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Draheim retires, new Highlands Asst. Principal hired

The offices at Highlands School will have a new face this fall, as long time Assistant Principal Jim Draheim will be retiring from his post.

“Jim is a consummate professional. His steady hand, and

the consistency we have had for 10 years has proven to be a real positive for teachers, parents, and students,” said Highlands Principal Brain Jetter. “I’ll miss his experience, thoroughness, and outgoing personality. He has built strong re-

lationships with students, parents, and faculty.”

Draheim began his tenure in Macon County in August 2007 and has served the students of Highlands for the last 10 years, but has more than 40 years in public

education.

“Mr. Draheim truly cared about the students and the school as a whole,” said Macon County Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin. “His drive to ensure the success of

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Wildfire arson gets five years

Fire damage repaired at Whitewater Falls

A Macon County man was sentenced to five years in prison for setting two wildfires this fall that resulted in burning 16 acres.

Though those 16 acres dims compared to the dozens of wildfires that burned thousands of acres across Western North Carolina, Keith Mann, 50, was sentenced last week for admitting to setting two of them on federal land in Macon County.

On Monday, December 5, Keith Eugene Mann appeared in federal court for a detention hearing after being charged with one count of destroying real property of the United States by means of fire. The charge carries a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum of 20 years in prison.

Mann was sentenced by U.S.

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Eco-art sprouting on 200 Main lawn



John K Melvin at the half-way point of the temporary eco-awareness art installation made of discarded office paper on the front lawn of 200 Main in downtown Highlands.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

BCBSNC to become out-of-network provider for Mission Health system

Unless an agreement is reached, BCBSNC in-network services will cease by Oct. 5, 2017

As if Washington’s inability to put politics aside for the sake of the health of the citizens of the United States weren’t enough, now providers and health care systems in Western North Carolina are at odds.

Last week Mission Healthcare and Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC (BCBSNC) each announced that their relationship will likely come to an end Oct. 5.

With Mission the main healthcare provider in Western North Carolina including in Highlands and Franklin, and with BCBSNC the only option for those enrolled in the Affordable Care Act, that is devastating news.

Last month Mission announced the closing of its OBGYN facilities in Franklin which means a trip to Asheville for such care or to Harris Regional in Sylva.

Now due to both entities’ inability to come to terms, BCBSNC customers must find other in-network providers in the area for everything.

BCBSNC suggests people seek in-network care under the LifePoint umbrella at Harris Regional in Sylva or Clyde in Jackson and Haywood counties, respectively.

In-network is a plus, but it means a long drive for everything from primary care to surgery, which is definitely a downside.

However, according to both Mission and BCBSNC, policy holders can still use their insurance for care at facilities under the Mission umbrella, it’s just that such care will be considered out-of-network, which means services will cost more.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Lazy days of summer

I am a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Last Sunday I took my "little brother" fishing on Lake Sequoyah. I inherited a fishing boat, a jon boat from my late father-in-law, Buck Trott. He would have been pleased to see his boat being used to help mentor a young person through a community nonprofit organization. Buck also loved fishing, especially at Cliffside.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

When I pulled up to the boat ramp near the Sequoyah Dam, no one was there. But, as soon as we were ready to launch the boat, two other fishermen pulled in with their boat. Both our boats were outfitted with electric trolling motors that allowed quiet cruising around the lake in pursuit of those big bass, bream, crappie and trout.

Two years ago after completing the dam repair and new water intake system, the town restocked the lake with the species mentioned above. The boat ramp access was also improved. The Town Board and I wanted to make the lake facilities better than before construction began. As a fisherman, I also wanted to make sure we

had a thriving fish population. Healthy fish in a reservoir lake is to me analogous with the proverbial canary in the coal mine. As a resort community, facilities like Lake Sequoyah are value-added amenities to both our residents and visitors.

As we rode around the lake catching our share of fish, I noticed a lot of folks on the water. One young woman was paddle boarding across the lake. A pontoon boat with several couples was making a smooth lake cruise.

I saw several kayaks and canoes.

As we were passing by a canoe on the way back to the boat ramp with the string of fish in tow, a man asked if I knew whether the lake had been restocked after it had been drained a while back. I identified myself as the mayor and assured him the lake had been restocked and that fishing was great. We all laughed.

As we approached the boat ramp, I saw that it was crowded. There was a canoe docked on the shore and an inflatable raft nearby. Several parents and children were on the shore and rocks with lines were in the water. It was good to see families playing and fishing together. What a wonderful way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon in Highlands.

As for my little brother, he made statements that make me think he is a fisherman for life. Even with a nice string of fish, he lamented we could have caught more. He caught several small bass which I told him we needed to release so they could grow larger. He wants to catch the big bass that he knows must be in the lake. He asked me when we were coming back to fish again. I replied soon.

Hope to see you at the lake, on the greenway or at the park. There are so many outdoor activities to do this summer.

