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Jackson County BOC hears update on Cashiers recodification project

BY BETH LAWRENCE
The Sylva Herald

Jackson County commissioners recently received an update on the Cashiers community's efforts to update planning and zoning laws to better reflect the area's goals.

ReCodify Cashiers is an effort to rewrite the community's 20-year-old codes.

"A lot of things have changed, including the Cashiers area," Jackson County Planning Director Mike Poston said.

Parts of the code have been

changed, but the full document needed upgrading.

Chad Meadows of CodeWright Planners, the Raleigh-based firm drafting the new codes, presented plans to commissioners at June's work session.

The seven-step process began in January.

The ReCodify Cashiers project is the result of recommendations of the Cashiers Small Area Plan, an Urban Land Institute study, and community wishes.

Having community input during this process was important so that adjustments "reflect the com-

munity," Poston said.

CodeWright launched a webpage, recodifycashiers.com, held meetings with Cashiers planning and held public forums to gather community input.

All of the documents presented by Meadows are posted to the website for people to follow along with throughout the process.

In May, CodeWright and stakeholders came up with a community character description they feel will define the town and create a direction for future codes and planning processes. They believe community charac-

ter will help to create a blueprint for county Unified Development Ordinances regarding Cashiers.

The project is now in the annotated outline process to lay out a direction for changes, and Meadows is expected to present a draft of his recommended changes to the Cashiers regulations in August.

One goal is to identify the types of development Cashiers would like to host.

"We want to use community character as the primary review criteria for new forms of applications," Meadows said. "One

of the things we've learned over the years is taking the time up front ... to identify preferred development, kinds of things the community says, 'We want this.' And then we make those kinds of developments easy to do. We remove obstructions from preferred kinds of development."

It is also important to build flexible alternatives into the code and encourage good or preferred forms of development, Meadows said.

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Providing support when needed



File photo

The Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad's ladies auxiliary group is hosting its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday night at the main building next to Blue Ridge School. The dinner is dine-in or take out, and a silent auction will also be held that evening.

Rescue Squad's annual spaghetti dinner to be held Saturday night

BY MICHAEL O'HEARN
Staff

The Glenville Cashiers Rescue Squad's annual spaghetti dinner is coming back this year on July 15, which is put on by the organization's auxiliary group.

The auxiliary provides the rescue squad with support through food, drinks, moral support, and prayers.

"The reason the auxiliary does this is to raise money that, in turn, sup-

ports us," GCRS Chief Jeff Stewart said. "Eight o'clock in the evening, we're out in the woods somewhere, I'll pick up the phone and call some of these ladies and, within an hour, we've got food where we need it. It's just in support of what we do. You won't believe how important that is to know that something is coming, something to eat or whatever that may be."

The dinner is from 5-8

p.m., or while supplies last, at the GCRS building located next to Blue Ridge School. There is no formal charge or need to RSVP for the dinner.

During the event, the organization will also host a silent auction including a selection of prizes, ranging from gift certificates to other offerings donated by local businesses.

"The meal consists of spaghetti, salad, bread,

dessert and drink, and we are asking for donations for the meal," GCRS auxiliary treasurer Wendy Stewart said. "There will also be a small silent auction for which bids will be taken and items will be awarded to the highest bidder. The money for the auction will need to be in the form of a check or cash."

The auction will be smaller than in previous years, Wendy Stewart said.

Dinner will be available for dine in at the GCRS building or to-go, and individuals do not need to be present to win in the auction since the winners will be contacted by phone. Payment for the auction can be done by cash or check.

The auxiliary group's purpose is to provide the rescue squad with support by supplying them with

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Appalachian Growers hosting hemp seminar on Thursday

BY NICK CHILDS
Staff

What's the deal with Delta-8, Delta-9, and CBD? Which product may be best for you?

Cashiers Valley Fusion, a holistic wellness center focusing on an array of services including yoga, massages, journaling, and Parkinson's classes, will partner with Appalachian Growers on Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. to address hemp-derived products and answer any questions.

Lori Lacy, co-founder of Appalachian Growers will visit Cashiers Valley Fusion to help answer questions and describe products so attendees may find a product that might work for them. Lacy will describe the various growing processes, the certification process, possible and purported benefits of use, and methods of use.

Complimentary samples will be provided to attendees who register online at www.fusion-yogaandwellness.com/workshops. Registration is required before the event so Appalachian Growers can supply the samples, but the event is free. Attendees will also be entered to win a prize bundle.

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Cashiers resident spearheading jam sessions at library

BY MICHAEL O'HEARN
Staff

Bust out your guitars, tune your instruments, and prepare to jam with other local musicians at a new offering that will be held at least every other Sunday at the Cashiers library.

Nancy Kovacs has arranged for community jam sessions at the library and her first session is on Sunday afternoon. She said she was inspired to create

the sessions by observing a similar event that had been going on for years at the library in Bryson City.

When Kovacs brought the idea to Albert-Carlton Cashiers Librarian Serenity Richards, she said Richards was over the moon and delighted to rent the library's community room at no charge for the sessions.

There is no charge to join the jam sessions at the Cashiers library, and

Kovacs added she is uncertain about the frequency of the meetings. That would depend on the level of interest from attendees and availability of the library's community room.

The genre of music does not matter either, ranging from folk music to acoustic rock, to Americana and traditional tunes. A piano is available on site for anyone who wants to channel their inner Bruce Hornsby.

Kovacs and her hus-

band retired to Cashiers and moved from Ohio, and previously she played informally with a group in Columbus, Ohio.

"Folks could come in and bring their instruments, you didn't have to pre-register, and we had all skill levels and ages," Kovacs said. "There was an amazing amount of instruments and talent, and we played there in what I would call quasi-public spaces. We'd play at farm-

ers market, and folks would stop by with their kids and there would be a few instruments set out for children to play with."

The jam sessions in Ohio eventually started collecting donations in a guitar case, which were put into scholarships for students.

"I thought there would be something like that locally here that I could participate in," Kovacs said. "I'd been searching for

a couple of years, and although there seems to be a lot of people playing live music at the restaurants and venues throughout town, they are all professional or semi-professional. I'm certainly not good enough to do that, but I do enjoy making music and singing with other people."

For more information about the sessions, email Kovacs at nancykovacs@gmail.com or call her at 937-508-5339.

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Cut back on permits

Meadows noted a “desire to move away from” special use permits for larger projects.

“That has not served the community well, nor has it served the county well,” he said.

The answer, he said, was conditional rezoning that would allow the board to “use its legislative discretion” and allow the board, Cashiers planning and county planning to have discussions with applicants

and the community and to negotiate.

“Those are three pretty important things particularly when it comes to larger developments,” Meadows said. “Nine times out of 10, the folks who are bringing those developments, it’s not the first time they’ve gone through the development review process. They know what they want; they know what they’re looking for. You guys know what you’re looking for, and we can just dispense with all the silence and all the ex parte communication barriers that we have and get right into negotiation and discussion.”

Special use permits would remain in place for certain developments.

Staff will also have greater power and be allowed to approve certain smaller projects.

Changes to districts would create mixed use commercial and residential districts and a wider range of residential uses. This was proposed based on community feedback.

Residents expressed the need for more housing because housing was costly and difficult to find in Cashiers, and more places were needed for seasonal workers and lower or middle-income families.

Some subdistricts will remain commercial or residential only.

A new standard would also require open spaces in commercial areas in addition to residential, but the definition would be changed to include man-made spaces such as outdoor dining, performance venues and plazas rather than only natural space.

The plan would also attempt to address traffic congestion.

Options Meadows suggested were additional side streets created by “the private sector,” land uses that don’t require people to drive and encouraging

development that makes it easier for pedestrians or cyclists with shorter block lengths and sidewalk and trail requirements.

The new code will also have illustrations, more precise language, and measurable review criteria.

Adding illustrations and clearer language are steps county planning has taken in the last year to clear up zoning questions in other parts of the county.

Meadows also suggested incentivizing sustainability by giving developers credits such as waiving a height restriction or another requirement if the builder includes sustainable compo-

nents like energy efficiency or saving trees.

“Do they have to do that stuff?” Meadows said. “No, they don’t. But there should be a reward for them to do that.”

The annotated outline is expected to be complete soon. A draft of the ordinance is expected by August, and the final text amendment proposal is expected to be presented to commissioners in October.

To learn more or leave feedback, visit recodifycashiers.com.

The Crossroads Chronicle editor Michael O’Hearn contributed to this story.

HEMP

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Appalachian Growers is a USDA, Good Manufacturing Practices, and Good Agricultural Practices certified organic hemp farm in Franklin. They specialize in full-spectrum products that can potentially bring benefits like easing pain and anxiety or sleep assistance.

Lacy described Appalachian Growers’ history and the certification process.

“[Steve Yuzzi and I] got together in 2017 and wanted to do something that made a difference... Hemp wasn’t really at the forefront of our minds at the time, but my daughter had two autoimmune diseases and she was using CBD oil to help with the inflammation,” she said.

She found that when they attempted to contact the companies for more information on the products, the presence of heavy metals, and additional testings, they wouldn’t hear back from companies. From here, Lacy was inspired to make her own hemp company where customers could ensure they were getting a safe, genuine product from an expert who could answer their questions.

She and Yuzzi began doing their research. They needed to find out more about the hemp plant and its properties, reported benefits, and ways to grow it safely. They decided to become organic certified.

The first year was an expensive learning curve where they became certified and learned the ins and outs of the hemp industry. To get an organic certification, Appalachian Growers

farmed for a year to prove the land and product lacked chemicals, pesticides, and other dangerous substances. By year two, the company was organic certified and used good manufacturing practices that ensured a sound and reliable product for customers.

