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## Painted rock offers 'encouragement' to Highlands School students on the first day of school

Painted rocks have made their way to Highlands, spreading joy and excitement into the community. See if you can find one hidden in plain sight at

Highlands School meant to bring a smile and offer encouragement on the first day of school.

For months, rocks painted with acrylic have been popping up

in little libraries, on park benches and outside shopping centers throughout Western North Carolina. Children and adults have joined in on the activity, which is

part of the Kindness Rocks Project, a movement that got its start on the East Coast two years ago and has now spread across the

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## Highlands School Varsity Soccer Team - 2017



The Varsity Boys Soccer Team has started off the 2017 season fighting hard. So far they've tied one game and lost two of their first three games. Their next home game will be Friday, Sept. 6. Pictured are Ethan Tate, Freddi Garcia, Pablo Jimenez, Jose Jimenez, Dillon Schmitt, Jared Shearl, Jonathan Miller, Max Renfro, Caden Smolarsky, Destin Gearhart, Nick Ridge, Manuel Contreras, Carlos May Gomez, Carson Talbert, Drew Chalker, Garrison Chalker, Zachary Moore, Jake Billingsley, Collin Stoltzfus, Jesus Damien, Head Coach David Parrish, Asst. Coach Selwyn Chalker. Not pictured are Juan Garcia, Asst. Coach Ken McKim and Athletic Trainer Will Mathiowdis

Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Highlands School 3rd grade students are raring to go!



The first day of school, Monday, Aug. 28, there were 340 students registered at Highlands School k-12 grades. That number typically increases over the next 10 days. New personnel this year include Stacey Ovelin—Assistant Principal; Sara O'Neal—2nd grade teacher; Patti Moschouris—Teacher Assistant; Emily Messer—Teacher Assistant. For more pictures see page 24.

## Planning B. discusses the art of planning

Monday night Town Planner Andrew Bowen held a Planning Board workshop to start a conversation about the medium- to long-term planning needs of Highlands.

not just town employee, Bowen brought fresh ideas and a deep understanding of small town planning to the table while stressing the importance of having a comprehensive plan in place.

great town and it's not threatened but if you don't have an actual plan in place you can't complain about what has happened in 20 years," he said.

Acting as facilitator and

He said the ideals for the

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## Recycle your eclipse glasses!

Folks at The Peggy Crosby are collecting eclipse glasses to send to Astronomers Without Borders (AWB) which will distribute the glasses to schools in Asia and South America for use during

the 2019 eclipses on those continents.

AWB's mission is to provide astronomy-related education and equipment for developing coun-

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Dogs can be nicer than people

Dear Editor,

Referring to the letter "Pet Peeve" in the Aug. 24 edition. What an unhappy, hateful and miserable person Milton Ready must be.

I feel sad for him having to live in and tolerate a world with so many people that think and feel differently than he.

The more people like him that I come across, the more I like my dogs.

Pam Smith  
Cullowhee

### Dogs are much more than pets

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter entitled "Pet Peeve" in the Aug. 24 edition:

Mr. Ready, Of course you are right. Some pet owners are irresponsible. Most are not. I leave K-H Park as I find it. Every Saturday at the market, my dog and I join other vendors in welcoming pets and their owners. Accidental droppings? I've seen a few. Nothing to complain about.

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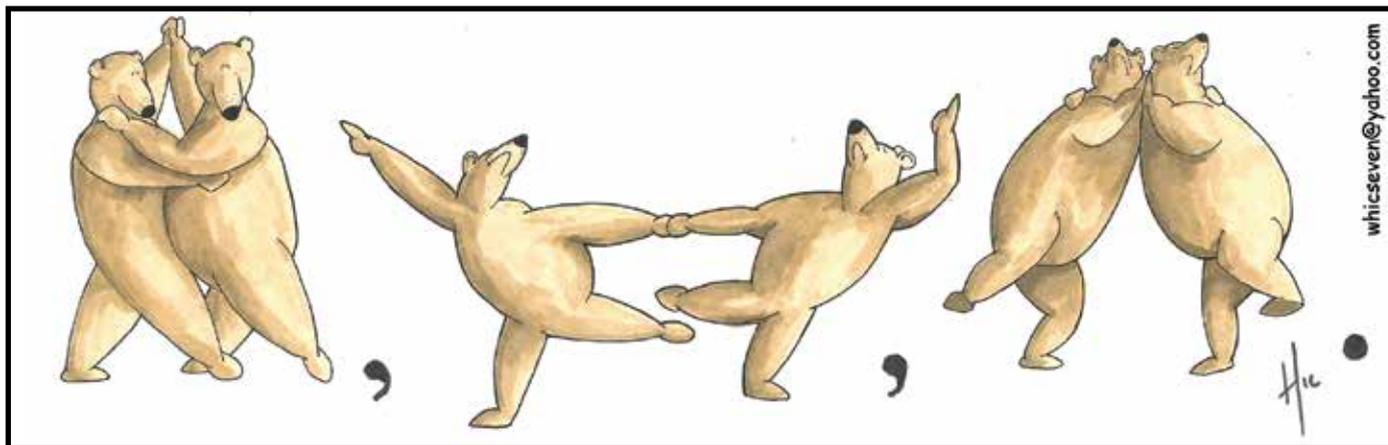
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## • HIC'S VIEW



## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### What's churning at Town Hall right now

The last week in the month is a time when I review actions of the previous Thursday's Town Board meeting. In addition to recording a radio show and writing a column, I also make a presentation at the Community Coffee the 4th Friday morning of each month at The Hudson Library.

