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## Town Board gives Highlands PD authority to pick up nuisance dogs

**Brian O'Shea**

At last week's Town Board meeting, Highlands Town Board of Commissioners approved an

amendment to the Town's definition of "Nuisance Dog" giving the Highlands Police Department the authority to pick up a nuisance

dog if the owner cannot be located. Highlands currently has a leash law for the commercial district

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## Wild weather didn't dampen Easter excitement



It wasn't the typical Easter egg hunt last Saturday, but families and kids made the best of it when due to weather the town's annual Easter egg hunt – usually held on the Rec Park grounds – was moved inside to the gym. When the kids saw those eggs, which they knew were filled with candy and prizes they just went for it!

– Photo by Brian O'Shea, Plateau Daily News

## UDO amendments in the works for fences, walls and habitable basements

Habitable attics and basements have always been allowed in Highlands' residential districts so why not in the business districts?

That was one of two issues discussed and ultimately recommended by the Planning Board at this week's meeting.

Though town ordinances

don't typically apply to the residential districts, some year's ago when roadside fences began popping up on inroads to Highlands, the town

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## Two Highlands businesses noted during 2019 BizWeek

*Highlands Aerial Park earns 'Up and Coming' award; The Ugly Dog Pub named BizWeek Honoree*

At the 8th annual BizWeek 2019 banquet and awards sponsored by the Macon County Economic Development Commission (EDC), Highlands Aerial Park from Scaly Mountain was the recipient of this year's "Up and Coming Business Award." More than 150 local government leaders, business owners and others

recently gathered at Bloemsmas Barn in Franklin for the annual event celebrating the economic success of Macon County.

Highlands Aerial Park was selected from a group of five nominees for the economic development award presented by the Macon County Certified Entre-

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## HPD now has access to county's 'network' system

*Joins Sheriff's Office and Franklin Police Dept.*

**By Brittney Lofthouse**

The Macon County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with the Highlands Police Department this month to bring Highlands Law Enforcement on board with the county-wide emergency communication system.

Highlands Police Chief Bill

Harrell made the request to commissioners this month to allow Highlands Police Department access to the county's Virtual Private Network (VPN) for criminal justice information purposes.

The interlocal agreement, which was approved contingent upon some language changes

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### About dogs, bears and people

I want to talk about animals in Highlands this week. Several initiatives are underway to control animals residing in town.

At last Thursday's Highlands Town Board meeting commissioners addressed the issue of dogs running out of control in town. At the March meeting I presented an addition to the current ordinance that would have extended to residential areas the leash law which is currently in effect for town property and business zones.

The public safety committee reviewed the proposal this past month. What the committee developed was an extension to the definition of town nuisances to include dogs running in town not under control of their owner, thereby causing disturbances and/or damage to private property. In a nutshell, the change to the ordinance means a person can't allow their dog to run throughout town unattended. On the other hand, under voice control and in command of their owner, dogs do not have to be on leash in residential areas. I believe these changes that were approved by the board address potential problems



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

and actually provide better safety for dogs.

Under this new system our code enforcement officer will take into custody dogs running loose. He will use a chip reader or collar and tag information to identify the dog. The dog's owner will be contacted and returned to the owner. If no identification can be made the dog will be taken to Macon County Animal Control. This

ordinance is primarily complaint-driven and voluntary compliance is the first option.

Now on to the wild animals, the bears. With warm weather they will be on the hunt for food, especially in garbage containers.

Earlier this year at a community coffee I, along with NC Wildlife and B.E.A.R. Task Force folks, rolled out the NC Bear-Wise program. The program involves steps in educating the public and addressing how garbage is handled in order to discourage bears coming into the town.

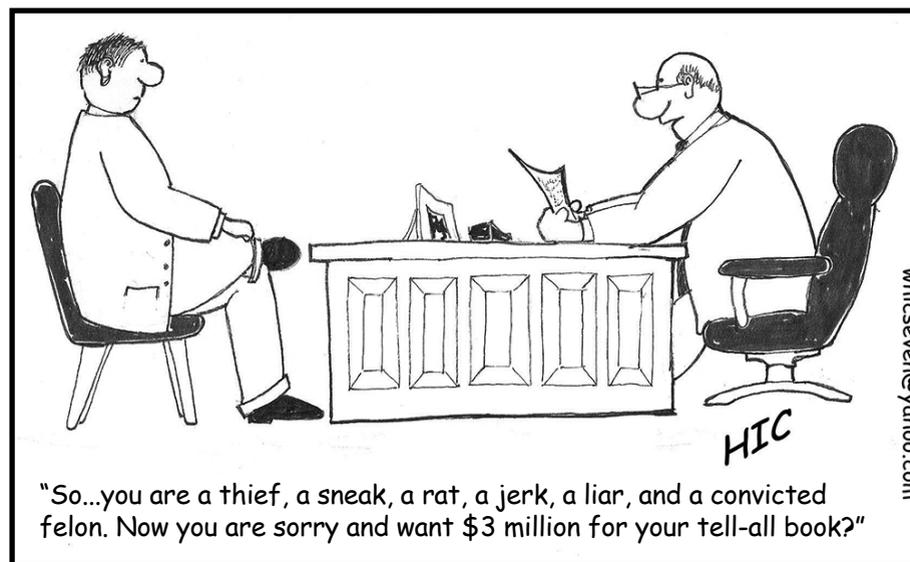
Implementation of the BearWise program will be in several phases, but initial steps are underway. First, bear-proof street cans will soon be installed in the business district. The proposed budget for next year includes funding to replace the current commercial toters with bear-resistant toters. Where possible, shared dumpsters will be replaced with these bear resistant toters for individual businesses. Addressing the problem of bears hitting residential garbage containers will be a longer process due primarily to cost considerations. I see us moving toward a policy of requiring all residential garbage to be placed in bear-resistant toters.

I also see the board passing an ordinance prohibiting the deliberate feeding of bears in town. We do have residents that feed bears to the detriment of others including the bears.

Finally, we have the human animal problem. That is human beings that act like animals by throwing litter onto the highways. Actually, animals don't know any better, but humans should.

Please join us at the rescheduled Highlands Plateau Cleanup this Saturday. Volunteers will meet at Founders Park at 8:30 for

## • HIC'S VIEW •



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adopted a fence and wall ordinance outlying allowed heights, colors and materials.

The Planning Board has been tweaking that ordinance over the last few months adjusting fence and wall height restrictions on front, side and back lot lines and in setbacks, as well as required vegetative screens in some cases, and the use of specific colors and materials. Some heights have been increased; some decreased. Most changes involve materials and colors – for instance, chain link fences must be coated and can only be dark green, dark brown, or black. White fences are not allowed.