Differences between Delta 8, Delta 9, CBD, and THC

Delta 8, Delta 9, CBD, THC and an assortment of other cannabinoids are all derived from species of cannabis and hemp plants in the Cannabaceae family. While hemp products may be legally sold if under a THC potency limit, the industry is largely unregulated.

Appalachian Growers is certified by the USDA, but due to the complicated legal status of THC, pharmaceutical power, and limited studies, the FDA has not approved claims about hemp. Some claim that CBD and other hemp products may help with sleep, anxiety, inflammation, nausea, appetite, pain, and more ailments. Appalachian Growers cannot recommend products or make claims about their properties and uses.

The marijuana plants differ from other hemp plants by the presence of Delta 9-THC, the main cannabinoid the high is attributed to. Products, like CBD and some delta products, must legally be derived from strains of hemp under 0.3 percent presence by dry weight, according to Healthline.

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp seeds and plants under that 0.3 percent presence from the DEA’s controlled substances, authorizing legal growth of the plant in the

United States. This paved the way for derivative products, such as CBD, to be commercialized. Following this, there has been a market explosion of hemp and cannabis products, from balms or lotions to vapes and pre-rolls. CBD is perhaps the most notable, but delta 8 products are also large contenders, although delta 8 products swim in a murkier legal area.

CBD is one of the main cannabinoids, or chemicals, derived from hemp plants. It lacks a high presence of THC. Lacy said some CBD users claim to experience positive effects, like calming or pain relief.

“Know where you’re buying it from, make sure it’s third party tested for additional solvents and potency,” Lacy said.

There is currently no regulatory board in North Carolina. Hemp is regulated by the USDA, but Lacy said the lack of regulation at the beginning has made it difficult to properly regulate hemp after legalization.

“We have to create a system where we’re not taking away people’s livelihoods and businesses, but also creating some regulations that can help give customers confidence,” she said. “Delta 8 can be psychoactive. People need to be careful on the milligrams they’re producing.”

She added that along with testing, regulation needs to address packaging, including total milligrams per dose and preventing packaging that can appeal to children.

Appalachian Growers sells products that are a very low milligram, but they can still affect different people differently. She encourages people to use moderation if using hemp products. She encourages people to start

at a low milligram and then work their way up to find a desired effect.

Proper regulation could lead to a better awareness and allow more studies, which could support or reject claims about the products.

Status in North Carolina

While hemp is legal, marijuana and related cannabinoids are not.

There are currently two proposed bills circulating in the state legislature. Senate Bill 346, which proposes recreational legalization, was introduced in March. It has made very little progress through the Senate.

Senate Bill 3, however, was approved by the Senate and is now circulating in the House. This bill, also referred to as the NC Compassionate Care Act, aims to legalize medicinal marijuana.

Senate Bill 3 would create a Compassionate Use Advisory Board consisting of 11 appointed members including doctors, a pharmacist, a research scientist, and patients.

Medicinal cannabis is something Lacy would support if it were properly regulated to ensure patients who choose that route can get a safe product for their health.

If the North Carolina

House approves SB 3, it could stand a shot of approval from the governor’s desk. Gov. Roy Cooper has previously expressed interest in approving regulated medicinal marijuana.

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with food, drinks, moral support, and prayers.

“The ladies pay for meals for the squad at local restaurants in the event that they are later getting back from a rescue,” Stewart

said. “At their weekly meetings, snacks are provided for the squad by the ladies and, if at any time the squad is in need, the ladies are there to support and provide for those needs. Throughout the year, the ladies also provide appreciation dinners for the squad members to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Glenville and Cashiers communities.”

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In honor of the many rugged and beautiful trails found in the Yosemite of the East, the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society staff named this dog Miles.

One of the many Miles in Panthertown Valley

BY DAVID STROUD
Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society Executive Director

Our just-down-the-street cherished and beloved neighbor, Panthertown Valley, also known as “the Yosemite of the East,” has 30 miles of Nantahala National Forest back-country trails and U.S. Forest Service roads. But for a brief time this past February, Panthertown actually had 31 miles.

That’s because a Good Samaritan hiking in Panthertown came across a stray dog wandering along one of the trails. The dog had no collar or tag, and he was hungry and cold. The hiker was able to coax the pup into her car and they made the short drive from Panthertown to the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. We scanned this handsome hound for a microchip, but there wasn’t one. So we gave him safe refuge at our no-kill shelter, and in honor of the many rugged and beautiful trails found in the Yosemite of the East, we named this dog Miles.

Miles was never claimed by anyone in the days, weeks and months that followed. We always hate to think that someone would ever intentionally set their pet loose, and we don’t know if that is what happened to Miles. But we’re also not naïve, so although we hate to think that it happens, we know for a fact that it sometimes

does. Nevertheless, we are thankful that we had a clean, warm and safe space for Miles to stay, plenty of food for his empty tummy, and all the vaccinations and preventatives he needed to achieve a clean bill of health.

We estimate that Miles is about three years old. He likes everyone he meets, gets along with the other dogs in our acres of outdoor play yards, and as far as cats go, well, this dog is a hound, after all. He would do best in a home that didn’t have felines that he could chase all day. And that ideal home would have a fenced-in yard and loving humans who live an active lifestyle that would give Miles plenty of opportunity for exercise and adventure.

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Rock for Rescues

Speaking of cherished and beloved neighbors, this Saturday, July 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. is Rock for Rescues, Chinquapin’s annual benefit concert for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. Please join us at Chinquapin’s Outpost Event Center, located at 2965 Breedlove Road, which coincidentally, is on the way to the Salt Rock Gap trailhead of Panthertown Valley. Guests will enjoy a fabulous evening of live music, food, wine and beer, and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the rescued animals like Miles at our no-kill shelter. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 12. To purchase advance tickets online, go to square.link/u/XD61YanI.

Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society is located at 200 Gable Drive in Sapphire, one and a half miles east of the Cashiers Ingles supermarket in between Cedar Creek Club and Lonesome Valley on Highway 64 East. CHHS is open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

SCC holding annual Boots and Bling gala in late September

Since holding its first fundraising gala in 2015, the Southwestern Community College Foundation has raised \$676,000 to support student scholarships.

SCC is looking to help even more students this year when it holds “Boots, Blue Jeans and Bling” on Sept. 23 at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. It’s the eighth straight year the college’s largest fundraiser has been hosted at Harrah’s.

This year’s gala will be held in the Events Center at Harrah’s. Asheville-based band Crocodile Smile will perform, and guests will enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by

Harrah’s chefs.

Other activities include a silent auction, wine pull, corn hole, photo booth and dancing. A unique cocktail will also be curated especially for the evening.

“Thanks to the generosity of our friends in the community – and at Harrah’s – we have built some amazing momentum in our fundraising efforts,” SCC President Don Tomas said. “We are excited to see what we can accomplish this year on behalf of our students.”

Individual tickets cost \$150, and table sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Contributing sponsorship opportunities

are also available.

“My favorite moment every year at the gala is when our students stand up on the main stage and share a little bit about their journey and about how Southwestern had helped to change the trajectory of their lives,” said Wendy LeMay, who serves as co-chair of SCC’s Gala Planning Committee. “Our students are the reason we hold this event every year.”

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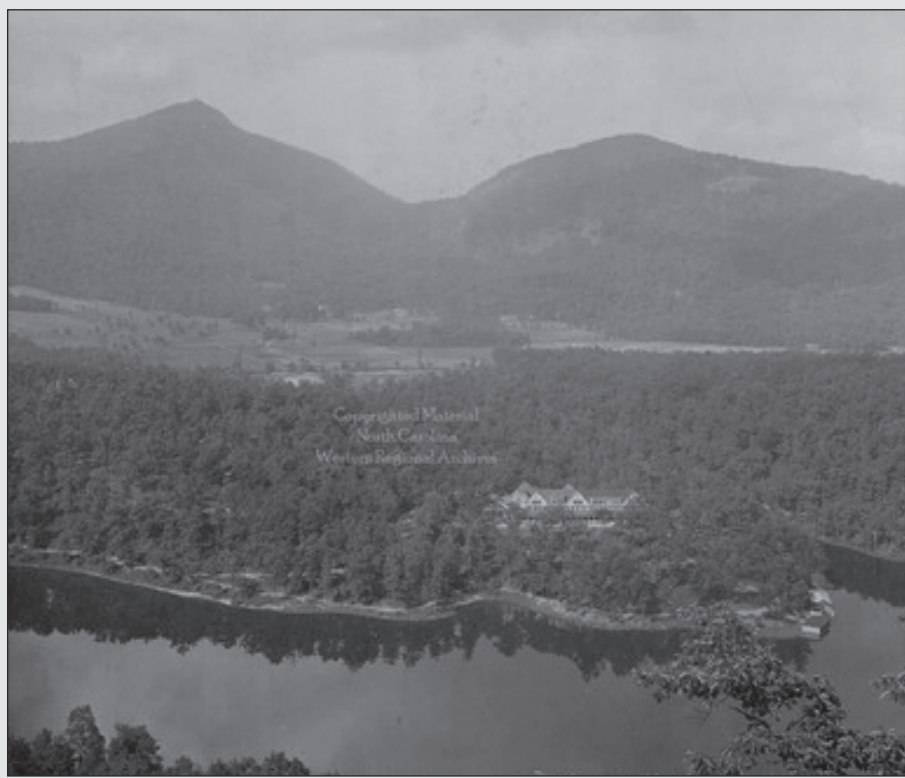


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Historical View



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This photograph taken by William Henry Jackson (1843-1942) was published by the Detroit Photographic Company, which began as a photographic publishing firm in the 1890s before changing its name to Detroit Publishing Company in 1905. The photograph is part of a collection documenting the activities of the Appalachian National Park Association. The association, founded in 1899, played a key role in the movement for the establishment of a national park in the Southern Appalachians. George S. Powell was the association’s first president and Asheville physician Dr. Chase P. Ambler (1865-1932) was the secretary. Ambler deposited this collection in 1929 to the State Archives of North Carolina at Raleigh from where they were moved in 2012 to the Western Regional Archives located in Asheville.

