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Holbrooks named principal of HS

By Brittney Lofthouse

During Monday night's monthly meeting, the MC Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint Sarah Holbrooks the new principal of Highlands

School.

Holbrooks, who has been serving as the vice principal, steps into her new role with the retirement of current principal Brian Jetter.

The departure of Principal Brian Jetter, who has been an instrumental force in shaping Highlands School's success, says the MC BOE board, comes as he announces

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The missing Corgi named Anna.

Where are you Anna?

Don't let those woeful eyes fool you. Anna Corgi is a three-time mama and is used to having the freedom to run ... and that's what she's doing now.

Close to three weeks ago, Gerri Tulley and Dick Grier traveled to Clinton, TN, to meet and ultimately adopt 6-year-old Anna from a Corgi breeder who had

just retired her.

She had recently given birth to her third litter and was headed for a life of "retirement."

Tully and Grier wanted a Corgi but not necessarily a puppy, so Anna – pronounced Ahhhnna – fit the bill.

"She came right to us when

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Hurricane milestones

On Saturday July 15, the Highlands Hurricanes traveled to Franklin for the 2023 Mountain Swim League (MSL) conference meet.

Despite missing 10 key swimmers, the 34 Highlands Hurricanes finished 2nd out

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4 sign up for Town Board

Registration to file as a candidate in the 2023 municipal election ended at noon Friday, July 21.

There are three seats open on the Highlands Town Board – those currently held by Commissioners John Dotson, Marc Hehn, and Brian Stiehler.

Signed up to run are incumbents Dotson and Stiehler and newcomers, Tucker Chambers, Kay Craig, Jeff Weller and Rachel Wilson.

The 2023 municipal election will be held on Nov. 7.

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Dr. Baumrucker, far right, with foster children in Bolivia.

Professors see Highlands Bolivian Mission 1st-hand

This past May, two professors from WCU traveled to Montero, Bolivia with mission founder, Dr. John Baumrucker to see if the foster home that was begun in 2002 would be a suitable site for WCU students to study Spanish and work with some of the mission's partners.

Lori Oxford and Lane Perry were impressed with the facilities

on the four-acre foster home site. The amenities include the Mama Joanna Guest house that can accommodate up to 16 visitors, a well-equipped carpentry shop and the two living units for the children, the house mother and staff.

Lori and Lane, who are seasoned travelers, thought the guest

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Following voting rules and traffic rules

Highlands is moving into a period of evaluation and reflection concerning where we are as a community and where we should go into the future. We do this every two years with the fall municipal elections.

As of last Friday, Highlands has a robust field of candidates that filed for the three open board positions. I want to thank those Town of Highlands residents who filed for the election. It is a brave act of citizenship to offer to serve as an elected official by undergoing the rigorous process of an election. Whether a candidate is elected or not, they are all community winners.

I know everyone will look forward to an open discussion of the issues during the period before election day. As always, I will encourage town residents who are eligible to cast their ballots during the early voting period or on November 7, election day.

Let me clarify what is an eligible voter in a municipal election. In the last election, a candidate on Facebook told people that property ownership in Highlands qualified



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

a person to register to vote. That was not correct. Voting eligibility is determined by residency, not property ownership. That rule is not a local policy; it is in the state election statutes. If property ownership was the standard for registering to vote, some folks could vote in multiple communities and counties where they own property.

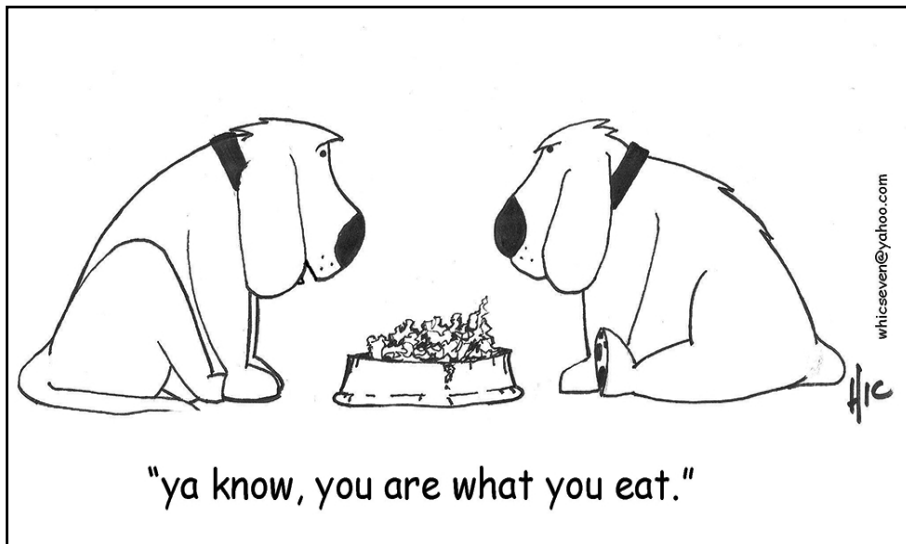
Voters can vote only in the community where they permanently reside. An eligible voter does not even have to own property in the community, only reside in a domicile in that community for the majority of the year. For instance, a voter in Highlands may not own the property where they reside in Highlands, but if they rent or lease where they reside, they are fully eligible to vote in the municipal election. Furthermore, that person would also be fully qualified to run for local office.