Of course, the amended restrictions only apply to newly constructed fences, or when existing fences are replaced. However, before a fence or wall can be con-

structed, a site plan showing setbacks and a rendering of the proposed fence or wall design including height must be submitted and a zoning certificate issued by the town.

#### Habitable Stories

Though the norm in residential districts of Highlands, habitable spaces in attics and basements have not been allowed in the commercial districts; in fact, only two stories could be habitable. However, though outlined in the town ordinance, more than two habitable stories – mostly in basements – has flown under the radar for years.

According to Town Manager Josh Ward, the question raised by the current Land Use Committee and members of the Planning Board was 'Why not allow habit-

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## • WEATHER •

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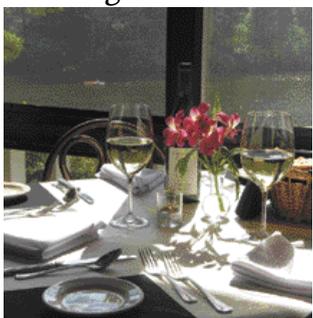


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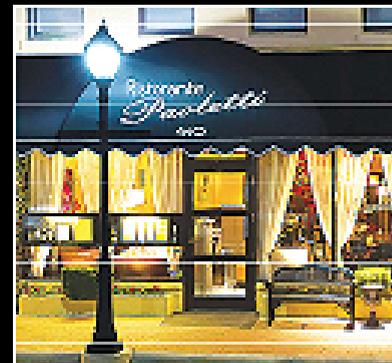
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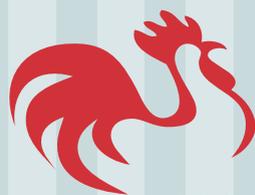


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# • OBITUARIES •

## Russell S. Smith

Russell S. Smith, age 66, of Dublin, GA, passed away on Monday April 15, 2019.

Services for Mr. Smith will be held Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be held by Bryant-Grant Funeral Home at 4 p.m. in Highlands Memorial Park in Highlands, NC.

Russell Stuart Smith was born October 1, 1952 in Macon, GA.

He spent his childhood hunting with his father and working on cars with his brothers and his father. There wasn't anything that Russell couldn't fix. This innate talent helped build and sustain his business, Superior Lift Trucks, which he owned and operated for nearly 40 years.

He also loved cooking for his loved ones, or anyone that needed a meal. His spirit was a generous one and he was always there to help his fellow man. He was a friend to all and would drop whatever he was doing to help lend a hand. His unexpected passing has left a void in all our hearts and lives.

One of Russell's greatest passions was anything to do with motorcycles. He was well known on the racing circuit. He was the International Drag Racing champion in 1976, and at one point held three world records. Though



his racing days were long gone, he still enjoyed his two Harleys and rode with his wife Beth at any time rain or shine, especially when riding to their new home in Highlands, NC. He loved the serenity and the beautiful mountains surrounding Highlands and was looking forward to retirement with his wife and sharing their new home with old and new friends.

Russell was a Sargent in the US Army Reserves and was Honorably discharged in June 1978. He enjoyed playing golf with his many friends. His father is very proud of Russell's "hole in one." Russell was also a former member of the Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge in Dublin.

Russell is survived by his wife, Margaret (Beth) Pattillo Slater, his parents, S.O. and Bobbie Bentley Smith, brothers Douglas Smith and Walter Smith and wife Genie O'Neal; daughters Laura Smith Crosby, her husband Raymond Crosby, Valerie Smith Parente, her husband Jonathan Parente, nephew Neal Smith, and grandchildren Asher Crosby and Julian Parente

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Dublin Laurens County Humane Society 618 Firetower Road, Dublin, GA 31021.

Local arrangements are handled by Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Margaret Raphael Foss

Margaret Raphael Foss of Roanoke, Va., born December 21, 1928 died on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

She is survived by her son, John Raphael, and grandson, Brandon Raphael, of Rockledge, Fla. Also surviving Margaret are her step-daughter, Victoria Armentrout and her husband, Edmund Armentrout; grandson, Connellee Armentrout and his wife, Kelly; grandson, Cabot Armentrout and his wife, Laura; and a large circle of loving extended family and friends in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Margaret (known as Peggy to much of her family and to her friends from her earlier years) was a woman of great faith and served as an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.

Margaret loved to travel, having visited every continent, some multiple times. She treasured her time with her family and



friends and delighted in sharing her needlework skills with others. With help from friends at Second Presbyterian Church, Margaret started a program to knit hats for the students at Highland Park School in Virginia.

Margaret's family is grateful to all the staff at Our Lady of the Valley and Good Samaritan Hospice who cherished her and helped care for her.

Margaret resided in Virginia but a memorial graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Highlands Memorial Park in Highlands, NC. The family will greet friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Second Presbyterian Church.

Online condolences can be left at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com)

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Foss Family.

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# • WORD MATTER •

## The Beat Goes On



**Bud Katz**

The Trump administration can't seem to get out of its own way with regards to the president's favorite and most polarizing issue, immigration. We're 27 months into his presidency and Donald Trump hasn't been at all successful in executing on his signature platform plank. Perhaps it's because matters such as the law, the U.S. Constitution, limitations within the federal budget, even public opinion, seem little more than abstract concepts to him. It often seems he had no idea exactly what he could and couldn't do, as President, acting on his own, before he moved into the White House.

Before anyone overreacts, let me be clear; he won the electoral vote. He is the President. He gets to set and push his agenda for as long and as hard as he chooses. It just seems odd that for two years he and his party held both the U.S. House and Senate, as well as the White House, and he still wasn't able to move the needle on immigration. He has, though, perhaps further alienated the minority vote in America, and he has provided his opponents with a rhetorical weapon with which to pound his 2020 campaign for reelection.

Consider for a moment some of what he has and has not accomplished on immigration since taking office in January 2017:

- One week into his presidency he imposed a travel ban on Muslims;
- He considered a blatantly unconstitutional plan to end birthright citizenship. That's the right to citizenship for babies who are born here to non-citizen parents;
- He's attempted, consistently, to force construction of a border wall, originally, as he said often, to be paid for by Mexico. Every effort has proven to be infeasible, both logistically and financially. He's even gone so far as to force a 35-day shutdown of the U.S. government;
- He supported, until he didn't, separating children from their asylum-seeking parents, as well as placing those children into conditions similar to those used on animals;
- He threatened to close the entire border with Mexico until he got funding for his wall, despite objections from his own party, including Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who was quoted as saying such action would have a "potentially catastrophic economic impact."

