The town’s broadband network plan isn’t dead yet

At the June Town Board meeting, commissioners asked citizens to join them in contacting their state legislators urging them to allow municipal broadband enterprises to enter into “closed” private/public broadband partnerships.

That’s because NC House Bill 68 and NC Senate Bill 65 were still in committee – possibly becoming law.

If so, the private/public partnership would have to be “open” to any provider who wanted to come in and rent the town’s dark fiber – a fiber network the town would have to build. The private partners would provide service from the street to the house.

As Commissioner Eric Pier son explained, that scenario only works for populations of 40,000.

What’s wrong with this picture?

This 18-wheeler is on The Gorge Road, which is not allowed. Around 3 p.m. last Thursday, the driver got his back wheels stuck in the ditch while making the curve just below Turtle Pond, snagging the load on the embankment rendering it immobile. What is behind it? ANOTHER 18-wheeler, this one a flatbed carrying a load of flooring, stuck too, because unlike the regular vehicles that can snake past the stuck tractor-trailer, it can’t make it, nor can it turn around and go back up the mountain.

Byrnes honored with $250,000 donation

A recent $250,000 donation received by Hospice House Foundation of WNC (HHFWNC) is an especially meaningful gift to the organization and its leadership as it honors the late Evie Brynes, one of HHFWNC’s founding board members. Evie was instrumental in the raising of close to $1 million in support of the Foundation’s mission to construct a regional hospital.

Lupoli and Dugan to serve again on WCU Board

The N.C. General Assembly has reappointed the first woman elected principal chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a Highlands homebuilder to the Western Carolina University Board of Trustees.

Lupoli is owner and president of Lupoli Construction. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the N.C. Small Town Main Street design committee, and former chair of the N.C. Small Town Main Street economic restructuring committee.

Lupoli is an active supporter of Highlands Playhouse and The Bascom, a nonprofit center for the visual arts. He was the 2012 recipient of the N.C. Small Town Main Street Award for Design for Highlands’ town square renovation.
The North Carolina legislature adjourned last Friday, early in the morning. I was doing my best to track last minute votes on bills that would impact our town. Overall, the final outcome was good.

First, I want to thank Senator Davis and Representative Corbin for both introducing legislation in their respective chambers that provided more funding for North Carolina’s remote K-12 schools. The legislation passed. As a result, Highlands and Nantahala Schools together will receive over a half million dollars in additional support this coming school year.

Another good outcome for Highlands was the defeat of HB 581, the billboard revision bill. This proposed legislation would have overturned existing municipal ordinances regulating billboards in favor of a standardized, one size fits all, state law. Representative Corbin had indicated he was not in favor of the new bill. When the bill came up for a vote last week it failed to pass.

I appreciate the many citizens in the area, as well as throughout the state, that let their representatives know they were against the bill. Representative Corbin was very responsive to his constituents.

The town staff and I were also tracking developments concerning municipal broadband legislation. There were two bills under consideration that could have impacted how a municipality could operate a municipal broadband network. No action was taken on both HB 68 and SB 65, so as the town moves forward in broadband development NC GS 160A-340 will remain in place. The town has been in meetings with potential private partners in developing a fiber optic network. We will continue meeting with interested parties for several weeks before moving to the next phase.

Another piece of legislation that I was following was SB 900. This bill would have allowed municipalities to vote on a 1/4 cent increase for a local option sales tax. This revenue could relieve municipalities relying so much on property tax revenue.

A recent newspaper article revealed that the Highlands plateau generates over a half million dollars in room occupancy tax each year. The Chamber of Commerce uses it to promote tourism. That room tax revenue is equal to about 10% of what the town receives for the general fund. But the town receives none of this revenue and has no control over how it is spent. The town could use the 1/4 cent sales tax increase to meet growing infrastructure needs, much of which is related to supporting tourism. Even with a robust $900,000 sales tax forecast for this year, that revenue can’t meet all the future infrastructure needs, especially in the business district. There are street, sidewalk, water, sewer, parking and communication improvements that need to be addressed in the near and long term. A local sales tax option would be helpful, and I hope the legislature will revisit it when they go back in session.

While the legislative picture looks clear at this time, it could change by year’s end. The legislature may reconvene two more times this year.

Dear Editor,

How relieved I was to read Fred’s letter in last week’s newspaper. We have certainly missed reading his column – it’s the first thing I went to after assuring myself my name was not in one of the obits.