At this past coffee, I covered four topics, coal ash, Mission/Blue Cross, broadband, and recycling. Let me provide a summary of what I said concerning these issues.

First, the Duke request to charge customers for coal ash recovery costs is not final. The NC Utilities Commission will make a final decision on how much Duke can charge customers in the coming months. In the meantime, Duke can begin collecting past charges now. We will have to pass to our customers fees for 2015, 2016, and 2017 beginning in 2018.

It is funny how corporations spin controversial issues. Duke Energy is running a TV ad with pictures of new transmission lines, solar panel fields and a truck being loaded with coal ash. The announcer notes that Duke is recycling coal ash, which in fact they are. One way to look at it is that customers will help fund their recycling efforts. Duke's stockholders will not share in the coal ash recovery costs, only the consumers.

The Mission and Blue Cross controversy is similar. The customers will ultimately carry the cost of any resolution, while NC Blue Cross stockholders will probably enjoy strong returns like they



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

did last year. Our Town Manager has been communicating with our insurance broker concerning options for town employees currently on Blue Cross. We both met with representatives from Mission this past week. I came away from the meeting with the sober realization that the current contract between Blue Cross and Mission will very likely expire on October 5.

While Blue Cross will continue to fully cover emergency services, Blue Cross policy holders will be treated as being out-of-network for primary healthcare claims at Mission facilities, including our hospital. I expect negotiations to resume after October 5, but in the meantime, we will continue to explore better options for our employees. From this controversy, the town may be able to provide the same level of care for employees at lower costs.

Another issue I addressed was the status of broadband. The staff is in extensive discussions with several private providers concerning partnership proposals. The town is advocating several major components. We want a rapid network buildout that covers the entire town with no, or minimum, exposure to the taxpayers. A few months ago, these two issues were in doubt, but now I see them as very

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## • WEEKEND WEATHER •



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# • OBITUARIES •

## Joel 'Patrick' Phillips



On Saturday, August 5th, 2017 Joel "Patrick" Phillips went home to be with the Lord. He was 33 years old. He is survived by his loving parents Fred and Carla Bowers of Franklin, NC; his brother Jacob Bowers of Gastonia, NC; and his beautiful girlfriend Christina Vandenburg of Vero Beach, FL.

Growing up in the mountains of Highlands, NC Patrick traveled extensively as a foreign exchange student, and he was fluent in French and Japanese. After returning from Japan, he relocated to Vero Beach, FL where he enjoyed the culinary

arts, golf, deep sea fishing, watching college basketball, and taking his dog River to the local park. Patrick loved film and was also an avid reader, having read hundreds of books in his lifetime.

Please join us on Sunday, September 10th for a celebration of Patrick's life at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Franklin, NC. Receiving

will be between 2-3 p.m., with the service beginning at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Pine Grove Baptist Church Building Fund.

## Billy Rhodes



Billy Rhodes, 80, of Franklin, passed away Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Born in Franklin, NC, he was the son of the late Western and Laverne Rogers Rhodes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Lee Rhodes and a sister, Connie Hargett. Billy was a US Marine Corps veteran and served during the Korean conflict. He was a general contractor and built roads all throughout western North Carolina. Billy was a member of First Assembly of God and enjoyed the Children's ministry and the Helping Hands ministry.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lillie Mae Calloway Rhodes; two sons, Billy Richard "Rick" Rhodes and wife Shelby Jean and Ted Rhodes and wife Vicki all of

Franklin; five grandchildren, Melissa Rhodes, Bill Richard Rhodes, III, Mitchell Rhodes, Abigail Rhodes and Casey Wahl and husband James; three great grandchildren, Blake Billingsley, Gracie Billingsley and Adaline Wahl.

A Memorial Service was held Thursday, August 24th in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Mike Barres will officiate. Burial was in Buck Creek Baptist Church

Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Men's Teen Challenge of the Smokies, PO Box 2157, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences can be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

## Patricia Ritchey Peck

Patricia Ritchey Peck, 89, of Highlands, NC and Ft. Lauderdale, FL passed away Friday, August 18, 2017 in Highlands. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to John D. Ritchey and Jane Flower Ritchey. As a young girl, Patricia and her family spent many happy summers in Highlands, NC following their move to Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

She was married to Robert McKay Peck who preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Bray (Jay) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; sons, Ritchey McKay Peck (Patrice) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Mark Ritchey Peck (Dotsi) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Robert McKay Peck II (Lura) of Winter Park, FL; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

For those of you that knew Mamu, you know she was a legend..... one of a kind. She will be missed tremendously.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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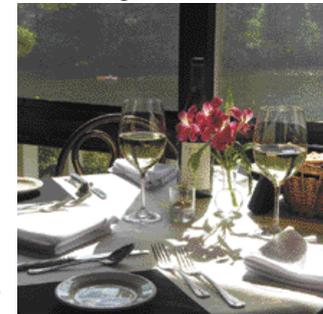
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Are you a pet owner? Based on your letter, I suspect not. You are missing a lot. You'll never know until you become one.

My current dog is my joy, another one is my grief. To help you understand the bond between dogs and people, I'll share my thoughts from a painful day 42 months ago.

For more than eight years, I have enthusiastically embraced my mission to share images of God's creation. In 2014, my 6-year-old partner was a 30-pound whippet-mix named Sheba. Over time, her name changed to She Bear, then Bear. Together, we hiked hundreds of miles, to waterfalls, mountains and into unfamiliar forests.