He's also supporting, as of this writ-

ing, a stunningly misguided plan to round up migrants from detention along the southern border and move them into far off, so-called sanctuary cities, most of which are led by elected officials from the Democratic party.

In addition, he's lost Cabinet members including former Defense Secretary, Gen. Jim Mattis, former Homeland Security Secretary, Kirstjen Neilson, former White House Chief of Staff, Gen. John Kelly, economic advisor, Gary Cohn, and more, at least in part, over this polarizing issue.

President Trump has a committed base of support, many of whom agree with his approach to immigration, especially along the border with Mexico, and especially regarding what he has often characterized as less than desirable individuals attempting to enter alongside those seeking asylum from unsafe conditions in their home countries in Central America.

The American news media, on both flanks, are distorting the issue by appealing to the base perceptions of their constituencies. Right wing media, such as Fox News, are painting those attempting to enter as mostly drug dealers and rapists, consistent with the president's rhetoric. Left wing media, such as CNN, choose instead to focus only on poor people seeking opportunity, and women with children fleeing gang and drug violence in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. Both could employ more evenhandedness in their respective coverage.

The U.S. congress needs to look, again, at the whole dysfunctional system instead of just allowing the focus to remain on the southern border and the president's obsession over a wall. According to the non-partisan Pew Research Center, many, if not most of the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants in America entered through legitimate means, on work, tourist or educational visas, and simply chose to overstay. They didn't sneak in or swim across the Rio Grande.

We can all agree there's need for better border security at all ports of entry as well as along our southern border. There's also need for better tracking of those who enter legally, on a temporary basis, and choose to overstay. The president might be better served encouraging congress to address the entire system in a bipartisan manner instead of continuing pursuit of a meaningless symbol simply to satisfy an ill-advised campaign promise.



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from the county attorney, will bring Highlands on board the system already utilized by the Franklin Police Department and Macon County Sheriff's Office.

"It will help with inter-local communications between all Macon County law enforcement departments and streamline much needed intelligence on potential and unknown offenders at the time of an officers traffic stop and/or investigation toward a person of interest," said Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell. "Officers will also be able to reduce some of the time and labor for dispatchers by entering their own notes on a traffic stop and/or a 'call for service' incident, rather than doubling up on relaying information to a dispatcher who will type the same information in the CAD that an officer can do on site. None of the money for this resource is additional taxpayers' money, it was acquired through a Governors Crime Commission grant I applied

for and was awarded."

Macon County Emergency Service Coordinator Warren Cabe said that the agreement is the same as the one the county has with Franklin Police Department.

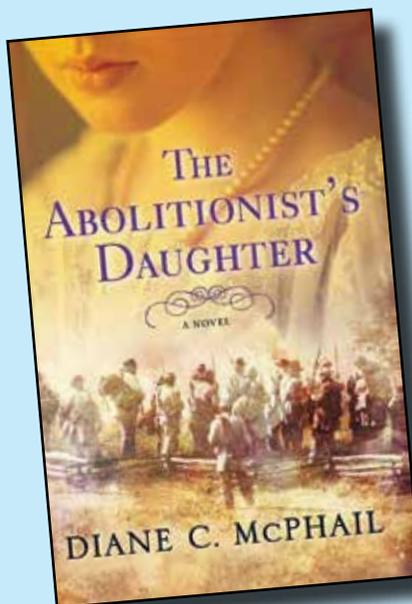
"We have an identical agreement in place with the Town of Franklin that allows them to have a mobile version of CAD in their cars which increases the effectiveness and efficiency of data exchange," said Cabe. "The officer can look directly at calls and some even add narratives, etc. to the calls as they complete them. The agreement allows the software they use to pass through our VPN into our server to tap into the CAD data."

County Manager Derek Roland said the agreement was unanimously approved by the board of commissioners because it would improve effectiveness and efficiencies within the departments.

In addition to bringing High-

lands on board the county's CAD system, commissioners also approved an agreement to allow Macon County to use the Satulah Radio Communications site owned by the town of Highlands.

"The Satulah Mountain communications site is an important part of our communications hub serving Highlands and part of the Scaly Mountain areas," said Cabe. "It is a joint venture between Highlands and Macon County and has been for many years but was up for renewal. Highlands owns the land, Macon County owns the building and tower, and we both have equipment there. We clarified some roles and rights of each party as to the existing agreement and added a statement such that if we ever modify the tower that we add/reserve a 10-ft. tower section for the Town to place wireless internet equipment on."



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preneurial Community (CEC) leadership team.

The other finalists selected for the award included: Fox Mercantile, Lakes End Café & Grill and Marina, Lazy Hiker Brewery Company and Motor Company Grill. The criteria to be a finalist for the "Up and Coming Business Award" are the business must have been in business for three to 10 years under the current owner and must be a for-profit, local business in Macon County.

Highlands Aerial Park is ranked third among North Carolina's top 336 outdoor activities and has a five-star TripAdvisor rating. Recently, the business made TripAdvisor's list of top 20 zipline parks in the entire United States.

The aerial park began in 2012 with an idea of George and Karen Powell for a raw tract of land located in Scaly Mountain. Over the last seven years, the business has continued to grow each year under the leadership of CEO Kurt Damron employing 25 people and attracting thousands of visitors to its park each year.

The mission of Highlands Aerial Park is to provide a world-class outdoor experience for all ages. According to its web-

site, the business strives to offer the highest quality customer service to everyone who visits the park. "We ensure that every participant feels confident in our ability to provide a safe, education, and fun zipline and aerial experience and that every spectator feels welcome and included in the experience," states their website.

Each year, tourists and locals travel to the park to enjoy their zipline tours and attractions. In addition, the park has become a popular destination for business and other groups as a place for team building activities. The park works with corporate teams, athletic teams, church groups, camps, family reunions and others to create a custom itinerary to suite the group's goals for an objective based team building experience.

Visitors to the park can choose from the World Class 8-Zip Line Canopy Tour, Half Canopy Tour, Family Challenge Course, Giant Mountain Swing, Brave Indian Obstacle course, Dual 40 Foot Tree Climb, Radio Communication System 80-Foot Rapel, miles of pristine nature trails, deck and fire pit.

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# • THE INK PENN •

## The dreaming spires of Oxford

As we continued our vacation in England, it was hard to imagine anything topping Dartmouth, Tintagel, and the Cotswolds, but Oxford may rank as my favorite spot in England. It's not only compact and easy to navigate but also filled with charm and history at every turn.



Kathy Manos Penn

downpour, and I was happy I'd scheduled a Bodleian Library tour for the morning. The information about books, history, and architecture was spellbinding. With 12 million titles, the Bodleian is the largest university library in the world, larger than those of Harvard, Yale, or Cambridge.

