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot (near the pool entrance) in the Recreation Park at 9 AM for a brief orientation session, and you'll be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment.

• Bolivia Mission Lucheonn at HUMC from 11 a to 3p. Bake sale and salsa and jams made by Dr. Baumrucker. All proceeds will go to the foster home and other projects in Montero, Bolivia.

• Live via satellite at PAC the National Theater of London production of "View from the Bridge" at 1 p.m. For more info call 828-526-9047.

Sun., Oct. 16

• At First Presbyterian Church, the WellStrung Band will be participating in worship during the 11 a.m. service. Members of the group are David Goodrow, guitar, percussion, vocals; Knight Martorell banjo, harmonica, vocals; Jeff Schneck, guitar, mandolin, vocals; and Rachel Friday, bass.

Tues., Oct. 18

• The Rathskeller Coffee Haus & Pub in Franklin resumes third Tuesday poetry nights on Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. All adult poets and lovers of poetry are invited to read or recite their original works, as well as share their favorite works by other poets, in a relaxed open-mic format. There is no admission charge. The Rathskeller is at 58 Stewart Street, a half block south of Main Street behind Books Unlimited. It sells specialty beers, coffees, teas, soft drinks, healthful baked sandwiches, pretzels, and cookies. This event is produced by the Arts Council of Macon County, and supported by the Grass-roots Arts Program of the North

Carolina Arts Council, a division of the state Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Contact the Macon Arts Council for details, arts4all@dnet.net or 828-524-ARTS.

Thurs., Oct. 20

• 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. Bearwallow Mountain Excursion

Oct. 27

• The Bascom Book Club meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in the downstairs conference area at the Bascom. The meeting time is 3– 5p. Euphoria by Lily King

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 28-29

• A free conference for young ladies and women on "Discovering how to revive the beauty of Biblical womanhood" will be held Friday & Saturday at South Macon Baptist Church, Clarks Chapel Road, in Franklin, NC. To register, please go to www.tomorrowforefathers.com/store/conference-registration. Registration deadline is Saturday, October 22.

Sat. Oct. 29

• At PAC, Bluegrass: Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper at 8 p.m. Call 828-526-9047.

Thurs.-Sun., Nov. 10-13

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

Fri., Nov. 25

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

Encore performance of 'A View from the Bridge' at PAC on Sunday, Oct. 15



The Highlands Performing Arts Center presents the Encore performance of A View From the Bridge from the National Theatre of London on Saturday, October 15th at 1pm. The great Arthur Miller confronts the American dream in this dark and passionate tale. In Brooklyn, longshoreman Eddie Carbone welcomes his Sicilian cousins to the land of freedom. But when one of them falls for his beautiful niece, they discover that freedom comes at a price. Eddie's jealous mistrust exposes a deep, unspeakable secret – one that drives him to commit the ultimate betrayal. The visionary Ivo van Hove directs this stunning, brilliantly staged and acted production of Miller's tragic masterpiece.

Tickets on Sale for Sunshine Boys



Tickets are now on sale for Sunshine Boys at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands October 13 to October 23, Thursdays through Sunday. Rehearsals at HCP are heating up as Willy and Al keep scrapping. The HCP box office, 828-526-8084, is open from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. If phone is busy, leave a message for a call back. HCP website is highlandscashiersplayers.org.



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FRI	WILD CAUGHT FRIED SHRIMP, BAKED POTATOES, HUSH PUPPIES, AND COLESLAW	\$24.95 SERVES 4
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grandparents' land in the Upper Burningtown community and owns a small construction company. He and his wife are partners in a national wastewater company. Higdon graduated from Franklin High School, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is a US Army veteran.

"I'm running for reelection to add a strong conservative voice and vote on how to spend taxpayer's hard earned dollars," said Higdon.

Higdon has served as commissioner since 2012 and is completing his first four year term. In addition to the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Higdon has also served on the Board of Health.

Kuppers has lived in Macon County since 1960 and after graduating from Franklin High School, joined the United States Naval Academy in 1971. Kuppers graduated from the Naval Academy with an Electrical Engineering degree and shortly after graduation joined the Nuclear Power Program where he spent 25 years working in the United States Submarine Force. Kuppers retired in 2000 and returned to Franklin. After retiring from the Navy, Kuppers began a career working for the Macon County School system as a teacher and currently works as a social studies teacher and football coach at Franklin High School.

