



# The Fairview Town Crier

THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY • FAIRVIEWTOWNCRIER.COM • DECEMBER 2016 • VOL. 20, No. 12 • FAIRVIEW, NC



## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH IS A BIG NIGHT IN FAIRVIEW!



### THE CABOOSE IS POURING!

Whistle Hop Brewing opens its taps at 4 pm to kick off this exciting night in Fairview. They will be open until 10 pm this Friday and all others. Days/hours are Thursday-Friday, 4-10 pm; Saturdays, 12-10 pm and Sunday, 2-10 pm. Closed Monday-Wednesday. Located at 527 Charlotte Highway.



### GRAND OPENING 5-7 PM

The Hub launches its "Second Friday at the Hub" with its grand opening. Enjoy some hot cider, wine and yummy snacks while you shop super local from hand-crafted items by 35 artists, farmers and crafters who live in our very own community. Plus check out the many business services available, art gallery and the large meeting and event space for rent. The Hub is located at 1185 Charlotte Highway and will be meeting and greeting from 5-7 pm.



### SANTA TO VISIT HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 5-8 PM

New Moon Marketplace invites everyone in for some fun, shopping, refreshments and a visit with Santa. This is a great place to shop any day but this night there will be sales and deals on some of their ever-changing selection of antiques, collectables, vintage signs, jewelry, pottery, clothes and more. New Moon is located at 1508 Charlotte Highway (near intersection of Cane Creek Road).

## SUPPORT FAIRVIEW... COME OUT FOR SOME FUN!

### Christmas Events in our Community

**Breakfast With Santa at Fairview CC, Saturday, December 3, 8:30-10 am.** Fairview Community Center. Free pancake breakfast for children 12 and under... crafts plus a free visit and photo with Santa!

**Creative Touch Hair Salon Christmas Party, Thursday, December 8, 6-8 pm** Free food and door prizes of special gifts from Creative Touch's shop at 1346A Charlotte Highway, 628-0401.

**December on Depot Street, Saturday, December 10, 4-8 pm.** (not in our community but lots of Fairview artists will take part!) Over 100 artists along Depot Street in the River Arts District, lights, entertainment, snacks and sips and gift shopping. Free admission and parking.

**Fairview Baptist's Christmas Musical Drama, Sunday December 11, 3 & 6 pm, Wednesday, December 14, 7 pm.** "Knots in the Family Tree," a Christmas Musical Drama in worship. Nursery provided. Facebook, Twitter, 628-2908.

**Friends of Hickory Nut Gorge Holiday Gathering, Wednesday, December 14, 6 pm** at the Lake Lure Inn, 2771 Memorial Highway in Lake Lure. Speaker on the Park wildlife and the impact of the Party Rock fire on the Gorge. Free heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. [friendsofhickorynutgorge.org](http://friendsofhickorynutgorge.org).

**Community Christmas Party at UHNGCC, Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 pm**, Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Community Club in Gerton. Bring finger foods to share and an inexpensive gift for exchange.

### Like Reading the Town Crier?

Many folks don't realize the *Town Crier* was formed as a non-profit 20 years ago to mail free as a community service. Fairview has spread out and the paper has grown in delivery area, as well as services. The *Crier* has just moved into new, permanent space next door to its old office. It now shares space with The Hub and a meeting/conference room which puts a full-service business center under one roof. As you are con-

sidering donations at the end of the year, we ask that you think of your community newspaper and what value it has to you, as well as others in our area. Recently, due to immediate need, the *Crier* purchased \$500 worth of socks, hand warmers and bandanas for the firefighters. Your help is appreciated. A donation form is on page 19 for your convenience or you can donate securely online at our website [fairviewtowncrier.com](http://fairviewtowncrier.com).

The Fairview Town Crier  
P. O. Box 1862  
Fairview, NC 28730

NON-PROFIT  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit #100  
Fairview, NC  
28730

Postal Patron  
Fairview, NC 28730



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER 2 (FRIDAY)

**Victorian Christmas Twilight Tours at Smith-McDowell House**

The Western North Carolina Historical Association presents a special evening of Victorian Christmas Twilight Tours at Asheville's historic Smith-McDowell House (circa 1840), 283 Victoria Road, Asheville. Six rooms representing the 1840s-1890s will be on display with costumed interpreters. Light refreshments with a guided exhibit of vintage Victorian Christmas decorations. Reservations at 253-9231 or wnchistory.org.

DECEMBER 2-3 (FRI-SAT)

**Yuletide Candlelight Concert by Asheville Choral Society**

The Asheville Choral Society will offer their second annual Yuletide Candlelight program, at 7:30 pm December 2 and 4:30 pm December 3, in beautiful Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street, Asheville. The music will be festive and beautiful with Christmas and seasonal favorites, children's voices, and brass. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 students or \$25 at the door, available at ashevilchoralsociety.org or 232-2060.

**The Nutcracker at Diana Wortham Theatre**

Expect the brilliantly unexpected in Asheville Contemporary Dance Theatre and New Studio of Dance's version of The Nutcracker and the Mouse King, based on the adventurous original 1816 story by German author, E.T.A. Hoffmann. Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 2 pm and 7:30 pm. For details and tickets see dwtheatre.com.

DECEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)

**Confederate Ancestry Group**

A new Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp (Cane Creek Rifles) will have an organizational meeting at the Fletcher Fire Department, 7 pm. Attend and join to learn about Confederate ancestors and Southern heritage. The Fletcher Fire Department is located at 49 East Fanning Bridge Road. For more information call 628-1376.

DECEMBER 8 (THURSDAY)

**"Paws to Give" for Brother Wolf**

A festive holiday evening benefiting animals in need, this fun, formal event includes a delicious plated dinner,



DECEMBER 20 (TUESDAY)

**Community Christmas Party at UHNGCC**

All are invited to the party at Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Community Club in Gerton, 6:30 pm. Please bring finger foods to share and an inexpensive gift for exchange.



**Creative Touch Hair Salon Christmas Party**

All are invited to enjoy free food and door prizes of special gifts from Creative Touch's shop. Avon, Party Lite and Paparazzi Accessories available. 6-8 pm at 1346A Charlotte Highway. For details call 628-0401.