Intended for academic research, it is purely a reading -- library.

I learned that a quarter million of its titles were produced before 1400 and that countries have been sending their libraries here for safekeeping since as long ago as Central Europe's Thirty Years' War in the 1600s.

Day one, we visited Blackwell's BookShop, the oldest bookshop in Oxford. Naturally, we had lunch next door at the White Horse Pub, the scene of many an Inspector Morse and Lewis adventure.

The day was warm and sunny, perfect for a pre-dinner riverboat cruise on the River Thames or River Isis, as it's called in Oxford. We walked to Folly Bridge where we boarded our boat, sipped prosecco, and listened to history and literary trivia shared by our captain. The Grandpont House on the river, for example, was the home of an Oxford tailor who owned a hat shop on High Street in the 1800s and may have been the inspiration for Lewis Carroll's Mad Hatter.

We glimpsed Iffley Village, founded in 1086, and sailed through one of the 45 locks on the River Thames, complete with the lock house cat peering at us. Returning upstream, we saw the Oxford rowing clubs on the bank and several teams practicing, a sight that reminded us of the many British films and television shows that feature rowing competitions.

We noticed the club named Endeavor and were intrigued to hear that Colin Dexter had taken that as Inspector Morse's first name after glimpsing it written on the side of the building.

Day two dawned with a

The introduction in the Divinity School allowed time to admire the door designed by architect Christopher Wren and the awe-inspiring 15th century carved ceiling. The building served as the Hogwarts infirmary and dancing school in the Harry Potter films. We sat in the University Court, where Oscar Wilde was tried in 1888 for failing to pay his tailor bill. It was almost too much to absorb.

For lunch, a savory chicken pie in the Covered Market revived us before we briefly wandered the shops and discovered the Hat Box where I had to buy a red beret.

The entertaining Inspector Morse, Lewis and Endeavor walking tour, chosen because we regularly watch these PBS shows, was a treat despite the rain. Who knew that Inspector Morse's Jaguar had no wheels and never really moved? Visits to shops, colleges, and pubs where TV scenes were filmed were combined with trips to chapels and other historic land-

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## On selecting a mountain building site and the costs involved

If you are considering buying a homesite to build your mountain home, there are many issues to consider. Most importantly, taking into account the view, the location, the topography of the lot and how that affects the building costs.

There are a variety of homesites available in the Highlands Cashiers area. They include the following:

1) A nice level or gently sloping lot with no major view, but easy to build on is more cost effective.

2) A fantastic mountain view lot which is generally not level... hard to find without an incline sloping up or a decline sloping down. However, the steeper the slope defines the major costs involved in building.

If your slope is downward, the foundation costs could be \$200,000 or more. Which does not include building the rest of the house. In general, you can save costs if you build a lower level which exists under the same roof system. The house itself becomes a retaining wall after the front is back-filled.

If your slope is upward, the major cost can go into building a driveway which needs to be gentle enough to get up to the house and then down. In this scenario, if you have a nearly level lot at the top you can build a house with an upper level under the same roof saving building costs.



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Other considerations are if you are in a neighborhood community or town that provides water and sewer this can save money. Digging a well or getting septic system approval needs to be considered before purchasing.

In closing, I recommend counting the costs before jumping into purchasing a homesite.

When searching homesites in the mountains it is most important to select a knowledgeable Realtor® for assistance and to have a builder advise you of the

costs before purchasing.

• Lynn Kimball has 45 years of real estate experience, with 34 years serving the Highlands Cashiers area. She has gained Emeritus Status with the National Association of Realtors and is currently serving as Vice President for the Highlands Cashiers Board of Realtors. Whether you are interested in searching properties or comprehensive information about our area, you are invited to visit her user friendly website at [www.signatureproperties-nc.com](http://www.signatureproperties-nc.com). BHHS Meadows Mountain Realty has three locations, on Main Street downtown Highlands, on HWY 107 South in Downtown Cashiers or visit Lynn at the 2334 Cashiers Road location across from Highlands Falls Country Club in Highlands. Lynn Kimball may be reached at 828-421-8193 or by email at [Lynn@bhhsmmr.com](mailto:Lynn@bhhsmmr.com)

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marks such as St. John's and Exeter Colleges and the student union whose invited speakers have been famous, erudite, or both — think Monica Lewinsky, Johnny Depp, and Nelson Mandela.

The highlight of our two days had to be the twilight visit to the Varsity Club's rooftop bar. There are simply no words to describe the breathtaking view of the "city of dreaming spires," so dubbed by Victorian writer Matthew Arnold. If I'm

ever fortunate enough to return to England, another trip to Oxford will be a must.

• Kathy is a Georgia resident. Find her books "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday" and "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" at Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" is also available at Highlands Mountain Paws. Contact her at [ink-penn119@gmail.com](mailto:ink-penn119@gmail.com), and follow her on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/KathyManosPenn.Author/](http://www.facebook.com/KathyManosPenn.Author/).

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## The best way to care for your asphalt roof

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washing is out; low pressure washing is in!

The term "Soft Wash" or "No Pressure" roof wash became popular with reputable contractors as a way to sepa-

rate themselves from the "fly-by-night" power washers trying to "stay busy."

Pressure cleaning has its place but, not on the roof, especially an asphalt roof! Everyone has heard the stories of washing the granules off the shingles, tabs broken or entire shingles torn off. With 3,000 lbs. of pressure coming out a small nozzle, it's not hard to do.

Soft wash roof cleaning is a low pressure (60psi) process used to remove algae, stains, mildew and lichens.

Roof washing removes dirt, algae and moss from roofs and it can extend the duration of a roof's ability to function. Algae and other types of build-up often form on parts of roofs that are shaded, and can reduce a roof's life expectancy. The low pressure cleaning process is highly ef-

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*Did you know a homeowner's policy could be cancelled?*

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*Did you know there is a solution to remove the algae, moss, lichens and mildew growing on a roof and/or siding?*

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A general misconception is that discolored roofs are the result of age and deterioration that soon require replacement. To the contrary, discoloration is the result of an air-borne fungus known as Gloeocapsa Magma. It can be identified as dark or black staining or streaks and is most noticeable on a lighter colored roofs but can be found on most any roof. Gloeocapsa Magma feeds on humidity, heat, and some form of nutrient.