Historical View highlights photos from throughout Cashier’s colorful history. Submit your own photo by emailing editor@crossroadschronicle.com, mailing them to P.O. Box 1040, Cashiers, NC, 28717 or bringing them to our office at the Shoppes on the Green on U.S. Hwy. 64 West.

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EDITORIAL

Trio of community events this weekend help local organizations

Summertime seems to be the best time for our local organizations to be hosting fundraisers or food drives.

In weeks past, the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society hosted its Whiskers and Whiskey event, Mountain Youth Charities held a barn dance in Glenville, and there is more to come this month.

There are a few major ones coming up on Saturday in Glenville and Cashiers that should be on your calendar if they haven't been noted already.

First, the Cashiers Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry is hosting its biannual food drive starting Saturday morning at the building behind the Cashiers Fire Department.

While the needs have gone up, the assistance from the MANNA FoodBank has gone down, so it is critical that the food pantry get as much food from local sources as possible.

That means more food from Ingles and Cashiers residents is needed these days compared to previous years, especially in a post-pandemic setting.

The food pantry is in need of a lot of items, from canned goods, to condiments, to body care items such as shampoo.

Whatever you can give on Saturday is going to be greatly appreciated by the volunteers at Fishes and Loaves, and keep your eyes peeled over the coming months on all the expansion activity happening there.

On Saturday night, the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad's ladies auxiliary group is holding its annual spaghetti dinner to assist the volunteer first responders that dedicate their resources and time to the community.

The ladies auxiliary provides everything from food to moral support for the men and women who go out on calls around the clock.

Now that we are squarely in the clutches of the Summer season, those calls have only gone up, meaning the need for support is greater.

Without organizations such as the rescue squad and the food pantry, things would look a lot different for Cashiers residents.

Finally, the Chiquapin community in Cashiers is hosting its Rock for Rescues fundraiser for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society on Saturday night. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 12.

The event is being held at the Chiquapin Outpost Center and is another way the humane society raises funds for the animals in its care. Enjoy live music, food, and libations while at the event while hanging out with some of the cutest animals on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau.

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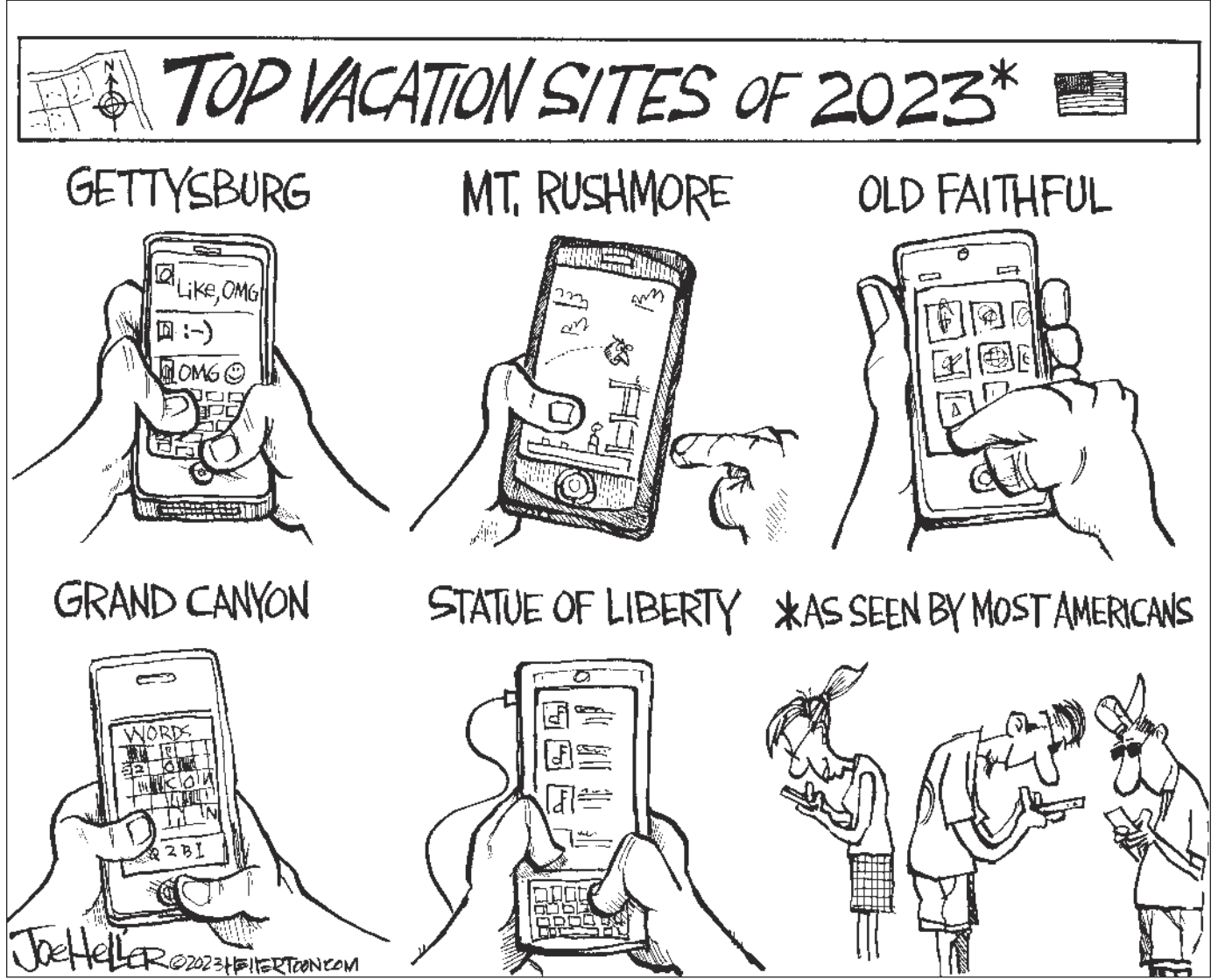
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Cashiers Historical Society has busy schedule



Sandi Rogers
Columnist

We are officially in the third quarter of 2023. Happy Summer. But where has the year gone?

The last few weeks have been busy at the Cashiers Historical Society, with a variety of "happenings" and the next few weeks offer the same busy schedule with a number of events on campus or in the community.

No time to put one's feet up and relax with all that is planned, but a reflection of all that has been accomplished is in order.

A look back

The 2023 season of events opened with the second year of Airing of the Quilts. There were over 100 quilts with a special collection honoring the Quilts of Valor.

Individuals had an opportunity to sample pies of all varieties, make a bitty broom, a corn husk doll and paint a barn square. There was a blacksmith on the grounds and two special guests, Betsy Ross (Piper Snowy) and George Washington (Warren Hudson).

The theme this year was Flag Day and Betsy and

George made sure every guest received a flag.

Two other events in June included the Jan Wyatt "Talking Trout" symposium held at Lonesome Valley with several well-known speakers, a wonderful lunch and demonstrations in the afternoon.

Also, the first of the Mountain Heritage Lecture Series took place. This lecture was presented by Luke Manget with a topic that covered ginseng and other medicinal plants native to the Appalachian region.

The busy schedule continues

The last three weeks this month, CHS will have campers from the Boys and Girls Club and from the High Hampton summer program. Each group will explore the grounds and buildings as well as completing a craft or two.

Leadership Cashiers V returns for a session with presentations from Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, CHS and other groups. For the first time, the Valley Garden Club will visit, hold their meeting for the month and have an old fashion plant swap.

A stop at CHS on July 14 and 15 is included in this year's Joy Garden Tour. The tour will showcase four exquisite gardens along the historic Hwy. 107 corridor

and Elvira's Kitchen Garden at the Historical Society. Finally, CHS and the Friends of the Library will co-host a lecture Friday, July 21 beginning at 3 p.m. featuring Dr. George McDaniel. This lecture will be at the Albert Carlton Library.

Elvira's Kitchen Garden

Mentioned above was Elvia's Kitchen Garden at CHS as a stop on the Joy Garden Tour. While the garden has been a labor of love by several board members, spouses, and other volunteers, the financial assistance from Cedar Creek the last four years makes the garden possible.

Joy Garden participants will see pole beans, corn, crookneck squash, cucumber, cayenne peppers and red leaf lettuce, all heirloom seeds growing in the garden.

Marigolds have been planted to help keep the insects away since no pesticides are used as well as no fertilizer. In addition, two medicinal flowers, spiderwort and echinacea are found in the garden's corners.

A little bit about Elvira

In 2017, Mary Palmer Dargan was the featured presenter in that year's Jan Wyatt Symposium. She led the participants through a discussion of Elvira Evelina

Keener Zachary and her garden.

Elvira was called a "can-do" kind of gal who married the ambitious and hard-working Mordecai in 1852 and together they were the proprietors of the Greek Reveal Boarding House. Her parents were the Rev. Ulrich Keener and Sarah Duckett Keener.

Rev. Keener was the first minister to the Cherokee and learned to speak their language. He taught each of his children to speak Cherokee and it is known that Elvira could speak and read Cherokee as well as write the language and even sing Cherokee songs.