DECEMBER 10 (SATURDAY)

**Wild Ale Dinner at HNGF**

Hickory Nut Gap Farms will host a Wild Ale Dinner, a collaboration between Hickory Nut Gap and Wicked Weed Brewing, at 6:30 pm. The evening

drinks, a live and silent auction and live entertainment. 5:30-8:30 pm at The Venue, 21 North Market Street in downtown Asheville. Can't make the event? Shop auction items online at pawstogive.bwar.org.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER 10 (SATURDAY) CONT'D

features 7 different wild ales paired with seasonally inspired cuisine. Get a glimpse into the minds of craft brewers and contemporary chefs. Tickets are \$93 plus tax which includes a shuttle from The Wicked Weed Funkatorium in Asheville to the Farm and back. For details visit hickorynutgapfarm.com.

**28th Annual Christmas Jam**

A night of musical favorites featuring Branford Marsalis, Alison Krauss and many more. 6:45 pm at the Cellular Center in downtown Asheville. Tickets available through the USCC Box Office, ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000.

**Flapjacks for Families Benefit Breakfast**

Area families are invited to meet their favorite *Frozen* characters and enjoy pancakes, bacon, juice and coffee while making the holidays joyous for those in need. Irene Wortham Center's fundraiser Flapjacks for Families, 9-11 am at Wild Wings Cafe, 65 Long Shoals Road, Asheville. Proceeds from the breakfast directly benefit local families and children. Local celebrity servers will

compete for tips and to win the "golden spatula," and *Frozen* characters Anna, Elsa and Olaf will be joining in the fun! The breakfast is sponsored by Cane Creek Pharmacy and is \$10 per person, kids \$5, or free with a new, unwrapped toy of the same or greater value.

DECEMBER 11 & 14 (SUN, WED)

**Fairview Baptist Presents Christmas Musical Drama**

Fairview Baptist Church will present "Knots in the Family Tree," a Christmas Musical Drama in worship, 3 and 6 pm Sunday and 7 pm Wednesday evening. The message of this celebration is that God is so determined to prove His love for us that, regardless of how far we've distanced ourselves from Him, we are not beyond His reach. A nursery will be provided. For more information visit Facebook or Twitter or call 628-2908.

DECEMBER 14 (WEDNESDAY)

**Friends of HNG Holiday Gathering**

The Friends' annual Holiday Gathering will be held at the Lake Lure Inn and features Emily Walker, Chimney Rock Park Naturalist, who will speak on Park wildlife, their importance and need for

**December on Depot Street**

Over 100 artists in the River Arts District welcome visitors with lights, entertainment, demonstrations, snacks, sips and great shopping at this second annual Depot Street event. December 10, 4-8 pm. Free parking.



support, and the impact of the Party Rock fire on the flora and fauna of the Gorge. Free heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. 6 pm, 2771 Memorial Highway in Lake Lure.

own statement to read at the Winter Festival, please write early and send to Joy McConnell at joyelayne@aol.com. Contact Joy for specifics. For more information visit EHSAsheville.org.

DECEMBER 18 (SUNDAY)

**Ethical Society Winter Festival**

The Ethical Humanist Society of Asheville's Winter Festival will be at 2 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 227 Edgewood Avenue, Asheville. This year's event features "This I Believe" statements from famous people such as Edward R. Murrow, Albert Einstein and Eleanor Roosevelt, and also members and friends. Those inspired to write their

**Light Center Solstice Events**

Winter Solstice Ascension Circle with Rev. Heidi Peck 10:10 am-12 pm; Toning for Peace & Transformation with Yvonne Rainbow Teplitsky and Bob Hinkle on crystal bowls, 1-2:45 pm; Solo Solstice Concert with Richard Shulman, 3 to 5 pm. The Light Center, 2196 Highway 9 South, Black Mountain. For details and more December events at the Center, visit urlight.org.



**Dr. Haley Perry**  
has now moved to  
**Elite Eye Care in Arden**



**Now accepting new patients!**  
**Call for your appointment today.**  
**New phone number: 828-687-7500**

**ELITE EYE CARE**

A MEMBER OF *VISION SOURCE*

140 Airport Road, Suite L, Arden, NC | 828.687.7500  
www.visionsource-eliteeye.com



**Home for the Holidays!**

**Offered by Nina Kis**

KW Asheville Market Center  
Top Producer-Individual in September!

"At closing, I'll donate a \$100 to YOUR preferred charity to give back to OUR community."

**Biltmore Forest Charm and Elegance**

This 4,053 sq ft well appointed home has been tastefully remodeled with exquisite workmanship. New Roof, New Electrical, New Plumbing and New HVAC in 2006. Features: 4 bedrooms and 4.5 baths, Gourmet Kitchen, fully finished lower level Family Room, and 3rd floor Guest Suite with office and fireplace. Extras galore including 5 camera monitoring system, 1.7 kw generator and Nuvo Audio System. Peaceful and well landscaped yard is perfect for entertaining.  
**This is the one! \$1,095,000**



Nina Kis  
828-242-8029  
AshevilleNina@gmail.com



Corporate Relocation Specialist • President's Circle Winner • Chairman Circle's Gold Award  
Distinctive Properties and Estates Award • Sponsor of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue

FRIEND • NEIGHBOR • FARMER



**"Fighting for public education, clean water & everyday folks"**

Annie and I want to thank you for your support of our campaign to represent Fairview in the North Carolina House of Representatives. It is an honor and a weighty responsibility. The election is over, and I plan to represent everyone in District 115. Please contact my office in Raleigh if you have any problems with our state government, or if you want to let me know what you think about the issues and decisions facing our state. Or better yet, come by and visit me in the Legislature. Please join me in supporting our local schools — vital institutions in our community. My contact information is: Representative John Ager, 1315 Legislative Building, 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1096; email John.Ager@ncleg.net or call (919) 733-5746.

Paid for by Elect John Ager



COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER 30-31 (FRI-SAT)

New Year’s Eve at Light Center

A New Year’s Eve Prayer Celebration with Tully Moss, Friday 7–9 pm, Saturday 10 am–Noon, 8:30 pm–Midnight. The Light Center, 2196 Highway 9 South, Black Mountain. For details visit [urlight.org](http://urlight.org).