According to the Asphalt Roofing Manufactures Association (ARMA), roofs that have a substantial amount of this algae can absorb as much as 30% more heat due to the black pigmentation. This heat absorption leads to shingle deterioration and higher electric bills. Moreover, not only

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• The Bascom is open Friday - Monday 10am -5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm). The Bascom galleries and shops will be closed Tuesdays

- Thursdays. Admin offices and The Dave Drake Studio Barn are open normal business hours. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the newly updated Story Walk Trail throughout the week.

## Monday - Saturday

• At the Bascom, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 12pm - 5pm: Open Studio in The Dave Drake Studio Barn. For more information call 828-526-

4949.

• At the Bascom, Art By Appointment private ceramic classes in The Dave Drake Studio Barn. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## Monday - Friday

• At the Bascom, You Too Can Raku by appointment class in The Dave Drake Studio Barn. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Mtg at 7p.

## Mondays

• At the Bascom, 10am - 1pm: Studio Alive drawing group, For more information call 828-526-4949.

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30pm.

## Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC 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.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt 5:30-6:30.

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

• Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:15-10:30 a.m.. All levels welcome.

## Mon., Wed., Thurs.

• Pickle Ball at the Recreation Department Gym 10:30am -1pm

## Tuesdays beginning April 23

• 6-week Dog Obedience class, one-hour sessions at 6 p.m. Graduation will be Tues., May 28. Classes are held at the West Macon Track next to Cartoogechaye School. All profits will be donated to the Macon County Hmane Society. Cost of 6 sessions is \$85. For more information call Saly Mass at 828-421-4587.

## Tuesdays

• FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.

• At the Bascom, 3pm - 5pm: Writers group. For more information call 828-526-4949.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets from 10:30-11:30 am in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

## 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the 7pm in the Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit [www.occupywnc.org](http://www.occupywnc.org) or call

828.331.1524

## Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry club meets to discuss topics related to raising backyard chickens. For more information please call 828-349-2046 or 828-369-3916.

• Highlands Area Indivisible Group meets at 5 pm in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

## Tuesday and Thursdays

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit with Tori Schmitt at 7:30am.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.

## Wednesdays

• Beginning May 1. At Community Bible Church, 5-5:30p - Dinner – Free (Donations Appreciated) 5:45-7p - G.R.O.W. Get Real on Wednesdays – Classes offered on money management, addiction, discovering your spiritual gifts and personality type, studying the bible, evangelism, parenting, marriage, grief, and more. All are welcome! Visit [www.cbchighlands.com](http://www.cbchighlands.com) for class schedule.

• Power Flow Yoga with Nalicia Allio a certified Yoga Instructor 12-1pm and 6:30-7:30pm.

## First 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.

## Wed. & Fri.

• Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.

## Thursdays

• Storytime at Hudson Library, 10:40 am. Open to the public

• Kids Zone at Hudson Library, 3:30- 5 pm. A different STEAM Program each week, with LEGO Club on the 4th Thursday.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15pm at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

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

## 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

## Fourth Thursday

• At the Hudson Library, Kids Zone LEGO Club. Intended primarily for kids in grades 1-5, LEGO Club allows creativity and STEM skills to develop together as kids enjoy making LEGO creations.

## First Fridays

• The Bascom at Sotheby's series features different artists each month with a reception the first Friday of every month at Highlands Sotheby's International Realty from 4-5:30p at the corner of Main Street and Highway 64 across from The Old Edwards Inn. The public is invited to come meet the artist, view the exhibit and have some wine.

• At the Rec Park Pool. Movie Float-in Night - all ages First Friday night of every month. Pool opens at 6:30p and movie starts at 7 p.m. Call for movie title and prices. For any other information call 828-526-1595.

## Fourth Friday

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room from 11a until noon.

## Friday - Monday

• At the Bascom, 10am - 5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm): Free Admission to exhibition spaces and SmArt Space for children. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## Saturdays

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

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

## Sundays

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

• Nantahala Hiking Club members and others celebrate Easter on the trail by bringing hard boiled eggs, fruit and goodies to hand out to the hikers on the Appalachian Trail. Meet at the Nantahala Clubhouse to pack the items before taking them out on

## PAC's Youth Theater to perform 'Great Scenes from Shakespeare with Combat' April 26-28



The Highlands Performing Arts Center's Youth Theater Program will present "Great Scenes From Shakespeare's Plays (with Combat)" April 26-28 at The Highlands PAC.

This year's presentation will begin with scenes from "Romeo and Juliet," which will give the older students the chance to spout dramatic dialogue, display passion and pain and, this is important, sword-fighting.

The second half of the show offers scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will give the actors a chance to display their comic skills as The Mechanicals, an amateur troupe rehearsing for a royal performance.

In all, 24 young people will be bringing the production to the stage. Potts said that some of her students chose not to perform on stage, instead opting for serving on the backstage run crew, working as ushers, assistants to the director, props, sound, costume, makeup, hair, lighting, and painting. It's all part of the Youth Theater's emphasis on complete training.

Public performances will be held at 7p Saturday, April 27 (followed by a Meet & Greet Reception for the troupe and the winning artists); and at 3p. Sunday, April 28. Admission is free.

For more information about this production, classes, internships, events, or future productions, call (828) 526-9047.

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the trail. Call Elena March, 369-8915, if you'd like to participate in this appreciated activity.

## **Fri.-Tues., April 26-30**

• The Rec Park gym will be closed for gym floor screening and refinishing.

## **Fri.-Sun., April 26-28**

• PAC Youth Theatre Spring play "Great Scenes from Shakespeare's Plays (with Combat) at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut street at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. For information about the play and the PAC Youth Theater Program, call Ms. Greenlee-Potts at (828) 526-9047

## **Fri. & Sat., April 26 & 27**

• Nature Challenge Hike 10-11a. Every year cities across the world compete to see who can observe the most nature in a four-day City Nature Challenge. This year, in conjunction with the NC Arboretum and the Cradle of Forestry, the Highlands Nature Center will be competing as part of the Western North Carolina region! Join Paige Engelbrektsson, the Nature Center Education Specialist, as we record our observations on a hike up to Sunset Rock. If you have a smartphone and would like to submit observations, you can create an account at [ecoEXPLORE.net](http://ecoEXPLORE.net) beforehand. The top participants in Western North Carolina will win an awesome naturalist prize pack! In addition, you can continue participating year-round to earn badges and more cool prizes. For questions and more information please call 828.526.2623 or email Paige at [paige@highlandsbiological.org](mailto:paige@highlandsbiological.org).

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room 11a until noon. Guest speaker is Jackie Medland President/Chief Nursing Officer discussing HCA Mission H/C Hospital.

• At the Rec Park, the last Senior Lunch of the season at noon.