NOTE

The Mayor and the Highlands Eclipse Committee are hosting a community meeting on Wed., July 26 at 9 AM at the Community Building. The meeting is open to the public, the target audience is Highlands' businesses. Much of the discussion will focus on what to expect and how to prepare for the expected large crowds.

• HIC'S VIEW



"Your right, it needs a pinch of salt."

• LITERARY VIEW •

Rhododendron Bloom

Cool spirity of the woods
Rhododendron bloom

Pink-glowing in the sun
Ethereal in the gloom

Against her dark green leaves --
Pure white with lilac shadow

Gaze on her and ponder
How the Lord does hallow

Earth with sacred beauty --
Make still the inner room

That you may sense the soul
Of the rhododendron bloom

– Bess Hines Harkins

• LETTERS •

There are cougars but ...

Dear Editor,

Regarding the July 29 article "Cougar sightings on the Bowery?" I noted that you said the USFS denies their presence in WNC. I know to most folks a cougar is a cougar is a cougar. To biologists, there's a difference -- the relatively frequent local sightings are of the Western cougar introduced in the area; the Eastern cougar hasn't been spotted in decades. Just thought you'd want to know!

Erin Bronk
Retired USFS Ranger
Highlands District

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Highlands School will be difficult to replace. We certainly wish him the best in retirement.”

During the June meeting of the Macon County Board of Education, board members voted on Draheim's replacement, hiring Stacey Overlin, whose first day on the job will be Monday, July 17.

“A graduate of Annapolis, Overlin played football there and is a four-year Navy veteran. Overlin's career in education started in the classroom where he served as a high school science teacher and football coach. Overlin also has administration experience, serving as a past assistant principal and most recently, a principal at Paducah Middle School in Kentucky.

According to Jetter, Overlin was “by far the most experienced” of the candidates he interviewed. “He got rave reviews from his superintendent, his asst. superintendent, and his asst. principal,” said Jetter. “He is very personable, outgoing, articulate, intelligent, and experienced. While he'll be a new, and his own dynamic in the school, I think in many ways he'll be much like Mr. Draheim.”

Stacey Overlin announced his resignation as Paducah Middle School principal last month, with his last day there being June 30.

Before resigning from his post in Kentucky, Overlin was the target of an investigation conducted by the Kentucky Office of Education Accountability (OEA) which called into question Overlin's hiring practices, non-approved curriculum changes, meeting schedule practices and a lack of documented meeting minutes.

According to the investigation, Overlin was criticized for failing to comply with state statutes and the school's council bylaws. The investigation included interviews with Overlin, the school's principal for four years, as well as members of the middle school council.

“The investigation finds that Principal Overlin has impeded the implementation of SBDM (school-based decision making) at Paducah Middle School by failing to comply with KRS 160.345 and by failing to abide by the Paducah Middle School Council policies and bylaws,” the report states.

Overlin said he reviewed the findings in the report and agrees that the SBDM processes need to be improved.

“In most of the cases, the council was informed and consulted and their input was taken into consideration,” he said.



Stacey Overlin

“This just was not included in our meeting minutes.”

By all accounts Overlin cooperated fully with the OEA investigation and although the report identified areas for growth and areas that need to come into compliance the school saw significant academic growth.

“Those discussions definitely took place. I take full responsibility for that, and corrections are being made,” said Overlin.

Regarding hiring vacancies for the middle school, the report states that Overlin hired people without consulting with the council.

“Principal Overlin merely tells the council who has been hired for vacancies at the school,” the report explains saying this practice failed to follow KRS 160.345 (2) (f), which says the school council shall determine, within the parameters of the total available funds, the number of people to be employed in each job classification at the school.

In addition, KRS 160.345(2)(i) states that the council shall determine the curriculum of the school.

According to the report, Overlin added Spanish to the curriculum and informed the council after the fact. The report states that he also added French to the curriculum, and council members learned of it by word of mouth and not at a council meeting.

In addition, the minutes of council meetings throughout the 2014-'15 school year had “a striking lack of action taken by the council,” according to the report.

Despite the report's findings, which were released a few weeks before Overlin resigned, Paducah Public School District is-

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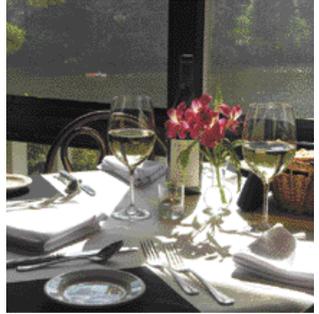
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The exception is emergency room care at Mission Health facilities. It will still be considered in-network care as will care through BCBSNC's Continuity of Care Program that deals with those who are currently pregnant or living with chronic illnesses. Even in-network, ER care costs more than through the in-network primary care physician.