She went on to teach all 13 of her children to speak Cherokee. Interestingly, the Zachary in the 1870s were bilingual speaking both English and Cherokee. Elvira was a very interesting woman. Maybe "Elvira's Back Porch" will continue research into her life.

Cashiers Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization located at 1940 highway 107 South. For information, contact the office at 828-743-7710. Sandi Rogers is a staff member of CHS. She is site manager and coordinates events and educational activities. She is a retired educator and lead teacher from Blue Ridge School.



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Submitted photo

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry hosting summer drive Saturday morning

It's easy to help the community's food insecure. The items in the above photo can be found in your pantry or on grocery store's shelves to donate to the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry's food drive on Saturday at the food pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to grab your bags of food. The pantry is located at 49 Frank Allen Rd. behind the Cashiers Glenville fire station.

Jackson County Board of Elections gets new members

BY DAVE RUSSELL
The Sylva Herald

The State Board of Elections on June 27 sent out a list of incoming members of county Boards of Election and approved temporary rules related to the implementation of the photo ID requirement for voting in North Carolina elections.

The state board appoints four board members – two Democrats and two Republicans – to each of the 100 county boards of elections.

Jackson County is set to get one new board member and Gov. Roy Cooper is expected to name Kirk Stephens board chair again, according to county Elections Director Lisa Lovedahl.

Current Republican board members Gail Debnam and Doug Cody

will step away, and former board secretary Jean Ellen Forrister is deceased.

Joining the board will be former Clerk of Court Ann Melton. Joe Henry Ward returns. The two will represent the Democratic Party on the board.

The two Republicans are Ron Mau and Michael Moore.

At noon on July 18, the members will be sworn in at the Jackson County Board of Elections at 876 Skyland Drive. County board members serve two-year terms.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when voting in person and via absentee ballot, starting with this fall's municipal elections. The agency is proposing rules to ensure uniform, standard implementation of the photo ID requirements in all 3,000-

plus polling locations and among all 100 county boards of elections.

The Board unanimously approved a "Photo ID Exception Form" for in-person voters and a "Photo ID Exception Form for Absentee Voting."

Under N.C.G.S. § 163-166.16, the State Board must adopt a reasonable impediment exemption form which must "at a minimum" include specific reasons listed in the statute that a voter may select. Any voter who claims an exception to presenting photo ID – due to a reasonable impediment, religious objection to being photographed, or a recent natural disaster – must attest that they are the voter casting the ballot, they are voting a provisional ballot and they qualify for the exception.

PUBLIC RECORD

Arrests report

The following individuals from Glenville, Cashiers, Tuckasee, Cullowhee, or Sapphire were arrested recently by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, including:

Randall Eugene Fowler, 57, Glenville, assault on a female, simple assault, written promise.

Devan Cunningham, 30, Cullowhee, simple assault, written promise.

Michael Dewayne Putman, 39, Cullowhee, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of meth, felony possession of schedule II substance, possession with intent to distribute meth, maintaining a vehicle for drugs, possession with intent to distribute schedule II drugs, \$50,000 secured bond.

Cory Clyde Keith Case, 33, Glenville, second degree trespass, \$1,000 secured bond.

Faustino Hernandez, 34, Cullowhee, misdemeanor child abuse, assault on a female, no bond.

Johnny Lee Frady, 65, Cashiers, violation of a court order, \$4,000 secured bond.

Cashiers-Glenville Fire Department report

The following are the most recent calls responded to by the Cashiers-Glenville Fire Department, including:

July 3, 3:26 p.m. - responded to a fire alarm on Fringe Tree Drive.

July 3, 4:25 p.m. - responded to a fire alarm on Hampton Drive.

July 3, 7 p.m. - responded to a standby call for Lonesome Valley.

July 3, 7 p.m. - responded to a standby call for Cedar Creek Club.

July 3, 7 p.m. - responded to a standby call for Chattooga Club.

July 4, 11 a.m. - responded to a standby call for Silver Creek Run.

July 4, 1 p.m. - responded to a standby call for Sapphire Valley.

July 4, 6 p.m. - responded to a public service at Mountaintop.

July 4, 7 p.m. - responded to a standby call at Wade Hampton.

July 4, 7 p.m. - responded to a standby call for Mountaintop.

July 4, 8:24 p.m. - responded to a fire alarm on Bluet Lane.

July 5, 11:28 p.m. - responded to a vehicle accident on U.S. 64 East, four miles from the crossroads.

July 6, 1:02 a.m. - responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on East Valley Drive.

July 6, 4:50 a.m. - responded to a tree down on Yellow Mountain Road.

July 6, 4:23 p.m. - responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on U.S. 64 West, one mile from the crossroads.

July 6, 5:52 p.m. - responded to a vehicle accident on Hwy. 107 North, five miles from the crossroads.

July 7, 3:22 a.m. - responded to a fire alarm on Rainbow Falls Trail.

Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad report

The following are the most recent calls responded to by the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad, including:

July 3, 9:19 a.m. - responded to an unknown problem in Highlands, transported to Angel Medical Center.

July 3, 5:09 p.m. - responded to a medical alarm in Sapphire.

July 3, 5:23 p.m. - responded to a public assist call in Sapphire.

July 3, 6:18 p.m. - responded to a sick person in Cashiers, transported to Harris Regional Hospital.

July 4, 4:53 p.m. - responded to a person who had heat exposure in Cashiers, transported to Mission Memorial Hospital.

July 4, 8:03 p.m. - responded to a sick person in Sapphire.

July 4, 11:06 p.m. - responded to an unknown problem in Cashiers, transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 5, 3:13 p.m. - responded to a person who had an allergic reaction in Cashiers, transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 5, 6:42 p.m. - responded to an unknown problem in Cashiers.

July 5, 11:28 p.m. - responded to a motor vehicle accident in Sapphire, transported to Mission Memorial Hospital and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 6, 4:28 p.m. - responded to a public assist call in Cashiers.

July 6, 7:10 p.m. - responded to a sick person in Cashiers, transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 7, 2:56 a.m. - responded to a public assist call in Cashiers.

July 7, 5:21 a.m. - responded to a person who fell in Cullowhee.

July 7, 10:13 a.m. - responded to a medical alarm in Sapphire, transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 7, 10:40 a.m. - responded to a public assist call in Sapphire.

July 7, 12:32 p.m. - responded to a traumatic injury in Sapphire, transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 7, 6:44 p.m. - responded to a person with an allergic reaction in Sapphire, transported by Mountain Area Medical Airlift.

July 8, 8:50 a.m. - responded to a person with abnormal behavior in Sapphire, transported to Harris Regional Hospital.

July 8, 9:05 a.m. - responded to an incomplete 911 call in Highlands.

July 8, 11 a.m. - responded to a standby call in Macon County.

July 8, 2:55 p.m. - responded to a sick person in Glenville, transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

July 8, 5:17 p.m. - responded to an incomplete 911 call in Cashiers.

Cashiers Area 4-Day Weather Forecast

Today: Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High around 80.
Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 62.

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Cessna wreckage at Waterrock Knob removed after four decades

BY DAVE RUSSELL
The Sylva Herald

Jackson County lost a tourist attraction this month, one few asked about and officials wish folks had never visited. Wayfinding signs did not lead to it and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce staff steered folks away from it.

Last Tuesday, National Park Service contractors removed the remaining wreckage of a Cessna 414A plane that crashed near Waterrock Knob in November 1983.

Officials cited hikers visiting the wreckage using unauthorized trails, causing concern for the safety of hikers who can get lost and injured, and damage to rare and sensitive plant species. In recent years, traffic to the site has increased, due in large part to greater visibility online.

The crash site is on land donated to the Blue Ridge Parkway in 2016.

“While we understand the interest associated with this site, the resource damage and visitor safety issues presented too great a threat to take no action,” Blue Ridge Parkway Superintendent Tracy Swartout said.

Removal of the plane debris required a helicopter to airlift remaining sections of the plane from park lands. At the time of the crash, the engines were salvaged but the fuselage, wings and other debris were left on-site.

Both the pilot and passenger perished.

Holiday visit

“A plane bringing the mother of two Jackson County women to a holiday reunion crashed Thanksgiving Day near the Jackson-Haywood county line,” begins the story “Plane bound for Jackson crashes” in the Dec. 1, 1983 Sylva Herald.

The plane, an eight-seat Cessna 414 manu-

factured in 1978, took off from the DuPage County Airport near Chicago, Illinois at about 3:17 p.m. local time.

According to the story, the passenger was Centa Jarrett, 42, who was bound for Cullowhee to visit her daughters, Western Carolina freshman Marina Jarrett, and former WCU student Carla Jarrett.

The pilot, Ernest Martin, 53, founded and owned Martin Tool Works in Schaumburg, Illinois. Jarrett was reportedly his secretary.

Martin had not filed a flight plan, and The Herald reported there was uncertainty if he intended to land at the Jackson or Macon County airport.

Later reports indicate he was headed for Jackson. A flight plan was required for flying in the foul weather that had forced him to fly by instruments.

Rain fell and clouds draped over the mountain ridges. The temperature hovered in the 30s in Sylva, about 4,000 feet lower in elevation than Waterrock Knob.

NTSB report

The National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident final report included a summary of the circumstances surrounding the crash:

After departure at 2:17 p.m. Central Standard Time, radar showed the aircraft climbing to and maintaining 7,600 feet of altitude until about 4:33 p.m. at a point some 30 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. The NTSB reports several “up and down altitude excursions.”

