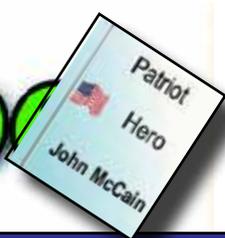


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HF&R saves man bitten by rattler

When a man didn't return from a day-hike on the Ellicott Rock Trail by early evening Aug 22, his wife's alarm set in motion a rescue mission that likely saved

his life. Highlands Fire & Rescue Chief Ryan Gearhart got a call from an employee at the Highland Hiker at 4:45 p.m., asking how long

it would take to hike to Ellicott Rock and back. A woman was concerned that her husband may be overdue.

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Visitor spending on the rise in Highlands and county

Last week "Visit North Carolina" announced that domestic visitors to and within Macon County spent \$170.12 million in 2017 – an increase of 3.65 percent from 2016.

As for the state, Gov. Roy Cooper said visitors to North Carolina in 2017 set a record for spending – \$23.99 billion in total spending – representing an increase of 4.2 percent from 2016.

"All eight economic development regions of the state had spending growth of 3 percent or more, and 90 percent of the state's counties saw direct tourism employment growth from 2016 to 2017," said Wit Tuttell, executive director of Visit North Carolina. "Tourism continues to be a major driver of economic development across North Carolina, which is

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The 2018-'19 School Year has begun!



Students were greeted with new faces when school started Monday, Aug. 27 for the 2018-'19 school year. New teachers and administrators – including two who graduated from Highlands School in 2006 – from left are Robyn Hessling, 2nd grade teacher; Maci Lequire, 5th grade teacher; Jacob Page, PE/Coach; Sarah Holbrooks, Asst. Principal; David Tilson, Custodian/Bus Driver and Laura Zoellner, Elementary Exceptional Children Teacher (both Class of 2006); and Highlands Police Officer Tim Broughton, SRO. As of Tuesday morning there were 339 students enrolled. See page 26 for "First Day of School" pictures.

– Photo by Kedra McCall

New 'story walk' installed at The Bascom

By Brittney Lofthouse

A popular new attraction in Highlands is changing this week as the Story Walk located along the Highlands Greenway at the Bascom now has a new story for families to enjoy.

The Story Walk, which was installed at the Bascom in partnership with Read2Me, a Franklin based non-profit, has been at The Bascom for a year and has featured the same story along the walking trail. This week, a new book, Pond Babies written by Cathryn Falwell was installed along the walk.

Read2Me's mission is to promote the importance of early literacy and work to prove that reading matters in Macon County. The Story Walk located at The Bascom is one of five Story Walks located in Macon County and installed by Read2Me and various sponsors in

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Tell NCDOT how you feel about NC 106

Town and county staff and officials recently received a NCDOT briefing on the proposed NC 106 improvements. This project is in the very basic planning stage. Funding, which I believe is a long shot, would be down the road.

At that briefing I encouraged DOT officials to not delay in sharing these preliminary plans with the public. I know the public wants information after seeing the survey crews on 106 this summer. The meeting is today from 4p to 7p at the Highlands Conference Center next to the ball field. It is a drop-in session where DOT staff will be there with plans. They will answer questions and discuss any parts of the plan. The DOT folks will also explain the next phases including how the public can submit feedback about the project.

I have seen the plans. There are some features I believe would be beneficial, and others I believe not necessary. For instance, widening the road and shoulders would impact the aesthetics of this important corridor. On the other hand, improving some curves and sight distances would be benefi-



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

cial, especially for large trucks.

Now I know some people may contend we do not want more truck traffic, but that will become a reality whether we like it or not. Everything we consume on this plateau arrives via trucks. I am working with officials to stop large trucks from using the dangerous Gorge Road. Trucks will have to take alternative routes like NC 106.

I also like the proposed sidewalks within the town limits, provided they can be done without taking large chunks of property. I am for sidewalks being built and extended on all the major corridors into town. Improving walkability enhances neighborhoods and the overall community. I want to encourage DOT to work with us in the future in building more sidewalks. There are a lot of folks now walking on the shoulders of the highways, and sidewalks would be a safety improvement.

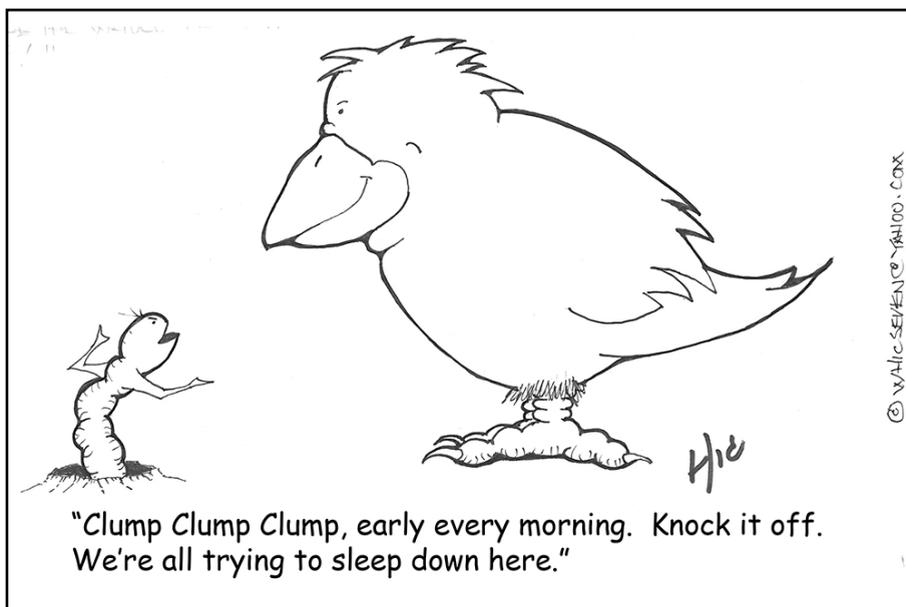
The old narrow bridge below Scaly Mountain is not a part of this project. It is scheduled to be replaced in 2020. The proposed project does include the improvement of certain intersections and slight realignment of some roads entering 106.