BCBSNC officials say those individuals in the Continuity of Care Program "may qualify for in-network care and may be able to continue seeing their current doctors at Mission Health facilities or providers for a period of time without paying higher out-of-network fees." Exactly how much time is unknown at this time.

What happened?

According to BCBSNC, the cancellation is happening because Mission Health has demanded rate increases that it can't in good conscience ask its customers to pay.

"Blue Cross NC customers already pay more for care at Mission Health than at many other health systems in the state. High costs directly contribute to higher premiums and out-of-pocket costs for our customers, and continued, significant price hikes are not sustainable.

"Hospital costs for outpatient procedures and inpatient hospital stays account for nearly half of all medical costs for Blue Cross NC customers. Mission Health is among the most expensive facilities for common inpatient procedures such as deliveries, knee replacements and imaging procedures like chest x-rays and CT scans.

"When hospitals ask for increases in the fees we pay them, but that directly translates to higher insurance premiums for our customers. Rising medical costs are one of the most urgent issues facing North Carolina families."

BCBSNC officials say recently 43 other hospitals across the state have agreed to work with them to slow down unsustainable cost increases under terms consistent with Blue Cross NC's proposal to Mission, but Mission chose to dismiss the proposal.

Mission's Side

According to Mission, contracts with health insurance companies like BCBSNC greatly impact a health system's long-term financial and operational sustainability.

"This is the case even more so with BCBSNC, which is the state's largest health plan with 72% market share leaving little room for error," said Charles Ayscue, senior vice president and chief financial officer at Mission Health. "Given the pending shift to Insurance-Company run Medicaid in North Carolina and the extraordinary Affordable Care Act repeal and replace discussions occurring in Washington, Mission Health must carefully evaluate its business relationship with BCBSNC to ensure the health system can continue providing affordable, high-quality care and remain financially viable for the long term," said Ayscue.

Ayscue said BCBSNC's latest proposal imposes effective payment rate reductions to its health system at a time when modest annual increases are more important than they have ever been.

"Even if we earn every dollar of pay for performance incentives offered by BCBSNC, we could at best get back to zero for three straight years. It's simply impossible to keep up with rising medical supply, pharmaceutical, and other operating costs, let alone provide future wage increases to our fantastic team members without appropriate annual adjustments to our payment rates from BCBSNC in the coming years," he said.

Mission Health served its notice of intent to terminate its contracts with BCBSNC if ongoing negotiations fail to reach an agreement by midnight October 4, 2017. At that point, effective Oct. 5, 2017, Mission Health and its facilities and physicians will be out of BCBSNC's network.

A dire scenario but one Mission defends.

"Mission Health is uniquely positioned as the region's only safety net provider for all of western North Carolina. Our responsibilities go far beyond providing healthcare services to residents of this community, and we take that very seriously. A contract that puts Mission at risk, puts the

entire community at risk," said Ayscue.

He said the intent to terminate the contracts with BCBSNC should not be a barrier, but rather bring needed focus to discussions.

"The intent to terminate creates a deadline for resolution. At present, there is no incentive for BCBSNC to agree to adjust our payment rates because failure to do so would result in contract renewals with a perpetual zero percent increase. The notice of our intent to terminate is a routine course of business between an insurance company and a provider during negotiations.

Ayscue said Mission Health has agreed in principle to most of BCBSNC's terms except for payment rates.

"We have embraced BCBSNC's performance-based measures that pay us for quality and improved outcomes. We are committed to pay-for-performance because it means improved quality and efficiencies for our patients," Ayscue said. "However, it is also true that these arrangements must be built on a foundation of fair payment rates from BCBSNC and a recognition that Mission already outperforms most health systems nationwide. No other health system has ever been named a Top 15 Health System as we have between 2012-2017."

Ayscue said Mission Health values its long-standing relationship with BCBSNC, and is committed to continuing good-faith negotiations to reach a new agreement. Mission Health will keep the community updated regularly on how the negotiations are progressing and how in-network access to Mission Health services may be impacted in the future.

For now, all Mission Health hospitals, outpatient facilities and most physicians will be out of network beginning Oct. 5. Some Mission Health physicians within the health system will remain in network until March 2, 2018.

BCBSNC encourages its customers to contact Mission Health to confirm when their doctor will be leaving the Blue Cross NC network.

— Kim Lewicki

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District Judge Martin Reidinger to five years in prison for destroying real property of the United States by means of fire, announced Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Mann was also ordered to serve three years under court supervision.

"Mann set forest fires which damaged natural resources and potentially put many lives at risk, because he 'wanted to see something burn.' Thanks to the swift and thorough investigative efforts of our law enforcement partners, Mann was quickly apprehended and he will be punished for his selfish and irresponsible actions," said U.S. Attorney Rose.

After an interview with Special Agents with the U.S. Forest Service, Mann confessed to starting two wildfires. According to authorities, Mann said that after his wife recently left him, he didn't think he had anything to live for and wanted to "see something burn."