On the other hand, if a person has moved from Highlands and now resides in another community, they are no longer eligible to vote and should change their voter registration accordingly. As we go into this election season, it is important that we all understand the rules and regulations concerning voting and candidate eligibility.

On my AskMayorPat.com website, I posted a video about stopping at stop signs this week. Our police received a complaint from a citizen, along with a video of a motorist driving right through the intersection at NC 28, Satulah, and South Street. Upon investigation, the police placed an officer at the intersection in a marked police car. To the officer's astonishment, some motorists drove right through the intersection, never heeding any of the stop signs. The officer issued seven citations in a little over an hour.

We have not had a traffic-related fatality in Highlands in over a decade. I want the community to maintain this record of safety. We can all do our part by following basic traffic regulations. With so many people in town this time of year, both motorists and pedestrians, it is important that we all follow traffic laws, especially stopping at stop signs and driving within speed limits. Let's have a safe season of joy and fun.





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es his retirement.

"Under his guidance, the school reached remarkable heights in academics, extracurricular activities, and community engagement," said MC BOE Chairman Jim Breedlove.

Holbrooks appointment marks a new chapter for the school.

"Sarah Holbrooks' dedication and commitment to the educational growth and well-being of the students have made her a highly regarded figure within the Highlands School community. Throughout her tenure as vice principal, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, fostering a nurturing and inclusive learning environment that has garnered admiration from both students and colleagues," said Chairman Breedlove. "With over a decade of experience in the education sector, Holbrooks brings a wealth of expertise to her new position. Her passion for student success, combined with her innovative approach to education, has not only elevated academic standards but has also encouraged students to explore their full potential beyond the classroom."

Holbrooks said she looks forward to

serving the students, teachers and families of Highlands School in her new capacity.

"I feel blessed to have the opportunity to lead Highlands School as the Principal," she said on Tuesday. "I feel my last five years as vice principal at Highlands School and my eight years of classroom experience before that has given me the experience needed to transition from vice principal to principal. Highlands School is such a special school in a wonderful community."

In addition to the appointment of Sarah Holbrooks at Highlands School, the Macon County School District is making leadership changes in several schools.

Along with new the Superintendent Josh Lynch, with the retirement of Diane Cotton from Union Academy, Brian Moffitt, the current principal of Macon Early College, will transfer to Union Academy.

Caleb Parham the current vice principal of Iotla Valley Elementary will replace Moffitt as the principal of Macon Early College and Gloria Painter will transfer to Iotla from Macon Early College to complete her one-year vice principal internship.

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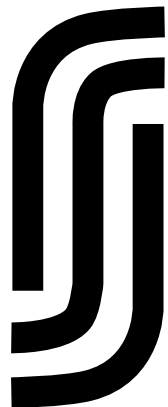


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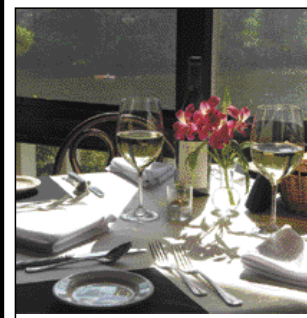
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Mountain Theatre Company thanks the Town of Highlands for 84 Years at The Highlands Playhouse

Dear Editor,

In July, Mountain Theatre Company officially handed the keys to The Highlands Playhouse back to the Town of Highlands. This simple and final act completed our move to the new Highlands Performing Arts Center (HPAC) as we entered our 85th season of producing live theatre in Highlands, NC. It was an emotional day for us as we bid farewell the stage that so many called home for generations.

The Highlands Playhouse served as Mountain Theatre Company's stage for 84 years. We would like to formally thank the Town of Highlands, who owns the Playhouse building, for so generously allowing us to occupy this historic and beloved space completely rent-free for decades. By doing so, the Town allowed a fledgling theatre company in the 1930s to grow and flourish into Western North Carolina's premier professional theatre company. Interrupted only briefly during World War II and by the global pandemic in 2020, the Town's community support hosted one of the longest-running, continually operating theatre companies in the state.

Our departure from this iconic venue is bittersweet. Our move to the HPAC has allowed us to grow and elevate our organization in every way. We know the best is yet to come for Mountain Theatre Company. The new stage at the HPAC will serve our theatre company for generations to come. As we transition into this new and exciting chapter, we find it important to pause, honor our history, and give thanks to the Town of Highlands for providing us a firm foundation on which we could grow.

We will miss the charm and history of The Highlands Playhouse, but those elements will now go on to serve the community in new ways under the continued stewardship of the Town. And you can rest assured that we are bringing every ounce of the legacy we built at the Playhouse with us to the HPAC.

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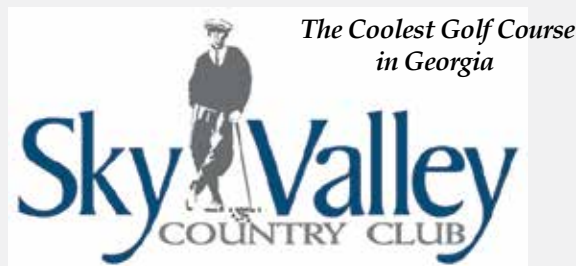
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Kenneth Neitz resigned as the vice principal of Macon Middle School at the end of June, leading the board to appoint Christy Barnett in his place. Barnett had previously served as the vice principal and AIG coordinator at Franklin High School/ Macon Middle School.