Many of his readers surely felt he was just a neighbor with whom they could share a laugh or a good cry.

Maybe he can be encouraged into composing every now and then. And may I add, as a long-time Floridian, I appreciate his service to his community. Many tend to forget what a thankless job our policemen have.

Jeri Spinella
Sapphire

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Obituary

Steve Valdez

Steve Valdez, 56, of Franklin passed away, Saturday, July 1, 2017. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he was the son of the late Steve Valdez, Sr. and Mary Ann Kindle. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by a brother Alejandro (Al) Valdez. Steve was a painter by trade, he enjoyed friends, family and he loved music.

He is survived by his significant other, Celia Carpenter; mother Mary Ann Kindle and step father Earl Kindle of Cedar Springs, Michigan; a son, Anthony Yskes of Zeeland, Michigan, a sister, Valerie Brock (Sam Dills); step sister, Ida Smith and husband Ken of Owasso, Michigan; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the wonderful staff of Four Seasons Hospice and especially the staff at the Highlands-Cashiers hospital. All donations can be made in Steve's memory to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 S. Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

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

ELECTION DAY: Tues., November 7, 2017

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HB 68 and SB 65 the town is moving forward in broadband development under NC GS 160A-340 which for now remains in place,” said Mayor Pat Taylor. “The town has been in meetings with potential private partners in developing a fiber optic network. We will continue meeting with interested parties for several weeks before moving to the next phase.”

According to Town Manager Josh Ward, about eight companies have submitted packets for the Request for Information, and the town will be reviewing those for possible candidates for an exclusive partnership.”

According to MIS/GIS Director Matt Shuler, there is a potential for fixed wireless outside the town limits and hard fiber in town to residents and businesses.

What happens if NC HB and NC SB 65 become law? Will the town be grandfathered in? These are questions raised by Commissioner John Dotson that are yet to be answered.

– Kim Lewicki

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Hospice House in Franklin, NC for the terminally ill of western NC and northeast GA. Currently, the closest Hospice Houses are over an hour’s drive for most people of this region.

Evie passionately believed in the need for a Hospice House in our region and worked tirelessly to raise funds for its construction. Her passion stemmed from her volunteer work with terminally ill patients and their families where she witnessed firsthand the compassion and holistic team approach of hospice end-of-life care and the positive impact it had on an individual’s final journey and on their loved ones.

HHFWNC has raised over $3 million for the construction of this much needed hospice inpatient facility. Michele Alderson, President of HHFWNC, shared that the organization needs to raise an additional $2 million, with construction starting when $1 million of this has been raised, tentatively next August, 2018. Construction will include the remodel of HHFWNC’s Maple Street property and an 8,000 sq. foot addition for six patient suites. Based on this plan, the facility could begin serving hospice patients as early as fall, 2019. The future Hospice House will be operated by Four Seasons Compassion for Life and be open to all qualifying hospice patients, regardless of hospice provider.

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such as more education funding and revisions to tax policy, before he will sign it.

Cooper said early last week that he would consider signing the two-year budget in another form if GOP lawmakers delete a corporate income tax cut and limit the personal income tax cut to those making less than $150,000. His proposed education changes would include improving new and veteran teacher pay and phasing out what critics label private-school “vouchers.”

Republican leaders in both the House and Senate were quick to state they would override the Governor’s veto. With majority parties in both chambers, they were successful in the final days of June, just shy of the July 1 deadline.

Both the House and the Senate voted to override Gov. Cooper’s veto, passing the bill into law.

Education was a significant portion of the state budget that was negotiated between the Chambers, and the point that the Governor differs the most on with the General Assembly.

The budget increases teacher salaries by 9.6 percent on average, but limits permanent raises to the most veteran teachers to $300, not including $385 annual bonuses. And while across-the-board tax rate cuts for all North Carolina residents would provide relief to low- and middle-income teachers, they would enable the highest wage earners and corporations to also keep the most cash.

According to legislative leaders, the budget agreement spends nearly $700 million more on public education than the current budget and funds more than 3,500 slots for the state pre-kindergarten program, reducing the state’s waiting list by 75 percent.

The budget also earmarks more than $100 million in lottery profits over two years to help economically struggling counties build schools through a matching program, something Representative Kevin Corbin championed with Macon County in mind.