## **Sat., April 27**

• The Highlands Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Plateau Pickup on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help clean litter on the highways and roads leading to and around Highlands. Cleanup supplies and a "thank-you" tee-shirt will be provided for all volunteers. The event will start and end at Kelsey Hutchinson Park. Breakfast will be served at 8:30

a.m. and the pickup will begin at 9 a.m. Following the pickup, volunteers will be treated to a cook-out provided by Fresser's Courtyard Café. If you're interested in helping, please contact the Highlands Chamber at 828-526-2112.

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a-noon, Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please email [highlandsgreenway@nctv.com](mailto:highlandsgreenway@nctv.com) or leave a message at 828-342-8980. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot behind the Recreation Center at 9a for a brief orientation session, and you will be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation change 1300 ft., on a new section of the NC Bartram Trail, starting from Hickory Knoll Road. Great views of Albert Mountain and the Little Tennessee River Valley can be seen hiking and returning from to the old bus on Double Top. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 9 am, drive 15 miles round trip. Call leaders Bill and Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7.5 mile hike on the Sweat Heifer/Kephart Prong in Smoky Mtns. Nat'l Park, starting at Newfound Gap on the Appalachian Trail and descending on Sweat Heifer trail to return. Meet at Oconaluftee Visitor Center at 9 am, drive 30 miles round trip. Call leadee: Keith Patton, 456-8895. Hike is limited to 15 people.

## **Sun., April 28**

• Fiber Sunday from 2-5p.m. in room 104 at The Cowee School Art & Heritage Center located at 51 Cowee School Dr. Franklin N.C. 28734. Bring a textile project you are working on from spinning, knitting, weaving, rug hooking, baskets etc. Call or e-mail Teresa Bouchonnet at 828 349-3878 or [bouchonnet@cowee-textiles.com](mailto:bouchonnet@cowee-textiles.com) if you have any questions.

## **Mon., April 29**

• The annual Teen Poetry Night, an open-mic event for high school-age poets and poetry lovers, will be held Monday, at 7p.m., in Franklin's Rathskeller Coffee Haus. To celebrate National Poetry Month, young poets are invited to read or recite their original works, as well as their favorite works by other poets, earning RAT Bucks to

be spent at the event on The Rathskeller's beverages, sandwiches, snacks and desserts. The Rathskeller Coffee Haus is at 58 Stewart Street, a half block south of Main Street behind Books Unlimited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; there is no admission charge. For more information call 828-524-ARTS or [arts4all@dnet.net](mailto:arts4all@dnet.net).

## **Tues., April 30**

• One of the top wildlife programs in the Southeast, Wings to Soar and their "Flying Raptors," will be featured on Tuesday at the Sapphire Valley Resort's community center beginning at 7 p.m. Admission price for adults is \$5 with children admitted free.

## **Fri., May 3**

• Apply now for the 2019-20 school year at Summit Charter School and join us at our next Open

House on Friday, May 3rd at 8:45 AM. Come walk the beautiful public school campus, tour the classrooms, meet the faculty and learn more about becoming a Summit Bear. Summit is a tuition-free public school in Cashiers that engages students in learning experiences that stimulate discovery, inspire excellence and nurture a positive influence in an ever-changing world. Learn more about the school's place-based learning, small class sizes and individualized education. For more information or to RSVP, please call 828-743-5755 or email [mhudson@summitschool.org](mailto:mhudson@summitschool.org).

## **Sat., May 4**

• Summit Charter School is throwing a Cinco de Mayo party Saturday noon to 4p. and you are invited! Hosted by families at Sum-

mit, funds raised from this event will benefit critical needs of the school. The fun-filled event will include homemade food (elotes, pambasos, tamales, chicharrones, tortas, Mexican desserts and more) plus sack races, balloon competitions, musical chairs and bingo (win prizes at each including gift certificates to local restaurants!) There will also be an inflatable for the kids and traditional Mexican dances. Admission is free with tickets available to purchase for food and games. Tickets are \$10 for 12 tickets if purchased in the school office (370 Mitten Lane) before May 4th or \$10 for 10 tickets at the event. See you there!

## **Mon., May 6**

• At the Rec Park, the Highlands School highschool Athletic Banquet at 6 p.m.

## HS Spring Sports Teams



### Middle School Track

Front row from left are Mackenzie Woods, Aislyn Wyatt-Luck, Ghetsi Hernandez, and Olivia Cole. Back row from left are Conor Thorske, Cooper Hall, Finneas Garner, John Hayes Shaheen, Cam Ramey, James Earp, Owen Munoz, Danny Lopez, Peyton Naron, JJ Postell, and Landon Green.



### Girls Soccer

Front row from left are Madi Drummonds, Rebekah Wiggins, Ryan Talbert, Jana Reyes, Kaitlyn Doerter, Alyson Dayton, Hayley Borino, Reese Schmitt, Brandy Zagal, Kedra McCall, and Chela Green. Back row from left are Grace Crowe, Olivia Lewis, Ann Marie Moore, Zaia Rodriguez, Jeslyn Head, Julia May Schmitt, Betty Garcia, Ella Crook, Jaime King, Ellen Diehl, Sayla Roman, and Amy Council.



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in downtown, but police were somewhat shackled (pun intended) when complaints came in from residential areas – particularly regarding a pit bull attack at a residence on Little Bear Pen last season.

HPD Chief Bill Harrell said newly hired Code Enforcement Officer John Cherry has been trained to handle dogs and is equipped to quarantine problematic animals if the owner cannot be located. If HPD receives a call complaining of a dog causing a problem, it can respond and it's up to the officer's discretion on scene to determine what steps need to be taken.

Harrell added that Cherry is equipped with a chip reader and all attempts to identify and locate a dog's owner will be made before the animal is quarantined. HPD has an agreement with Macon County Animal

Control to impound any dogs if necessary, even after hours through their on-call staff.

"It keeps the impact to a minimum and gives the chief some enforcement authority and allows his officers to use their discretion," said Commissioner Donnie Calloway at last week's meeting.

Commissioner Eric Pierson said it solves the problem of giving HPD authority to do what needs to be done when calls are made from residential areas and Commissioner Amy Patterson said it was "win, win."

The definition of Nuisance Dog before the amendment was approved read as follows:

(a) The keeping or maintenance of any dog which by prolonged and habitual bark-

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vision, ingenuity and hard work with Macon County's greatest resource, its natural beauty," said Judy Chapman, Macon County (CEC) leadership team. "These ingredients created a recipe for one of the most unique businesses in the area. From the World-Class Canopy Tour to the Brave Indian Zipline and Family Challenge Course, Highlands Aerial Park offers varying degrees of excitement and fun for anyone who dares to fly through the tree tops."