CHARITY PET EVENTS

Pan Harmonia Benefit Concert

December 4, 3 pm, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 337 Charlotte Street, Asheville. Pan Harmonia has been recognized for its artistic excellence and creative vision. It has been consistently chosen “Best of Classical” by the readers of local weekly *Mountain Xpress* since 2012. Proceeds support Animal Haven.

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic

December 4, 11 am–2 pm, Asheville Humane Society, 14 Forever Friend Lane, Asheville.

Deep River Concert

December 4, 8–10 pm. Grey Eagle, 185 Clingman Avenue. 10% of ticket sales to Brother Wolf.

Paws to Give

December 8, 5:30–8:30 pm. Formal fundraiser for Brother Wolf with dinner, drinks, live and silent auction, live entertainment. The Venue, 21 North Market Street.

Subaru Share the Love Event

For every new vehicle purchased or leased at Prestige Subaru in December, Subaru donates \$250 to the purchaser’s choice of participating charities. Prestige Subaru, 585 Tunnel Rd, Asheville.

Santa photos with pets

December 1, 8 & 15, 5–7 pm. Asheville Outlets, 800 Brevard Rd, Asheville. IProceeds support Brother Wolf.

Brother Wolf Adoption Events

December 3, 1–4pm, Skyland Automotive, 255 Smokey Park Highway.  
December 10, 12–3 pm, PetSmart, 150 Bleachery Boulevard.  
December 11, 12–3 pm, Asheville Music Hall, 31 Patton Avenue.  
December 17, 12–3 pm, Nest Organics, 51 N. Lexington.  
December 28, 6–8pm, Sanctuary Brewing, 147 1st Ave E, Hendersonville

Winter Lights at the Arboretum

The North Carolina Arboretum’s third annual Winter Lights holiday light exhibit will be open through Sunday, January 1, 6–10 pm nightly, for its outdoor walking tour. Nearly 500,000 energy-efficient LED lights highlight the natural beauty and landscapes of the Arboretum. New features for this year include a specially-designed projected-light program and a family-friendly animatronic program. Fan favorites such as the 50-foot animated tree, lighted Quilt Garden and Rocky Cove Railroad will return. Festive food and beverages, including hot cocoa, cider, s’mores, wine and beer will be available for purchase. For tickets and details visit [ncarboretum.org](http://ncarboretum.org).



ONGOING EVENTS

Lake Julian Festival of Lights

December 1–23 at Lake Julian Park off Long Shoals Road. Special walk-through show on December 1 only, 6–8 pm; drive-through begins on December 2, 6–9 pm each night through December 23. Activities for walk-through guests; thousands of colored lights include over 50 animated and stationary light displays. The road circling the park becomes a magical journey

through tunnels of dazzling lights. For details call 684-0376 or email [david.blynt@buncombecounty.org](mailto:david.blynt@buncombecounty.org).

Organic Growers School Writing Contest

Whether your journey with organic growing has changed your life or simply improved your garden, OGS wants to hear about it. Winning story will receive 2017 Spring Conference tickets. Contest closes December 31; for details see [organicgrowersschool.org](http://organicgrowersschool.org).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Garren Creek FD Nut Sale

The Garren Creek Fire Department Auxiliary is selling pecans and black walnuts, which are available by calling Elizabeth Simmonds, 669-2846 or 230-3986, or at the *Town Crier* office.

Medicare Classes

“Medicare Choices Made Easy” classes will explain how Medicare works, the enrollment process, how to avoid penalties and ways to save money. People new to Medicare or nearing retirement, caregivers, or those who help senior

citizens should consider attending. Classes are free, information is unbiased, accurate, and no products are sold, recommended or endorsed.

December 6, 6–8 pm, Skyland/South Buncombe Library, 260 Overlook Road

December 8, 2–4 pm, Pardee Signature Care Center, 1800 Four Seasons Blvd., Hendersonville

December 16, 2–4 pm, Goodwill Training Center, 1616 Patton Avenue

January 27, 2- 4 pm, UNCA/Reuter Center, 1 University Heights

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

The Fairview Town Crier is a 501 (3) (c) company that publishes a monthly community newspaper. Twelve issues per year are delivered free on or about the first of every month to 8,400+ households. Distribution is limited to Fairview, Gerton, and contiguous parts of Reynolds and Fletcher, North Carolina. The Fairview Town Crier is located at 1185F Charlotte Highway, Fairview, North Carolina 28730; mailing address is PO Box 1862, Fairview, North Carolina 28730. Subscriptions may be purchased for \$30 per year and will be mailed First Class postage on or about the first of each publication month. Visit [fairviewtowncrier.com](http://fairviewtowncrier.com) for details or to order online.

**Editorial Policy:** The *Fairview Town Crier* reserves the right to refuse any advertising or editorial submission deemed inappropriate for the tone and style of the publication. A best effort has been made to verify legitimacy of information received and published. Views expressed in columns and/or articles do not represent those of The Fairview Town Crier.

Submissions: Announcements, community news, upcoming events, personal notices, letters, etc. will be published free as space allows. Email to [copy@fairviewtowncrier.com](mailto:copy@fairviewtowncrier.com). For staff directory, contacts and additional information, please see page 38.

Once upon a time,  
there was a  
dirty carpet.  
Now, there’s  
just a  
memory.

828-333-6996  
[rainbowintl.com/asheville](http://rainbowintl.com/asheville)  
24/7 Emergency Services  
Water, Fire, Mold, Smoke, Odor  
& Encapsulation



Cleaning and restoration services to help you live  
Happily. Even after.

TRUST MATTERS.  
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT’S  
YOUR MONEY.

Have you ever wondered who your financial advisor really works for? We work strictly for you. We work hard to build a relationship of trust by providing thoughtful, unbiased guidance and placing your interests first.

Invest with a knowledgeable financial advisor who’s on your side; someone who truly cares whether your investments are right for you.

Call 800.222.3230 ext. 8441 to schedule a complimentary financial review. There is no obligation and even if you already have an investment portfolio in place we can offer a second opinion.

ASHEVILLE SAVINGS  
INVESTMENT SERVICES

Located at Asheville Savings Bank  
11 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801  
800.222.3230 ext. 8441  
[AshevilleSavingsBank.com/Investments](http://AshevilleSavingsBank.com/Investments)

Not FDIC Insured | No Bank Guarantee | May Lose Value | Not a Deposit  
Not Insured by any Federal Government Agency

Securities and advisory services are offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment advisor, member FINRA/SIPC. Insurance products offered through LPL Financial or its licensed affiliates. Asheville Savings Bank and Asheville Savings Investment Services are separate entities from LPL Financial.