"Put simply, I am running for office because I believe that every citizen has a responsibility to try to make their community a better place to live," said Kuppers. "There are many different ways to do this, teaching, volunteering, working with charities and many others. I also believe that public service – government service is way to improve our community."

Aside from working for the federal government for 25 years, Kuppers got his first taste of politics working as Chief of Staff to Commander, Submarine Force Eastern Atlantic, a NATO command in London, England. He spent two years working with representatives from various NATO countries creating policies and rules for the NATO submarine force which was a tremendous lesson in diplomacy and compromise. In Macon County, Kuppers has remained active in local politics serving as county chair for his part for four years and serving as a commissioner for District 3 from 2008-2012.

While the economy continues to recover across the United States, both Kuppers and Higdon believe the commissioners' roles in economic growth are important to overall sustainability. Commissioner Higdon noted that in the private industry in Macon County, there has been substantial growth.

"Economic development is a hot topic

at all levels of government," said Higdon. "We have seen growth for some of our private employers this past year and certainly appreciate all local businesses for their contributions."

Kuppers noted that in order to move forward, Macon County must first define itself as an economy.

"The first step in economic development is to define what we believe our economic identity to be," said Kuppers. "Are we a mill town, a tourist area, a retirement community, or perhaps a center for small businesses? Defining who we are is vital as we try to maximize the impact of our available resources. I have been told by some that we are simply a retirement community and should aspire to nothing else. Some may accept this, but I do not. To the contrary, I think we are a community uniquely suited for small businesses, tourism and retirement. But whatever consensus the community defines as their vision for our economy, that vision must guide our efforts in economic development."

According to Higdon, he believes that Macon County's growth is driven by three interrelated industries, tourism, real estate, and construction. "Attracting people to Macon County is vital to support these," said Higdon. "I think one of the best venues for this would be a modern building that would support conferences, trade shows, conventions and indoor sports."

Macon County is currently in the process of remodeling the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building and Higdon spoke to commissioners about the possibility of not just remodeling that building but investing tax dollars in a convention center that could support larger indoor sporting activities as well as the gun shows and gem shows that happen throughout the year and draw people to Macon County.

Kuppers noted that with work of the entire community and existing business leaders and community activists a broad economic development plan can benefit the growth of the entire county.

"A starting point might be to gather and energize leaders from mid-size and small businesses, our retail industry, our public schools and colleges, chamber of commerce, local community organizations as well as members of the local and regional economic development commissions and have continuing discussions and exchanges of ideas on the way ahead," said Kuppers. "There will be much work to do following such meetings, but open communications are a great place to continually grow and adapt to changing economic conditions."

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LA Flood Relief benefit had good turnout

Donations to help those who have lost their homes or have flood damage in Louisiana, made at Sunday's benefit will go to good use.

Patrons enjoyed traditional Louisiana food music and dancing. If you couldn't attend the benefit but would like to make a donation, mail a check to HUMC, PO Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741 and indicate that it is for LA Flood Relief.



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At Paoletti's Peaceful Journey benefit, from left: Marilee Lipinski, Brenda Privat, Dave Kaplan, Kenny Privat and Rev. Howard L'Enfant

In addition, last week, the Hospice House Foundation of WNC (HHFWNC) received \$75,000 donation from an anonymous donor. The grant supports the construction of a hospice inpatient facility in Franklin, NC.

Coming up, over the weekend of October 15-16 at the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers Fall Colors Fine Art Show in the Highlands Civic Center, one of the local exhibiting artists has decided to donate 100% of her sales to a worthy local cause.

Carol Rollick, a Franklin resident and longtime member of the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers will occupy two booths where sales of her beautiful pastel and mixed media artwork will go to the Hospice House of

WNC Foundation. Hospice House Foundation is creating a skilled inpatient facility in Franklin for end of life patients in a home-like setting that promotes comfort and dignity.