I am on the Southwestern Regional Commission Transportation Advisory Committee. This committee makes recommendations to DOT on regional road priorities. Let me share with you where I think the funding and construction stands at this point.

At an estimated price tag of \$97, I don't see this project being fully funded. As I said, it is a long shot. This committee prioritizes projects in a long, tedious process. At our

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• HIC'S VIEW •



• OBITUARY •

Walter Brooks

Walter Brooks, age 85, of Douglas, Georgia and Highlands, North Carolina passed away on Monday August 20, 2018 at Landmark Hospital, Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Brooks was born on August 23, 1932 in Stills Cross Road, Alabama the son of the late Willie Watson Brooks and Lucille Bush Brooks.

He was a plant operations manager with Georgia Power, attended Troy State University in Alabama and was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Brooks was preceded in death by a son, Mitchell David Brooks, brother, Gilman Brooks and two sisters, Emma Brooks and Hazel Brooks.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Brooks, North Hutchison Island, FL; daughter, Angela Brooks Wiggins, Douglas, GA and Highlands, NC; four grandchildren, Rebekah Claire Wiggins, Highlands, NC, Savannah Brooks of Eatonton, GA, Lollie Brooks of Eatonton, GA and Glen Walter Brooks of Eatonton, GA; sister, Annette Brooks, Geneva, Alabama.

Celebration of life services will be at a later date.

The family requests memorials in Mr. Brooks honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Log condolences at the online registry at www.simsfuneralhome.com.

Sims Funeral Home, Douglas, GA in charge of arrangements.

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last meeting the NC 106 project had such a low priority that some of my colleagues doubt it will ever be funded. Some parts of it may survive, but don't expect a full-blown project getting underway in the next couple of years. DOT works slowly, if full funding was to somehow become a reality, their schedule would call for construction to begin in 2027.

I welcome feedback and will keep everyone updated.

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the community. Since being installed at The Bascom, the facility has seen the traffic along the Greenway on the property increase significantly with families and educational programs visiting the Story Walk regularly.

Story Walk is an innovative and interactive way for readers of all ages to enjoy a story and the outdoors at the same time. Pages from a children's picture book are displayed on special display posts along an outdoor path in a park or public place. Stroller down the trail, are directed to the next page in the story. Story Walks engage young readers and are a great



Story Walks have been erected in various places in Macon County, including on the Greenway Trail at The Bascom in Highlands. They are changed out once a year.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

way to practice Active Reading skills with special activities highlighted along the story.

Story Walks were originally created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Since then, it has spread to libraries around the country.

In addition to the five permanent Story Walk locations, Read2Me also has a portable Story Walk with a STEM theme to combine reading and science into one outdoor activity.

In addition to bringing a new book to the Highlands Story Walk, Read2Me unveiled the newest Franklin-area Story Walk at the Historic Cowee School. The newest Story Walk features the book "Cowee Sam" which was written by local children's author, Claire Suminski. Since the Story Walk books are interchangeable, the Cowee Sam book will be making its way to Highlands this Spring.

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\$7.65 million through state sales and excise taxes, and taxes on personal and corporate income. About \$13.70 million in local taxes were generated from sales and property tax revenue from travel-generated and travel-supported businesses.

Statewide each North Carolina household saves on average \$515 in state and local taxes as a direct result of visitor spending in the state.

The NC Secretary of Commerce, Anthony Copeland, touted the impact of domestic visitor spending in North Carolina for 2017.

“It was another strong year for tourism across the state. North Carolina ranks number six among the most visited states for domestic travelers,” he said.

Bob Kiełtyka, president of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center said visitor spending in Macon County has trended upward for several consecutive years.

“This is indicative of the growing popularity of the both the Highlands Plateau and Macon

County as a tourist destination,” he said. “Overall, tourism contributes significantly to the county’s growing economy. In addition to supporting local business, tourism provides employment for nearly 1,400 Macon County citizens and contributes an estimated \$535 in tax savings for every household in

the county.”

These statistics are from the “Economic Impact of Travel on North Carolina Counties 2017,” which can be accessed at partners.visitnc.com/economic-impact-studies. The study was prepared for Visit North Carolina by the U.S. Travel Association.

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serve.” Thank you.

Pat Barnes

Remembering Ruby

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• WORD MATTER •

Understanding the News Business #2

When we tune in to the nightly national newscast (we watch NBC), at some point, typically early in the program, the misus will utter the words, "I hate the news."