I built a website to share the fruits of our adventures. Many pictures in my galleries were taken with Bear at my side. When I removed my camera from its bag, Bear seemed to sense the need to be still. With my eye

looking at the scene, a leash in hand, there was seldom any camera shake from her movement. It seemed so natural, I took it for granted.

Hundreds of times, we repeated the process, gathering images, videos to put online for everyone to enjoy. I never thought it would end. But it did.

Bear was at her peak: muscular, energetic and so alert. We made our last visit to Dry Falls. As was our habit, we shared a Snickers candy bar and a slice of pound cake. About an hour after getting home, Bear was gone.

A call the next day led my wife and I about 70 miles to Anderson, SC where Bear had been euthanized. The circumstances still aren't clear.

Before I buried Bear outside our home, I cradled her body just as I did when she was alive. Wrapped in plastic by the vet, I held her for a few minutes, prayed and told her

how much I loved her. Then, loneliness and sadness that only ended when I adopted my current best friend.

I share this to help you understand why dogs are so much more than pets. They're family.

Pearce Adams  
Highlands

## Rude pet owners are probably Trump's fault

Dear Editor,

The only thing that last week's letter writer, Milton Ready, omitted in his comprehensive and lengthy analysis of the deplorable behavior of dogs in Highlands was

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# • THE INK PENN. •

## The eclipse?

I'm blaming my rambling on the eclipse. On August 21, entire swaths of the nation were caught up in eclipse fever, and Georgia and the Carolinas were part of the mania.

Did you have friends who traveled for the viewing? One Atlanta couple texted us Monday that they had stopped far short of their preferred destination after going 51 miles in two hours, so I was just as happy that the Clampetts, as my husband refers to us, shared our one pair of eclipse glasses and watched the phenomenon from our driveway.

If an eclipse can cause large parts of the population to take leave of their senses and sit in traffic for hours on end, perhaps it can cause my brain to hopscotch around. The idea of writing about music was triggered when I heard mention of Bonnie Tyler. I'd read she'd be singing "Total Eclipse of the Heart" at some point during the eclipse, but it didn't sink in until a local pop station snarkily said, "Bonnie Tyler will be culturally relevant again for the first time in thirty years." Can it have been that long?

I heard that comment right after enjoying a new song. Yes, me, a new song. I've since discovered it was "Something Just Like This," but as is typical for me, I couldn't catch all the lyrics as I was driving down the road. What first caught my attention was the mention of Achilles and Hercules, and those names made me think of the Crash Test Dummies hit from the 90s, "Superman's Song." From there, my mind jumped to "I'm Not Crazy; I'm Just a Little Unwell." And voila, I'd moved into the current century.

After sharing my music tastes a few weeks back in my newspaper column, I felt compelled to alert the media, or at least my readers, that I do listen to newer music on



Kathy Manos Penn

occasion. I only listen to the radio when I'm in the car running errands, so I don't hear new music often.

I'm also a button puncher and move between NPR and several music stations. That's how I heard "Something Just Like This." Via button punching, I stumble across both old and new songs that resonate with me.

Last year I sang along to "Just Give Me a Reason" by Pink. Google tells me it came out in 2012, though it seemed to be on every station in 2016. The male artist on the song sounded familiar, and it turns out he's Nate Rues of the band Fun. Fun's hits are just plain catchy: "Some Nights," "Carry On," and "We Are Young." Are my music tastes sounding a tad more modern yet?

I hear a good mix of old-time rock 'n roll along with newer artists like Adele, Coldplay, Taylor Swift, Bruno Mars, Mecha Trainor, and even Justin Bieber. I was surprised I liked "My Mama Don't Like You" since it's a Justin Bieber song, and I'm predisposed to dislike him. Mecha Trainor's "All About That Bass," is also among my newer favorites. I consider a 2015 song new, don't you?

Phew! I feel as though I've been punching buttons in my brain just as I do on my car radio, and I'm amazed I was able to trace all the leaps back to the beginning—Bonnie Tyler. To be honest, I can't blame my rambling thoughts on the eclipse; my brain works this way all the time.

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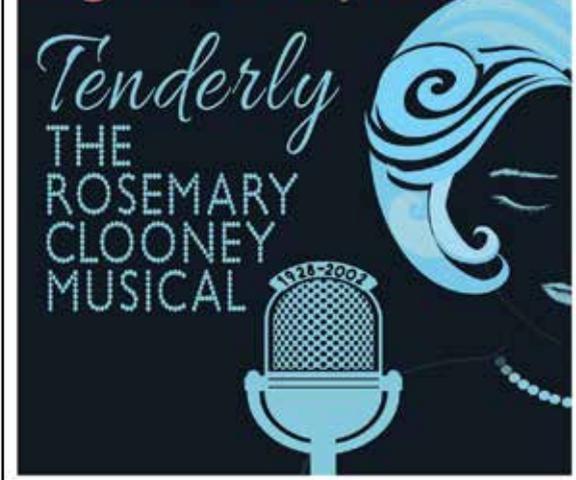
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globe, with painted rocks popping up from Europe to Australia.

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Other Locations: Sarasota, Naples, Highlands N.C.