There are no other hospice houses of this type within a reasonable driving distance, and Ms. Rollick is moved to do her part to help with fund raising. She says, "It's not much, relative to the need, but it's what I can do." She is hoping that people will love the pastels and photography that she offers and see the purchase as a "win-win" for all.

Also, Terry Johnson, owner of Estate Jewelers of Highlands - 360 Main Street, has merchandise from an anonymous individual whose sale will benefit the Hospice

House Foundation of WNC. To date, this effort has raised roughly \$20,000 in support of HHFWNC. Johnson is waiving the consignment fee on the sale of this select merchandise. Go into Estate Jewelers of Highlands and to see the merchandise.

Including this gift and \$1.3 million in contingent challenge grants, HHFWNC has raised \$2.5 million towards its \$5 million Campaign goal for construction of a hospice inpatient facility. It will be named SECU Hospice House in recognition of the State Employees' Credit Union's anticipated \$1 million match investment.

The facility, with six patient suites, will serve hospice patients from the six far western counties of North Carolina – Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee – and northeast Georgia. HHFWNC anticipates serving roughly 200 hospice patients per year.

Without the additional responsibility of providing curative care for other patients as is the case with nursing homes and hospitals, Hospice houses are dedicated to expert end-of-life care, as are their staff. In addition to pain and symptom management, hospice's interdisciplinary team provides emotional and spiritual support for the patient and their loved ones. Hospice houses help ensure life's final journey is one of peace, comfort, and dignity. Currently, the closest hospice houses for the majority

of people of Western NC and northeast Georgia are well over an hour's drive away.

Once constructed, the future Hospice House will be managed by Four Seasons Compassion for Life, a current in-home hospice care provider in Western NC. Four Seasons is based in Flat Rock, NC where it currently operates a 19-bed hospice inpatient facility, the Elizabeth House. All hospice patients, regardless of their hospice provider, will be eligible for care at the future Franklin facility.

Michele Alderson, President of Hospice House Foundation of WNC, expressed her excitement and heartfelt gratitude for the donor's generous donation. She shared her hope that this significant investment in HHFWNC's important initiative will inspire members of the community to make their decision to support. Construction of the proposed Hospice House will start as soon as all funds are raised – an additional \$2 million is needed.

• To learn more about how you can help or to make a donation, contact HHFWNC's President, Michele Alderson, at 828-524-6375. Donations may be in the form of cash, 3-5 year pledges, stock, mutual funds, or planned gifts (bequests). For cash gifts, make checks payable to: Hospice House Foundation of WNC, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744. Hospice House Foundation of WNC, Inc. is a not for profit, 501(c)3; donations are entirely tax deductible.

Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas 2016 Art Contest in on!

The Chamber's annual art contest is seeking original artwork to be used this holiday season. The artwork will be used for the Chamber of Commerce's 2016 sweatshirt and events poster.

Age categories are k-4th and 5th through 12th.

The winner should be present at the annual tree lighting ceremony Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at K-H Founders Park to collect the prize and be recognized.

On the artwork, please include the text: Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas 2016. No abbreviations will be accepted.

The drawing needs to be no larger than 11" x 17" and no smaller than 8 1/2" by 11."

No clipart or photos. Work must be a hand drawing in color. No pen or pencil. Please include your name and grade level.

All entries must be turned into the Highlands Chamber of Commerce to Jennifer Cunningham or emailed to visitor@highlandschamber.org by November 1st.

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Higdon also noted that the county is in a strong financial position to use existing dollars in the fund balance for the purpose of economic development above the county's existing economic development budget.

"Macon County's financial status is excellent as we have kept the budget about the same year after year," said Higdon. "Our 45 million dollar debt is on a structured payment plan and our fund balance sits at around 19 million dollars. I certainly would not be in favor of increasing the budget and I think we could use some of the fund balance to improve economic development."

In addition to using the fund balance to invests in economic development, Commissioner Higdon also noted that in terms of public education and the county's obligation to such, he doesn't believe the state nor local leaders would ever say no to adequately funding education.

"In the last few years, we have committed over 50 million dollars on new and upgrades to school buildings and still owe around 35 million dollars on them," said Higdon. "Above this responsibility, we budgeted nearly 8 million dollars for local education operating expenses this year which totals about 20% of our budget. I can never see state or local leaders saying no to adequately funding education."