She hates the news because the content is so predictably infused with fear. To this somewhat informed observer, this is partially understandable.

News, by its very nature, is mostly negative. Those of us who've toiled in the news business vineyard have all heard the admonition, "No one ever reported that 8,367 planes landed safely today." We only hear about the one that didn't.

News, also by its nature, is exceptional. "Dog bites man." Not exceptional, not news. "Man bites dog." News.

News content, at least most regional and national news covered by television, radio, daily newspapers and CREDIBLE Internet sites, typically focuses on four topics: fear, children, sex, and animals. Occasionally, there's something related to entertainment. This is because many media outlets have business connections with entertainment. Watch closely. Read closely. Listen closely. Invariably, news stories typically touch on at least one of these topics.

Fear is the most prevalent because along with it comes the understanding that people will continue consuming your news product as long as they remain fearful about something being reported. We hear it in the breathless reporting from the field. We're being told, over and over, to be afraid.

There are, to be sure, some media outlets at least attempting to pass along the news in strait forward, unemotional terms. I'd cite the Associated Press, the BBC, Public Broadcasting System and National Public Radio. These media outlets try to be less scary in their presentation.

I won't dwell on the whole "fake news" culture during this column, but suffice it to say, there's a lot of it, especially on cable, where entertainment often passes for news, and on the Internet, where outright lies often presents as truth or fact. I'll cite as an admittedly extreme example, Weekend Update on Saturday Night Live is NOT news!

Despite what some people may currently believe, the so-called 'mainstream media,' pretty much all of it, calls what they report as they see it. However, since we're



Bud Katz

being honest here, events are almost always seen through some lens of bias. At its best, news is gathered, reported, edited and presented by human beings. Consequently, since humans are not known for objectivity, there is always some bias coming through. This is why people like me, who've worked in the business, often admonish those of you who consume the news to read, watch or listen to multiple

news outlets before forming opinions about what you're viewing, hearing or reading. I, for example, read the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, listen to National Public Radio and scan the Associated Press on a daily basis. I know. There should be support groups for people like me, but you're not informed if you're getting your news content from only one source.

In a free, democratic republic, especially this one, a robust and vibrant news media is an essential check on real abuses of power. It's the only privately owned business segment supported by the United States Constitution. And despite the screeching and whining by some who often don't like what is being reported or covered on opinion pages, it's there to question and call to account those we elect to represent us.

When we watch with horror as part of our country burns out of control, or suffers through a wave of violent crime, we do so understanding, on some level, that we are all in this together. Search for the connective tissue and we realize that whatever is happening somewhere else, it reaches out and touches us.

Here on the plateau we are, to a degree, insulated from many of the scariest aspects of what makes the news the news. But, as with many of our fellow citizens in the American west, we live in a forest. As with those who live in big cities, we are not immune to the effects of violent crime. Our reactions when we watch the news often can be reduced to either sympathy or empathy. Sometimes, it's both.

Don't run from the news, but by the same token, don't let it consume you. If nothing else, use it to be informed and let it reveal your empathy and sympathy.

So much of it simply doesn't affect us on a day-to-day basis, unless we choose to let it.

• Bud Katz is a full-time resident of Highlands and a member of the Highlands Writers Group.

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This is for the birds

Yes, it's all for the birds. I mean no one constantly fills my bowl, but the bird feeder outside my favorite window has been filled and rapidly depleted over and over again. The action around the bird feeder is non-stop, with woodpeckers, titmice, bluebirds, cardinals and more clinging to the feeder and the chipmunks and squirrels scavenging any birdseed dropped on the ground.

As long as they all hang out where I can watch them and talk to them, I don't care how much they eat. I lie on the couch or stand with my front paws on the window sill and watch the activity. Can anyone tell me, though, why the squirrels don't chase the doves who eat alongside them on the ground? I mean it's the perfect setup for a game of cat and mouse—um, I mean squirrel and dove.

There's been lots of hummingbird food mixed and poured lately, too. The only way I can see that feeder outside the kitchen window is if I get on the kitchen counter, which I'm sure you know is taboo. That's not to say I don't get up there; I smartly try to do it when no one's looking.

The hummingbird feeder on the back deck, on the other hand, is easily viewed from the porch, and I can lie in the sun and listen for the familiar buzz of their tiny wings.

By far, the best show this year has been put on by the Carolina Wrens. They've built their nest right outside the screened porch, wedged between the screen and the chimney. If you didn't know better, which of course I do, you'd think it was just a pile of leaves up there. From my favorite porch chair, I've watched them nest building and bringing in the groceries.

The parents are very wary, maybe because they think I can get to the nest. I



Princess Puddin'

wouldn't hurt the kids even if I could get up there—seriously. Just because I grab and tear up the feathered toy Dad tosses for me doesn't mean I'd hurt a real bird. I'd just like to play with one. You believe me, right?

The mom and dad first land somewhere on the deck and look around chirping and sometimes hissing be-

fore they make their way home. They never go directly to the nest; they always sneak up on it, and then the fun begins. The kids start chirping, and my ears perk up. I talk to them, but they don't seem to understand me.