Another piece of legislation headed up by Rep. Corbin and supported by Senator Jim Davis that made it into the final budget was funding for isolated schools. More than $1 million was included in the state budget for isolated schools such as Nantahala and Highlands over the next two years, something Macon County leaders were hopeful for and thankful for after it was included.

The county budget was finalized ahead of the state’s, and was approved by Macon County Commissioners in a split 3-2 vote. Macon County’s spending will increase in the coming year, with Commissioners approving a $49,587,927 budget earlier this month. Like the state, locally much of the budget debate was centered around public education.

While the county budget increases spending, the budget doesn’t raise taxes. Much of the additional expenditures in the county budget are one-time expenditures for capital projects or new programs such as $230,000 for a new fire task force to standardize fire stations across the county. The final budget includes two increases for specific fire tax districts, Franklin and Burningtown-Iotla. Commissioner Paul Higdon voted against the budget because he didn’t support the increases to the fire taxes in both of those districts.

The budget also contains $50,000 for a consultant to help the county move forward with broadband connections. Commissioner Karl Gillespie argued that $50,000 wasn’t enough; and said he would like to see more funds earmarked for infrastructure programs in an attempt to increase connectivity. Commissioner Gillespie ultimately voted against the final county budget, citing the budget not lining up with the principles he ran on while campaigning as commissioner.

Macon County Schools requested $7.3 million in operating expenses from the county, but for the second year in a row, the county’s final budget kept the school system’s allocation flat at $7.1 million.

While school system leaders said without the additional $200,000 from the county, up to six teaching positions would go unfilled, county leaders noted that if additional funding is needed by the school system, they can request more from the county once a state budget is finalized and they...
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With the isolated school funding secure in the state budget, Macon County Schools will have more dollars to operate those schools, which are costly for the county.

Locally, Macon County has budgeted additional dollars to the Macon County Sheriff’s Office to address an increase in operating costs to handle calls and cases involving drug overdoses, opioid treatments and the drug epidemic in the county. In the last two weeks, MCSO has prevented meth operating costs to handle calls and cases in-

The STOP Act (Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention Act), a bill heavily backed by bipartisan state leadership, focuses on decreasing the number of narcotics in the state and adding substance abuse treatment services. The bill initially came with attached funding of $20 million for community treatment, but the money was removed from the bill, causing concern in the addiction community.

**Police & Fire Reports**

The Highlands Police log entries from June 15. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 21
• At 12:49 p.m., officers responded to a call of a dog barking and disturbing neighbors at a residence on Cullsasa Drive.

June 23
• At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106.

June 25
• At 2:28 p.m., officers performed a welfare check at a residence on NC 106.
• At 7:55 p.m., officers responded to a call of a verbal argument outside a residence on Perquin Road.

June 26
• At 5 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

June 29
• At 10:22 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept.

log from June 26.

June 26
• The dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

June 28
• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cobb Road.

• The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cullsasa Drive.

June 29
• The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Old Orchard Road.
• The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Blue Valley Road.
• The dept. offered public assistance at a location on US 64 west.
• The dept. was first-responders during a rescue on Ring Road.

July 2
• The dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.
• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at Cullsasa Club Drive.
• The dept. responded to a rescue call at Secret Falls.

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increase funding for opioid addiction on the state level.

The final state budget includes a little more than $10 million in state funds to combat opioid addiction and overdoses across the state over the next two years, which is about half the amount pledged earlier this year.

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**A Surprise Trip to France**

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is the season for vacations, but my husband and I had decided we wouldn’t take a summer trip this year, opting instead for a Christmas trip to somewhere snowy and a September trip to Colorado.

I’ve been working on both those trips, and I’ve also vowed to make it to England in 2018, a trip I’ve always dreamed of.

One of my yoga friends had asked me several times which Viking river cruise we were taking this year because she’d been inspired to take the Danube cruise after reading about our 2017 trip. So inspired, in fact, that she and her husband worked with Travelsafe to stay in the same Prague hotel we did and take some of the same tours. I kept assuring her that we had no plans to take a cruise this year—until my husband took me by surprise one day.

I walked in the door, and he called me to the porch where he was perusing his Chromebook. His words? “I think we need to take a river cruise this summer.”

This approach was a new experience for me. In the not too distant past, a spur of the moment two-week trip would have been out of the question. I was still working, and I carefully planned out my four weeks of vacation each year to be sure I could squeeze in everything I wanted to do.