While Higdon believes both the state and local leaders are funding education as they should, Koppers believes that it can be better on the state level rather than shifting the burden to county government.

"Macon County has done an exceptional job with our facilities and buildings and has worked very hard to fund essential staff locally when state funds fell short. But, the current leadership gap at the state level has put the quality of education for our kids at risk," said Koppers. "Misguided

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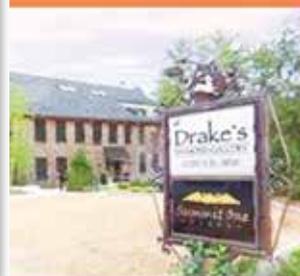
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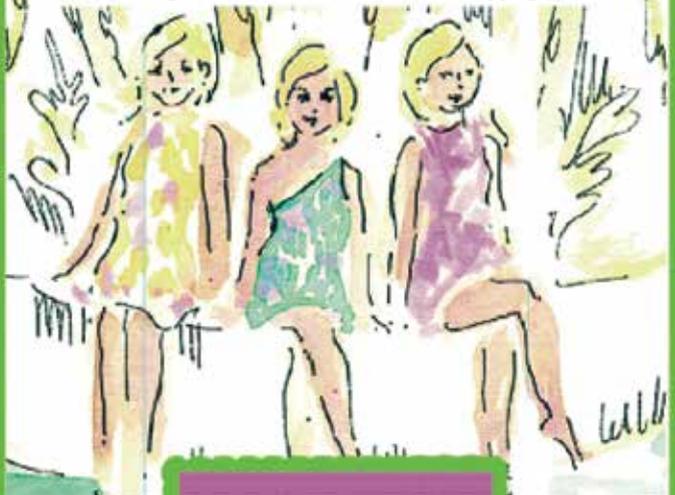
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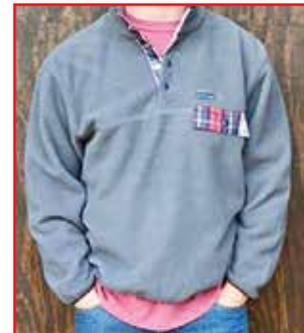


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This has been our biggest year ever in real estate sales at Pat Allen Realty Group and many of you asked me "why?" There are several reasons. We have learned that pricing correctly and having a well-maintained home are the keys to selling. Buyers are too savvy to overpay and do not want to go in and update or repair things that the sellers should have done. We have had homes under contract in 2-6 days this year! Great photos and proven marketing techniques are crucial.

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A trend we are seeing is that buyers who look and find something they are really interested in -but leave without making an offer -wind up losing out. This happened many times this summer! If you really love a home or property don't delay... others will love it too! Going home to "think about it" is not always

the best option.

I wish you all a lovely fall season and to those who lost property due to Hurricane Matthew my heart goes out to you.

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• BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NEWS •

CHHS Animal Rescue Team deployed an unprecedented two times in five days

As an official Emergency Placement Partner with the Humane Society of the United States – one of only four in North Carolina with large scale transport capability – the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society has been called upon to provide assistance in puppy mill raids, cruelty and hoarding cases, and disaster response.

Last week, the CHHS Animal Rescue team was deployed not just once, but twice, to help animals in need. On Saturday, October 1st, CHHS met with four other North Carolina animal welfare organizations just outside of Raleigh to give safe refuge for brave canine survivors of an illegal dog meat farm in South Korea. Of the 31 dogs arriving in the United States, CHHS rescued 10 of them for a new home in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Then just five days later, on October 5th CHHS was part of a multi-agency rescue operation that saved dogs from an illegal puppy mill in Cabarrus County.

“In our work as animal welfare ambassadors for the communities of Cashiers and Highlands, we were honored to be a part of these two rescues,” said David Stroud, CHHS Executive Director. “Every life we save is special. Every single one. From the nearly 500 strays and owner-surrendered pets brought to our doors each year by local citizens and Good Samaritans, to the 30 to 40 animals we save each year in off-site rescues, we cherish every life and every new forever home we find.

“We also value the friendships and partnerships CHHS has fostered across North Caro-

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Highlands Central Baptist Church is 6 years old!