The grand finale was when the babies left the nest. I was dozing on my chair minding my own business when I heard a huge racket. I hopped to the porch floor and saw the mom and dad and aunts and uncles all darting around chattering. One of the adults even grabbed onto the screened door, at which point I had to leap up to say hi. I discovered that Carolina Wrens are not at all friendly, as the racket got even louder.

That's when I spied a funny squat little thing beneath one of the deck chairs. Honestly, from a distance, it looked more like a small frog, but it was a baby. I talked, it squeaked, the grown-ups hissed, and it was a Mexican standoff. Except of course, that I couldn't get out there anyway. The tiny thing finally hopped and fluttered its way over to the edge of the deck and took off. I only wish I could have seen all the babies take their first steps. No matter, it was a pretty exciting day for me—and for the birds!

• Princess Puddin' Penn resides in Georgia with her dad, her mom Kathy Manos Penn, and her canine brother Lord Banjo. Please send comments, compliments, and questions to inkpenn119@gmail.com.

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unless...unless it was my wife Jane's recent obituary in the newspaper several months ago. It listed her age (80) and three grandchildren. Apparently, I fit the profile...elderly and vulnerable and with an older grandchild and was thereby targeted as a prospective victim. And I almost was.

End of scam. This time I got lucky.

PS: Even though this scam fell short of the mark, I learned a valuable lesson: We're not always as smart as we think we are. One can never be too careful...unscrupulous scam artists are out there, on the prowl, looking for you...especially if you're elderly and trusting.

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...RATTLER continued from page 1

Gearhart called HF&R Rescue Captain Eric Pierson to find out; he said the time to hike the eight-mile long trail would vary.

Pierson said if the wife had not made contact by 6:30 p.m., he would hike in and look for him.

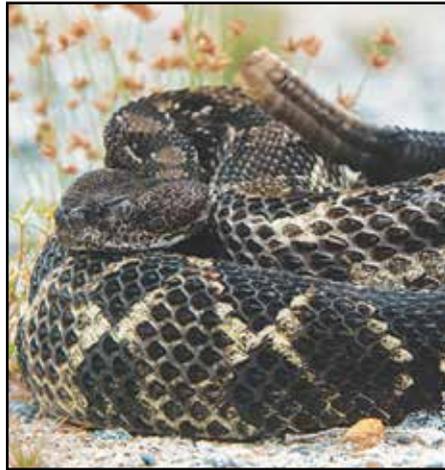
At 6:45 p.m., there was still no word, so Pierson went down to the trail that is accessed off Bull Pen Road in Horse Cove.

"I didn't want to waste any more daylight," he said.

At 7:45 p.m., Gearhart said he got word from Pierson. He had found the man on the trail but he had been bitten on the leg by a rattlesnake and would need to be carried out.

"I started hiking in about 6:45 p.m. and found him about four miles in. He was off on the side of the trail lying on his back struggling. He was suffering from hypothermia, dehydration and was likely reacting to the venom in his body," said Pierson. "People don't realize hypothermia can set in quickly here once the temperatures drop to low 70s and high 60s."

Based on the size of the bite on the back of his lower calf, Pierson said it ap-



Timber Rattlesnake

– Courtesy of the Orianne Society

peared he was bitten by a rattlesnake.

He built a fire and gave him water.

Once he got him stable and as comfortable as possible, Pierson had to hike back out away to get a radio signal to call for reinforcements. He connected with Gearhart around 7:45 p.m.

• See RATTLER page 23



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• At Highlands Inn on Main Street held in the dining room, Afternoon Tea 2-4:30pm. Royal Tea: \$45; Classic Tea: \$35. Call 828-526-9380 for more information.

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• The Glenville Historical Society Museum is open every Wednesday through Saturday 11am to 3pm until October 13 at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville next to Signal Ridge Marina. Go to www.glenvilleareahistoricalassociation.com

First Wednesdays

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Wed. & Fri.

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• Highlands Historical Village is open 11a to 3p through October.

Thursdays

Aug 30, Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11 & Nov. 1 and 8.

• Four Seasons Compassion for Life will be leading a grief support group at First Presbyterian Church in Highlands on alternating Thursdays 10:30-11:30am. For information, call Four Seasons at 866-466-9734

Thursdays

• Live music in OEI's The Wine Garden on Main Street. Zorki from 7-9 p.m.

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• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 6:30-7:30 at the Rec Park.

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• 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

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4th Saturdays

• Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30a at the old Scaly Mtn. School at Buck Knob and NC 106.

Sundays

• Live Music in OEI's Hummingbird Lounge 8 p.m. to close with Paul Jones.

Thurs., Aug. 30

• Free Zahner Lecture Series "The Mushroom Matrix." At Nature Center on Horse Cove Road at 6pm.

• The Macon County Public Library is starting a theatre troupe to be based at the library. Auditions are Thursday at 6:30pm. Show to take place at 7pm on Nov. 2 and 3. Ages 12-102 welcome. Everyone who auditions will have a part in the show. For more information please call Savannah DeHart at the library in Franklin at 828-524-3600.

Sun., Sept. 2

• The Phoenix Vocal Ensemble from Pebblebrook School in Cobb County, GA will sing during the 11am worship service at Highlands First Presbyterian Church on Sun., Sept. 2. Everyone is invited.