Mann pleaded guilty to the federal arson charge in March 2017. All federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole.

Mann was only responsible for two fires in Macon County, but the region is still recovering from the dozens of wildfires that consumed National Forests in Western North Carolina.

On June 30, access to one of the highest waterfalls east of the Rockies, Whitewater Falls, was reopened to the public the weekend of July 4.

The falls, which stand at 350 to 400 feet, now have a newly-paved path and staircase to an overlook and shelters for picnicking.

Due to fire damage to the staircase leading to the observation deck, Whitewater Falls, located in Cashiers near the South Carolina border, was closed last fall.

"The damaged area around the falls was about 20 acres. And about \$85,000 was the suppression costs for it," Nantahala National Forest Ranger Thom Saylor said.

Although the staircase to the observation deck is now open, work will continue for a few weeks to fix the Foothills Trail that heads across Whitewater River.

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sued a statement in support of Overlin.

"Stacey Overlin is highly valued as a principal and instructional leader. He has made significant improvements in both the academic program and school culture at Paducah Middle School over the past four years. Mr. Overlin cooperated fully with the OEA investigation on following SBDM policies and is addressing the concerns from OEA."

Principal Jetter said everyone involved in the hiring of Overlin for the Assistant Principal position read the above referenced report prior to approval.

"In effect, Mr. Overlin was doing what he thought was what he was supposed to do: inform the school council of things he was doing. As a first-year principal, he didn't know nor had he been given training on the process in Kentucky," said Jetter. "In Kentucky, the school council has to vote on everything a principal does, and everyone he hires. In effect, the council runs the school."

Jetter noted that one of the things Overlin was criticized for was putting in Spanish for advanced 8th graders as well as a French class.

"Seems like a good thing, to me, but because he didn't have the council vote on it, the state criticized him," said Jetter.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The Highlands Police log entries from June 26. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 26

- At 10:10 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a residence on Picklesimer Road.

June 27

- At 5:45 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

June 29

- At 5:20 p.m., officers responded to a report of a 60-year-old missing woman who disappeared without warning or contacting the family.

June 30

- At 1:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 west.

- At 3 p.m., officers responded to a report of a man attempting to pass a counterfeit check at Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$4,782.31.

July 1

- At 5:30 p.m., officers re-

sponded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

July 2

- A little past midnight, Russell Morgan Bronski, 29, of Smyrna, GA, was arrested for DWI, driving without a license and having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle when pulled over on US 64 east. He was issued an unsecured bond of \$2,000. His trial date is Aug. 28.

July 3

- At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

July 4

- At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism to property at a residence on Dog Mountain Road where someone "roared and bellowed before attacking a defenseless screen."

- At 9:10 p.m., Michael Williams Capron, 38, of Atlanta, GA, was arrested for DWI when pulled over on Main Street. He was issued a \$1,200 unsecured bond. His trial date is July 27.

July 5

- At 1:31 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Upper Lake Road where a man was arguing loudly with neighbors.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from July 3.

July 3

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Big Bear Per-

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Biscuit Rock.

July 4

- The dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

- The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Azalea Rd.

- The dept. responded to a miscellaneous fire on Wilson Rd.

July 5

- The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Skylake Dr.

- The dept. was first-responders to a S. 3rd. St.

- The dept. was first-responders to Main St.

- The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Dog. Mtn. Road.

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Highlands Playhouse Season Continues with 'A Funny Thing Happened ...' Opens TONIGHT!

Get ready to laugh, Highlands! The Highlands Playhouse will present the smash hit musical comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum*, July 13-July 29. The farcical romp was made famous by the comedic stylings of Zero Mostel and Phil Silvers and contains classic songs by the legendary Stephen Sondheim. The musical has had numerous successful productions on Broadway (starring Mostel, Nathan Lane and Whoopie Goldberg), and is rumored to be returning to the Great White Way in the near future.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum takes audience back to ancient Rome. Pseudolus, a slave who dreams of his freedom, is set on a zany path of lover's quarrels, mistaken identity, and long lost family reunions. This comedy will have you rolling in the aisles, as you encounter a slew of larger than life characters, and talent that the town of Highlands will be buzzing about for weeks!

"We have been committed over the past few years to present-

ing classics of the Broadway canon. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum* is perhaps one of the funniest musicals ever written. The audiences in Highlands are going to love it," says Artistic Director Bill Patti.

The actors this season are a mix of familiar faces and talented newcomers. Patti, the Playhouse Artistic Director, will take the stage for only the third time in Highlands – playing Pseudolus, the role made famous by Mostel. Playhouse favorite Jimmy Lewis, performing in his record breaking twelfth musical in Highlands, takes on *Hystererium* – the Silvers role. Heidi Spoon – who has lit up the stage as Matron Mama Morton in Chicago, Miss Hannigan in *Annie* returns to play Domina – a bitter and beleaguered wife.