Thank you  
for your support,  
Fairview!



Paid for by Elect Nancy Nehls Nelson, PO BOX 504, Weaverville, NC 28787  
Find us online at: [ElectNancyNehlsNelson.org](http://ElectNancyNehlsNelson.org)  
[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ElectNancyNehlsNelson) /ElectNancyNehlsNelson

MIKE SURRETT  
828.628.2918 • CELL 828 230.8494  
SURRETTM@BELLSOUTH.NET

Tree Cutting/Removal  
Firewood • Carpentry

Painting • Drywall

Moving

Pressure Washing  
Trash Removal

Lawn care /Mowing

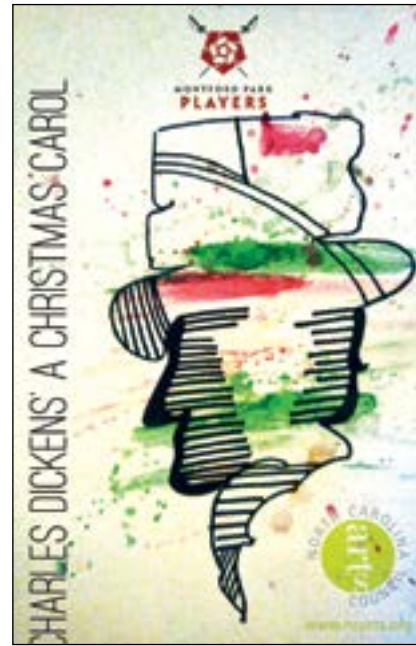
FREE ESTIMATES • INSURED



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ONGOING EVENTS CONT'D

#### **A Christmas Carol with the Montford Park Players**



Montford Park Players, an Asheville theatrical tradition, is proud to announce their upcoming festival, A Day with Dickens with its annual staging of the classic holiday tale *A Christmas Carol*. The festival and performances will be held at the Hazel Robinson

Amphitheatre, 92 Gay Street in the Montford District. Friday and Saturday afternoons from December 10 through 18, festival from 3–5pm, show begins at 5pm. Crafts, food, free hot cider and hot chocolate, mulled wine available for purchase. FREE to attend. For details and reservations, montfordparkplayers.org or 254-5146.

#### **Swannanoa Valley Art League Show at Red House**

“Looking Back” is the theme of the SVFAL’s final 2016 show in the Red House Gallery, 310 W. State Street, Black Mountain. Show runs through December 30. For details visit svfalarts.org.

#### **Adult Dodgeball Team Registration Open**

Dodge, duck, dip, dive — play dodgeball in the Winter Adult Dodge Ball League. Games played on the campus of UNC Asheville, January 3 through February 21, 2017. Registration \$30 per player or \$175 per six-person team, open until December 19 or when eight teams have registered. For details or to register contact Jay Nelson, 250-4269 or jay.nelson@buncombecounty.org.

#### **Welcome Table Lunch**

A community lunch every Thursday, 11:30 am–1 pm in the Community Room of Fairview Christian Fellowship, behind the Fairview Library. A donation of \$10 if you can afford it. Visit their Facebook page or [fairviewwelcometable.com](http://fairviewwelcometable.com).



#### **Dining for Women**

The Fairview chapter of the global poverty-fighting giving circle meets on the fourth Monday of each month. For details visit Facebook page.

#### **The Light Center**

**Yoga** classes on Thursdays, 10:30–11:45 am, \$10/class. 2196 Highway 9 South, Black Mountain. Visit [urlight.org](http://urlight.org).

#### **Brain Tumor Support Group**

Every third Thursday at MAHEC, 6 pm. Refreshments. Visit [wncbraintumor.org](http://wncbraintumor.org).

#### **Spring Mountain CC Events**

[springmountaincommunitycenter.com](http://springmountaincommunitycenter.com)

#### **Community Leadership Meeting:**

Usually the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm. We are now inviting nominations and volunteers for 2017 leadership positions.

**Quilting Bee:** Meets every second Tuesday, 10 am–2 pm. Bring a project and your lunch. Quilters make various items to donate to worthy causes. Call 628-7900 or 628-1938.



**Berrypickers' Jam:** Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Our beloved Berrypickers will move the “jam” inside for the season. Bring your instrument, listening ear, and dancing feet to the lower level for a jammin' good time.

**Yoga:** Monday 9:15–10:30 am; Thursdays 6:15–7:30 pm; \$5–\$10 suggested donation. Call 243-8432 or email [sabrina.alison.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:sabrina.alison.mueller@gmail.com).

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

#### **A Film History of the 1916 Flood**

One hundred years ago, Western North Carolina was hit by the worst flood in its history. As a result of two hurricanes within days of each other, hundreds of mudslides caused catastrophic damage and loss of life, the Swannanoa River was a mile wide, and the French Broad River was 17 feet above flood stage.



The Center for Cultural Preservation and filmmaker David Weintraub will show *Come Hell or High Water: Remembering the Great Flood of 1916* on **Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm**. Award-winning documentary filmmaker Weintraub will answer questions afterwards.

The Great Flood is more than a history lesson. Its also a cautionary tale of where we build our homes, how we live our lives and what we do to protect ourselves and the environment the next time nature raises its ugly head again. Hurricane Matthew in October of this year is a timely reminder of how massive flooding can arrive unexpectedly.

Refreshments will be served courtesy of Friends of the Library volunteers.

#### **Holiday Giving Tree**

You can make the holidays bright for a child in Fairview! Our Holiday Giving Tree program places books in the hands of local children in need. *Through December 9*, visit the Fairview Library and select

a child’s card from our tree. Purchase a new book (\$10 minimum retail value) and return it to the Fairview Library OR donate \$10 and the Friends of the Fairview Library will do the shopping for you. Please bring donated books unwrapped. The donations will be given to children at Fairview Elementary School. For more information call 250-6484.

**Help With Book Wrapping!** On **Friday, December 9 at 2 pm** the Friends of the Library will gather in the Community Room to wrap the books donated for the Annual Holiday Giving Tree.