"The impact this business has on the local economy is dramatic attracting thousands of guests each year, whether it's with the family for a day out, a team building exercise with the company or to enjoy one of their signature events such 'Sip and Zip,'" she added. "This type of organic economic impact is exactly what we are celebrating tonight; whether it's facing your fears, seeking a thrill or just looking to relax, they've got you covered."

Other awards presented at the banquet included the recognition of this year's Biz-

Week Honorees acknowledging the contribution of businesses who have contributed significantly to economic development in Macon County. MC Commissioner Chair Jim Tate recognized the Ugly Dog Pub of Highlands as one of this year's BizWeek Honorees. The other BizWeek Honorees included 104.1 WNCC/104.9 WFSC and Dale West, retired Director of NC Works.

After working for 20 years in the building and design fields, Thomas and Kay Craig started the Ugly Dog Pub in June 2010 in a small 800-square foot building with a very small kitchen. Today, the business has grown to include three pubs – two in Highlands and one in Cashiers --employing 70 people.

The Ugly Dog Pub is a casual pub offering food, beer, wine and mixed drinks. The pub features trivia Tuesday nights, bluegrass music on Wednesdays and regional bands on Friday and Saturday nights.

– Kim Lewicki

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able spaces in basements?"

A few years ago, the ordinance was changed to allow owners of property in the business district to use attics as a habitable spaces rather just for storage as long as all the restrictions were met – namely a maximum building height of 35-ft., watershed built-upon percentages as mandated by the state and parking criteria as outlined by the town for each business zone.

That means three stories could be habitable if one was an attic. So, why not basements, if they meet building codes for habitable basements – daylight, ingress and egress, etc.?

Logic followed and so members agreed to recommend including basements as one of the three habitable spaces.

"Anything that will possibly increase the use of some basements that could be turned into apartments is good. We are desperate for those," said Chairman Thomas Craig. "And maybe they would be less expensive."

Amendments to the UDO concerning fences and allowing basements to be habitable spaces will be the subject of a public hearing and if the Town Board votes yes to the changes, they will become a reality.

– Kim Lewicki

## ...OBITUARIES continued from page 6

### Janie 'Patsy' Carolyn Penland Fisher,

Mrs. Janie "Patsy" Carolyn Penland Fisher, 85, passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Mrs. Fisher was born in Highlands, NC May 11, 1933 to the late Isaac Adin Penland and Martha Jane "Mattie" Keener Penland. She worked for many years in bookkeeping and in financial operations for a law firm in Georgia; she also worked for the State of Georgia Welfare Office.

Ms. Penland was a Godly lady who attended Baptist and Nazarene churches but most of all she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Survivors include her children, Wanda Gail Fisher Cooke and Husband John of Lake Worth, FL; Haskell Hamilton Fisher, Jr. and wife Carolyn of Gaines-



ville, Ga; and Cathy Marie Fisher Jennings and husband, James of Jackson, SC; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2019 in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home with the Rev. Andy Cloer officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Goldmine

Community. The family will receive friends from 100-2:30 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial donations can be made to your favorite Animal Shelter in memory of Ms. Fisher or send flowers of your choice.

Online condolences can be left at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com)

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Fisher family.

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are these roofs unsightly, the presence of this fungus in such close proximity to a living environment can pose health concerns for those with allergy problems

### Benefits of roof washing

The most important benefit of roof cleaning and restoration is the fact that it removes algae which can shorten the lifespan of your roof. Cleaning your roof increases the value and appeal of the overall house. Playing an important part in the appearance of the home, increases the curb appeal and helps to maintain its attractive stature. Thus, this uplifts the value of the home, its resale capabilities. The low pressure wash process doesn't require a power washer, so it won't void a roof's warranty. If you desire to give your home a clean roof that looks great and will last longer, consider low pressure soft washing.

### Annual 'Litter Pick-up' rescheduled to Saturday, April 27

On Saturday, April 27, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Plateau Pickup on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help clean litter on the highways and roads leading to and around Highlands. Cleanup supplies and a "thank-you" t-shirt will be provided for all volunteers. The event will start and end at Kelsey Hutchinson Park. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the pickup will begin at 9 a.m. Following the pickup, volunteers will be treated to a cook-out provided by Fresser's Courtyard Café. For more information, contact the Highlands Chamber at 828-526-2112 or [visitor@highlandschamber.org](mailto:visitor@highlandschamber.org)

### April 27th is MC's Safety Town Day

Safe Kids Macon County and Franklin Daybreak Rotary will be teaming up for the third annual Safety Town on April 27 from 10a-2p at the Robert C. Carpenter Community building on 441 in Franklin. The event will feature all things kids and all things safety! Car seat checking station, K9 demonstration, bike rodeo, emergency vehicle car show, and Operation Medicine Drop.



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#### Preparation

##### Lamb:

Have the butcher butterfly the leg of lamb. Pound as thin and evenly as possible. Place in plastic bag. (May need to cut in half and use 2 bags. If so, double marinade.) Add 1/2 cup of olive oil, 1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar, 2 TBS each of Greek, Vik's Garlic Fix and Onion Obsession Custom Blends. Close bag and massage until mixture is evenly dispersed. Refrigerate for 2-3 days. Turning bag over periodically. When ready, grill until pink in middle.

##### Potatoes:

Toss potatoes in mixture of 3 TBS olive oil, 2 Tsp. Onion Obsession Custom Blend, 2 Tsp. Vik's Garlic Fix Custom Blend, salt and pepper to taste. Roast in 400-degree oven until soft and brown. Half potatoes and periodically toss to get spices inside and out.

##### Green Beans:

Add 3 TBS butter and heat until browned. Steam bag of green beans in microwave until al dente and empty into saute pan with 1 TBS of Vics Garlic Fix, 1 Tsp. Merlot Sea Salt and pepper to taste. Add a handful of grape tomatoes. Saute vegetables until softened just a bit.

# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## 'Early on the first day...'



Chaplain Margaret Howell  
Holy Family Lutheran  
Church: ELCA

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, a young woman, bone tired and grieved to the bone, picked her way along a dirt path to a garden. Mary Magdalene had had a sleepless night. She tried to sleep, then got up and paced the floor... then tried to lie down again, but sleep would not come and she got up again... and on it went through the night. She took it as long as she could and then headed for the grave early in the morning, very early -- before the sun came up. Perhaps just being near his tomb would bring some trace of relief.

It was chilly, and the early morning dampness caused her to shiver as she pulled her outer cloak more snugly around her. More than once, she stumbled over stones and tree roots and stepped into the puddles still left from that cataclysmic storm that had rocked the city late Friday afternoon.