A VOR (very high frequency omnidirectional range) ground station atop Snowbird Mountain on the N.C./Tenn. state line picked up the plane’s signal at 6,700 feet.

“After crossing Snowbird VOR the air-

craft turned south and again there were altitude excursions,” the report said. “The final radar contact was at 6,100 feet and about 1 mile from the crash site.”

The aircraft impacted the side of Waterrock Knob at about 6,000 feet, 11 miles from its destination.

The FAA report concludes weather as the main cause of the crash.

“Meteorological conditions at the crash site included low clouds and precipitation,” it said. “The pilot’s blood alcohol level was 0.4 (sic) percent. Both occupants were killed. Probable cause: Occurrence #1: in flight encounter with weather.”

Martin had a blood alcohol content of .04 percent, the exact limit the Federal Aviation Administration recognizes for pilot impairment.

The Herald reported the wreckage was spotted Tuesday, Nov. 29, by Cashiers resident Harry Maynard, who was out on a pleasure flight.

A ground team did not reach the site until later Tuesday, five days after the crash.

Twenty rescuers “scored a trail to the site over ice-covered rocks and footing made treacherous by a light dusting of snow,” the story said.

It took the group an hour to reach the site and longer to bring the bodies out.

One of the rescuers told the Herald the aircraft appeared to have gone straight into the side of the 6,292-foot Waterrock Knob.

The cockpit was demolished although the passenger cabin appeared to be in one piece. The tail was broken away and at a right angle to the fuselage. Luggage and personal belongings were scattered throughout the wooded area, the story said.

First Responders Cup returning Aug. 1 with pickleball as new addition

The third annual First Responders Cup golf tournament, scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 1 in Sapphire, has added pickleball to its festivities. The champions division will start play at 9 a.m. while the senior division starts at 1 p.m.

There will be prizes, refreshments, and gift bags. A dinner and awards pro-

gram will follow. The golf tournament is a scramble and starts at 10:30 a.m., with dinner and awards to follow.

This year marks the third year the FRC will be played at Burlingame Country Club.

The golf tournament and pickleball event will benefit Cashiers-Glenville Fire

Department, Transylvania County Sheriff’s Office, Lake Toxaway Fire and Rescue and Transylvania County EMS. Overall, the First Responders Cup has raised \$60,000 for area first responders.

To sponsor, donate, or play golf or pickleball, call 228-263-1072 or 863-835-1918.

PUBLIC SERVICES

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 and on Wednesday and Friday at noon. The Cashiers Valley Group holds open meetings at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library Tuesday at 7 p.m., Friday and Sunday at 5 p.m., and Saturday at 9 a.m. ZOOM meetings are available Monday at noon, Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Saturday at 9 a.m. (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.

ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and/or Dysfunctional Families) meets every Wednesday at The Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library from 5 - 6 p.m. Meetings are held in the Reading Room. Call 828-507-5347 for more information.

AL-ANON Meetings: The AL-ANON Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. An In Person Meeting with COVID-19 Preventive Measures is held each Thursday at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., Highlands. An AL-ANON Zoom Meeting is held each Saturday at 10:15 a.m. ID:889-3772-7928 Password: EasyDoesit or to speak with a member of AL-ANON call 828-342-6866.

Community Care Clinic: The Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers is a free medical clinic providing services to uninsured, low-income residents on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4–9 p.m. The clinic is located at the ballpark on Buck Creek Road. Call 828-526-1991, Monday through Friday, to schedule an appointment.

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Crossroads Chronicle COMMUNITY

Maddock appointed as Friends of the Library president

BY NICK CHILDS
Staff

The Cashiers Friends of the Library has elected Cathy Maddock as its new president.

Maddock has resided in Cashiers for over 25 years and has been a vacationer since 1969. She has served on multiple committees with Friends of the Library since 2017.

Prior to retiring in Cashiers, Maddock worked in the corporate world under a collection of sales hats, from a hospital negotiator to provider of durable medical

equipment to vice president of a medical supply company.

Maddock said while she was a lifelong reader, she took the skill for granted until her child was diagnosed with dyslexia. She later became interested in specialized schools, therapists, and programs. Maddock learned hearing another person read aloud can spark interest in the content without the mental battle of breaking the string of letters into something legible.

She began volunteering at the library around this time.

Maddock's frustrated child grew up to become a successful president of a multinational corporation. Maddock saw firsthand the difference library programs can make in the lives of others and the transformative potential of learning.

Maddock aims to build upon the successful work of past Friends of the Library presidents and board members by expanding community favorite programs at the library.

Established programs Friends of the Library currently assists

with include funding the acquisition of hardback and digital bestsellers and new releases, free computer and internet connection, the children's playroom and collection, refurbishing the library, Technology Assistance, local events, and genealogical resources.

Maddock said other goals for Friends of the Library include introducing toddler and pre-K development programs, astrology events, adult crafts, and concert series.

Maddock emphasized the li-

brary isn't just for adults who want to read and has something for everyone.

"I look at this as a mecca of possibility for the community," Maddock said. "I want to emphasize that the library isn't just for books anymore, and that it is evolving to serve the needs of young families, working adults, empty nesters, and retired citizens. A key to this is community involvement and financial support. I encourage you to stop

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Cashiers Designer Showhouse returns in late August



Submitted photo

Ellen Turner, left, and Stacie Platt, right, are the co-chairs of this year's Cashiers Designer Showhouse, which features a home designed and built by Jim Robinson of Design South Builders in the High Hampton community.

Tickets on sale for annual event featuring local decorators

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2023 Cashiers Designers Showhouse.

Taking place Aug. 25 – Sept. 2, this year's theme is "Historically Cashiers" and features a classic mountain retreat in The Club at High Hampton. Renowned designers from Cashiers and across the southeast will showcase their individual talents and design styles while incorporating creative trends in a spacious 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home.

The showhouse, which was designed and built by Jim Robinson of Design South Builders, will be open daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Transportation to the

house is provided from The Village Green's Lewis Hall, which also features a variety of highly regarded vendors offering unique lifestyle items from apparel and antiques to home décor: Blairs Belts, Brenda Sulmonetti Art, Cynthia Perryman Art, Dena Lyons, Laurel Lee, Dubarry of Ireland, Green Gator, Hannah Daye, Indo-Chic, Jessie Mackay Art, Patrice Collection, Provence Antiques, Rose and Harper, Susan's Jewelry, Tropical Tapestry.

Shuttles will run approximately every 25 minutes from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with the last patron pick-up from the Showhouse at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person and available at cashiersh-

istoricalsociety.org/showhouse and at the following ticket locations: Cashiers Chamber of Commerce, Rusticks, and Acorns Boutique in Highlands, N.C. In addition to daily Showhouse tours, there is an impressive line-up of free and ticketed special events, including:

Thursday, Aug. 24

Opening Night Party, Halsted House at High Hampton

Join the Cashiers Historical Society and Host Drew English as we celebrate the Opening Night of the 2023 Cashiers Designer Showhouse with a "Touch of Tartan."

Together, partygoers will celebrate the won-

derful and rich Scottish heritage of our beautiful mountains through lively Celtic traditions, fine cuisine, and award-winning music. This VIP evening is the official and exclusive kick-off party for our 2023 events.

Come dance a reel with your friends or a jig with your best bonnie lass as the party transforms the prestigious Halsted House at The Club at High Hampton into an upscale Scottish pub, complete with Scotch tastings, pints of ale, delicious fare provided by the inspired culinary team at High Hampton, and much more.

The evening will include a trio of renowned musicians, including the award-winning com-

poser and violinist/fiddler Andrew Finn Magill, Scottish guitar and bouzouki player Alan Murray, and Broadway's own flute and piper player Isaac Alderson. As a trio they will perform a mixture of reels, jigs, strathspeys, and songs from many great Scottish songwriters.

End the evening with a thrilling live auction lot – the exciting opportunity to bid on a 36-person wine dinner in the unparalleled Wine Cellar at the Inn at High Hampton. The dinner includes a private, five-course dinner, complete with rare wine pairings. So, don your kilt and come celebrate the 2023 Showhouse, talented

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Blue Ridge Early College qualifies for free meals

BY RUBY ANNAS
The Sylva Herald

For the 2023-24 school year, five Jackson County Public Schools will be part of the Community Eligibility Provision free meal program, including Blue Ridge Early College.

The designated schools are: Blue Ridge Early College, Blue Ridge School, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School, Jackson Community School and Smokey Mountain Elementary School.

CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.

Schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, according to CEP's website.

The success of this program is based on students eating school meals and the support of administrators, staff, and families. CEP is providing the money for students to have free breakfast and lunch, so if the money is not used, it will go to waste and be lost. It is like receiving a grant, the money must be used. If all Jackson County Public Schools were in CEP with no increase in

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The Bascom Center in Highlands packs house for Community Day

BY RYAN HANCHETT
Publisher

The Bascom Center for Visual Arts threw open its doors on July 1, and the response was a packed house for an art-filled Community Day.

The overflow turnout was a welcome sight for event organizers and The Bascom staff.

"This is an incredible crowd, and we are so grateful that people are taking time out of their Saturday to come out and support the visual arts," The Bascom Deputy Executive Director Billy Love said. "It's always fun to see whole families come out and enjoy the day. There's a lot for kids to

do, with the Teddy Bear Clinic, the mural painting station, and other activities."

The Bascom gallery was open to the public during the community day event and the entire facility was used during the exposition.

In the pottery barn, director of ceramics Frank Vickery led a group of potter in making "Empty Bowls" which are used in a local fundraiser each fall. Under the patio, representatives from the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust helped children create their own natural necklaces, while staff from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital conducted a "Teddy Bear Clinic" to teach children about basic health

and wellness practices.