"The MC Board of Education's proactive approach in selecting leaders for the district demonstrates its commitment to

providing the best possible educational experiences for its students," said Breedlove. "By appointing dedicated individuals like Sarah Holbrooks, it reaffirms its focus on fostering a culture of learning that prepares students for success not only in the classroom but also in their future endeavors."

Candidates for Highlands School Assistant Principal are still being considered.



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David Bernhardt Heller, MD

David Bernhardt Heller, M.D. of Highlands, NC passed away peacefully at age 99 on July 22, 2023 in his home with his wife, Mercedes Heller, at his bedside. He was the son of The Reverend Robert Bernhardt Heller and Helen Bitzer Heller and was born in Vermilion, Ohio on June 10, 1924.

He is survived by son, David B. Heller, Jr. (Barney) and daughter-in-law, Karen, of North Wales, PA, Stepdaughter Perianne Bates (Tom Miklovitch) of Athens, Ohio, son-in-law Frank Seta, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 6 grandchildren, Douglas Heller (Amanda) of Ganesvoort, NY, Gregory Heller (Marissa), of Houston, TX, Elaina Heller Rosenquist (James) of Pittsburgh, PA, Christa Seta Kursmark (Matt) of New York, NY, Louis Seta (Eleanor) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Evan Bates of Hollywood, FL; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Ruth Kennedy Heller, stepdaughter Julie Seta, and stepson Jeffrey Dean Bates.

In his earlier life he was a talented athlete, musician and scholar at both high school in Bloomsburg, PA, and Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA where he graduated with honors in pre-medical studies. While in pre-med school he played professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles to earn money for his schooling. He then attended Thomas Jefferson University Medical School in Philadelphia graduating in 1947 at age 22 years old. After serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII, he remained in the Naval Reserve and was called back into active service during the Korean War serving two years in Japan in a Navy Hospital where the severely wounded servicemen were flown in by helicopter for extensive surgical treatment.

On returning from Japan, he completed a 5-year residency in Orthopedic Surgery at a combined residency program with Yale University and Harvard University. Upon completion of his residency years, he went into private practice in Dayton, Ohio, where he practiced for 40+ years. During that time on two occasions, he traveled to England to study with Sir John Charnley M.D. who first perfected the total hip replacement. On his return to Dayton, he performed the first total hip replacement in Ohio and one of the first in the United States. A true pioneer in reconstructive joint replacement, he then devoted most of his orthopedic practice to reconstruction and became the Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Wright State University Medical School.

Despite his success in his career, he remained a humble man, loving father and husband, and much of his medical practice served the underprivileged, especially children with orthopedic problems. He will be missed by his family and friends.

The family wishes to thank Four Seasons Hospice for their care during the past year. Special gratitude to Robert Doe who was a very compassionate caregiver and became a true and trusted friend.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC on August 5, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Bentley Manning officiating. A reception will follow in Jones Hall

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We've had a domino effect of investing, including the stock and housing markets. In a 2023 Motley Fool online article by Lyle Dally, "How NOT to invest in 2023 according to Humphrey Yang." The three main takeaways were:

- Market volatility leads to panic selling, which comes from selling 90% of your assets within one year. The worst thing you can do is sell stocks in a panic because it's all on paper; you haven't lost a thing until you sell. 30% of people who sell in panic never re-invest.
- Keep liquid assets, like cash, in a high-yield savings account.
- Copying what someone else is doing. It's like when I was growing up and whined to my mother that so-and-so was doing some-

thing, so why can't I? She answered, "If Joe jumped off a cliff, would you follow him?" Maybe investors should follow that rule as well. Always seek advice from a trusted person, and maybe get a second opinion.

Historically, investing in real estate is much less volatile than the stock market. Neither is meant for short-term investing, and both can incur cyclical ups and downs. Now, I should've mentioned this before. I'm not a stockbroker, and when someone mentions the S & P, I may think they're talking about salt and pepper.

In another article, U.S. News & World Report, by Brian O'Connell (June 29, 2023), the title was, Will the Stock Market Crash in 2023? He listed seven risk factors that come into play.

• High Inflation - It's lower than last year but still high and can rise again.

• Volatile housing and construction trends - the housing market remains resilient, and home prices are expected to rise up to 4.6% in the 12 months, April 2023-April 2024, but we're not out of the woods since interest rates affect who can borrow and inflation affects building costs.

• Recession shadowing - Goldman Sachs applied the brakes to their earlier predictions of a 2023 recession. There's still a threat, but not as likely.

• High-interest rates - The Federal Reserve knows that con-

sumers have less cash to spend, borrowing has slowed, and although wages have grown, it's not enough to keep up with the inflation rate. "Consumers must spend."

• Narrow Stock Market - The top 10 US companies have generated almost 90% of all returns in 2023. (What's that adage about putting all our eggs in one basket?)

• Election cycle - Historically, the third year of our four-year cycle rallies mid-July and again near the end of the year.