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lina, across the United States, and now across the globe. God forbid the day comes when some catastrophic event occurs in our little piece of paradise in western North Carolina that causes large-scale displacement of animals, but if it ever does, we now have friends across many borders who will help us and our beloved animals in the same way we have helped them.

"I have always believed in the saying... If you want a friend, be a friend. CHHS is honored to be a friend to so many. And I believe that because of our lifesaving efforts, our community is blessed to have many, many friends in return."

Founded in 1987, the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society has rescued, cared for, and found forever homes for tens of thousands of abandoned and neglected

animals. CHHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit no-kill shelter that receives no federal, state or county tax dollars, and no funding from any national animal welfare organization. One hundred percent of CHHS' revenue comes from donations, grants, bequests and special events to support the mission of rescue, adoption, spay/neuter and humane education.

Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society is located on Highway 64 in Sapphire, North Carolina, two miles east of the Cashiers Crossroads. The shelter is open 10am-4pm Monday through Saturday. Visit CHHS online at www.chhumanesociety.org to see pictures and descriptions of all the dogs, cats, puppies and kittens looking for forever homes. For more information, please call the shelter at 828-743-5752 or email info@chhumanesociety.org.

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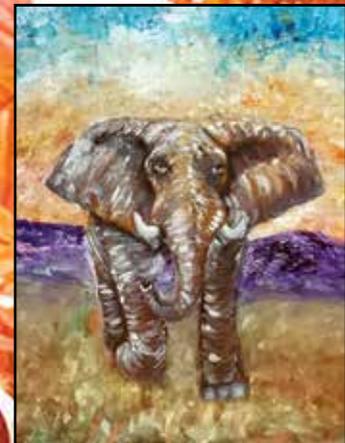
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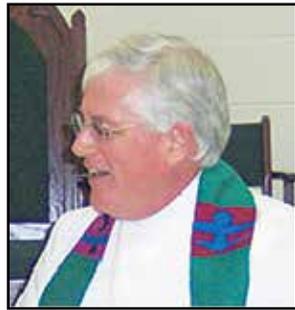
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In approximately one month, Americans will have elected a new president of our United States. Of the two major party candidates running for the highest office in the land, one seems to endorse a decidedly "Open" border approach that concerns immigration, while the other supports a border policy that includes a simple, procedural requirement. It will be interesting to see the results of this presidential election.

In the meantime, as we prepare to make our decision and to vote, I would like to make sure that everyone knows about an election that has already taken place. This is an election where by simply accepting the nomination, every individual becomes a winner! We all like to win, don't we?

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus, the president of all creation, said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." (19:10, ESV) The man that Jesus spoke those words to was a rich, Jewish tax-collector. He was a "lost" sinner by the accusation of others and through his own admission. Yet, Jesus elected Zacchaeus to salvation, and the tax-collecting reprobate accepted. This sinner became the winner by acknowledging Jesus as the Son of Man, the Lord of life! Further, in so granting saving-grace here, Jesus broke a religious and national border, so to speak, as he enjoyed a meal and spent the rest of the evening with this sinner, who became a man of faith.

There are no boundaries or borders where the saving love of the Father God reigns. Indeed, Jesus transgressed the border between heaven and earth when he was born into this world as the God-Man-Savior. As the Lord crossed that same border again, upon his return to the Throne of Grace, or if you will, the oval office in the sky, he opened the boundary between heaven and earth for all who would accept the results of his election, to all who would believe in him, his love, and the truth of his divinity.

Did you know that you have either won this election or have the potential of winning this high office? Do you understand that by casting your personal vote for Jesus as the God-Man-Savior that you instantly become a winner? As the apostle Paul wrote to his spiritual protégé, Timothy, he said in part, "This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4). God's heart-desire is that every individual accept the results of this election. Jesus has already voted for everyone to join him in his expansive, heavenly oval office

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 25

Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

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

Oct. 1

• At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106.

Oct. 5

• At 10 a.m., officers were notified of a burglary with forced entry at a residence on US 64 west where household items were taken including nails, a vacuume, dehumidifier and a plastic tub containing various painting tools.