But now? I’m retired. We have no time constraints and no summer plans. The only thing I needed to know was that he was still committed to an England trip next year.

I already knew which river cruise I’d choose as we’d previously considered taking a bike and barge trip in Provence, but some health issues had made us realize that cycling 30-40 miles daily for a week was no longer in the cards. With that in mind, we instantly opted for Viking’s Lyon & Provence cruise and contacted our travel agent to book it.

Meanwhile, I emailed Lynn, a high school friend who lives in the South of France. We’d corresponded about a visit when my husband and I were looking at the cycling trip, and it had only been a month or so since I’d written her that we wouldn’t make it. She encouraged me to choose a different season as she says it’s very hot in France in the summer months. I had to laugh because she grew up in the Atlanta heat and humidity as I did but lived in coastal California before moving to France. I think she’s forgotten what hot is. Yes, the temps will be in the 80’s and 90’s, but the humidity is supposedly much lower. And to see Provence’s lavender fields in bloom, summer is the time to go.

We’ll travel to Mirmande and spend three nights in a quaint local hotel and get to visit with Lynn and her husband. When I googled Mirmande, I discovered it’s billed as one of France’s most beautiful villages. After our two cycling trips in France, we’d entertained thoughts of renting a cottage in a small village and spending a week or two, so I can’t wait to experience this slice of life.

Since my readers know me only too well, I’m sure you are anticipating several more columns about this trip, and I won’t disappoint you. Next up will be which books to read ahead of time and which to take along. Stay tuned.

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in an ex-officio capacity.

The reappointed trustees and four newly selected board members will be sworn in at the board’s quarterly meeting Friday, Sept. 15. The WCU Board of Trustees is composed of 13 members, including eight elected by the UNC Board of Governors, four appointed by the General Assembly, and the university’s Student Government Association president, who serves in an ex-officio capacity.
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On Friday, July 14 the Center for Life Enrichment will present **SYRIA: AN UPDATE.** The history of Syria, its current condition, and possible solutions will be explored by Hrair Balian, the Director of the Conflict Resolution Program at the Carter Center. Also an adjunct professor at Emory University Law School, Balian oversees the Resolution Program’s efforts to monitor conflicts around the world and coordinates the Center’s cross-program efforts in the Middle East.

A regular topic of nightly news reports, Syria, under the brutal regime of President Bashar Hafez al-Assad is being kept in power by support from Russian and Iran. In the six years of war trying to oust al-Assad costs have been staggering with an estimated half million Syrians killed and the country basically reduced to piles of rubble.

With his support from Russia al-Assad has unleashed a ruthless campaign on the Syrian people, bombing hospitals and using chemical weapons. This civil strife has led to more than half of the Syrian population, over eleven million people becoming refugees, causing heart-rending consequences for those most vulnerable fleeing to nearby countries.

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**Coro Vocati Chorale Ensemble to perform July 9 at First Presbyterian**

Coro Vocati Chorale Ensemble will perform in concert at 5:30pm on Saturday, July 8th at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert is free to the community. This 24-member professional chamber choir was founded in 2009 by Dr. John Dickson, now Director of Choral Studies at LSU School of Music. The ensemble was formed to showcase the rich talent and choral legacy of the Atlanta area. In 2014, Coro Vocati completed its first recording project, *Sweetheart of the Sun*. The group will also sing during the July 9, 11am worship service at First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets.

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**2nd week of HCCMF to delight**

The second week of The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival opens July 7 with Roman Kim on violin and Elizabeth Pridgen on piano.

Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8 Kim and Pridgen will be performing works by Bach, Stravinsky, and Paganini. On Sunday, July 9 and Monday, July 10 they will be joined for “The Rites of Spring” by Julie Coucheron and William Ransom on piano.

Roman Kim, known for his outstanding virtuosity and unrestrained energy, counts as one of his influences the legendary rock guitarist, Jimi Hendrix. He delights audiences with his unique arrangements and compositions.

Pianist Elizabeth Pridgen enjoys a distinguished career as both a soloist and chamber musician. In 2014 she was appointed Artistic Director of the 40-year-old Atlanta Chamber Players, one of the leading chamber ensembles in the United States.

Julie Coucheron started playing the piano at the age of four, then later earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees with honors from the Royal Academy of Music in London. Recent collaborations include performances with the Steve Miller Band and Sir Elton John.