• Tech stocks - Investment experts think these will continue to gain thanks partly to Artificial Intelligence (which in NO way helped me write this article except spelling)

In an article by NAR's Chief Economist, Lawrence Yun on July 19, 2023, "We need 50% growth in listings to reach pre-pandemic levels. We need 100% growth to reach an adequate supply. This is where investors come in - or rather, COME OUT. The NAR (National Association of REALTORS) is calling for Federal incentives to help bring needed inventory to the market: temporary capital gains relief for investors who sell to a FIRST-TIME BUYER or first-generation buyer." (We don't have a lot of first-time buyers in our area, but there are some and those are some of my favorite sales.)

I recently watched a YouTube video with hype about AIRBn-Bust, or the fall of the short-term rental. The video reminded me of Chicken Little's cry, "The Sky is Falling!"

What is happening to STRs nationwide is a supply and demand issue. When the real estate market started heating up around 2018/2019, it was a true buyer's market. Prices were relatively low, and the interest rates were at an all-time low, and if that wasn't enough, the Pandemic came and

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Stay safe while outdoors this summer; welcome H-C Hospital's newest physician

We're in the thick of summer and at risk for certain health mishaps as well. The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Emergency Department is busy in July, and part of the summer uptick has to do with sun exposure, allergic reactions to insect bites and stings, and orthopedic injuries, since we're out and about hiking, running, playing tennis, and more.

We often talk about protecting yourself from the sun's damaging rays, and every day sunscreen use is a must, whether it's sunny or cloudy. Make sure to get a broad-spectrum sunscreen, because they protect your skin from both types of the sun's damaging UV rays. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, UVB rays are the ones responsible for burning your skin, while UVA rays are associated more with premature aging. Protecting your skin from the sun's rays by using sunscreen, sun-protective clothing, and avoiding the sun altogether when it's strongest — between 10am-4pm — lessens your risk for skin cancer.

Heat-related illnesses are also quite dangerous, and it's critical to be mindful of them while you're enjoying outdoors. If you end up playing hard outside but neglect to keep yourself properly hydrated, you're at risk for both heat stroke and heat exhaustion. These terms are often used interchangeably, but they're different in that heat stroke is more serious than heat exhaustion. However, they're on the same spectrum, and if you have heat exhaustion and don't treat it, you can end up with heat stroke, which is life-threatening.

To treat yourself if you notice signs of heat exhaustion, get out of the sun, drink water, and soak in a tub of cold water. If these steps don't offer relief, or you're showing signs of heat stroke, it's time to call 9-1-1 so you can get treated professionally.

In addition to being careful about the sun, you need to practice good self-care and patience if you suffer a strain or sprain while exercising or doing strenuous yard work. The "no pain, no gain" philosophy is not correct in this case. If you suffer a mild injury, it's best to rest and practice what we



Tom Neal CEO, CNO
Highlands-Cashiers
Hospital

call the RICE method. This acronym stands for rest, ice, compression, and elevation. So, in addition to taking it easy, icing your injury, wearing something like an ACE bandage on the affected joint, and resting your leg on an ottoman or holding your arm at shoulder height can give your body the chance it needs to heal and recover.

If this doesn't do the trick, visiting an orthopedist can put you on the road to healing so you can regain your mobility again, and working with a Phys-

ical Therapist can also help you recover more quickly. Even though it's tempting to keep "powering through" your workouts and it may feel frustrating to be limited in this way, it pays off to be patient and honor your body so you don't experience an even bigger setback in the future.

Another hazard that's unique to summer is getting bitten or stung by an insect. For those who have serious allergies, a sting can turn deadly, so make sure you have your Epi-pen if you venture outside, invest in insect repellent that contains DEET, and wear long sleeves, pants, and closed-toed shoes to avoid getting bitten. This is especially important to avoid ticks and the risk of Lyme disease.

Before closing, I'd like to introduce our new board-certified orthopedic surgeon — who provides needed care for some of the issues I just spoke about — Dr. Mark Moriarty. He manages a wide variety of orthopedic trauma here in Macon County, and has a specialty interest in sports medicine and adult reconstructive surgery. He is highly invested in delivering care tailored to each patient's unique needs and uses both the latest nonsurgical, conservative, and minimally invasive arthroscopic techniques, but also performs more complicated surgical procedures.

To make an appointment with him, you can call 828-349-8260. Dr. Moriarty enjoys spending time with his family and exploring the beauty of Western North Carolina. He is happy to be here and deeply committed to providing great care, close to home, for our community members.

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house was one of the finest facilities they had ever visited to house students. The rooms are air-conditioned and have private baths. Other amenities include a modern kitchen and a spacious living room.

Visiting students could work with nonprofits that support abused women, men and children, visit hospitals and clinics and have a fully immersed Spanish-speaking experience in addition to working with the children in the foster home who have mostly been abandoned by their parents.

The Honors College at WCU was funded by a grant from Judy and Jack Brinson of Highlands and supports worthy students in their endeavor to become high level students and members of society.

An experience in the Third World will help them become more well-rounded and better understand the problems of the world in general.

The Bolivian Mission began 24 years ago in 1998 when Joanna and John Baumrucker spent a month in Montero and worked in local hospitals and clinics. While there, they saw the needs of the area were great.

Over the first years of the mission, over a million dollars worth of medical equipment was donated to six hospitals and clinics and 17 basic homes were built. Once the government funded the hospitals, the focus of the mission turned to the foster home in 2002.