#### **Holiday Concert**

Singer/songwriter/guitar player Tom Fisch will perform on **Saturday, December 10 at 2 pm** for a fun and festive Family Holiday Concert. Tom’s kids’ shows have been a favorite at libraries around the county, and we are excited to bring him to Fairview for this special event. Check out his CD *Songs for Kids* for a preview to this delightful Holiday Concert.



#### **LEGO Club**

The LEGO Club will meet **Friday, December 2, 3:30 pm**. All kids kindergarten and up are invited for special builds, creative challenges, and a whole lot of fun. LEGO blocks provided. All creations will be put on display at the library.

#### **Be Creative in the Maker Space!**

Self-directed activities will be available all month long for children and teens. Past activities have included black-out poetry, bookmark making, and grown up coloring. The station is always changing, so make sure to check out the latest project next time you are in the library.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTES**

##### **Evening Book Club**

The Evening Book Club will discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman on **Tuesday, December 20, 7 pm**.

##### **Monday Storytime**

We are considering creating a Monday afternoon storytime, and would love community feedback. Please drop by the library or send us an email at [library@buncombecounty.org](mailto:library@buncombecounty.org) to let us know what you would like to see!

##### **Free Research Service for Teachers and Homeschool Parents of Fairview**

Fill out the new Teacher Subject Request Form on the Library website and our staff can set materials aside for you. Please allow at least one week for materials to be selected. You will be notified by email when your resources are ready for pickup, and they will be held in your name for one week. This service is absolutely free. The Library is happy to support our teachers.

##### **Used Books for Sale**

Gently used books are for sale just inside the library doors — great reading, great gifts, and a great bargain. All sale proceeds support the Friends of the Library programs for adults and children.

#### **NEW ARRIVALS**

*Jump* by Steve Harvey

*Out of Bounds*

by Val McDermid

*The Undoing Project*

by Michael Lewis

*Beyond the Truth* by Anne Holt

**Children and Teens Books**

*Word of Mouse*

by James Patterson and

Chris Grabenstein

*Dork Diaries 11*

by Rachel Renee Russell

*Wonder Woman: The True Amazon*

by Jill Thompson

#### **Holiday Closures**

The Library will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Tuesday December 27, and again on Monday, January 2.

#### **Fairview Public Library**

1 Taylor Road, Fairview • 250-6484

**MON/WED/THURS/FRIDAY** 10–6 PM

**TUES**, 10 AM–8 PM **SAT** 10 AM–5 PM

**CLOSED SUNDAY**

**MOTHER GOOSE TIME (4–18 MO)**

**TUESDAYS**, 11 AM

**BOUNCE 'N BOOKS**

**(TODDLER, PRESCHOOL)**

**WEDNESDAYS**, 11 AM

**PRESCHOOLER STORY TIME (3–6 YRS)**

**THURSDAYS**, 11 AM

*Children must be with a parent/adult*

# Stop by for your Christmas shopping!

**We now sell:**

**Illume**  
Candles

**Jane Iredale**  
mineral make-up and all-natural cosmetics

**Melissa and Doug**  
toys for children

Don't miss Ugly Sweater Mondays!  
Vote on our Facebook page!

**Holiday photo printing starting at just 49¢**

**...and of course all your prescription needs!**

**Americare Pharmacy**

Fairview's Hometown, Locally Owned & Operated Pharmacy

Fairview Business Park  
1185 Charlotte Highway  
Fairview, NC 28730

Phone: (828) 628-3121  
Hours: Mon-Fri 8am - 6pm  
[americarepharmacy.net](http://americarepharmacy.net)

*Merry Christmas!  
and Happy New Year!*

*The end of this year is upon us and we want to thank all of our customers (old and new) for a great year and a chance to get to know each of you. And a reminder that we do storm cleanup, all types of drainage issues, gravel road repair, grading and a lot more. So if you have a problem, chances are we can help you solve it. Give us a call and we will talk about it. We are fully insured and a licensed General Contractor. And we show up every time.*

*We wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

**FAIRVIEW LANDSCAPING**

**828 628-4080**

**2135 Cane Creek Road in Fairview**  
**FairviewLandscaping.com**

**WESTERN CAROLINA PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
Outpatient Orthopedics, Balance & Vestibular

We'll help you  
Get Better... Faster...  
Close to Home!

Post-Op Joint Rehab  
Torn Rotator Cuffs  
Back Pain  
Knees  
Hips

Balance Improvement  
Treat Dizziness  
Stop Vertigo

**REHAB LOCAL!**

226 Charlotte Highway  
Eastwood Village in Reynolds

**828 298-0492**

**WesternCarolinaPT.com**

Medicare • BCBS • Tricare • UHC  
Crescent • Veterans • Work Comp  
Auto Accidents • Same Day Discounts

*Oh, What Fun!*

Give the Gift of Bird Feeding  
from Wild Back Unlimited

**20% OFF**

one regularly-priced item\*

\*Valid only at the participating store listed. One discount per purchase. Offer not valid on previous purchases, gift cards, optics, DSC memberships or sale items. Offer valid thru 12/24/16.

**10 Crispin Court, Ste D-102, Asheville**  
**828 687-9433 • [www.wbu.asheville](http://www.wbu.asheville)**

**BIRD FOOD • FEEDERS • GARDEN ACCENTS • UNIQUE GIFTS**





*Local agents, local knowledge.*

Serving the real estate needs of Black Mountain, Montreat, Asheville and the Swannanoa Valley since 1999.