William Ransom, a familiar name to festival goers, is the Anna and Hays Mershon Artist-in-Residence. He is the Mary L. Emerson Professor of Piano and head of the piano faculty at Emory University in Atlanta and founder and Artistic Director of the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta.

Concerts are held in Highlands at the PAC on Chestnut Street and in Cashiers at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. Tickets may be purchased by visiting hccmfestival.org or by calling (828) 526-9060.

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**SYRIA: AN UPDATE**

**Monday, July 10** they will be joined for “The Saturday Night” with Roman Kim on violin and Elizabeth Pridgen will be performing works by Bach, Stravinsky and Paganini.

On Friday, July 14 the Center for Life Enrichment will open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 AM to 3 PM until Friday, 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 historicalsociety-glenville area 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 am 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 information, 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 more information 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.occupywn.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 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public. Call 828-369-3916.

**Tuesday and Thursdays**

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park from 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 5:15pm.

**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 Highlands United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. For more information call 828-331.1524

**SUMMER POOL SCHEDULE**

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

Public Swim Monday-Thursday 11am-5pm & Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6-7:30pm, Friday and Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

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

Group bookings available Wednesday 6-8pm.

Pool available for pool parties Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings 6pm-8pm.

Call the pool at 828-526-1595 if you have any questions concerning the pool.
Learn why & how to fight nonnative invasive plants

The Coalition for Nonnative Invasive Plant Management, CNIPM, is offering a free seminar, “Birds, Bees, and Botany: Planting Natives and Combating Invasives” on July 28th from 9a to 12:30p at the Community Building, next to the ball fields in Highlands.

The faculty includes Karen Brand, Bird-Friendly Community Coordinator for Audubon North Carolina, Sonya Carpenter, Director of Highlands Biological Foundation, and James Costa, Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Foundation. The program will include talks on the essential needs of birds and pollinators for native plants rather than nonnative invasive plants; a presentation of Highlands Plateau’s “Most Unwanted” invasives with methods for eradication or control, and suggestions for native alternatives for the landscape. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Bring a lunch and stay for afternoon field trips to outstanding private native gardens from 1:00 to 2:30. Also see living examples of our “Most Unwanted” plants.

Packet of educational materials will be provided for those who preregister. For information or preregistration: 828-787-1230 or dlandwehr7@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sponsoring organizations include the Highlands Biological Station, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Highlands Historical Society, Highlands Plateau Audubon Society, Highlands Plateau Greenway, Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau, and the Town of Highlands.

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 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant’s Funnel Home. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

• 2nd Thursdays

  • Sapphire Valley 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.

• 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.

  • 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.

• Thurs., July 6

  • Learning to Live in Space: How, When and Why?, 10:00-12:00 Cost $25/$35 Presenter: Charles Richard Chappell. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

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

• Fri., July 7

  • Vegetable Gardening at Old Edwards Inn, 9:30-11:30 Cost $30/$40 Presenter: Ezra Gardiner. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com.

  • The Supreme Court’s Struggle with Religious Freedoms, 10:00-12:00 Cost $25/$35 Presenter: Todd Collins. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com.

  • The High Mountain Squares will host their “Beach Party Dance” Friday night, at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Rd, Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Mr. Ace McGee from Anderson, SC will be returning and calling for us. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. You are in luck, new dancer lessons will begin August 14, 2017, join us. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-342-1560, 828-332-0001.

• Sat., July 8

  • H-C Chamber Music: The Rites of Spring, 10:00-12:00 Cost $25/$35 Presenter: Marie Sumner Loft. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com.

  • The 20th annual Sweet Corn Festival at 3 p.m. at St. Cyprian’s Church, 216 Roller Mill Rd., Franklin. Free admission. Silent auction with items and gift certificates Food, live entertainment Proceeds benefit All Saints Episcopal outreach, Wesley’s Playground, and CareNet.

  • Coro Vocati Choral Ensemble will perform in concert at 5:30pm on Saturday at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert is free to the community.

• Sun., July 9

  • Coro Vocati Choral Ensemble will perform in concert at 11a on Sunday at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert is free to the community.

• Mon., July 10

  • Aery Chiropractic & Acupuncture. Free Health Lecture Series from 6-7 p.m. Upstairs – 2655 Dillard Road. This week: Dr. Sue, Plant Nutrition.