Abandoned and orphaned children usually end up in large orphanages where they don't experience the love of a small family. The foster home has a house mother and a capacity of 25 children, so they feel more like a family. Also, the home doesn't discharge the children at 18, as the orphanages are required to do. At 18, most of those children are not finished with school and so the cycle of poverty continues.

At the foster home, the boys make pens in the shop and earn money for their college education, and the "graduates" of the home are welcome to return for meals and visits with their younger brothers.

Donations to support the mission are always welcome. For information about the mission contact Dr. Baumrucker at P. O. Box 1358, Highlands, NC 28741.

Groups wanting to experience a Third World adventure are welcome to use the guest house.

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fueled the flame. People couldn't get out of the cities fast enough. Buyers were spending lots of money renovating homes to use as short-term rentals. It happened everywhere; investors crawled out of the woodwork to jump on the bandwagon. Homes were improved with the latest trends to satisfy the most discriminating visitors. The frenzy continued throughout the pandemic, even with supply-chain issues. I am not saying real estate caused supply chain issues, but can you imagine how many new

refrigerators were bought between 2019-2022? And that's just one tiny part of the action.

We are not back to normal, and who even knows what normal is anymore? Some investors expected the high occupancy tidal wave to stay in the tsunami stage. Maybe Lawrence Yun is right. The answer may be for some investors (especially the aforementioned) to sell. Some investors who bought homes for vacation

rentals could consider leasing year-round. That situation has pros and cons, but that's another story for a different time. I'll be glad to discuss long-term renting vs. short-term renting with anyone.

We may never get back to normal as in the way it was four-five years ago, but that's OK. The real estate market isn't the only thing that has changed, we have, too, and we can only hope we've changed for the better.

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ONGOING

• The "Kids Hike Highlands" trail passport program has been refreshed for the 2023 season. pick up a copy of the Kids Hike Highlands passport map at one of the four prize locations or you can download a copy at www.highland-

sbiological.org.

Mon.-Fri.

• Nantahala Tennis plays at the Highlands Rec Park 9a-1p.

Mon-Wed, Fri-Sun

• Alcoholics Anonymous: "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. program of recovery. Highlands Mountain View Group holds open meetings in Highlands at the First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Monday at 5:30 PM and Wednesday and Friday at noon. The Cashiers Valley Group holds open

meetings at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library Tuesday at 7 PM, Friday and Sunday at 5 PM, and Saturday at 9 AM. A ZOOM meeting is available Wednesday at 7PM (ID# 921 817 2966, password CVG2020). For more information, please visit www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of AA 24/7 at 828-349-4357

Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m.

More meeting places call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

1st Tuesdays

• Indivisible Highlands from 5-6:30pm at the Hudson Library.

2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings. For more information contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

Tuesdays

• Strength Training 8:15-9:15am. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone.

Wednesdays

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health topics, held on the first Wednesday of each month at 11AM. This series is aimed particularly at older adults and will focus on mental health topics of particular interest to them, but all ages are welcome to attend.

Mon-Fri

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10-11am. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Pickle Ball inside and outside. 10am-1pm, everyone is welcome so come out and enjoy a game of Pickle Ball.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a to 6p.

Mon. & Wed.

• New Mobility Class with Anna Norton It's all about movement. 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday 6:45-7:45. For more info, call 267-825-0716.

Mon, Wed, Fri

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30-9:30am. \$25 a month, The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Aerobics w/Tina Rogers 8-9a. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more info.

Tuesdays

• At Hudson Library, Nature Kids on selected Tuesday mornings. For more info call the Hudson Library at 828-526-3031

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers – Tuesdays from 5-6:30 PM. Facilitated by Sam Renken, this group has a simple mission: to foster and provide consistent community for local writers thereby giving writers of all ages and genres the opportunity to write, read, revise, and present their work to the group.

• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 5:30-6:30pm. No registration required – just show up and participate. Questions? call 828-526 – 0863 or email info@maconncliteracy.org

Tues. & Thurs.

• Zumba class with Gay Chaplin from 4:30-5:30p. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with different types of exercise. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information

Thurs. through Aug. 10

• Highlands Biological Foundation's free Zahner lectures at the Highlands Nature Center (930 Horse Cove Road) at 6 p.m. To preview HBF's full Zahner lecture lineup, please visit www.highlands-biological.org.

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• Highlands Historical Society Museum at 320 N. 4th Street is open 10a to 4p through October.

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Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15am. An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• At Hudson Library, Family Storytime continues throughout the year on Thursday mornings at 10:40 AM.

• At Hudson Library, Kids Zone at 3:30 pm with a wide variety of STEAM, nature, and craft activities. For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Chair Yoga – from 4-5 PM. If you are interested in greater strength and flexibility but have difficulty getting up and down from a sitting or reclining posture.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Gentle Mat Yoga – from 5-6 PM. Looking for greater strength? Join Dana Thiele at the chapel for Gentle Mat Yoga on the Deck. With more than 20 years experience,

3rd Fridays

• At the Rec Park, Senior Lunches noon in the meeting room. For any other information call Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey at 828-526-3556.

2nd Saturdays

• The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club meets in Highlands at The Bascom at 10 a.m. March thru November.