Many towns or regions have their own Facebook groups, where members often share rock photos and uplifting stories. In Franklin, the "Franklin NC Rocks" group has so far attracted more than 800 members. A larger Facebook group that has been operating longer than Franklin's, WNC Rocks, has more than 8,300 members and has members who post photos and stories of rocks painted and found all over Western North Carolina.

The group also features pictures posted of rocks that have been hidden in areas such as Highlands that are from visitors as far away as Florida. While the rocks feature a painted picture or message on one side, on the backside, the name of the group the rock came from is written, such as "Highlands NC Rocks" or "Ocala Florida Rocks," so participants can watch the rocks travel with those who find them!

The Highlands NC Rocks



Can you find the rock at Highlands School?

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Facebook group is just getting started and was created by Sharon Mattocks Elder in June. The group has grown to 81 members and shows rocks hidden in and around Highlands.

A couple from Union South Carolina, Jamey and Deborah Metz, posted a photo of a rock they found in front of Kilwins Ice Cream Shop to the group and said they would be taking the rock back with them to South Carolina at the end of their vacation.

Martha Holbrook, who owns two shops along Franklin's Main Street brought the idea to Franklin and set up the Facebook group to help spread the message. The Facebook group explains that the group is family-oriented and community-building based, and encourages parents to get outside with their children and explore the community searching for the painted rocks.

To help build community support, Franklin's Main Street merchants have hosted monthly rock painting parties on the town square where all rocks and painting supplies are provided for the community. The events have led to hundreds of rocks being painted and spread throughout Macon County. Main Street merchants



Deborah and Jamey Metz, of Union, South Carolina, found this rock in front of Kilwins Ice Cream Shop during a recent trip to Highlands.

purchase all the supplies needed for the rocks to be painted. The next Free Rock Painting party is scheduled for September 23 on Main Street in Franklin. Details will be posted on the Franklin NC Rocks Fb page.

A painted rock may seem silly to some, but the small, simple gesture has the power to make all the difference for someone else.

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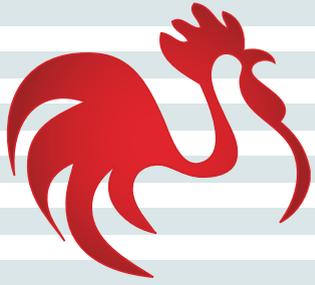
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# • THANK YOU •

## Hospital team is the best

I want to express my heartiest thanks to the Highlands hospital emergency staff, especially to Dr. Meade and to the RN Elizabeth.

After 2 weeks of excruciating pain and undergoing numerous tests, where "nothing" was diagnosed as to the cause, I wound up making a trip to the hospital on Saturday when the pain became unbear-

able.

Thanks to Dr. Meade, the nurse and Mission Hospital's consulting team, the proper tests were administered and they found the cause of my debilitating pain in a matter of hours!!

I was released feeling like a new man  
**Tom Hodgson**  
**Highlands**

## Stranded motorist rescued by Good Samaritan

On Tuesday the 22nd, at lunch time in a very busy parking lot at a local large grocery store, my car battery failed to function.

In other words, I just heard the clicking sound and the starter attempting to no avail to rotate the engine.

As I struggled to connect jumper cables, Mr. David Hensley interrupted his lunch and succeeded in getting engine running.

I drove to the stop sign at Highway 28 and stopped.

My car took exception to this behavior and the engine quit again.

And again, Mr. Hensley to the rescue.

By hand, he pushed my car backwards against traffic going out of the parking lot.

And again with the jumper cables, he got the engine running.

This time, a more brief stop at the sign and I was on my way.

The next trip for this car is to an auto parts store, where it will be the recipient of a new battery.

I say "Thank you Mr. Hensley, your kind assistance is much appreciated!"

**Larry Brannan**  
**Highlands**

## From the Beck family

The family of Gilbert Beck would like to express their appreciation to all friends and family who honored him in his passing. We would like to especially thank Four Seasons Hospice for their wonderful care and support.

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that he failed to identify the cause of such unsavory conduct which, obviously, lands squarely on the curiously coiffured head of Donald Trump, just as Kim Bonsteel's letter of June 1st to the newspaper attributed the increasingly rude and reprehensive driving habits of people in our mountains to the "Trump Doctrine," which he described as, quote, "I did it, I'm glad, screw you."

So, the Donald, besides being a racist, a bigot, a homophobe, a xenophobe, a megalomaniac, a twitter maniac, a misogynist, a chauvinist, a sexual predator, an anti-Semite, an anti-immigrant, an anti-environmentalist, climate change denier and Paris Accords nullifier, a white supremacist, a closet neo-nazi, a KKK sympathizer, an unapolo-

getic capitalist, a Confederate monument defender, an islamaphobe, a trans-gender oppressor, an NRA advocate, a media provocateur, a tax code manipulator, an anti-socialist, an anti-bureaucrat, a sanctuary city challenger, and basically just your all-around political hack, mental moron, deranged disrupter and mediocre golfer, can now add to this ever-expanding list of politically incorrect positions that of promoter of obnoxious canine behavior as well as promoter of rude and aggressive drivers.

Talk about a basket of deplorables, wow! What's next? Stay tuned.

**Alice Nelson**  
**Highlands**

# • BUSINESS NEWS •

## Rise & Shine for Highlands Community Fund



On Aug. 6 folks turned out for the Highlands Community Fund event at The Bascom. Pictured is board member Cindy Trevathan and Mayor Pat Taylor with guests. The Highlands Community Fund since inception, made over 100 grants to more than 30 organizations totaling more than \$700,000.