• July 10-14

  • First Baptist Church Highlands Vacation Bible School, Operation Arctic! 9am to 12:15 pm. Grades K- 5th. 526-4153.

• Mondays, July 10, 17, 24, 31 (4 Sessions)


• Tues., July 11

  • The H-C Chamber Music Festival to present a free Family/Children’s Concert and performance entitled “Musical Animals.” The concert will take place at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert will be followed by an Ice Cream Social in Coleman Hall, hosted by Kilwin’s of Highlands. The event is sponsored by the Cullasaja Women’s Outreach.

  • At Hudson Library meet author Michele Moore 2016 Gold winner for Foreword INDIES Book Awards for Historical fiction and 2016 winner of the Langum Prize for Best Historical Fiction introduce “The Cigar Factory.”

• Tue.&Thur. July 11-13

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

• Tue.-Fri., July 11-14

  • At The Bascom, Summer Camp: Session 4 - Mixed Media. 9a-noon and 1-4p. Explore a variety of materials, and found objects to create collages, sculptures, and more. To register call 526-4949.

• Free Family/Children’s Concert July 11 at First Presbyterian Church

At 3pm on Tuesday, July 11, the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will present a free Family/Children’s Concert and performance entitled “Musical Animals” featuring Ferdinand the Bull and Carnival of Animals with Julie Coucheron, pianist; Roman Kim, violinist; Will Ransom, pianist; with narration by Lois Reitzes, the legendary voice of classical radio in Atlanta.

The concert will take place at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert will be followed by an Ice Cream Social in Coleman Hall, hosted by Kilwin’s of Highlands. The event is sponsored by the Cullasaja Women’s Outreach. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• See EVENTS page 14
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  **Wed., July 12**
  - At 2pm on Wednesday, July 12, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature Bradley Howard, Tenor; accompanied by Will Ransom, Pianist. The concert is sponsored by the Cullasaja Women’s Outreach and Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, and will take place at First Presbyterian Church.
  - Georgia’s Pioneer Aviators, 10:00-12:00 Cost $25/$35 Presenter: Dan Aldridge. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

  **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

- **Fri., July 14**
  - Syria: An Update, 2:00-4:00 Cost $25/$35 Presenter: Hrair Balian. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

- **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**
  - The Highlands Biological Foundation will celebrate its 90th year with a soiree at the home of Tricia and Inman Allen on July 16 at 6pm. This year’s soiree will be at the beautiful home of Tricia and Inman Allen featuring an awe-inspiring view from Brushy Face Mountain. Catering will be provided by Jerry Dilts of Atlanta. To register, please call HBF at 828-526-2221.

- **Mon., July 17**
  - 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

  • Aery Chiropractic & Acupuncture Free Health Lecture Series from 6-7 p.m. Upstairs – 2655 Dillard Road. This week: Thomas Taule, Teas, Making the Magic Brew.

- **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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Potatoes & Salad – Premium Angus
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w/ red wine au jus. Two baked potatoes
& a large Caesar salad. $35.95 serves two

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Build or buy is a question many buyers of Highlands real estate ask themselves. Buyers with a price limit often see many changes they would like to see made in a home. In these instances, building may seem more appealing. On the other hand, building can be stressful and many buyers are not up to the challenge. When getting started with the buying process sit down with your local Realtor® and discuss the pros and cons of buying a pre-existing home versus building a home.

Make a list of the features that are most important to you, then compare costs. Know what you are willing to give up and what you must have in your next home. Then, look for homes in your price range that meet your criteria. Your home is usually your biggest investment so it’s perfectly acceptable to be picky and take your time to find the perfect home.

When building new a home, you will have most of what you want with few maintenance or repairs, but it’s still likely that not everything will be perfect. Whether you run into issues with permits or other delays, building your own home can come with a lot of unexpected costs. It is rare to see a new home come in on budget. It’s best to ask the architect/builder for what you want, yet be ready and willing to trim on certain items.

Buying a house is an attractive option for many people because in most cases you can move into the home soon after closing. Oftentimes, homebuyers might fret over the purchase of a home that has some less-than-stellar features. But the home you buy doesn’t have to be perfect down to the wall paint. You can update the unattractive features of a home over time, and you might even profit from a few upgrades. You can see the floor plan and the layout of a pre-existing home.