In Highlands for a second time is Broadway veteran Mark Chmiel. Chmiel has charmed Broadway audiences in both the 1987 revival of *Anything Goes*, as well as the 1994 revival of *Damn Yankees*. His credits are numerous including his turn as Evelyn

Oakleigh in the Playhouse's *Anything Goes*. Talented actors from across the United States make up the rest of the ensemble, including locals Bob Trisolini, Abigail Gilbert, Alexis Lewis and Dorian Provencher, and their voices will have you begging for more.

"I can't think of a more enjoyable way to spend a summer evening than watching this experience cast of veteran theatre professionals work alongside the next generation of American theater superstars. These performers have incredible talent– you have to see it to believe it," Patti said, "We hired many of these actors out of New York. They are coming to Highlands with major national credits, and I assure you, we hired the best of the best."

Individual tickets are \$38 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Show times are Wednesday- Saturday at 8 pm and Wednesday & Sunday Matinees at 2 pm. For additional information or to order tickets, call the Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit www.HighlandsPlayhouse.org



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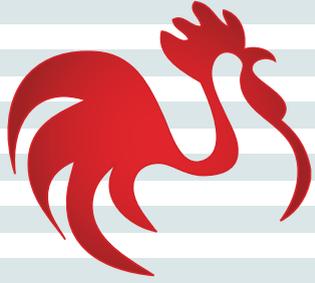
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Looking for creative hostess gifts?

Whether we're visiting friends or relatives for a weekend or heading to a friend's house for dinner or a party, I always seem to be looking for hostess gifts. I like to pick up unique items at craft festivals or on vacation to put in my gift drawer so that I'm not desperate at the last minute.

Running out at the last minute may be why, according to the Wall Street Journal, so many of us are recipients of "boring, superfluous candle[s]."

There's almost an entire paragraph devoted to the inappropriateness of candles: "Generally, scented candles top the list of no-nos . . . and many hosts are saddled with drawers of unwanted wax."

I'd never thought of candles as a problem. Yes, I have received lots of candles over the years and do have them stuffed away in several places in the house. I tend to burn the Thymes Frasier Fir scented ones at Christmas, and I have an especially nice Campfire candle my sister gave me that gives off a subtle aroma. The others are tiny votives that I bring out from time to time in the winter to burn while I'm at the computer. I find them soothing.

That doesn't mean I need any more, though. And, now that I've read this article, I'll probably strike them off my gift giving list. Fortunately, the article offers other ideas for thoughtful hostess gifts, some I'd welcome, others I'd rather not see come in



Kathy Manos Penn

the door.

I agree that food items like unique olive oils and vinegars, chocolates, a hunk of parmesan, crackers, and pastries are welcome. If you're arriving with children for the weekend, a casserole in a dish you'll leave or a cake on a pretty cake dish makes a useful and thoughtful gift. Placemats and napkins also made the list. I'd be happy to receive any of these, and I still use the cloth napkins a

friend brought me years ago.

A bouquet of flowers from your garden or elsewhere is usually welcome as are smaller gift books. I smiled at the book suggestion as I've long recommended my book, "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday" as a unique hostess gift, available on Amazon or locally at The Molly Grace.

The one idea that didn't appeal to me was coffee mugs. I have to clean out my mug collection now and then, perhaps because I got so many during my corporate career. After I've moved a few all over the house to use as pen and pencil holders or makeup brush holders, the rest end up in my sideboard before they make it to the thrift store.

When we visit my sister-in-law's mountain cabin, we take useful items like a throw for a new room she's added or a gift certificate for a local restaurant. My sister, who also has a mountain home, has asked friends and family not to bring decorative items, as she has decorated her cottage just the way she wants it. She is so generous about letting us all use the cabin; she would be overwhelmed with trinkets without this rule. I found the way to her heart with a rub from Radio Chef Rubs, www.theradiochefrubs.com.

With the WSJ list in mind, why not restock your gift drawer by visiting the many shops in Highlands? Check out this week's Shop the Dog Days of Summer shopping sections for shops on and off Main Street!

• Look for Kathy's new book "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" due out in late August and find her collection of columns, "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday," locally at The Molly Grace in Highlands and Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

• HIGHLANDS EVENTS •

Ongoing

• Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Summer Movies: Sun., 5:30 and 8p; Mon., 2, 5, 8p, Tues., 2, 5, 8p.

• 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 its 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 historicalsociety-glenville.com or go to www.glenvillecommunity.com

Mondays, July 3, and Aug. 7

• Botanical Garden Tour: 10:30 am - 11:30 am • Free. All ages. At the Highlands Botanical Garden. Learn to identify and remove non-native invasive species from your garden and the surrounding forest.

Mon., June 5, 12, 19, 26 (4 sessions)

• Thinking Bridge: Play of the Hand (intermediate), 9:30-11:30 Cost \$80/\$90 Instructor: Duane Meeter. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.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 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.