Oct. 6

• At 10:22 p.m., Heather Chivas, 29, of Lenoir City, TN, was arrested for DWI when she was stopped on US 64 east. She was issued a \$1,000 unsecured bond. Her trial date is Nov. 7.

Oct. 7

• At 2 a.m., officers responded to a call of simple, non-physical assault at the Lost Hiker where threatening language was being used.

• At 4:14 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

Oct. 8

• At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

• At 4:02 p.m., officers responded to a call of someone discharging a

weapon in town limits at a residence on Paul Walden Way.

Oct. 9

• At 1:17 a.m., officers responded to a call of drunk and disruptive behavior at The Ugly Dog.

• At 2:16 a.m., Margaret Louise Ward, 23, of Gainesville, GA, was arrested for DWI when she was stopped on Main Street. She was issued a \$2,500 secured bond. Her trial date is Nov. 7.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Oct. 4.

Oct. 4

• At 11:26 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of an oven fire at a residence on Lake Villas Way.

Oct. 6

• At 12:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106.

Oct. 7

• At 9:54 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Center Drive.

Oct. 10

• At 9:37 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Bobby Jones Road.

• At 9:15 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cheyenne rive.

Oct. 11

• At 6:52 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

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state level policy has resulted in increased class sizes, reduced funding for instructional materials, a reduction in the number of teachers, and demoralized faculties. As these trends continue, from year to year Macon County in conjunction with Macon County Schools must evaluate the needs of our schools and the revenue available to meet those needs. Eventually, we will reach a point where the County government cannot make up for the shortfalls. Put simply, we

can't meet our financial responsibilities and those of the State of North Carolina. We aren't there yet, but at the current pace the gradual decline we see today, will become steeper."

All candidates for the Macon County Board of Commissioners are scheduled to appear in a candidate forum with the Macon County League of Women Voters on October 20 at noon at Tartan Hall in Franklin.

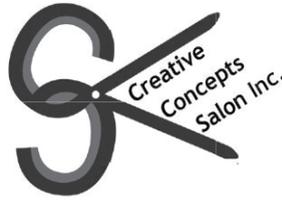


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and to be sworn in as eternal residents to reign with him in the United State of Heaven.

The story of the almighty Father's unbounded love for us is rife with examples of how borders in the kingdom of God are routinely crossed because of the desire that both Jesus and Paul spoke of: divine love. The Bible, the word of God speaks volumes about the Savior's sovereign election of each one who accepts the nomination to be his brothers

and sisters. The Holy Scriptures reveal Jesus' unceasing quest to include all willing parties to be his co-inheritors.

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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS

Tooth Fairy teaches Highlands School elementary students

On October 7, Mary McClean, a registered dental hygienist and professional dental educator from Nashville, TN presented a dental health program to the students in grades K-5 at Highlands School.

Mary and her husband vacation in Highlands several times

a year and while here she volunteered to teach the young students the importance of early dental care.

This program is part of a 3 point dental health program jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands and the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Club. The

other two segments of the program are a weekly fluoride swish for younger students and a yearly exam by volunteer dentists.

Hank Ross, President of the Rotary Club of Highlands said "Mary adds a level of experience and professional guidance to the Rotary sponsored school pro-

grams of dental health. We thank her for her generous volunteer efforts in our program. She truly makes a difference."

The photo shows Mary, with her giant tooth brush and other props, demonstrating to young students at Highlands School proper dental hygiene



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Tooth Fairy Mary McClean with Highlands School elementary children.



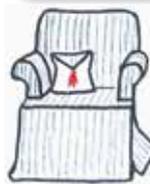
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• BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation celebrates million dollar mark toward future bell tower

In 2007, after seeing scaffolding around the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation bell tower for weeks, church members Joe and Virginia Parrott suggested to their Rector Brian Sullivan that an endowment be established so there would always be funds available to maintain the old buildings. Thus began the process of founding the BTE - Bell Tower Endowment.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, the Incarnation celebrated the achievement of the million dollar milestone, not the goal of the BTE but certainly a major accomplishment!

This has all been spearheaded by Virginia Parrott since its inception in February 2008 and the BTE has now distributed over \$130,000 for repairs and maintaining the church buildings at Incarnation.