3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. We serve breakfast at 9 AM and hold our monthly meeting at 10 AM. We invite ALL veterans to attend - email ncpost370@gmail.com for more information or just join us at 9 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Sundays

• Church in the Wildwood Hymn Sing Sundays 7-8 p.m. through Sept. 3. 828-506-0125.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Sunday Service: 10 AM Sunday Morning. Stick around for visitation and coffee hour immediately after service. (Coffee hour is replaced by potluck dinner the 1st Sunday of each month).

• Soiree for Pre-K at the Vineyard at High Holly, 5:30 p.m. until. \$250 per person. Eight per table. Includes Dinner, drinks and dancing. Featuring Steel Toe Stiletto from Greenville, SC. For tickets call 828-526-0863. Or email, info@TheLiteracyandLearningCenter.org.

July 28-Aug. 19

• "Rock of Ages" at Mountain Theatre Company now in residence at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street For tickets go to www.mountaintheatre.com.

Thurs., July 27

• At Hudson Library, at 3:30 PM, the library welcomes Big Bang Boom! There will be dancing, singing, and lots of fun! Big Bang Boom is a band made up of three dads playing parent-friendly kid music. This is a high-energy show, and both parents and children will find it hard to stay in their seats!

Fri., July 28

• At Hudson Library, Community Coffee with the Mayor at 11 a.m. in the Hudson Library Meeting Room. The B.E.A.R. Task Force will give an update on how to be BearWise and Animal Enforcement Update with HPD Officer Leah McCall.

• At Highlands Sotheby's in Bryson's Corner at 4th and Main streets, a free Artist Reception from 4 - 6 pm.

Sat., July 29

• At HUMC, Author's Tea, Saturday from 2-4p. with Beatriz Williams, author of over 20 best selling historical fiction books. Tables of 8 are \$200. Individual Tickets are \$25 and available at the church office on Main Street. Proceeds to benefit the Highlands Christmas Parade Camels.

Wed., Aug. 2

• At First Presbyterian Church, the Interlude Concert Series concert at 2pm on Wednesday, August 2, featuring classical guitarists Andrew York and David Mattingly. The concert is free.

Thurs., Aug 3

• At CLE, from 2 to 4 p.m., Ron Suskind will discuss "Leadership Challenges in the Digital Age." For most of his career, Suskind has examined and written about leadership in both the public and private sector. He is the author of signature investigations of leadership for The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. He is the author of four bestselling books on U.S. Presidents that shaped history. Cost is \$30/\$40 Member/Non-Member for each presentation. Register to attend online at www.clehighlands.com or by calling (828) 526-8811.

• The Highlands Biological Foundation's annual Zahner Conservation Lecture series program at 6 p.m., featuring Drs. Jane Eastman and Brett Riggs of Western Carolina University (WCU) as they present "Archaeoastronomy in Southwestern North Carolina." In ancient Cherokee perspective, the matters of this world, the Above World and the Beneath World intertwine, and Cherokee peoples constructed ritual landscapes to engage the beings and forces of these realms. Recent investigations in the Little Tennessee River Valley have found one such landscape that marks astronomical phenomena and bespeaks sophisticated systems for measuring calendrical time and the cycles central to Cherokee life.

Fri. Aug. 4

• At CLE, from 2 to 4 p.m., Suskind will return to CLE to present his family's heartwarming story "Life Animated: A Tale of Autism, Hidden Potential, and Love." Ron will describe the Suskinds' two-decade journey in connecting with their youngest son Owen, who was



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• At Hudson Library, best-selling author Katherine Reay on Friday at 4 PM. Katherine Reay will be at the library for a Books & Bites talk about her latest historical fiction release, *A Shadow in Moscow*.

• At the Nature Center, prepare to be captivated by the mesmerizing beauty and profound significance of the southern Appalachian region as the Highlands Nature Center invites you to a free screening of the critically acclaimed documentary *The River Runs On* on Friday at 6 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 5

• The annual Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House. Free hotdogs and firetruck rides, 11a to 3p at the new station, 149 Franklin Road. Celebrating 70 years of service.

Sun. Aug. 6

• The Highlands Historical Society presents its annual fundraiser, Big Hats-Bow Ties at an estate on Kettle Rock. Brunch starts at 12:30.

Classical guitarists to perform

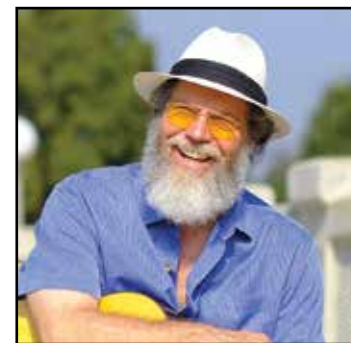


Andrew York

At First Presbyterian Church, the Interlude Concert Series concert at 2pm on Wednesday, August 2, features classical guitarists Andrew York and David Mattingly. The concert is free.

Grammy award winner Andrew York is one of today's best loved composers for classical guitar as well as a performer of international stature. His compositions blend the styles of ancient eras with modern musical directions, creating music that is at once vital, multi-leveled, and accessible.

Stephen Mattingly is Associate Professor of Music at the



David Mattingly.

University of Louisville, where he directs classical guitar studies. He is a member of the Kentucky Arts Council Performing Arts Directory and has performed at Carnegie Hall, in Poland, Panama, and Germany. Dress is casual; come as you are. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

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five, competing with teams from much larger cities and towns.