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 information, call 828.342.2498.

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• HIGHLANDS EVENTS •

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!

Thur., July 13

• Nuclear Weapons on the Korean Peninsula, 2:00-4:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Bill Stueck. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• Top harpists from around the country will perform in a one-night-only concert July 13, 7 p.m., at the Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The musicians are part of the prestigious Young Artist's Harp Seminar (YAHS) program, which has become an annual tradition just down the mountain in Rabun Gap, Ga. For more information visit harpseminar.com.

Fri., July 14

• At Hudson Library, booksigning with Ben Anderson "Smokies Chronicles: A Year of Hiking in Great Smoky Mountains National

Park. 3:30 p.m.

• Syria: An Update, 2:00-4:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Hrair Balian. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Saturdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29

• Lunch on the Lawn at HUMC 11:30a to 1:30p. Meals vary week to week. \$6-\$10. Proceeds to benefit the building of the new addition. Can't join us for lunch but wish to donate? go to highlandsmethodist.org or mail your check to the church at PO Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741

Sat., July 15

• Chamber Music: The Social Worlds of 19th Century Chamber Music, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Marie Sumner Lott. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

July 16-21

• Revival at Blue Valley Baptist Church on NC 28 south. 7 p.m. Special singers nightly with Rev. Allen Aiken preaching. Everyone is invited. For more information call Rev. Oliver Rice at 706-782-3965.

Sun., July 16

• Sunday at Sotheby's at the downtown office. 114 N. 4th Street. Featuring popular potter Barry Gregg. Public is invited to reception with Barry from 2-4p. Sponsored with The Bascom.

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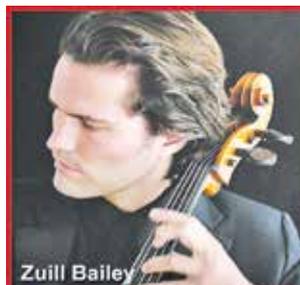


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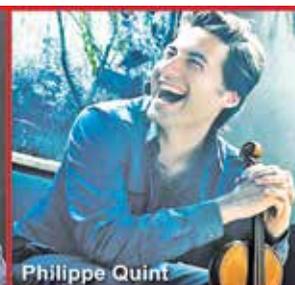
"YAHS was a life-changing experience and completely changed my career path," says Angela Schwarzkopf, a former student and now Director of Development for the program. After attending YAHS, Schwarzkopf went on to become a professional harpist. She hopes Thursday's concert, which will benefit the program's scholarship fund, will give other students the opportunity to attend YAHS.

The concert will feature highlights from the two-week program, including solos from the classical harp repertoire and works for two to four harps. A post-concert reception will give audience members a chance to meet the artists, many of whom are scholarship recipients.

YAHS has nurtured the talents of hundreds of young harpists from around the world who have gone on to pursue careers in harp at top music schools such as Juilliard, the Curtis Institute of Music, and the Paris Conservatory, to name just a few. Participants have traveled as far as Europe, Asia, and Central America to attend the program, which is held every July in Rabun Gap. For more information visit harpseminar.com.



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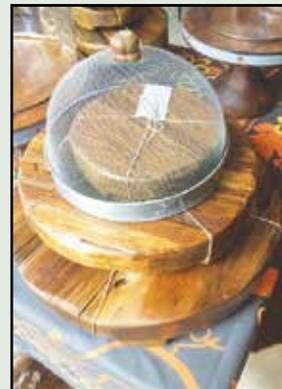
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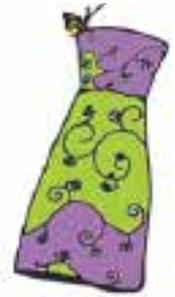


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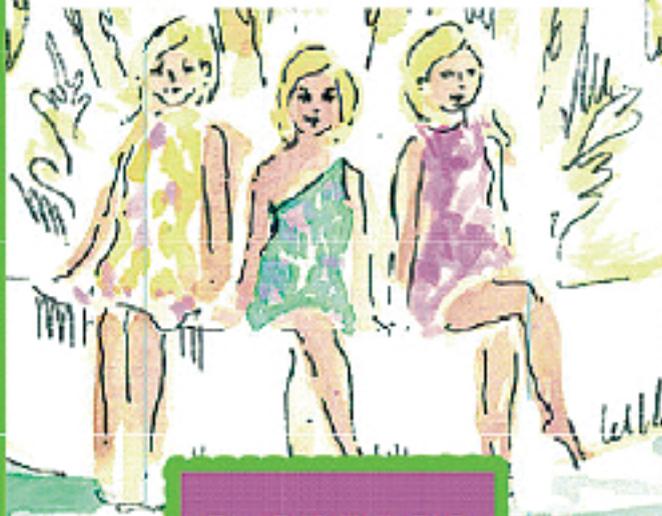


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- Experiencing A Flavorful Taste of Portugal, 4:00-6:00 Cost \$90/\$100 Presenter and Chef: Melissa Pekly-Hass. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

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Tue., July 18

- 4-Minute Fitness, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Instructor: Penney Marshall-Parker. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

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- iOS for Intermediate Users, 10:30-3:30 Cost \$135/\$150 Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Tues.-Fri., July 18-21

- At The Bascom, Summer Camp: Session 5 - Digital Art. 9a-noon and 1-4p. Get ready for a high-tech creative experience with digital art. Students will learn how artists use digital technology to create amazing images, and even short films. To register call 526-4949.