Thurs., Sept. 6

• Dr. Benjamin Steere, Director of Cherokee Studies, Western Carolina University, will give a lecture titled "Mounds and Towns: Collaborative Archaeology in the Cherokee Heartland. All are invited to participate in these free lectures, which will be held at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Road in Highlands at 6pm.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 7-9

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Trunk Show – Fat Hat Clothing and Banaris Scarves

Sat., Sept. 8

• The 12th Annual Fundraising Banquet for the Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center at the Franklin Covenant Church. The guest speaker will be Rusty Joiner Actor/Pro-Life. Doors will open at 5:30 pm dinner served at 6pm. Reservations are required. Dinner is at 8p. For more information call 828-348-3200.

Tues., Sept. 11

• The Southern Jackson County Democrats is hosting a listening session for Congressional candidate Phillip Price on Tuesday, at 5:45 at the Cashiers Library on Frank Allen Road. Come meet Phillip and learn more about his platform. He is running against Rep. Mark Meadows for the 11th District.

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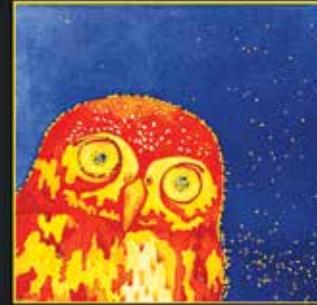
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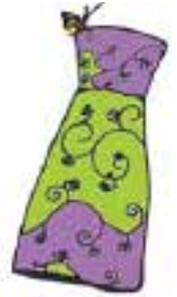
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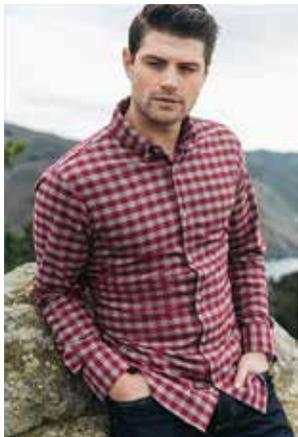


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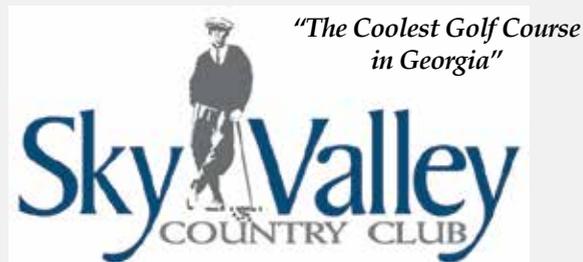
5. What is the best neighborhood for your dream lifestyle? Determine your wish list on lifestyle to determine if country club living, walk to town living, out in the middle of nowhere living is what you desire.

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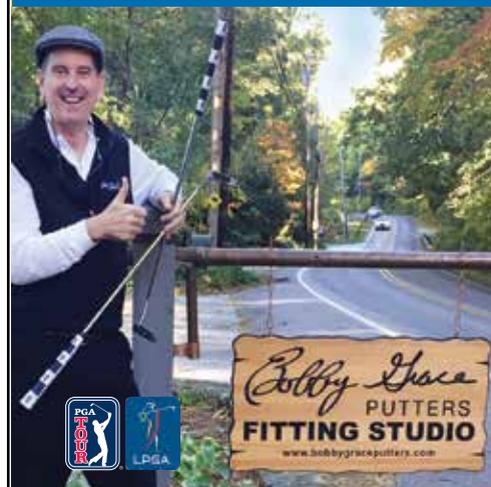
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This beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath log cabin on the Atlanta side of Highlands on buck knob road in scaly mountain is the perfect hideaway with almost 10 acres of land and a great view to the west. The covered porch across the entire back of the log cabin is a great place to enjoy the long range mountain views. The log cabin is furnished with a few exceptions. Offered at \$585,000. mls #87736



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Soccer and volleyball low down

This week high school soccer played Franklin. They lost 2-0 but played until the end. Their next home game will be on Wednesday, September 12th. They will play Blue Ridge starting at 6 pm.

High school volleyball played Rosman, Rabun Gap, and Smokey Mountain. JV beat

Rosman, 2-1, and Rabun Gap, 2-0. They lost to Smokey in 2 sets. Varsity lost to Rosman, 3-2, and both Rabun Gap and Smokey, 3-0. Their next home game will be tonight, August 30th. They will play Hiwassee Dam. JV will start at about 5 after middle school, and varsity after JV.



Kedra McCall

Middle school volleyball played both Rosman and Tallulah Falls. They beat Tallulah Falls, 2-0, and lost to Rosman in a hard fought game of 2-1. Their next game will be on tonight, August 30th. They will play Rabun Gap starting at 4pm.

Middle school soccer had their first game. They played Summit and beat them 3-0. Their next home game will be tonight, August 30th. They will play Rabun Gap starting at 4 pm.