Margie Bauer led a group of youngsters in a Zentangle Doodle demonstration while Richard Tinich taught the art of quilting. Members of the Western NC Woodturners Club brought out their lathes and showed off their skills in making hand-crafted wood items. Connie Regan-Blake kept crowds entertained through storytelling throughout the day.

Perhaps the biggest draw of Community Day was the glassblowing demonstration put on by members of the Green Energy Park. With a glassblowing kiln in

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Ryan Hanchett/Publisher

The Bascom opened its doors on July 1 for a community day of fun events and demonstrations for visitors.

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by and look around, go to the website to learn about upcoming programs at cashiersfriends.com.”

However, the library also needs community support. Friends of the Library is the main source that funds the Albert-Carlton Cashiers Library. Maddock said the Friends gives more than \$40,000 to the library annually, which allows the library to purchase necessary supplies and equipment or just beneficial upgrades.

For example, Maddock said the Friends of the Library will re-upholster furniture as needed, but they also have purchased a popcorn machine to help the library’s movie nights feel more authentic. Movies have been suspended for now since the sound system is down, but the Friends of the Library is working to bring movie nights back as soon as they can.

The group has also purchased Kindles and e-readers that can be lent to students and loaded up with six textbooks over the summer to continue sparking interest in reading. Maddock said they average \$100 per book.

Keeping books updated, keeping furniture in good condition, repairing broken equipment, and overall sustaining the library adds up. Maddock said Friends of the Library can always



Nick Childs/Staff

Cathy Maddock is the new face of the Cashiers Friends of the Library and has been appointed as the group’s president.

make use of members, volunteers, and donors.

“We need more members, more donors, more benefactors. We love and appreciate the ones we’ve got, but we need more,” Maddock said.

People can join Friends of the Library for \$35 annually or volunteer at the library even without being a member.

The library offers entertainment, resources, quiet areas for reserved meetings or reflection, a discounted used bookstore, events, and more. Through the vast selection of books, Maddock said one can travel the world, dream of anything, and see whatever you want,

and the best part is you don’t even need to leave the chair or pay for the library card.

“My goal is to continue to make the library a dynamic and community directed resource that serves all of Cashiers,” Maddock said.

For more information on Friends of the Library or to find out what the library is offering, visit cashiersfriends.com or fontanalib.org/cashiers. To pick up a free library card or join Friends of the Library, swing by the front desk at the Albert-Carlton Community Library. You can also email ACCCLFriends@gmail.com.

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participation, the district would lose an estimated \$333,000 annually.

During COVID, a federal initiative ensured all students free breakfast and lunch, and families were not required to complete meal applications. Last school year, the federal funding ended, so Jackson County Public Schools had to revert to meal applications and qualifications based on household size

and income.

JCPS had no meal debt at the end of the 2022-23 school year thanks to community donations to the Angel Fund, which was set up to provide students with free meals at school.

“Money lost will be covered by our local budget and the Angel Fund, School Superintendent Dana Ayers said. “We are unique since we are starting this with no School Nutrition debt as a result of the Angel Fund. No services will change, but we will reevaluate next year to see if we can add to the number of schools be-

ing served. Additionally, we could ask our commissioners for more funding support in coming years, if we choose.”

For the remainder of schools not selected to participate in CEP, meal prices will not increase, and families can complete an online free/reduced meal application. The paid meal prices are \$2 for breakfast and \$3.75 for lunch.

Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1, families will be able to apply for free/reduced benefits by completing an online meal application at linqconnect.com.

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full orange glow, the artists took turns showcasing their skills in a very unique, and potentially dangerous, medium.

“If you haven’t seen a glass artist work up close, it’s a pretty awesome thing to watch,” Love said. “Those guys are incredibly talented. It’s no surprise so many people are drawn to their booth.”

The Community Day

event also served as a perfect way to show off all The Bascom has to offer year-round in terms of visual arts programming and events. For over 30 years, The Bascom has been a vital cultural resource to Western North Carolina. What began in 1983 as a small exhibition space in one room of the Hudson Library now occupies a six-acre former horse farm near downtown Highlands.

The 28,000 square foot main building houses exhibition and event spaces, classrooms, offices, and

a retail outlet. The adjacent Dave Drake Studio contains studio space for pottery and three-dimensional arts instruction and additional retail space. Entrance to the campus is through an early 19th Century, 87-foot-long covered bridge. Along with sizeable terraces, our outdoor spaces include meadows and forest land, streams and trails, unblemished mountain views and sculpture installations.

For more information about The Bascom, visit thebascom.org.

SCC’s Health Sciences division receives \$500k grant from Dogwood Health Trust

To help create a pipeline of future healthcare workers for the region, Dogwood Health Trust has awarded a \$500,000 grant to Southwestern Community College’s Health Sciences division.

The funding will establish a Project SHIFT (SCC Health-career Initiative For Teens) office, which aims to recruit enough prospective students to maximize the capacity of SCC’s 16 healthcare career fields – many of which are housed in the recently dedicated Don Tomas Health Sciences Center.

Included in the grant are salaries for two full-time positions as well as stipends for ambassadors to represent the 16 Health Sciences programs.

There’s also funding to endow scholarships that will cover the last-dollar educational expenses of Project SHIFT participants.

“There’s a tremendous need, both locally and nationally, for more healthcare workers,” said Dr. Thom Brooks, executive vice president of instruction and student services. “We are uniquely qualified to help meet that need in Western North Carolina because we’ve got a beautiful new Health Sciences building loaded with state-of-the-art healthcare training technology. This grant enhances our ability to get into local schools and help steer even more students toward healthcare fields.”

Also in the grant is funding for 16 mobile

demonstration kits – one for each of Southwestern’s Health Sciences programs. Those kits can be taken to local high schools as well as community events to help demonstrate what’s involved in each career path.

The initial grant, which marks Dogwood’s largest investment to date at SCC, covers the Project SHIFT office for two years.

If successful in its efforts over that period, SCC will seek a continuation of the grant funding for future years.

For more information about healthcare career paths at Southwestern Community College, call 828-339-4198 or email pjudson@SouthwesternCC.edu.

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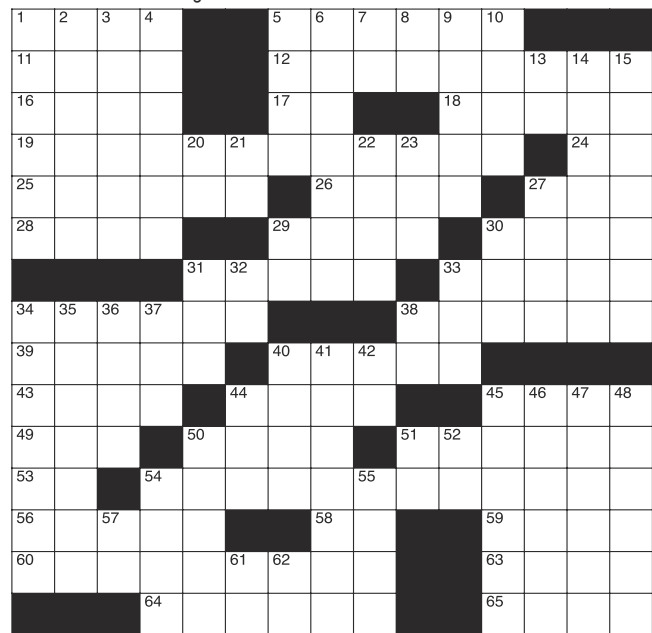
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12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Prevents river overflow
19. Atrocities
24. Mister
25. Ends
26. Slope or tilt
27. Taxi
28. The very ends
29. Actor Sean
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Muddy, boggy ground
39. Not worldly
40. Actress Lathan
43. Soil
44. ___ Cola
45. Asleep
49. ___ Angeles
50. Give birth to a child
51. Beach shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste properly
56. Local jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted from a horse
60. Charge with a crime
63. Close in
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN

1. Draw a scene
2. Its sultan is famous
3. Unlucky accident
4. A way to ski
5. Abba ___, Israeli politician
6. Saw
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to court
13. Early multimedia
14. In a way, produces
15. Bowlers
20. Of
21. Equally
22. Gets some sun
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Aronofsky film
30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"
31. Equal to 100 square meters
32. Atomic #58
33. Arrived extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant
36. Membranes
37. Some is poisonous
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small brown gray rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military official (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Took off
47. All
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Passed with flying colors
57. A way to win a boxing match
61. The Golden State
62. Home of the Longhorns

HOROSCOPES

ARIES: Mar 21-Apr 20

Aries, there are tips and tricks to learn through observation of others, particularly if those people are doing something with style. Keep your eyes peeled for inspiration.

TAURUS: Apr 21-May 21

Taurus, let other people know what you are feeling by wearing your heart on your sleeve a little more often. You don't have to be stoic all of the time. It is alright to ask for help as well.

GEMINI: May 22-Jun 21

It may seem like the days this week will trickle by at a snail's pace, Gemini. It is perfectly fine to enjoy some slow-moving days for a change to help you recharge.

CANCER: Jun 22-Jul 22

Cancer, kick up your flirtatious nature, particularly if you have your eye on someone and are eager to start a relationship. Those who are attached can rekindle the passion.

LEO: Jul 23-Aug 23

Leo, share your optimism and level-headedness with someone who could use your support right now. You have an uncanny way of making others feel relaxed just by being in your company.

VIRGO: Aug 24-Sept 22

An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.