## Highlands Historical Society's 'Dulcimers, Denim & Dedication' Thursday, Sept. 14



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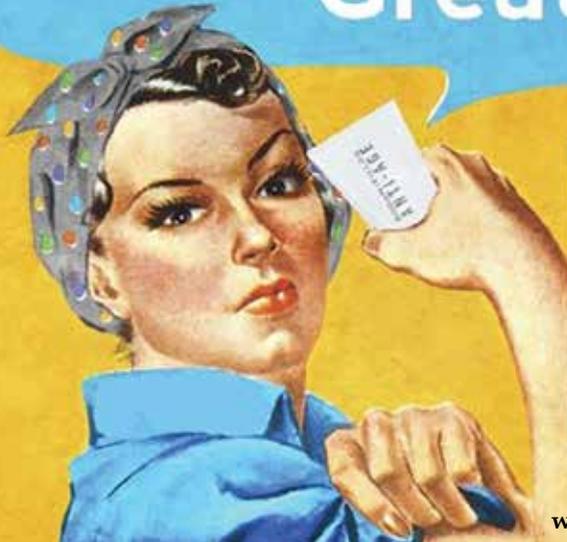
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# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

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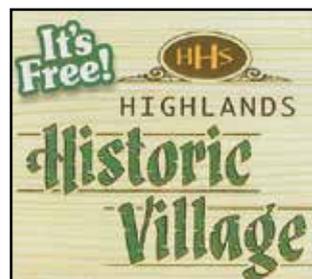
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• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. Contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.

• The Nature Center will be open Tuesday-Saturdays from 10am-5pm and from 12pm-5pm on Sundays. The Nature Center is closed on Mondays.

• The Glenville Area Historical Society Museum is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 AM to 3 PM until October 14. The Museum that traces the history of Glenville from it's founding to present day though wall displays and items of historical value, is located at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville. For information call 828 743-1658, email [historicalsocietyglenville.com](mailto:historicalsocietyglenville.com) area or go to [www.glenvillecommunity.com](http://www.glenvillecommunity.com)

**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. & 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 info, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

**Mon., Wed., Fri.**

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-9:30am. Contact Janet Avery at 828-200-7508 for more information.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

**Mon.-Fri.**

• Lap Swim Monday-Friday 7am-10am 6 lanes and Monday -Thursday 5pm-6pm 1 or 2 lanes. Sharing pool with Water Aerobics @ 5:15.

• Water Aerobics Monday-Friday 10:15am-11:15am and Monday-Thursday 5:15pm-6pm (sharing pool with lap swimmers) and Saturday mornings from 11:15-noon.

**Tuesdays**

• FREE Community Table Dinner at the

Community Bldg. at 6p.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30a 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 challenge 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 7PM in the Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit [www.occupywnc.org](http://www.occupywnc.org) or call 828.331.1524

**Third Tuesday**

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights Rd., Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. 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.

• Exercise Class with Tina Rogers are held Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15p.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.

**Wednesday-Saturday**

• The Highlands Historic Village is open June-October. It's free. Visit the Highlands Historical Museum, the Prince House, Bug Hill Cottage, Furman Vinson's Boat, The Old Jail while taking a break in the peaceful setting that commemorates Highlands' past.

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## Thursdays

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

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

• Indivisible Highlands, a non-partisan activist group meets weekly at the Hudson Library at 5p. For more information call 770-823-0601

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness 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

## Thurs., & Sat.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from 11a to noon. For more infor-

mation, call 828.342.2498.

## Fridays

• Live music in Town Square from 6-8 p.m.

## Fridays & Saturdays

• Art's at the Lodge. Live Music 4-8 p.m.. Cocktails in Art's or on the lawn at the Lodge. On Spring Street.

## Saturdays

\* Farmers Marketplace in K-H Founders Park from 8a-12:30p.

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

• Scrabble at Hudson Library from 1-4 p.m. Bring board if possible. All are welcome. 727-871-8298.

• The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon or downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

• Music in K-H Founders Park 6-8 p.m. Bring a picnic!

## Through Sept. 4

• The Bascom's 2017 – 2018 Artists in Residence Summer Pop-up Show in The Bascom Education Gallery.

## Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 31-Sept 3

• Highlands Cashiers Players' production of Crossing Delancey will be presented at the Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut St., 828-526-8084.

## Sat., Sept. 2

• At The Bascom, The Three Figurative Sculptors with Sculptors Debra Fritts, Nancy Kubale, and Lisa Clague; 9am – Noon and 1pm – 4pm. Demonstrations will include their individual building techniques, as well as their signature approaches to color and surface treatment. \$5 at the door

## Tues., Sept. 5

• The Plateau Fly~Fishing Club will be meeting on Tuesday at 7pm in the large meeting room of the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. The featured guest speaker will be none other than Daniel Boone of the Nantahala Fly Fishing Company. He will discuss the hidden treasure trout streams, Big Snowbird, Snowbird Creek. Also, Daniel will discuss the formation of the new WNC Guide Association and its efforts to improve the fishing conditions in WNC.