**Our Asheville location is conveniently located in Eastwood Village across from Ingles on Highway 74.**

4 Olde Eastwood Village, Unit 201  
828.298.1540 | greybeardrealty.com



214.54 acres in Maggie Valley/Jonathan Creek area. Price reduced!  
\$1,075,000 MLS 3220837



3 BR/3.5 bath townhome in Burnsville gated community near Mt Mitchell Golf Course. \$439,000 MLS 3220929



1.12 acres of land in Mills River.  
\$89,000 MLS NCM 591295



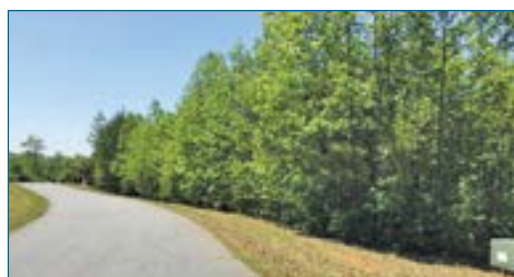
4-bedroom, 4-bath Colonial-style home in historic Biltmore Forest.  
\$742,500 MLS 3133348



West Asheville commercial space for sale off of Haywood Road.  
\$799,000 MLS 3220812



6-bed, 5.5-bath historic renovated 1950s lodge. 29 acres with 2 ponds and a stream.  
\$1,075,000 MLS 3198929



2 acres with easy lake access in Lake Lure.  
\$59,900 MLS NCM586427



2 BR/2 bath townhome with a 2 car garage, level entry in South Asheville.  
\$224,000 MLS 3227220



1.21-acre lot in Fairview off Emma's Grove Rd. Convenient to Asheville with year round views  
\$55,000 MLS 3217623

**Looking for a property management company?**

**Greybeard's Property Management division manages over 350 vacation and long-term rentals in the Asheville area. Learn more at [greybeardrentals.com](http://greybeardrentals.com) or call 855.923.7940.**

## UHGCC Wins Community of Promise Award

A celebration of the work of 64 rural communities in the mountains took place on November 12 at the 67th WNC Honors Awards Program. Over 250 community leaders from 15 counties and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee attended the luncheon to be inspired, recognized and rewarded for their exceptional community development programs.

"Our rural communities are dedicated and work tirelessly on numerous projects," said Linda Lamp, Executive Director of WNC Communities. "These communities make a great difference in the quality of life for all of us. It is only appropriate that we honor them and draw on their continuous positive example of neighbor helping neighbor."

Communities of Promise were chosen for their initiatives that show

promise and can be replicated around the region. Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Community was the winner of this category from Henderson County.

Community centers and clubs across the region voluntarily participate in the annual WNC Honors Awards; the 64 communities involved in this year's program represented a total of 5,375 volunteers with an impressive 158,000 hours in service to rural communities. In addition, the collective fundraising efforts of these communities brought in over \$635,000 for everything from neighbor helping neighbor to afterschool programs, senior meal sites, farmland preservation, a tele-medicine clinic, and events highlighting our region's great art, craft, and music traditions.

Congratulations go to UHGCC for their continuing achievement.



Upper Hickory Nut Gorge community members (left to right): Margaret Whitt, Sylvia Sane, Gloria Anders and Jean Bradley were presented the Community of Promise Award by Lumpy Lambert from Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel.

## The Story of Mr. Book

Local author Laura Camby McCaskill is known for her two popular thrillers, *Her Keepers* and *Fallow*, but most people don't know that Laura wasn't the first author in her family. She followed in the footsteps of her mother Judy Camby, a children's author whose first work, *Mr. Book's Story*, was published before she passed away in 2010. *Mr. Book's Story* is a tale about the letters of the alphabet and their big fight to see who's best.

Though Laura has had two novels of her own published, she spends her free time sharing Mr. Book and his message of working together at presentations in local schools, libraries, and homes for children, after which she donates a copy for the children to enjoy all year long. During Americare Pharmacy's local book bag drive in 2014, a copy of *Mr. Book's Story* went home with every child in second grade and under.

*Mr. Book's Story* is not only found in local schools and libraries, but has been given to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children in Erie, Pa., and Salt Lake City as well. Laura has scheduled appearances for more local locations this year, and next year she will present Mr. Book at the Tucson Festival of Books, a major book event featuring diverse literary works for all ages and attracting tens of thousands of attendees.

Two weekends ago Laura stopped by the Black Mountain Home for Children to read *Mr. Book's Story* and donate a copy to their library, the Wilson library. The children enjoyed the story time and also the question period with Laura, who



answered anything from "Why do you write?" to "What's your favorite letter of the alphabet?" Laura plans to visit the children at the Black Mountain Home again this year.

Laura's mother had several other works that were left unpublished when she passed away, but soon children will be able to enjoy those stories as well. Laura has spent all of 2016 gathering the short stories and finding illustrators to finish her mother's work. The collection will be published in early 2017 in a book entitled *A Collection of Love*.

When asked why she puts so much effort into sharing Mr. Book, Laura replies, "It's what my mother would have wanted. She loved children and wanted them to succeed in anything they put their heart into."

*Mr. Book's Story* is truly a story of love, dedication, and giving.

# December<sup>on</sup> Depot Street

## Saturday, December 10, 4-8 pm

342 ~ 375 Depot Street in the River Arts District

### GIFTS • ART • FOOD • MUSIC • AMPLE FREE PARKING

### Over 100 artists and two restaurants in two blocks of holiday lights and historic studio buildings!



Trackside Studios will donate 25% of event sales to The Lord's Acre!



Jonathan Withrow

Jonathan Withrow was born in Fairview on May 14, 1815. He was the son of John Withrow (1770-1850) and Susannah Ashworth (1782-1852). Jonathan's father was from Rutherford County, NC, and his mother Susannah was the daughter of John Ashworth, Sr. (1735-1805) and Nancy Ann Wood (1745-1833). John and Ann Ashworth were among the first settlers of Fairview and lived at the site of Sherrill's Inn. Ann Ashworth was Fairview's first doctor (or a witch, as many said).

John Withrow was a prosperous man for that era. He owned 340 acres of land around Ashworth Creek in Fairview and an additional 340 acres on Clear Creek in what is now eastern Henderson County.

John Withrow was a prosperous man for that era. He owned 340 acres of land around Ashworth Creek in Fairview and an additional 340 acres on Clear Creek in what is now eastern Henderson County. Jonathan Withrow's parents moved the family of 10 children to Haywood County around 1830. Jonathan became a captain in the Haywood County Militia. He married Margaret Patterson in Haywood County on July 16, 1836. Margaret was born on April 10, 1814. The couple's first two children were born in Haywood County. Jonathan Withrow, his wife Margaret,

his parents and brother and sisters moved to Gilmer County, Georgia, around 1840. Jonathan and his extended family moved to the Mountaintown section of west Gilmer County. His former neighbors, William and Catherine Garren Sumner, moved to the Mountaintown section of Gilmer County around the same time. Jonathan engaged in merchandising, stock raising and farming. Jonathan Withrow was elected judge of the Gilmer County Court in 1843. When Withrow took office Gilmer County was \$4,000 dollars in debt (a large amount of money at that time) and had a high rate of taxation. Jonathan's frugal management of financial matters and speedy reforms allowed him to pay off the debt and reduce the county's tax rate in four years.