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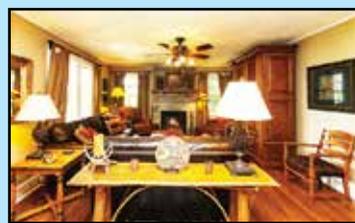
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Anatomy of a scam

By Dick Funsch
Highlands Writers Group

New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language defines scam as "An illegal operation, usually a confidence racket, involving money." That simplistic definition fails to dwell on the con (slang for confidence) artists who prey on the unsuspecting or the financial and emotional toll that they exact, frequently on the elderly who are most vulnerable and can least afford it.

That said, I often wondered how the victims themselves could be so stupid, so gullible to be conned out of huge sums of money, even life savings, by complete strangers...or people they hardly knew.

No way, I smugly thought, not me, not now, not ever. I'm a college graduate, even have an MBA. I'm intelligent, educated and confident that I'm too smart to fall for a con of any sort.

That all changed Wednesday, August 1, 2018. On that ignominious day I found out just how smart I wasn't.

It started with a mid-morning phone call, ostensibly from my 19-year-old grandson, Alec. His voice was strained, muffled, hardly recognizable. He said: "Grandfather, I need your help."

That should have raised a red flag right then and there. He never called me "grandfather." He always called me by my nickname, "Oba", which is German for grandfather. Somehow I missed the signal, perhaps overly concerned by the distress in his voice as he continued.

He was at the police station, he said. He and his friend Steve had been pulled over driving Steve's brother's car...in which the police found 12 grams of marijuana. "Alec" said he tested clean and would be released on his own recognizance if I could post \$5,000 bail...which I couldn't.

I asked "Alec" why he hadn't called his father and he said he couldn't reach him. I asked to speak to the arresting officer, a person who gave his name as Russell Green, who confirmed Alec's account of the arrest and explained that I would not have to post the full amount, only \$1,000.

Pocket change for some...but not for me. "Russell Green" helpfully suggested that I go to a Walmart or Best Buy and buy two \$500 Gift Cards, return home, call him at 1-306-241-3513, and read him the identification numbers off the cards. "Alec" would immediately be released and free to go.

I questioned the "306" exchange which was unfamiliar to me. "Green" brushed off my concern, saying it was an international

number designed to protect the identity of the victim. (The "306" exchange was subsequently traced to the western Canadian Province of Saskatchewan...home of the scammers? Possibly. Or not.)

At this point I was beginning to have my doubts about Russell Green and my grandson being arrested and in jail. It all sounded too bogus. I attempted to call Alec on his cell phone...which he never left home without, but the call went to voice mail. So, I did what I should have done in the first place...I called Mike, my oldest son and Alec's father, and filled him in on the bizarre story.

Mike hardly skipped a beat as he declared: "This is a scam. Don't do anything at all but call the police on their non-emergency line and tell them everything just as you've told me."

Which I did. The police spokesperson said she would pass the information on to the appropriate officers, but she didn't ask for my name or contact number, so good luck with that. She also indicated that the police would not be filing an official report on the incident because there was no victim...I had not lost any money, therefore, no harm...no foul. Hmm.

No victim! I would have gotten more respect and attention if I had actually been scammed out of \$1,000. What's wrong with this scenario? No victim, indeed!

Just then the phone rang. I haltingly answered it, and as it turned out, for good reason. It was my friend "Mr. Green" again... apparently looking for his Gift Cards. Before he could say a word, however, I told him I had just talked with the police.

He politely said, have a nice day Mr. Funsch, and hung up. He was so polite and then he just hung up on me. Which definitely was not very polite.

Have a nice day? Nice day my Aunt Fanny! (Not sure where that came from...I don't even have an Aunt Fanny)

After the stress and strain of almost being scammed, just how am I supposed to have a nice day? Celebrate a near miss? Well, the day had been a nightmare, but I could at least try to salvage a bit of sanity.

I went to my favorite Mexican Restaurant, the Nueva Cantina on 4th Street South in St. Petersburg. My luck had changed. It was \$3 Margarita Wednesday. Suffice to say two of the day's special helped make my day nicer, a lot nicer.

The irony of it all... my grandson, the real Alec, had never left home all day and doesn't even have a friend named Steve.

The question lingers...how did they get my name in the first place? I had no idea,

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• YOUNGER THROUGH FITNESS •

The 3 Pillars Of Conditioning – Flexibility and Range of Motion • Part 1

One of my all time favorite movies is the gladiator spectacle Spartacus. Kirk Douglas's signature line, in character as Spartacus, "I am not an animal."

While that may have been true in the context of the movie, where his captors were attempting to humiliate him. However, for our purposes we should embrace the idea that we are indeed animals.

The root of the word animal is animate and to animate is to have the quality of life and movement. As animals we have a need to move. Our bodies respond to movement through layer upon layer of various systems. Without movement we accelerate quickly to a break down in our health and wellbeing.

On the contrary, the more we move the more we reinforce our internal make up and resist disease, frailty and pain. The more we move, the more we can move and in addition may even increase our life spans by reinforcing our immune systems and more!

There are three main areas of fitness programming pertinent to us "over 50 people." The first is vibrancy of our cardio vascular system. The second is slowing down and even reversing age related loss of muscle mass and bone density and Flexibility -- the third area and also this column's topic.