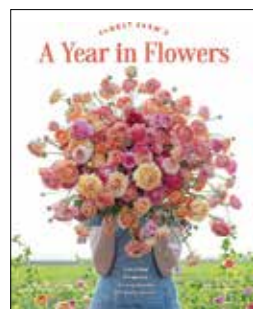
Highlands scored 490, Franklin Amateur Swim Team (FAST) scored 944, Jackson County Swim Team 194, Smoky Mountain Aquatics Club (SMAC) based in Waynesville 191, and Cherokee County Aquatics Club (CCAC) from Murphy 187. The Hurricanes brought home 69 medals, 39 of them gold.

Team wins All Star meet; heads Iowa. On Saturday, July 22, 32 Highlands Hurricanes swimmers traveled to Sylva for the 2023 MSL (Mountain Swim League) All Star Swim Meet. There are five teams in the MSL and Highlands won.

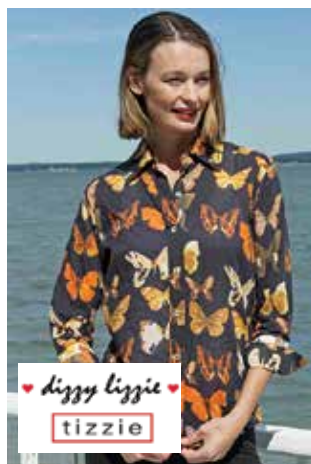
The Hurricanes scored 293 to FAST's 258, SMAC's 121, CCAC's 97 and JCST's 95.

The Hurricanes brought home 10 trophies and 58 medals.

The next meet for the Hurricanes is Jr. Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa July 27-30. Eleven Hurricanes will be joining three other members from the MSL to compete as Team MSL.



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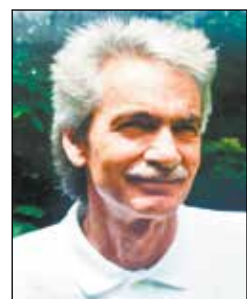


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It has seemingly transcended almost all national as well as religious lines. Its words are known by many people in many places. It is heard in places of worship and in places of tragedy. It is the healing balm in times of crisis. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound!

When did you first hear it?

I was just a young boy. My Dad was the lead singer for a Southern Gospel trio. On their second album (of seven) recorded in 1958 Dad sang Amazing Grace. In that recording he included a recitation of how he personally became acquainted with God's Amazing Grace. It was a testimony recounting the events leading up to his conversion. He told how he had become a Christian. A Follower of Jesus Christ. Do you have a similar testimony?

Many of you may already know, however, the author of Amazing Grace, John Newton, lived and wrote a couple of centuries earlier from 1725-1807.

At age 11 he began his life as a "rough, debauched seaman." He was engaged in capturing slaves from West Africa and then selling them in slave markets around the world. By a bizarre turn of events, Newton himself a virtual slave for 18 months. He later wrote that during that time "even the African slaves would try to smuggle him food from their own slim rations." Once freed (and not many months later) the ship he was on encountered a fierce storm. Newton feared for his life, called out to God, and was saved by Amazing Grace.

He died at the age of 82. On his tombstone one can read these words:

"John Newton, Clerk, Once an Infidel and Libertine, A Servant of Slaves in Africa, was by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the Faith he had long labored to destroy. He ministered near 17 years as curate and vicar of Olney in Bucks, and 28 as rector of these united parishes."

The word "Grace" appears 166 times in Scripture. Our daughter is named Charis. It is the Greek word for Grace. Grace has been defined by an acrostic as well as by a comparison.

The acrostic says: G-God's; R-Riches; A-At; C-Christ's; E-Expense

The comparison says, "Mercy is when you don't get what you do deserve. As sinners we do deserve judgment, separation and hell. But Grace is when you do get what you don't deserve."

And a sinner may (and will) receive forgiveness, pardon and eternal life when they turn to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith.

So the question is, "Have you received Grace?" Receiving from Jesus Christ what you do not really deserve? And if

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Highlands Police entries from July 17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

July 13

• At 2:50 p.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism by spray painting rocks and trees on the Greenway.

July 17

• At 3:32 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

July 18

• At 6:55 p.m., officers received a report of someone dumping trash a 585 n. 5th Street.

July 22

• A little past midnight, officers received a call about an assault on a female in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from July 17.

July 17

• At 3:32 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

July 18

• A little after midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on View Point Road.

• At 1:04 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on Big Bearpen Road.

• At 6:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Glenn Falls Road.

• At 7:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a report of a gas leak at a residence on Worley Road.

July 19

• At 10:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Biscuit Rock Road.

July 20

• At 10:06 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Blue Valley Road.

July 21

• A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• At 10:12 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Garnet Rock Trail.

• At 1:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at Skyline Lodge.

• At 2:46 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at a location in Highlands Plaza.

• At 9:44 p.m. the dept. responded to a call of a transformer on fire on US 64 east.

July 22

• A little past midnight the dept. was first-responders to a location in Highlands Plaza.

• At 10:07 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Worley road.

• At 1:56 p.m., the dept. responders to a fire alarm at a residence on Morewood Road.

• At 1:59 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Webbmont Road.

• At 2:37 p.m., the dept. responded to a miscellaneous fire at a business on Oak Street.