The Atlanta Boy Choir ‘Wows’ Nova Scotia

The 35 boys, 20 men and instrumental ensemble under the direction of Maestro Fletcher Wolfe has just returned from a monumental concert tour of Nova Scotia.

Starting their tour in Halifax at the magnificent St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica the choir charmed the overflowing crowd with their beautiful singing and deportment. At the end listeners jumped to their feet yelling “Bravo, Bravo” for 7 curtain calls.

The choir, recently heard at Highlands First Presbyterian Church the week before, featured the famous American Opera Singer, Indra Thomas, who accompanied the choir on this tour. Also, along with the boys and men performing an all classical repertoire accomplished pianist and accompanist, Dr. Robert Henry who played the Revolutionary Etude and Indra Thomas who sang “Ride on King Jesus” both brought the audience to its feet. Nest the ensemble traveled to the town of Lunenburg.

In Lunenburg, they performed at the historic St. John’s Anglican Church.

Once again, the church was filled to capacity and the audience raised the roof with its outstanding applause.

Lastly, on this concert tour, was the performance given in Yarmouth at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Once again, a thrilled audience jumped to their feet and said there had never been such an amazing concert given at their church.

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This is a must see 4bd/4ba meticulously maintained home located on a cul-de-sac with nice views in Highlands Falls CC. Possibility of 2 separate living areas including 2 decks. Wood floors, tile baths, cathedral ceilings, and jacuzzi tubs add to the desirability of this great property. $525,000 MLS #85453

3bd/3ba farmhouse on 4.74 acres is a must see property. Enjoy country living in privacy. Additional “Pond House” set on Golden Pond made from old barn wood is perfect for entertaining guests. $349,900 MLS #84081

If a luxury mountain retreat is what you seek, look no further than this magnificent custom built home located in the private, gated community of HeatherStone Tops. 5bd/6ba/2 half bath estate on over 4 acres with sweeping mountain and golf course views. $2,395,000 MLS #85624

This gently sloping .7 acre wooded property has several building locations. Safe and quiet. Ideas Acres community. Great investment lot. $20,000 MLS #84620

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Overlooking tee boxes on the 4th fairway at Highlands Falls CC. Lovely 3bd/3ba with wood flooring and stone fireplace in living room. Terrace level with large family room and 1 car garage. Offered fully furnished and move in ready. $439,000 MLS #85542

Cozy rustic mountain home with 3bd/2ba. Light and bright with wrap around deck to take in the sounds of nature. Low maintenance landscaping and level area to add garage. $335,000 MLS #85539

Lot Listing

12.46 acre lot with direct views of pastures, a pond and vineyards. Located in the Scaly Mt. area. $279,900 MLS #82604

Located in Sky Valley, GA inside the gated community of Heatherstone Tops. Elegant custom home offers 3bd/4.5 ba with large office, two living rooms and a huge bonus room. Sits on 1.13 acre lot with breathtaking views. New Price $650,000 MLS #85362

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God is the sovereign Lord Almighty, he controls this world and the lives of its creatures. Paul says in Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose” (NIV).

God made a rather startling confession about King David in Acts 13:22 “I have found David, Son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.”

God having said this about David should give you the desire to know more about David’s life.

David was a shepherd boy tending his father’s sheep and he became king of Israel. What were the chances of that? Not very good since shepherds were the lowest rung on the social ladder. They were considered so unworthy as to not even be allowed to testify in the courts of Israel. But this lad David became king and the author of some of the most beautiful psalms ever written. The lesson in this is that when you place your hope and trust in God, all the old things in your life are wiped away and you become a new creature with an unlimited future.

But David, even though he was loved by God did not always do what was right. He committed adultery and murder. He also suffered the consequences of his actions. He lost four sons because of his sin. What we learn in this is that God will never stop working on you, once you are his. He will take all of the circumstances of your life, no matter how bad they seem to be and he will make good come from them to help you grow in your love of Him.

Paul says he takes all things and works them for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose. It doesn’t matter how sinful you have been. It doesn’t matter how bad things have gone in your life. It doesn’t matter how hopeless things might seem right now. That is all part of your old life. If you come to Jesus Christ and believe and trust who he says he is, the Son of God, your Savior, then he is ready, willing and able to change everything such that through his providential watch care, he will turn all that was dark in your life and make light come forth from it, so that you, too, can be a person after God’s own heart.

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