During the Civil War he donated 4,000 pounds of bacon, 50 sheep, 80 head of cattle and 600 bushels of corn to the Confederate Army.

Withrow was also known for his generosity and for his kind heart in regard to the poor. During the Civil War he donated 4,000 pounds of bacon, 50 sheep, 80 head of cattle and 600 bushels of corn to the Confederate Army. He served as a captain in the local Home Guard and provisioned his men out of his own supplies. Judge Withrow owned what was considered a large plantation for the mountain re-



Jonathan Withrow (1815-1889)

gion of Gilmer County. He also owned several slaves. When Withrow's farm was raided by the Yankees in the Civil War, one of his slaves buried his gold and other valuables and prevented them from falling into the hands of the enemy. After the end of the Civil War and the freeing of the slaves, it was said his slaves remained on his farm as employees. Withrow's wife Margaret died in June 1, 1866. He married a second time in March 1872 to Nancy Plemmons. The people of Gilmer County elected Judge Jonathan Withrow to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1880. He was reelected in 1881 and 1882. Jonathan Withrow served on 50 grand juries while he lived in Gilmer County and served as the foreman on 45 of them.

Jonathan Withrow served on 50 grand juries while he lived in Gilmer County and served as foreman on 45 of them.

Judge Jonathan Withrow was a member of Mountaintown Baptist Church. He died in Ellijay in Gilmer County, Georgia on December 22, 1889. He was buried next to his first wife Margaret in Mountaintown Baptist Church Cemetery. Jonathan and Margaret Patterson Withrow had eight children.

Robert Marion Withrow was born in Haywood County on July 11, 1836, and married Martha Hill (1852-1902). She died in Gilmer County, Ga. He died May 19, 1914 in Wayne County, Ga.

Sarah Ann Withrow was born in Haywood County on November 29, 1839. She married David Garren (born December 25, 1833 in Fairview), son of Joseph Garren and Bertha Russell. He died on October 11, 1909 in Ellijay, Gilmer County, Ga. Sarah Ann died on Jan. 1, 1860 in Gilmer County, Ga.

Caroline Matilda Withrow was born on March 31, 1843 in Gilmer County, Ga. She married William M. Hipp (1841-1920) They moved to Lewis County, Washington. She died on October 30, 1930.

Thomas J. Withrow was born in Gilmer County, Ga., on May 13, 1845. He married Martha "Mattie" Anderson. They

lived in Oklahoma. Thomas died on November 17, 1918 in Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Ok. Margaret M. Withrow was born on October 5, 1848 in Gilmer County, Ga. She died there on May 24, 1911. James Patterson Withrow was born on April 5, 1851 in Gilmer County, Ga. He married Mallisa Ann "Milly" Fore (1851-1921). They moved to Lewis County, Washington. James died there on July 11, 1936. John A. Withrow was born in Gilmer County, Ga on September 25, 1853. He died there on July 7, 1874. David Jephtha Withrow was born in Gilmer County, Ga on March 26, 1862. He married Elizabeth C. Dunn (she was half Cherokee) on February 3, 1893 in Tahlequah, Indian territory (Oklahoma). She died in 1932. He died on September 17, 1935 in Davidson, Ok. Jonathan Withrow and his second wife Nancy Plemmons had three children. James W. Withrow was born in Gilmer County, Ga., on May 20, 1873. He married Hester Selina Defoor (1872-1928). They moved to Lamb County, Tx. James died there on July 9, 1948. Lou Ella Withrow was born in Gilmer County, Ga., on October 14, 1876. She married John C. Garner (1869-1939). Lou died on May 22, 1962. Both died in Lexington, Ok. Pinkney Lafayette Withrow was born in Gilmer County, Ga., on August 25, 1878. He died on July 25, 1950 in Cheotah, McIntosh County, Ok. Local historian Bruce Whitaker documents genealogy in the Fairview area. You can reach him at 628-1089 or email him at brucewhitaker@bellsouth.net.

Update on Hollywood Road Remediation

by Kelly Koney

Matt Aufman of the Pre-Regulatory Landfill Unit, NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), provided this update for the Hollywood Rd. remediation. "For the first part of the remedy through December, we expect the erosion and sediment control measures to be installed, timbering to take place, the temporary fence to be installed along Hollywood Road, and the haul road to be built from Hollywood Road into the site. They might be starting the first phase of the removal and landfill cover installation, as described in the Remedial Action Plan, depending on the schedule. Working hours will be from 7:00-5:00, Mon-Fri." We will consolidate DEQ's weekly updates and publish a synopsis in the Crier. We also want to let you know that as the result of our community feedback last summer, the Department of Environmental Quality did agree to strengthen its long-term water quality monitoring provisions. First they are installing an additional monitoring well beyond the perimeter of the water contamination area specified in the initial remediation plan. Second all monitoring wells will be tested by the State for a minimum of three years. All wells left in place after that time may be tested at landowner expense. While this doesn't fully address the concerns we raised about the extent of groundwater contamination, it is an improvement on the original plan that has the potential to yield benefits for our community. If you have any questions or want updates more frequently than we can provide in the Crier, please feel contact me at kmkoney@msn.com or 828-222-2101.

Allen Helmick

Burton Helmick

# AllenBurtonTeam.com

Fairview Realtors for 32 Years!

Cool Mountain Realty  
828 329-8400

We've Sold 100s of Homes and 1000s of Acres

**BUILDER'S DUPLEX HOME**, 4200 sq ft, 3 acres, private, wooded, level plateau setting, custom kitchen, marble, tile, wraparound glass porch, separate apartment downstairs, **\$450,000** MLS 3188435

**12 UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX**, 4.35 acres, fully occupied, high rental demand Fairview area, 8-2 BR and 4-3 BR units, excellent sun exposure, beautiful view, built in 2004, first time on market. **\$1,200,000**, MLS 3202104.