• At 7:41 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on

• At 11:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on W. Cypress Lane.

July 23

• At 7:44 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the hospital.

• At 1:24 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clearview Lane.

• At 2:12 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street

July 24

• At 12:07 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Rod

• At 1:23 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Main Street.

• At 4:03 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on NC 106.

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so, What if you then treated others the same way Jesus has treated you? Give to others what they don't really deserve! When you're mistreated, extend Grace. When you're treated rudely, extend Grace. And, so it goes on and on.

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A fundraising success!

Dear Editor

I love our community! The Highlands Performing Arts Center held another fundraiser this past week, the Historic Satulah Home & Garden Tour. This community came out to support our efforts. Not only the attendees but also the long list of volunteers.

A very special Thank you to Debi Bock & Laura Harris for chairing this amazing event and their committee: Keith Crawford, Rachel Friday, Dennis Leftwich, Linda Kirkman, Sandi Trevathan, Jane Webb, Darren Whatley served as our advisor and coordinator, Marjorie Christiansen for marketing.

This event happened because of the generosity of the homeowners allowing their homes and gardens to be open to the public: Maria & Rob Sharpe, Darren

Whatley & David Moore, Jessica & Christian Haberkern, Racheal & Will Peek, Katherine & John Lee, Cathy Henson & Chris Carpenter and Pam & Chuck Auster. Thank you!

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The homes and gardens needed docents and the shuttles needed drivers.

Thank you to all the volunteer docents and the drivers who filled the 186 time slots. Again, this event wouldn't have happened without you.

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I said it was a long list. I sincerely thank every person who had a hand in making this event happen and ensuring its success.

I also want to thank the people who attended, again it wouldn't have been a success if you hadn't come.

Thank you all for being part of this supportive community.

Mary Adair Trumbly
Ex. Director PAC

...ANNA continued from page 1

we picked her up," said Gerri.

They put Anna in the car where she settled comfortably in her new bed for the four-hour trip back to Highlands.

Once home on Edwards Creek Road down in Horse Cove, all was well until Gerri and Dick decided to go outside for a walk to introduce her to her new surroundings. They slipped a collar around her neck, attached the leash ... and that's when everything changed.

Anna grew up on a farm, so a collar, which wasn't necessary, was foreign to her. As soon as she felt it around her neck, she slipped out of it and was off.

Now Anna is roaming far and wide and has been spotted all over Highlands late at night or during the wee hours of the morning - on the Bowery, at Highlands Falls Country Club, at The Bascom, next to Playmore on Horse Cove Road, on Hicks Road, on Dog Mountain and most recently on Big Bearpen.

Illuminated by headlights, she has darted in front of moving cars, been seen with something in her mouth on the side of the road but

by all accounts, 22-lb Anna looks healthy and happy until someone approaches her.

"She is being seen all over but no one knows how to help her since she runs every time anyone makes a gesture toward her," said friend Helen Moore.

Gerri says Anna is very shy and scared of people, especially men.

"So, despite all the sightings, she won't come close. There are literally three to four sightings a day and there have been 25 attempts to get her, but she just runs," she said.

Gerri thinks she is trying to get back to Tennessee.

"Her last memory is of that farm, her home in Tennessee. I think she's looking for that farm."

Anna is 12 weeks out from her last pregnancy and hasn't been spayed yet. She is very distinctive because her left ear was mutilated by a dog bite years ago, so it's smaller than the right ear.

"She is used to being a farm dog - she never left the farm - and she is in defense mode," said Gerri.

According to veterinarian

Dr. Brad of the Animal Wellness Hospital there really isn't anything anyone can do short of a tranquilizer gun but he said that's not a good option.

"If she is shot with a tranquilizer, she could still run off and hide and would then be subject to a predator," said Gerri.

Dr. Brad said to approach very slowly and quietly, get on the ground and offer her some kind of meat.

Gerri is pretty sure she is sleeping all day and roaming at night because the sightings have been between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Gerri and Dick are hoping for a happy ending -- and at this point so is all of Highlands.

They know when she is found and returned they will have to figure out a way to make it work for her and them.

"Our challenge will only begin," said Gerri.

If you see Anna, heed Dr. Brad's words if you approach and then call or text Gerri and Dick at 352-217-0022.

- Kim Lewicki

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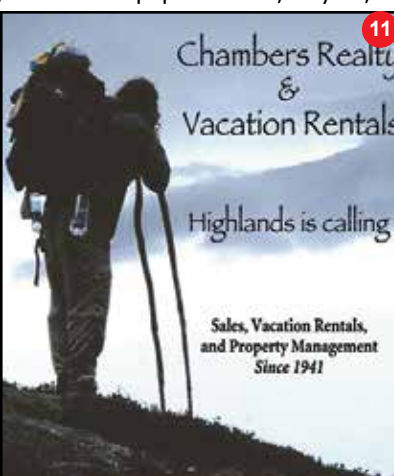
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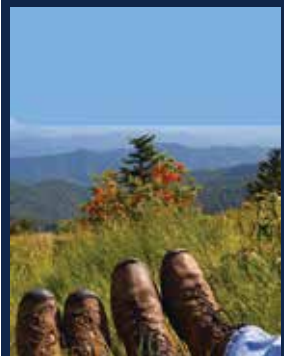
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