## Thur., Sept. 7

• Advanced Photoediting for iOS, 10:30-3:30 Cost \$75/\$85 Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

## Fri., Sept. 8

• Dead as a Dodo, 2:00-4:00, Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Olya Milenkaya. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

## Mon., Sept. 11

The Highlands Bolivian Mission fundraising event: The All Male Beauty Pageant at the Highlands Playhouse at 8pm. Tickets are \$100 and the donation is fully tax deductible

## Tue., Sept. 12

• SIRI, 10:30-3:30 Cost \$75/\$85 Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

## Thur., Sept. 14

• Apple iWorks: Office Suite for iPad, iPhone and Mac Products, 10:30-3:30 Cost \$75/\$85 Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• Highlands Historical Society Patron Party is Thursday from 6 to 8:30 pm at the Highlands Historic Village Complex. For additional info, check the website www.highlandshistory.com or call 828.787.1050.

## Fri., Sept. 15

• The Language of Art, 2:00-4:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Erin Rodman Jones. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

## Sat., Sept. 16

• Sausage Academy, 10:00-1:00 Cost \$45/\$55 Instructor: Warren Dawkins. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

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possible. We also want strong service and delivery including unlimited internet speeds, TV and voice. As a franchise partner, the town seeks fast and responsive customer service.

Finally, I discussed the development of a small, portable recycling site at the recreation department. The Town Manager and several department heads are working on a proposal for Town Board review.

## Nona Reese is turning 100!

Nona Reese, who was born in Burningtown at the other end of Macon County but spent 80 years of her life in Highlands, is celebrating her 100th birthday with a party at Joe Allen's Farm at 1606 Mica City Road in Cowee Valley. Turn at the Liberty Baptist Church and go to the end of the road.

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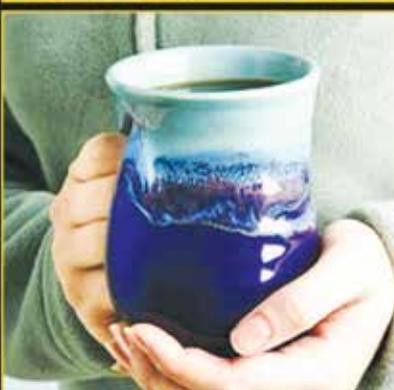
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perfect escape are changing. Millennials, those born between 1980 and 1993 who represent the largest segment of the population in America, don't want what their grandparents wanted. They don't want a huge house in a subdivision in the middle of nowhere. They want smaller homes, close to the core of the place they are drawn to. They want pedestrian avenues, greenways, bike paths, and stellar telecommunication options.

He said with stellar telecommunication options a rural mountain town can attract a full-time, educated group.

Interestingly, he said studies show that the Baby Boomer and the Millennium generations "sync up better than any other generations."

"Generally speaking, they both want a connection to the core of an area. They are seeking a simpler way of life in a beautiful place that is well put together. That is what the data is showing," he said.

What does that mean for Highlands?

He said it means a Town

Board committed to a capital plan that coincides with a comprehensive plan to create and maintain a quality of life for citizens and visitors. That includes infrastructure, parks and recreation and a vision for the community that includes short- and long-term planning initiatives that fit into an agreed upon plan for Highlands as it considers the type of person who will be seeking a life here in the near and far future.

He was quick to say a comprehensive plan isn't anti-development; instead it presents a clear plan of what development is and where it should be allowed to take place.

Highlands strengths were easily ticked off: A town with a heart ... a center to focus around for home, work and play; a Norman Rockwell quaintness; so far the expansion that has taken place is "quality" and leaves visitors with a positive impression and shows that Highlands is optimistic about the future; and there is a commitment to the

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## Last weekend for Playhouse's 'Tenderly'



Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical premiered last Thursday at the Highlands Playhouse to rave reviews. Based on the life of Rosemary Clooney, who became known as America's "favorite girl singer," Tenderly is not a typical "jukebox musical." It offers a fresh - remarkably personal and poignant - picture of the woman whose unparalleled talent and unbridled moxie made her a legend. Featuring over five decades of signature songs, the production depicts her successes on film, radio, and TV, as well as her personal struggles.

Closing September 3rd, there is still time to catch this inspiring musical biography. Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical shows at 8 pm today through Saturday with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$38 for adults and \$20 for veterans and students with ID and are available online at HighlandsPlayhouse.ORG or by calling the box office at (828) 526-2695. Group rates are available.



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Sound, including music, plays a vital role in any religious worship. Sense is a faculty by which the body perceives an external stimulus. Humans have a multitude of senses: touch, movement, smell, taste, sight, hearing, balance. Hearing is one of the important senses of our physical and spiritual life. As with all the senses, hearing is not essential, but in our physical life it vastly facilitates communication. In our spiritual lives, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 10:17, "...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". We hear the Word of God through sound: spoken or musical.

Physics tells us that sound waves are caused by vibrations and carry energy through a medium. The speed of sound depends on the temperature and the material through which the wave travels. The volume of sound is determined by intensity, which is measured in units called Decibels (dB). Humans perceive loudness on a logarithmic scale. 0 dB refers to the quietest sound a human can hear. A sound of 120 dB is at the threshold of pain and extensive exposure to sounds above 120 dB can cause permanent deafness.

Pitch is a measure of how high or low a sound is and depends on the sound wave's frequency. The human ear can hear sounds from sources that vibrate as slowly as 20 vibrations per second (20HZ) and as rapidly as 20,000. Most musical instruments produce sound through vibration of strings, air columns or membranes. The human ear is an organ that senses vibrations in the air, amplifies them and then transmits signals to the brain. Yet, our perception of sound must be but a shadow of the sound of the voice of God.