LIBRA: Sept 23-Oct 23

Libra, if you do not like the way things are going in one of your relationships, it is alright to speak up and encourage change. You are an equal partner and compromise is necessary.

SCORPIO: Oct 24-Nov 22

Scorpio, you have to jump on every opportunity to get ahead that is presented to you, even if it may temporarily upset your schedule and life. The investment will be worth it.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23-Dec 21

Get involved with helping others as much as possible, Sagittarius. This way you will be in the unique position to help someone close to you who needs it soon enough.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22-Jan 20

Capricorn, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish when you lay on the charm. Others will flock to you this week and want to hear what you have to say.

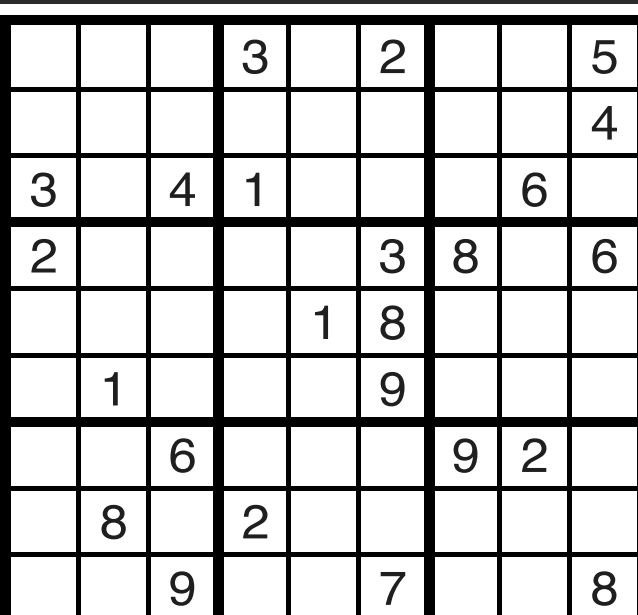
AQUARIUS: Jan 21-Feb 18

Enjoy every meeting of minds that you encounter, Aquarius. Each relationship and discussion can help broaden your horizons, and you can use that information wisely.

PISCES: Feb 19-Mar 20

Pisces, no matter how good a partnership looks on paper, if you are not meshing with this individual then it is not a partnership worth pursuing. Focus your attention elsewhere.

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LIFE AND RELIGION

Losing one taste and gaining another



Deacon's Column

Christine Maddux

"I couldn't taste anything for a month!" bemoaned a friend, recounting her bout with COVID. Pondering that as I savor a delicious chocolate chip cookie, I am thankful anew for the sense of taste that I often take for granted, and am very thankful that my friend's ability to taste returned. But sometimes, losing a taste for something is a good thing.

Another friend shared that since a diagnosis of diabetes motivated her to slash her sugar intake, she has lost her taste for it. She said that soda and super sweet foods no longer taste good to her, which has helped her balance her blood chemistry and shed 20 detrimental pounds as well.

Yet another friend realized that her fondness for alcohol was getting the best of her, and when she prayed for help, God miraculously took that desire away. While that may be an atypical path to sobriety, supernatural reordering of our tastes for whatever life has to offer is to be expected as we follow Christ.

As we take his example and teaching to heart, we may realize that something we have found very attractive for a long time is starting to lose its appeal. This applies to sinful hab-

its, and also to benign things that are commanding too much of our time and attention, crowding out what we sense God is calling us to do.

I know Christians who used to happily spend a lot of time shopping, playing sports, or working out, but whose taste for those things subsided as they sensed that other endeavors were more pressing. Somehow, they now desire to apportion more of their time and resources to things that will matter in light of eternity. Jesus called this laying up "treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20).

How does this change of taste come about? God shows us in the Bible. There we see people who respond to Jesus' invitation to follow Him, and how their desires change through a surrendered will and the working of God's Holy Spirit within them.

For example, Matthew was a tax collector who presumably exploited his position to pad his own pocket at the expense of others. When he answered Jesus' call, he lost his taste for money and became hungry for lost souls. When Saul, a sincere but misguided religious zealot, encountered the living Lord, he forsook all his former credentials and pursuits in order to take the gospel to the world.

Both of these people and many others in the Bible lost their taste for their former priorities as they followed Jesus, who once revealed the

nature of his own hunger when his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat," after a long journey. Explaining that He had a stronger drive for something else, Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work" (John 4:31-34). As we follow Jesus, we will find our hunger conforming to God's will and purposes as well.

As his Holy Spirit works within us, we find ourselves being transformed by the softening of our hearts and the renewing of our minds (Ezekiel 36:26-27; Romans 12:2). Modern neuroscience has even proved that praying and meditating on God actually changes our brains and lives for the better. See "How God Changes Your Brain," by Andrew Newberg, M.D., and Mark Robert Waldman; "Anatomy of the Soul," by Curt Thompson, M.D.

Our taste for worldly pursuits wanes as we "taste and see that the Lord is good," digesting God's love and truth in the Bible (Psalm 34:8). As our desires become increasingly aligned with God's, we humbly and sincerely pray like Jesus, "not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Then we see for ourselves what the psalmist discovered: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

The Rev. Christine Maddux is a deacon at Christ Anglican Church in Cashiers and lives in Sapphire. She welcomes your comments and questions at: aclmaddux@mac.com.

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39

Cashiers Baptist Church

Come worship with us at Cashiers Baptist Church and experience the life changing power of Jesus Christ. Sunday services- Sunday school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m., Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 p.m. For more information go to www.cashiersbaptistchurch.com. 828-743-3040.

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www.cbchighlands.com – 828-526-4685 – Pastor Gary Hewins, 3645 Cashiers Rd, Highlands, NC. Sundays: Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Children's Program 10:45 a.m., Youth 12:15 – 2:30 p.m. (lunch provided). Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study 10 a.m. – Noon. Thursdays: Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

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Mountain Bible Church

Mountain Bible Church meets at 4536 Big Ridge Road, Glenville, on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. service and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are committed to exalting Jesus Christ by teaching truth and loving people. Facebook: Mountain Bible Church WNC.

Pine Creek Baptist Church

Pine Creek Baptist Church at 4338 Pine Creek Road, Cullowhee, welcomes you to join us for Sunday school at 10 a.m. and an 11 a.m. worship service. Pastor Aaron Langston.

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July is Ultraviolet Awareness Month

July marks Ultraviolet Awareness Month. While spending time outside is a great way to be physically active, reduce stress, and get vitamin D, it is important to understand how to be outside without raising your risk for skin cancer.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the U.S. Most skin cancer is caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet light. UV rays are an invisible kind of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds, and sun-lamps. Protection from UV

rays is needed all year, not just during the summer. UV rays tend to be strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The UV index forecasts the strength of UV rays each day. If the UV index is 3 or higher, you should protect your skin from too much sun exposure.

The sun can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. You can work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun. Follow the CDC's tips to protect yourself and your family from harmful UV rays.

Summer break is a busy time for JCPS

BY DR. DANA AYERS

Jackson County Public Schools Superintendent

Summer break never felt so sweet. I am pleased that commencement ceremonies were special and highlighted the incredible graduating class of 2023 from all four of our high schools. More than 300 Jackson County Public Schools students walked across the stages to receive their diplomas. Perhaps the best way to describe this feeling is elation, pride and joy.

As has been the case, I want to update (every six months) the progress made toward my superintendent goals since June of 2021.

- Academic achievement and growth: End of year testing is now complete along with some retesting scores that have been finalized. This year, we are seeing increased proficiency in many school and grade levels. This is especially rewarding as we have had a consistent school year and solid curriculum in our K-8 grade levels with more curriculum improvements coming for high school content areas.

- Early literacy focus: Implementation of the Wit and Wisdom reading curriculum is reaping positive rewards for our students. This is the first full year using these resources, and I am excited about what will come in the following years. As with any implementation of change/curriculum, research says that three full years of implementation will glean the most positive outcomes. We are moving in the right direction. I am eager to continue this trend, post-pandemic.

- Increase early education and preschool programs: This is a big one. Since my arrival over two years ago, we have expanded from three to eight preschool classrooms across the district. Additionally, we have recently been awarded a grant that allows us to hire a preschool coordinator for the next five years to work under the direction of Laura Dills, our preschool and federal programs director. The beauty of the coordinator role will be to recruit and retain qualified preschool staff, work alongside WCU and SCC to train, hire and place teachers, communicate with families, lead professional development and work with the state early childhood licensing agency. The coordinator will also analyze data as we track the progress of our "littlest" learners.

- Increased communication to staff and all community stakeholders: This goal has now become institutionalized. I communicate with all of JCPS employees monthly through my newsletter entitled, The Superintendent's Scoop, weekly (and sometimes daily) board member communications along with daily communication with my leadership team. I have also formed a Superintendent's Advisory Panel that meets quarterly and is composed of certified staff, custodians, transportation department, and school nutrition staff from all nine JCPS schools. This group has provided much information and direction for consistent improvement.

- More options for high school students such as internships, expanded CTE and other programs: Our CTE department at the high school level is broad but we do not want to become stagnant. We are looking at several new ideas across the district along with ways to expand at the middle school level. We are excited to add a middle school career development coordinator role to assist our middle grades students in becoming familiar with options as they prepare for high school. We have also sought out additional internship opportunities and applied to house an Army JROTC program at Smoky Mountain High. I am thrilled at this possibility and believe our community will eagerly support a JROTC program in Jackson County. I am awaiting a response from our application.

These goals continue to be my focus as I also work on projects related to my goals. I have several ideas to address athletic needs and am currently working on those for the near future.