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Wed., July 19

- Town Hall meeting at H-C Hospital president with President and Chief Nursing Officer Jacqueline Medland, 11a to noon at the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Suite 103.

Thur., July 20

- Classical Interiors: Past and Present, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Elizabeth Meredith Dowling. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Fri., July 21

- College Football 2017: A Preview, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Tony Barnhart. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

Sat. & Sun., July 22-23

- Summer Colors Fine Art Show indoor exhibition and sale at Sapphire Valley Community Center 10a to 5p. Presented by the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers.

Sat., July 22

- Chamber Music: Strange Bedfellows: Beethoven and Czech Music, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Stephen Crist. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

- At the Nature Center, Flower Faerie Festivities - All Ages 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free. Join us as we celebrate summer in a faerie nice way! Drop in anytime to participate in building fairy houses, a flower fairy scavenger hunt through our Botanical Garden, and more. Dress as your favorite fairy or gnome and join the costume parade. Let your imagination reconnect you with nature! For info, call 526-2221

Mon., July 24

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Tuesday - Oven Off Night

Two natural chicken breasts grilled with
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The Life of a Real Estate Broker

I have been asked many times why I became a real estate broker and why I am willing to work so hard. I rarely have time to sit and ponder this but will share my thoughts with you and what it really takes to be successful in this highly competitive business.

Few jobs are as time intensive as being a real estate broker. It's somewhat like being an executive in an office, a luxury salesperson, a tour guide and a psychologist all in

one. I (and my wonderful brokers) have to handle all of the tasks of running a business (phone calls, meetings, etc.) while also learning everything we can about neighborhoods, HOA's, club memberships and dues, zoning restrictions, etc.

We also have to be on call and ready to show at any given time of the day or evening, if that's the only time a buyer can go. Being in a tourist town gives us a very small window of opportunity indeed. The

weather adds another variable and trips get cancelled after brokers have arranged access to homes. MANY phone calls are made and rescheduling is necessary.

Market trends, home features, neighborhood features, buyer preferences – there are hundreds of things I must remember. I either need a fantastic memory or a detailed note system. I have been known to pull the car over and write on the back of a grocery receipt many times when a call comes in from a client!

Many times I'm asked to do a CMA –comparative market analysis - for sellers who never call back and will list with someone else who gives them an unrealistic sales price. I start my day every morning researching our MLS system to see what is new on the market, what has sold, what is pending, and what is in due diligence. This allows me to guide buyers and sellers with current market values –not last year's values!

I network with colleagues to learn what is coming on the market and to make them aware of my listings and any changes that are forthcoming. I create flyers and email blasts to do the same. Flyers are time consuming to say the least. I schedule professional-type photos –an iphone camera just doesn't do justice to a home! I write a detailed description for each listing that visually invites you to come and see the house.

I have "dreaded" deadlines for ads in both Highlands' newspapers, WHLC radio, the Buyer's Guide, The Laurel and other magazines. I also advertise on the online versions of the newspapers. Our website must be updated, and hundreds of other websites checked for accuracy. The list goes



Pat Allen
Pat Allen Realty Group

on and on!

My weekends are never free since that is when most buyers come to town. Also, sellers who live out of state usually schedule listing appointments on Saturdays or Sundays as well. I work many holidays since potential buyers are here then.

Being in a luxury and second-home market, I realized the difference between first- home and second-home buyers and became certified

in luxury home marketing and just received my Resort and Second Home Property Specialist (RSPS) certification.

With all this said, I LOVE my job. I meet so many nice people and the fact that they allow me to help with such an important decision in their lives is very rewarding. I make lifelong friendships and we often share meals, struggles, joys and goals. People are fascinating and the fact that I can help someone with serious health problems sell his/her home quickly or help prevent foreclosure by dealing with banks for four years – yes, this has happened - is my motivation to continue. The best closing is a "win-win" for both buyers and sellers and that is what I strive for in this business.

So I have concluded that the real estate industry in Highlands and Cashiers is as much a part of the hospitality industry as a sales profession. To be successful requires the tools of both industries and if they come naturally to you, you are already ahead and will rise to the top.