Muscle flexibility is widely confused. Most people have the idea that when a muscle is stretched it responds like taffy and elongates. It simply does not work that way. Muscles on the microscopic level are made up of filaments called actin and myosin. When a muscle expands or contracts these filaments actually slide past each other to open or stretch or slide inward to contract or shorten. Inside the body of our skeletal muscles are receptors called muscle spindles. These sensors detect how far a muscle is expanding and at what rate and send this information to the central nervous system which sends it to the brain. If a muscle is regularly moved to



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a certain position it will tend to go only to that distance. It will resist opening further and tend to lock into the positions that its normally held.

In our modern lifestyle we tend to stay in limited positions more often and longer than all of the previous generations. Holding these inactive positions has led to poor posture and limited range of motion and pain. Muscle spindles in essence signal information to

our central nervous system that this kind of lock down is the norm. If we try to change the patterns into more open and free flowing movements we experience pain and resistance from our muscles, tendons and joints. In addition, the older we get the more pronounced these issues become.

So, how do we change these patterns? The fastest way in my experience of over 18 years as a full-time fitness professional, is to improve range of motion with repetitive and gentle movements. If you find that your muscles are resisting when you try to reach above your head, then reach up to the end point and then try to go a little farther. Don't force it to intense pain! Mild discomfort at most is the rule. When you have reached the end zone hold it no more than a second and a half and then release and slowly return to the start position. Repeat this full movement 10 times or so and then move on to another body restricted area such as tight pectoral muscles which are forcing your shoulders to lock down forward. In this case you can stand tall and retract your shoulder blades repetitively. If you practice these techniques regularly and cooperate with your muscle spindles you can develop new set points. In essence, you will become more flexible and fluid in many areas of your body.

To come – parts 2 and three.

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When he returned to the man, he kept him stable and conscious until reinforcements could get there about two hours later.

Gearhart requested mutual aid from the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue team and together the two agencies set off to retrieve the man.

"We met at the Ellicott Rock Trail head on Bull Pen Road and EMS and fire units started walking in; other rescue personnel with equipment followed," he said.

Crews got the man loaded on the litter and started back out with him at about

10 p.m.

By midnight crews had gotten him to a field in Horse Cove where the MAMA helicopter was waiting. He was flown to Memorial Mission in Asheville where he spent six days in ICU where he was administered anti-venom. Tuesday morning he was moved to a regular room.

The Cashiers-Glenville Fire Dept. stood by at the HF&R station to field any other calls that came in that night and helped set up the landing spot for MAMA. All units were cleared and back in service in the respective areas around 1 a.m. Thursday,

said Gearhart.

Timber Rattlesnakes are the rattlers that call Highlands and the surrounding area home.

According to the Orianne Society, whose representatives spoke at the Highlands Nature Center recently and who through the Appalachian Highlands initiative is researching Hellbender Salamanders and Timber Rattlesnakes, the safest thing to do if a rattler is encountered is to leave it alone and walk around it.

The snake will not defend itself unless

provoked, they said. In the event of a bite, one should remain calm and seek emergency help. Deaths from Timber Rattlesnake bites are almost unheard of, and if medical help is sought out quickly, it is possible to avoid permanent tissue damage.

In addition, experts say it's best to never hike alone.

Macon County Director of Emergency Services Warren Cabe said in Macon County there was only one snake bite call in 2017 and now this one in 2018.

— Kim Lewicki



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• BUSINESS/ORG NEWS •



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– Photo by Kim Lewicki

Volunteers install HHS sprinkler system

Bob Trevathan of the Highlands Historical Society (in charge of the Grounds and Landscaping for the Historical Village) has been working with Fred Gehrisch, the Greens and Grounds Superintendent of the Highlands Falls Country Club (HFCC).

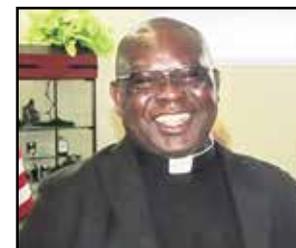
As a result of discussions, the HFCC donated and installed an automated sprinkler system on the front embankment of the Village Complex. The Laurel Garden Club provided us with a grant to complete the landscaping. The plantings were installed by Cattails Landscaping.

The Historical Society would like to acknowledge our gratitude and “thank you” to all who have contributed to this hillside/bank landscaping project in order to maintain the longevity and health of our plantings. We acknowledge Cattails Landscaping, Laurel Garden Club, Highlands Falls Country Club, Mr. Fred Gehrisch and Kevin Johnson of Hunter Industries who donated materials for the sprinkler system. Please stop by and enjoy the beauty of the Village Complex!

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church welcomes new pastor

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church is pleased to announce the appointment of Father Casmir Maduakor as Pastor and Administrator.

Fr. Casmir comes to Our Lady of the Mountains from Immaculate Heart of Mary in High Point, North Carolina, where he was parochial vicar. Previously, he has served as parochial vicar at St. Peter Church in Beaufort, SC, as supply priest in residence at St. Theresa



Father Casmir Maduakor

the Little Flower Church in Summerville, SC and as parochial vicar at St. Andrew in Myrtle Beach.

Fr. Casmir was born in Enugu, Nigeria, and is a graduate of Urban University in Rome and Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich where he received a doctorate in moral theology.