We see in the Old Testament that God created the universe by the Word of his mouth. In the book of Genesis, the story of creation shows the effect of God's voice creating all things. For example, in Genesis 1:3, God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. His voice creates: sound waves from God vibrate and carry energy to create a new thing. St. John tells us, in the New Testament, that Jesus Christ is the Word of God. While this is a mystery beyond our complete understanding, we might consider that Christ, who existed from before the beginning, is that energy by which creation occurred.

Sound waves help us to praise and worship God. In the Holy Bible, we learn that sound has a great role in our worship of God. For example, when the people of Israel were saved by the Lord, crossing the Red Sea and witnessing the destruction of the Egyptian army, Moses and the Israelites sang a song to the Lord to celebrate the

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1. The Climate. One of the clients that recently purchased during their first visit live in Vero Beach, Florida. Last August, they rented a place in Asheville for the month of August. They said the tempera-

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16 acre estate with stream and mountain view. An adorable 2bd/2ba cottage with den. Sit on the deck and enjoy the view and the forest. Walk the many trails on property. \$279,000 MLS #84135



Great home in pristine condition. 3bd/3ba + 2 half bath in Highlands Falls with open kitchen/living area with access to large covered deck and amazing views. Master on main with guest suites, office and family room on lower level. \$895,000 MLS #86445



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such as concerts, plays, art exhibits, musical performances, lectures and more;

5. Fine Dining. The quality of the many five-star restaurants provide an ample opportunity to experience a variety of excellent dining options;

6. Shopping. On a recent trip to Atlanta, Wood and I popped in Saks Fifth Avenue at Phipps Plaza. There was not a single item that we wanted. The local shops have so much more higher quality merchandise and tasteful clothes and items that I never

want to shop anywhere else;

7. Sports. For a golf enthusiast to a croquet aficionado and everything in between (tennis, swimming, canoeing, rafting and more), every jock has a sport to enjoy;

8. Safety. The police re-

ports commonly include a "barking dog" complaint in a certain area. Moreover, a recent police report complained of Larceny and described garbage cans taken by multiple bears. That is considered a gang in this area;

9. Air quality. The EPA rates areas from 0 being the most pristine air to 500 being the most polluted. This area is ranked 39, which is closest to pristine as you can get;

10. Real Estate. I still love mountain real estate more than I love our furry kids (almost). The quality and the beauty of the homes in this area continue to surprise and delight me. One can turn down a gravel drive and stumble upon a beautiful estate with a breathtaking view. This is not rare but common. The market is up 14% in unit sales and 3% in

volume so far this year. I believe this upward trend will continue for the foreseeable future.

Whether you are here to experience the Labor Day Holiday for the first visit or you are here for the 30th year, may you enjoy and appreciate this piece of Paradise and appreciate what so many people of all ages have said to me recently: "You are so lucky to live here."

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VZ Top 3BD/2BA townhouse is in excellent condition with spectacular views. Move in ready. Offered at \$289,000. mls #86709



This charming home has privacy and extra lots for future building. Great location in the city of Highlands, close to the Highlands Country Club. Home is on one level with screened covered porch and fenced yard. Two car garage. Lower level has a small apartment with private entrance. Offered at \$695,000. mls #86318



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Located on all paved roads, within 7 minutes of downtown. Flat lot with privacy, garage and carport. Spacious rooms. Multiple fireplaces. 3BD/3BA plus sitting room. Lower level has media room, workshop, and guest room with full bath. Offered at \$1,695,000. mls #86532



Private, serene property. 3BR/2BA on 2.84 +/- acre (two lots). Sub-diving possible. Living room with wood burning stone fireplace. Glass sliders to newly sealed large cathedral covered deck. View from deck is real, native rock-ledge wall with falling stream. Lower level has wood burning stone fireplace, office, bar. Probate Estate says SELL it! Move in ready and bring your updating ideas. Offered for \$288,000 MLS# 86355



3BD/3BA near WCCCC clubhouse. Recent kitchen and bath renovation. Single car carport. Golf cart storage in lower level. Views of the 16th Fairway and nice private lot. Shown by appointment only! Offered at \$369,000. mls #86419



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## Dazzling Dahlia Festival returns September 14-16

Mark your calendar for the Seventh Annual Dazzling Dahlia Festival Sept. 14 - 16 to benefit the Highlands Historical Society.

Festivities begin with “Dulcimers, Denim & Dedication” on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Highlands Historical Village, at 520 N. 4th Street. Prince House will be open for viewing from 4-5 p.m., followed with the National Registry Plaque Dedication Ceremony of Prince House from 5-5:45 p.m. These events are free and open to the public. The Patron Party is from 6-8:30 p.m. Celebrants should dress in denim and enjoy a delicious dinner, including fried chicken with all trimmings and live music featuring local musicians. Tickets to the Patron Party are \$100 and available at www.highlandshistory.com



Mayor Pat Taylor signed a Proclamation naming the week of September 10 – 16 Dahlia Week in recognition of the 7th Dazzling Dahlia Festival. Pictured from left are committee members Ruthie Oliver, Kim Daugherty, Mayor Pat Taylor, Kathy Ward and Obie Oakley.

The Dazzling Dahlia Show is Saturday, Sept. 16 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center at the Reel Park. The admission fee is \$5 to view the beautiful dahlias on display, including the winners. Local dahlia expert, Mary Dargan Palmer will give a presentation at 2 p.m. on growing dahlias. Dahlia floral arrangements will be available for purchase.