• Pat Allen is owner and Broker-in-Charge of Pat Allen Realty Group located at 295 Dillard Road. Contact phone is 828-526-8784 or visit patallenrealtygroup.com.

• HIGHLANDS EVENTS •

• Aery Chiropractic & AcupunctureFree Health Lecture Series from 6-7 p.m. Upstairs – 2655 Dillard Road. This week: Hank Miller, Fitness after 50

Mon.-Thur., July 24-28 (4 Sessions)

• The Joy of Watercolor, 10:00-12:00 Cost \$125/\$135 Instructor: P. Knight Martorell. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.cle-highlands.com

Tue.-Fri., July 25-28

• At The Bascom, Summer Camp: Session 6 – Sculpture. 9a-noon and 1-4p. Students will explore the great sculptors of the world and use similar methods to create their own

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• Hogwarts in Highlands. Highlands Nature Center • 828-526-2623. Ages 9 - 10. 9 am - 1 pm dai-ly. \$110 per child. The magic of Hogwarts comes to Highlands Biological Station as camp-ers try their hand at classes including Herbology, Care of Magical Creatures, and Potions. Suitable even for Muggles, this camp will connect campers to the natural world with a literary twist!

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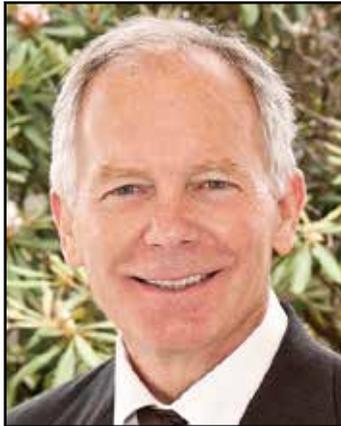
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Words and actions matter



Dr. Curtis Fussell
Co-Pastor,
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Here in the months of July and August the summer time air is hot. The hot temperatures remind me of a story about a minister who announced in the local newspaper the title for his next sermon. He was going to preach on "The Member of This Church I Would Most Like to See in Hell."

As you can imagine, it caused quite a stir. Also, as expected, it drew a crowd to church that Sunday! Who was the preacher going to name?

As the preacher began the sermon the moment came. He really did name someone! But to everyone's dismay, it was the name of the best-known woman in the congregation! The people were shocked. She was everyone's favorite Bible teacher. Most people regarded her as a real "saint." Why in the world would the preacher say such a thing about this wonderful woman?

The preacher proceeded to explain. The reason was quite simple. He explained that he was sure that given this woman's saintly nature that in a matter of weeks the people in hell would be converted and transformed. Her love for God and neighbor would make a difference even in hell.

Was the preacher's title really a trick? Was it a kind of bait and switch scheme? No! The point of his sermon was that all of us have the capacity to influence others for good, no matter what the situation might be. The old saying might be trite, but it is also true: "Remember, you may be the only Bible someone reads, the only Jesus someone meets, the only God your neighbor sees."

It's true that positive actions have positive effects. Our empathy impacts others. Our kindness lifts many. Our generosity enhances that of others. Our willingness to serve touches hearts and minds.

Likewise, negative actions have their effect. A slur on someone clouds the vision of others. Self-centeredness weighs heavy among friends. Negative remarks push people away.

People notice how you live and speak; it makes a difference and has its effects. Your words and actions represent not only yourself, but the world and the people you represent. Strive then to think and exhibit these things: truth, honor, justice, purity, grace, excellence and things worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8-9). If you will do this, then the peace of God will be with you -and with others. Even in these days when temperatures can be hot and rising.

Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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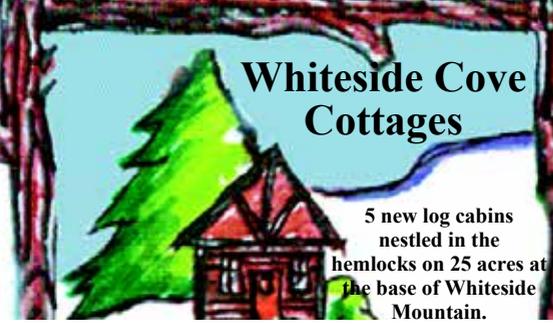
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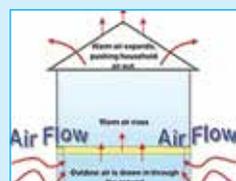
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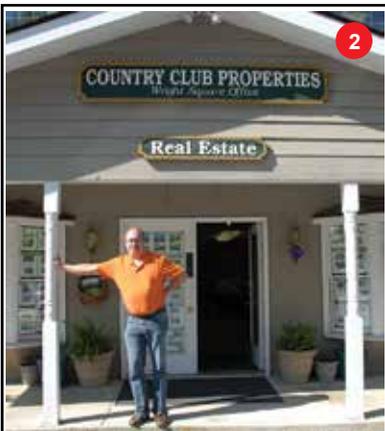
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