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Jody Lovell, Owner/Broker of Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, was named one of America's most productive sales associates as a part of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Professionals, the newly issued ranking report produced by REAL Trends and sponsored by Adwerx. Jody is now a member of the "America's Best Real Estate Professionals," and is ranked Number One for the State of North Carolina in volume out of 66,405 brokers.

REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Professionals ranks over 13,800 residential real estate professionals solely based on their excellence in real estate sales during calendar year 2017. All production numbers are independently verified by a third-party in order to ensure accuracy

and report integrity. "This group of highly successful real estate sales agents represents less than 1 percent of all real estate practitioners in the United States," says Steve Murray, president of REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Professionals and president of REAL Trends.

To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transaction sides or \$20 million in sales volume in 2017. For real estate agent teams, the minimum is 75 transaction sides or \$30 million in closed sales volume. The individuals ranked in America's Best Real Estate Agents had an average of 73.88 transaction sides and an average sales volume of almost \$38 million. Teams ranked in America's Best Real Estate Professionals had an average of 147.4 sides and an average sales volume of almost \$62 million. This ensures that only the best of the best are included on



Jody Lovell

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Highlands Playhouse airs debut movie 'Mountain Rest'

On Thursday, August 23, the debut film "Mountain Rest" was shown at the Highlands Playhouse. Mountain Rest was shot locally and features Highlands' natural "stars" – its mountain vistas and rushing rivers – as well as many locals as extras.

Screenwriter/director Alex Eaton said the film centers around a person's right to die on their own terms and is also a coming of age story. The main character in the film is aging actress "Ethel" who is played by Frances Conroy.

The movie was filmed primarily in Eaton's family cabin near Glen Falls which has been in the family for four generations. Alex's father is a Nashville musician and he composed the score. Her parents were associate producers and also appeared in the movie as extras as did numerous locals.

Alex, 27, studied experimental film and film theory at Bard College; this was her first stab at narrative filmmaking. The project was shot, produced and is now airing within a year. It received a good response from the Highlands audience.

Mountain Rest stars Frances Conroy, Natalia Dyer, Kate Lyn Sheil, and Shawn Hatosy. To learn more about the film and to see the full cast and credits search "Mountain Rest" on IMDB.com

– Kim Lewicki



Actor Frances Conroy (left) with writer/director Alex O. Eaton.



Alex O. Eaton with Lance Matzke Managing Director of the Highlands Playhouse the night of the screening.

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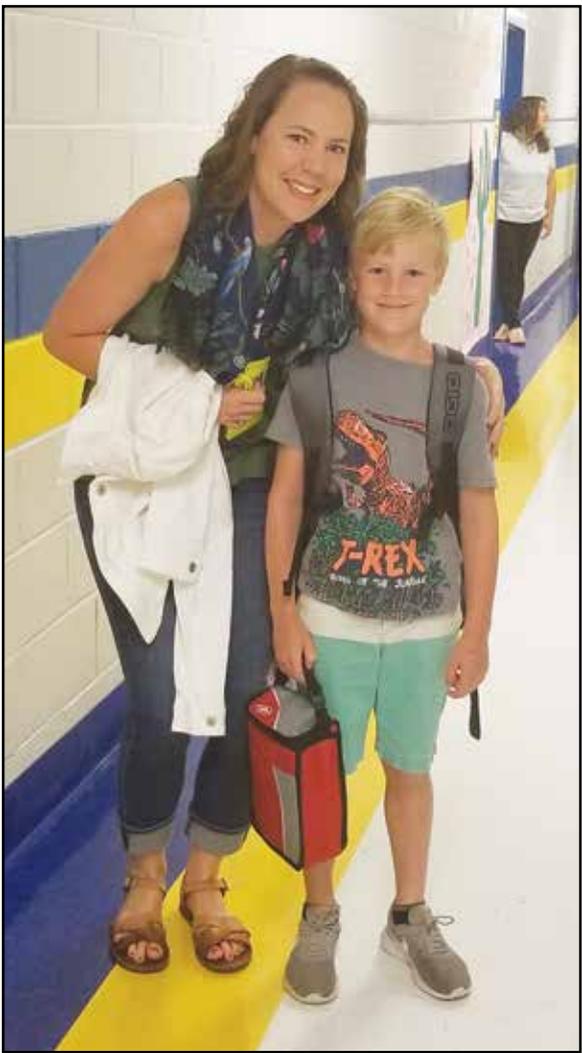
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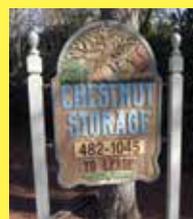
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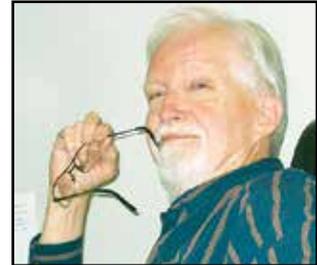
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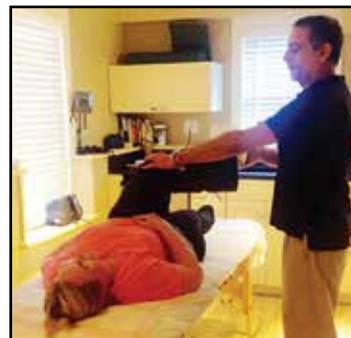
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