To enter dahlias in the Show, bring them either Friday, Sept. 15

from 4-6:30 p.m. OR Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8-10 a.m. to the Highlands Rec Park. The entry fee is \$15 for eight blooms. The “Best in Show” blossom will be featured in the publicity for next year’s Dazzling Dahlia Festival. There is a category for those 17 years and younger to show their growing prowess. For more info, Kim Daugherty at gatorsinparadise@gmail.com or Kathy Ward at kathyward0426@gmail.com.

## Columnist Penn pens new book



Banjo Penn and Kathy Manos Penn announce the release of their first work of fiction “Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch.”

From humble family dog to Royal Pooch, what a difference a doggie DNA test makes. When Banjo discovers his royal roots, he realizes he’s destined to rule—and to write. His two priorities are to protect his Royal Flock and to tell his story. And so begins the daily writing ritual: Lord Banjo barks and the Royal Mum types.

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## Final 4 days of HCP’s ‘Delancey’



Isabelle, played by Lynleigh McLain, finally gets a moment with Tyler, the author, played by Chris Hess, with whom she is smitten.

The evening performances of Crossing Delancey on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 3, September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> begin at 8:30, the Sunday matinee on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands. For tickets call the HCP box office, 828-526-8084, or check the website highlandscashiersplayers.org for tickets on line.

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The M equals 3 Restaurant and Bar in the old Sweettreats location on Mill Creek in Mountain Brook Center at N. 4th and Carolina Way is now open. Co-owner and Chef Spencer Cox is featuring new generation, southern cuisine. Patrons will enjoy live music and indoor and outdoor dining overlooking Mill Creek. It is open Wednesday through Sunday (and Labor Day!), 11:30 a.m. until. Pictured are co-owners Robbie Potts and Spencer Cox.

## Sky Pie Pizza, Pasta & Tap is now open



Charles Robinson is back in town this time at Sky Pie Pizza, Pasta and Tap in the old Brick Oven location in Mountain Brook Center at N. 4th and Carolina Way. He makes everything in house and features an array of sandwiches, hoagies, pasta dishes, pizza and beer and wine. Sky Pie is open everyday beginning at 11 a.m.

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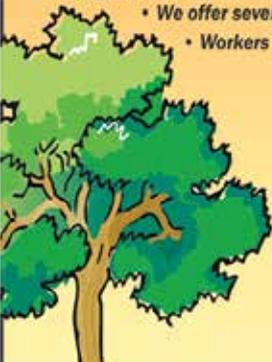
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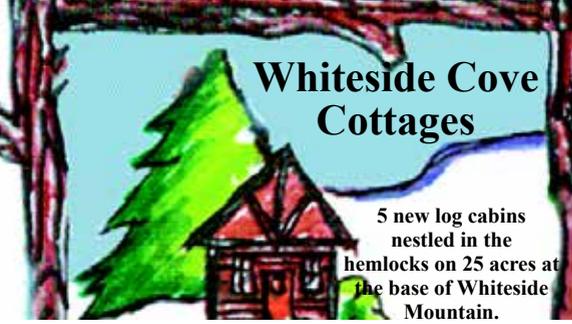


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memory of God's events. In the book of Exodus, 15:1-21, they sing, "I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea." In the book of Psalms there are 150 songs of praise and worship of God. For example, in Psalm 95:1-2: "Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; cry out to the rock of our salvation. Let us greet him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our Psalms." The book of Song of Songs contains, in exquisite poetic form, the sublime portrayal and praise of the mutual love of the Lord and his people. In

the Gospel according to Luke, 1:46-55, we see the Cantic of Mary. In the second part of the scene, Mary proclaims her prayer of praise. She offers a foretaste of what God will accomplish in the Son she carries in her womb. Two of the Gospels mention the fact that Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn at the end of the Last Supper. (Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26).

In Spirituality, our sense of hearing helps us to feel the presence of God. For example, music is an important part of our liturgy as we praise God and his creation.

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In the Gospel according to Mark, 7:31-37, Jesus uses His healing power to enable a deaf man to hear. In two of the Gospels (Matthew 11:15 and Mark 4:9,23), Jesus speaks of those who have "ears to hear". Jesus knows the importance of hearing. Like Him, we must recognize that the Spirituality of sound is essential for our lives to be their fullest.

## ...PLANNING continued from 17

town's original plan.

"The plat of the town Kelsey and Hutchinson laid out is hanging on the wall in Town Hall and it is still referred to," said Planning Board Chairman Thomas Craig. "We have really good zoning in place and Highlands wouldn't look like it does today if its zoning didn't exist."

Noted weakness were a Main Street that looks like a parking lot most of the time; bunched up traffic, the need to make Main Street more pedestrian-friendly; the need for a parking garage just off Main Street was discussed

at length; inconsistency of cell phone coverage – something the town is addressing with its public/private internet initiative; the need by in-town recycling – something the town is addressing with the county which has offered a multi-bin for \$16,000. The town is considering placement somewhere on Rec Park property but doesn't believe it should have to pay for the bin.

Consistent code enforcement was also noted particularly as it pertains to machinery being used before or after allowed hours.

Bowen also noted the need to protect the native plant

and flora and the town's historic structures. "These are some of the reasons people fall in love with places."

The goal of the Planning Board is to create a comprehensive plan that "matches the built environment with the natural environment that makes sure the town can provide services to both."

The Planning Board meets in the evening the fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 in the Community Building on Poplar Street. Bowen encourages the public to join in on the discussion.

– Kim Lewicki



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