Sunday there was a celebration of Champagne and wine, donations of members Mindy & Wolfgang Green, flowers from Oak Leaf Florist and balloons from Cospers Flowers, all while feasting on a 32-inch high replica of Incarnation's Bell Tower from Bake My Day.

The celebration was organized by board member Donald Laier with current board members taking a bow: Mike Crosby, Anne Jones, Donald Laier and Virginia Parrott and tribute being paid to past board member Tom Tracy.



Below from left are: Patricia Catchings, Patsy Simms and Virginia Parrott. Cake by Bake My Day.

– Photos by Helen Moore



Joy Group at HUMC in full swing

The JOY (Just Older Youth) Group enjoyed a spaghetti bake and salad lunch and plenty of cake and ice cream to help Lou Batson celebrate his 89th birthday on Monday. Many friends and neighbors attended and shared stories about Lou. On Thursday the group enjoyed a Diabetes presentation by JOY Group Coordinator, Tricia Smith, who is a Nurse Practitioner.

JOY Group meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30 until 1:30 in the HUMC fellowship hall and enjoys delicious free lunches and games, crafts and informative programs about issues concerning seniors. Everyone is welcome. Please join our lively group.

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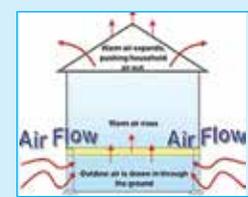


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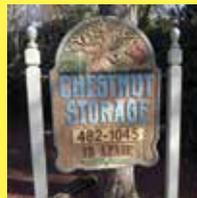
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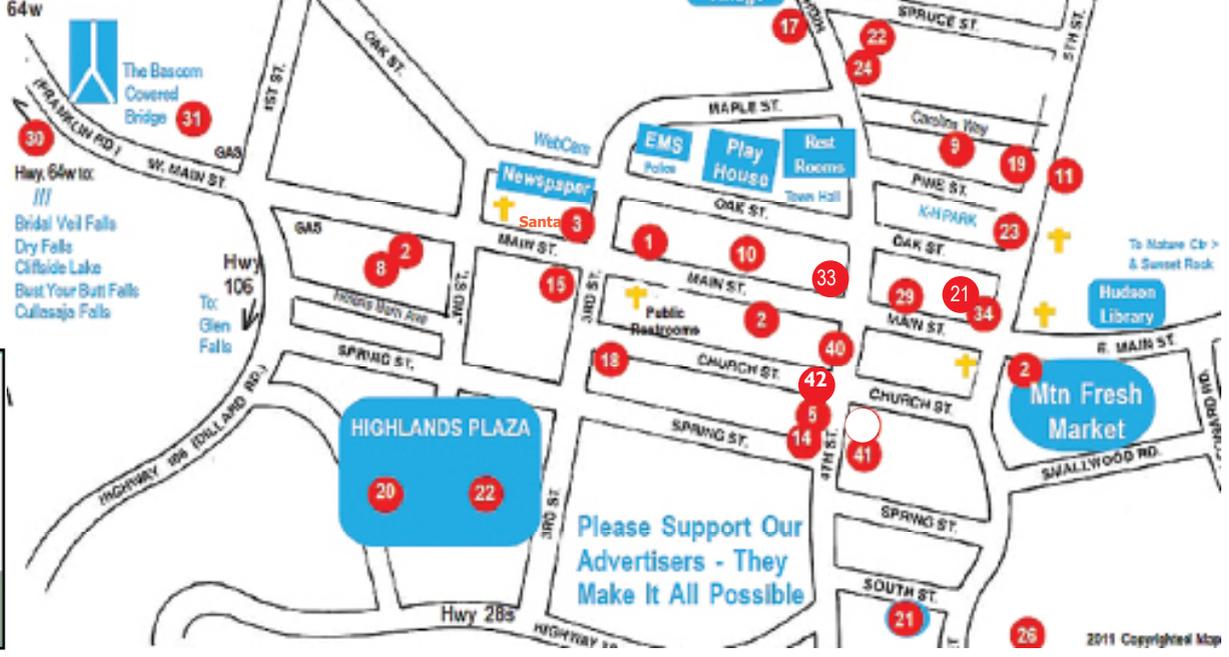
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