Friday afternoon -- that horrible day when her beloved teacher had been unjustly and cruelly murdered. Tears sprang to her eyes as she re-lived that day. If you have been around for any length of time on this earth, you have experienced the pain of losing someone you love. There is absolutely nothing to compare with it -- that sense of hopelessness that floods over you like a tidal wave when death tears someone you love from your life.

Mary undoubtedly felt that way as she hurried through the pre-dawn gloom to the entrance of the tomb where Jesus was laid. She was not a stupid woman. She truly believed all the things that Jesus had said to her and the other disciples over the course of his ministry. But this morning, with every nerve rubbed raw and overcome by grief her mind was numb. Add to this the shock of finding the tomb violated, standing open and the confusion that followed, with her running as fast as she could to fetch Peter and John, and then following them back to the tomb as fast as her weary legs could carry her -- she was emotionally and physically spent.

By the time she reached the tomb a second time, exhausted and trembling, Peter and John had gone inside. After a few moments, they emerged, confused and grieving.

The body of Jesus was gone. Not knowing what else to do, the two disciples went back to their homes. Mary remained at the tomb weeping; Oh, this was just too much! Not only had her beloved teacher and friend been taken from her, but now even his body was gone! Maybe Peter and John were mistaken. She would look for herself. As she peered into the tomb, she saw two angels there.

She blinked. Yes, they were still there. And then they asked her the most astonishing question. "Woman why are you weeping?"

Oh, come on! They're ANGELS and they are asking why is she mourning? Why do angels always seem to speak in riddles?

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## Proverbs 3:5

# • PLACES TO WORSHIP •

## John 3:16

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ing, howling, or whining causes serious annoyance to neighboring residents and interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the premises occupied by such residents, or with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the public streets, sidewalks, or other public areas.

Commissioners added the following to the original definition:

(b) Any dog which leaves the owner's property and causes any damage to real or personal property or displays any aggressive behavior, and

(c) Any dog at-large may be seized, and if an owner is not located, the dog will be impounded and confined in the animal shelter and thereafter adopted out or disposed of pursuant to procedures of the animal shelter and applicable state law.

HPD can also slap on a \$250 fine for habitual offenders. Harrell said HPD is not going to cruise neighborhood roads looking for loose dogs, and the fine will likely only come into play for repeat offenders.

"It's up to the officer's discretion, as are most enforcement actions," said Har-

rell. "Our main objective is to gain compliance. It's got to be obviously neglectful, irresponsible, and aggressive toward public safety and our community's renown quality of life to trigger a firmer enforcement action."

The Board voted on amending the nuisance dog definition based on the recommendations from the Public Safety Committee who discussed the issue at length during two committee meetings. Commissioners Pierson and Calloway are on the Public Safety Committee. Members went back and forth over what language to use, whether an owner has a dog in "physical" control or "sufficient" control, is the animal properly "restrained" if it's an 80-pound rottweiler being held by a 6-year-old, is the child "competent" of controlling that dog?

"If an animal is causing a problem and a complaint has been made, we find the owner and make a reasonable request and we expect a reasonable effort to resolve the problem," said Harrell at the first committee meeting the issue was discussed. "We're going to use an extreme amount of discretion and a lot of common sense will be involved."

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Not knowing what else to say, she said "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

It is at that moment in the depths of her sorrow and confusion, that Mary encounters the risen Christ. And in that moment, everything changed.

A few minutes later, Mary burst in on the grieving and astonished disciples.

She proclaims,

"I have seen the Lord!"

If Mary was not lying... and she was not deluded... then death is no longer the bottom line. But wait, there's more. What if... something Jesus said to his disciples about people who follow him, is also true, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." (John 10:28)

If these things are true, then the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the most important fact in all of history and his promise of eternal life to those who follow him is the most important hope for all of humanity.

Mary encountered Jesus in the garden. St. Paul encountered Jesus on the way to arrest Christians and drag them back to Jerusalem in chains. Peter encountered Jesus in an amazing catch of fish. And on it goes. Mother Theresa encountered Jesus in the poorest of the poor.

It was Martin Luther who said, "It doesn't matter whether Jesus Christ rose from the dead if he didn't rise for you."

Where have you encountered him, that risen Christ? No two people will have the same experience. It isn't how we experience the fact that Jesus is out of the tomb and at large in our world. The key is that somewhere, somehow, someday we personally come to terms with the fact of his resurrection. Death has been defeated. Sins are forgiven. Eternal life awaits us all.

"Go and tell..."

Mary was told to "Go and tell." When you encounter the most important fact in all of history, you have to tell someone about it. God sent Paul to tell people that his whole life got turned inside out and upside down when he was on a Christian hunting trip. Mother Teresa lived out the love of Christ in her work and inspired millions. Her favorite response to those who asked her about God in her work told them "Come and see."

What are we to see? What did Mary see on that morning in the garden? What do we see in the eyes of the dying who instead of being fearful, are rejoicing? What do we see in the joyful worship of refugees in Haiti who have lost everything yet as still singing praises to God?

They see beyond their sorrow into the eyes of the Risen Christ, the one who will hold each and every one of us close and love us forever.

This incredible fact must be shared! This good news has to be told!

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

## Lady Highlanders bring back heat from Spring Break



Highlands girls varsity soccer team won 3-0 at home Monday night against Hayesville after a long week off. Above Ryan Talbert drives the ball up the field.

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## The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from April 16

### April 16

- At 10:33 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Edwards Creek Road.
- At 3:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street.
- At 5:47 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Wilson Road.

### April 17

- At 1:43 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Mack Wilson Road.

### April 18

- At 11:58 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

### April 19

- At 7:03 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers

## Fire Dept.

- At 7:13 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a tree down on NC 28 south.
- At 8:47 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Old Orchard Road.
- At 9:15 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Soney Creek Road.
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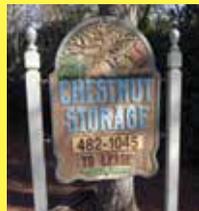
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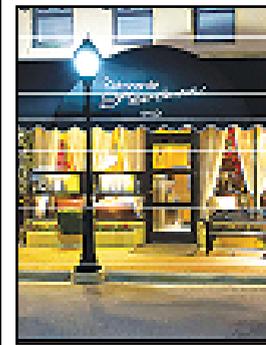
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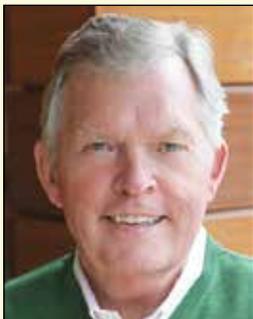


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