More than anything, I want to remind our community of the focus on growing strong, confident, educated and well-rounded young adults who are prepared to leave school and make an impact on our world. Our students leave their public preK-12 system and are prepared to tackle the world whether they are enrolled (in college), enlisted (in the military) or employed.

The second annual Back to School Bash is set for Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Cullowhee Recreation Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. School supplies, food, haircuts, immunizations and a variety of other services will be provided for free.

JCPS is collecting monetary donations for school supplies. You may donate by visiting jcpsnc.org/give or dropping off donations at the Board of Education. For additional questions or information, please call or email Emily Buchanan at 828-586-2311 ext.1952 or ebuchanan@jcpsmail.org.

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The Highlands Biological Foundation has elected a new slate of board members, including John Mitchener as president.

Highlands Biological Foundation elects new board members

The Highlands Biological Foundation has changed leadership with the election of new trustees and officers following its recent membership and trustee meetings in June.

Long-time HBF supporter, Jennie Stowers, successfully completed a two-year term as the president of the board of directors on Wednesday, June 28. Her hands-on leadership and dedication have been invaluable to the organization's growth and success. HBF extended its deepest gratitude to Stowers for her exceptional service and unwavering commitment to the Foundation's mission. She will remain on the board as past president.

As Stowers passed the torch, she noted what a privilege it had been to serve as president.

"I am humbled by the support we have received from our members and the wider community over the past two years," Stowers said. "Their generous contributions and active participation have been vital in driving our initiatives and creating a lasting impact. It is their unwavering belief in our mission that has allowed us to accomplish so much, and I am truly grateful for their ongoing support. I have no doubt that under John's guidance, HBF will continue to flourish, building on the strong foundation our board, staff, and community have established."

Stepping into the role of president is John Mitchener, another long-time HBF supporter. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and a deep understanding

of the Foundation's mission and goals, ensuring a seamless transition and continued progress.

"I am very much looking forward to continuing work with our talented staff and dedicated board of directors to further our mission of supporting environmental research and education in the southern Appalachians," Mitchener said. "HBF makes a tremendous impact on the Plateau and beyond through our work at the Highlands Nature Center, our support of the UNC Highlands Field Site, and year-round learning opportunities with our educators and outreach programs for all ages. We thank our generous supporters who continue to make this possible."

Accompanying Mitchener in the board's leadership is the newly elected slate of officers. Amy Patterson has been re-elected as treasurer, bringing her financial expertise and strategic acuity

to the foundation's fiscal responsibilities. Bill Clarkson assumes the role of vice president, leveraging his years of experience with the organization and community engagement. Lastly, David Martin has been appointed secretary, offering his proficiency in organizational governance and communication.

In addition to the board's new officers, HBF is proud to welcome four new trustees who were elected at the annual membership meeting. Linda Barlow, who previously served on the Board, rejoins as a trustee. Joining her are Lisa Dailey, Lindy Harrison, and Jim Landon, each of whom brings unique perspectives and expertise that will further enrich the Board's composition.

As the organization entered this new phase of leadership, the foundation extended its appreciation to those esteemed individuals who rolled off the board this year. Tricia Allen,

Julia Grumbles, Ruthie Edwards, Karen Patterson, Kim Coward, Marianne Jenkins, Greg Gregory, and Sarah Morgan Wingfield have each made significant contributions during their tenures. Their unwavering commitment and service have been instrumental in driving HBF's mission forward.

With their collective expertise and passion, the Foundation is poised to continue its work supporting environmental education and scientific research.

For more information about HBF, its programs, and how to support its mission, visit www.highlands-biological.org/foundation.

Cashiers library hosting two Japanese events Friday

The Cashiers library is welcoming an outreach coordinator from Western Carolina University on Friday.

July 14 will be Japan day at the library as WCU's Japan Outreach Initiative Outreach Coordinator Nanaka Okamura returns for two programs. At 10:30 a.m.,

Okamura will be hosting a morning of Japanese games, snacks, and culture for children of all ages.

At 3 p.m., she will continue the library's Summer Speaker Series by offering a program devoted to furoshiki – the Japanese art of fabric wrapping.

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Friday, Aug. 25

Historically Cashiers Designer Panel: Design for Gracious Mountain Living, 2 p.m. - The Chattooga Club

Renowned interior designers Suzanne Kasler and Francie Hargrove and celebrated architects Norman Askins and Mark Paullin unveil the design blueprint for elevated mountain living with a compelling panel discussion at The Chattooga Club.

Moderated by Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles editor-in-chief Lauren Iverson and displayed through examples of their work, the esteemed panelists will explore the elements of gracious mountain living-and how classic mountain style can live large in the modern world.

Light bites and specialty drink will be served. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Landscape Seminar - with architect Mary Palmer Dargan, 1 p.m. - The Pavilion at The Village Green

May your landscape fit your lifestyle like a glove. Mary Palmer Dargan is back with a lively, fun, and educational landscape design seminar. Learn how to maximize the use of your land by using five long landscape design techniques and the four-part master plan. Explore about problem-solving with plant materials and creating outdoor spaces. Surely a must-have seminar for anyone with an outdoor environment. Mary Palmer with the award-winning Dargan Landscape Architects has been published in many national publications, featured in HGTV, and has received innumerable awards. Free event open to the public.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Tending Nature's Bar - with Carlton Chamblin of Farm2Cocktail, 1:30 - 3 p.m. - The Pavilion at The Village Green

The use of botanicals, flowers and herbs have long been a part of the historical develop-

ment of great cocktails, shrubs, and bitters. Take a journey with Carlton Chamblin, founder of Farm2Cocktail, along the cocktail garden path and learn to tend nature's bar.

His talk and demo will examine the aromatics, taste and usage of key plants in cocktail making. Guests of this delicious event will indulge in beverage tastings and light bites with the plateau's go-to mixologist.

Farm2Cocktail is a cocktail mixer and freelance bartending company whose flagship product is a shrub, a fusion of fresh fruits, herbs, sugar, and vinegars combined to create unique and flavorful syrups for cocktails, mocktails and even dressings.

Carlton is native of Birmingham with backgrounds in art history, product marketing and food and beverage. Carlton resides in Tiger, Georgia with Alicia Keys and Mariah Carey, his two canine rescues. Free event open to the public.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Showhouse by Twilight, 6-8 p.m. - The Showhouse at High Hampton

Experience the showhouse like never before. Showhouse by Twilight includes an evening tour featuring specialty cocktails curated by Carlton Chamblin, founder of Farm2Cocktail, a cocktail mixer and freelance bartending company whose flagship product is a shrub, a fusion of fresh fruits, herbs, sugar, and vinegars combined to create unique and flavorful syrups for cocktails and mocktails. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Moss Mountain Farm Comes to Cashiers - with P. Allen Smith, 6:30 p.m. - Private Residence

Spend an evening with P. Allen Smith, America's favorite, award-winning garden designer. The setting for this special night is at The Flag House, the beautiful entertaining home of Linda and Mark Quick, well-known for memory-making events. The menu will feature food fresh from Allen's Arkansas home, prepared by a visionary local chef, and complemented by wine selections of a professional sommelier who received the distinguished service award by the Guild of Master Sommeliers.

Seating is limited and local "celebrities" will be

sprinkled amongst professional bartenders and servers during this once-in-a-lifetime evening of design, history, and fun.

Allen has authored six best-selling books and his award-winning TV show has made him a popular public speaker.

Each guest will leave with a signed copy of Smith's bestseller, "P. Allen Smith's Seasonal Recipes from the Garden: A Garden Home Cookbook." Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Thursday, Aug. 31

P. Allen Smith Luncheon and Presentation, 11 a.m. - Canyon Kitchen in Lonesome Valley

P. Allen Smith, one of America's most talented and treasured garden designers, invites you to join him for a delectable and educational lunch at Canyon Kitchen.

Led by executive chef Ed Selle, Canyon Kitchen's dining experience features local foods in a sophisticated Appalachian Style. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Friday, Sept. 1

High Tea at the Inn at High Hampton, 3 p.m. - The Inn at High Hampton

Join the 2023 designers

for afternoon tea at The Inn at High Hampton. The Inn's teatime is a nod to High Hampton's history, including an afternoon full of delicious pastries, the iconic Rock Mountain view, and conversation over local tea.

This afternoon is an opportunity to immerse yourself in High Hampton's rich history while enjoying assorted pastries made by pastry chef April Franqueza. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Art demonstration with artist Sue Fazio, 11 a.m. - The Pavilion at The Village Green

Sue Fazio has a doctorate in education from Florida Atlantic University but where her passion meets the road is her wildly creative expressions in painting with oil, acrylic, encaustics, pastels and now pottery.

She and her husband, Tom Fazio, a renowned golf course architect, including the recently redesigned golf course at High Hampton - founded the Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County in 1993. Since then, all the proceeds from her work go to that club.

She has taught an encaustics workshop at the Bascom Art Center for the past eight years and

loves every moment of that interaction.

The Cashiers Designer Showhouse is the historical society's largest annual fundraiser, providing vital funds for operations, educational programming, and the preservation of its historical buildings and grounds.

This year's designers include Heather McKeown of Land and Sky Designs, Lisa Wester Interiors, Stacie Platt of Rusticks, Abbi Williams of Red Door Design Studio, Melanie Couch

and Nancy Dyleski of Spruce Interiors, Lynn Monday, Douglas Hilton of DWH Interiors, Nellie Jane Ossi with Mrs. Howard, Holly Watson of Acorns Boutique and Old Edwards Inn, Platt Home, Eric Ross Interiors, Maggie Griffin, Janice Dietz, and Lauren Robbins.

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