**31 ACRES, COZY CABIN, WELL & PUMP W GENERATOR**, long level ridgetop views, valley creek, trails thru-out, no close neighbors, no restrictions, **\$400,000**, will divide, **MLS 3155768**.

**25 acres, ESTATE PROPERTY** in exclusive Fairview Forest, level plateaus, total privacy, long range view, huge old trees, thick vegetation, stream, community property w creeks, waterfalls, hiking trails and club house. **\$225,000**, **MLS 3218142**

**3.26 ACRES TOP OF THE WORLD!** Spectacular views of Reynolds, East Asheville and beyond! Close up views of Cedar Mountain. 5 minutes to Asheville, 10 minutes to downtown. **\$175,000** **MLS 3136898**

**15 ACRES WITH 10 ACRES OF FENCED PASTURE**, Cane Creek Valley, up to 132 acres available, creeks, views, well, two septs, paved road, **\$495,000**, seller financing available **MLS 3208506**

**TROUT LILY**  
DELI & MARKET  
Artisan Pantry with Local Roots

We have the "local-est" of the local from Fairview!

Bee & Bramble meads

Farmer Jane soap

Imladris jams and condiments

Looking Glass Farm cheeses

HNG Farm beef jerkys

## Choose a gift made with LOCAL love!

You will multiply your gift by 3 times...

- ♥ to the local artisans
- ♥ to the locally owned business
- ♥ to the local Fairview economy!

628.0402 • 1297 Charlotte Highway • troutlilymarket.com

# HOLIDAY SAVINGS EVENT

## TRIPLE DOORBUSTER SALE CHOICE

**BP PS Tempo**  
**\$598 QUEEN**  
Pocketed Coil Pillow Top

**HD SD Asher PT**  
**\$1298 QUEEN**  
Supportive, Durable Comfort

**Spa Valencia Latex**  
**\$1598 QUEEN**  
Natural Latex with Microcoils & Cotton Cover

**Mattress Man**  
STORES

LOCAL FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 3 LOCATIONS:

**ASHEVILLE** - 85 Tunnel Rd (Innsbruck Mall, Next to Big Lots) • (828) 299-4232

**ARDEN** - 303 Airport Rd (Next to Sonic) • (828) 687-2618

**HENDERSONVILLE** - 1900 B Four Seasons Blvd (Next to US Cellular) • (828) 693-9000

**MATTRESSMANSTORES.COM - 828-299-4232**



TO YOUR HEALTH

Oh, My Aching Head!

by Ed Reilly, BA, MBA, DC, CCSP, FIAMI, GT-C, Fairview Chiropractic Center


Oh, my aching head! Who hasn't said that to themselves at some point? If you've ever had a headache – or worse yet, if you suffer from a headache disorder such as migraines or cluster headaches – you know how truly debilitating this type of pain can be. It might be of some comfort to know that you are not alone. According to the World Health Organization, headaches are among the most common disorders of the nervous system. Here are a few other pertinent facts from WHO:

- It has been estimated that almost half of the adult population have had a headache at least once within the last year.
- Headache disorders, which are characterized by recurrent headache, are associated with personal and societal burdens of pain, disability, damaged quality of life and financial issues.
- Worldwide, a minority of people with headache disorders are diagnosed appropriately by a health-care provider.
- Headaches have been underestimated, under-recognized and under-treated throughout the world.

Headache is one of the most common conditions seen in chiropractic offices. From 2001 to 2011, headaches represented 13% of chiropractic patients presenting complaints. Headaches not only have a significant adverse effect on adults, but frequent or severe headaches

Dr. Edward Reilly is past president of the NC Chiropractic Association and team chiropractor for the ACRHS football team. He is board certified as a chiropractic sports physician, and in Graston Technique, spinal decompression traction and acupuncture. He has served Fairview since 1998. He can be reached at 628-7800, drreilly@fairviewdc.com, or fairviewdc.com.

Build a Better Brain  
Live a Better Life



APEX  
BRAIN CENTERS

Call us today at 828.708.5274 to learn about our unique Day of Discovery... your chance to connect the dots between your experience of life and your current state of brain and body health

ApexBrainCenters.com

Managing Dry Skin in the Winter

by Irene Park, PharmD, MAHEC Family Health Center at Cane Creek

As the colder weather of winter finally sets in, a common issue you may find yourself faced with is the itchy, dry skin that comes along with lower temperatures and drier air. While for some this may be just a simple annoyance that goes away as the weather warms, for others it can lead to itchiness or cracked skin that can even turn into open sores. If these sores go untreated, they could become infected and have serious health implications. The good news is that we can anticipate dry skin and take steps to prevent it fairly easily.

Using mild soaps such as Dove or Cetaphil can help preserve the moisture barrier of your skin. The chemicals in traditional soaps, while effective cleansers, can alter the pH of your skin and this can worsen dry skin and itchiness.

In addition to steering clear of traditional soaps, it is also helpful to avoid excessive washing, especially in very hot water. Bathing in hot water can worsen dry skin. You should also avoid scrubbing too aggressively when bathing. However, during these winter months it is still important to maintain good hand hygiene to avoid spreading germs; just remember to use gentle cleansers.

Regular use of moisturizers is key to maintaining your skin in the winter. Many moisturizers contain elements that will protect your skin's moisture

barrier — look for ingredients such as glycerin, lactic acid and urea. Thicker moisturizers also tend to be better at maintaining skin moisture, but they can take some extra time to apply. For those with chronic conditions such as diabetic neuropathy, appropriate moisturizing of the extremities, especially feet, is critical this time of year to prevent any open sores that may develop and go unnoticed. Whatever product you choose, you should apply it just after bathing and gently drying the skin, and make sure to apply consistently.

The constant exposure to dry air in the winter can further complicate our efforts to keep our skin moist. Having a humidifier in your home to keep moisture in the air may be beneficial to some.

The occasional brush with dry skin in the winter can range from mildly annoying for some to a more serious health risk for others. We are fortunate that there are many products that can help alleviate the discomfort of dry skin as long as we are dedicated to using them.

FAMILY CARE  
of Fairview

“Where you are treated like a member of our family.”

We are committed to providing compassionate, quality care to patients in a timely manner. Our health professionals are dedicated to helping people realize their full potential with their health, lifestyle & attitude. We want to help our patients in the journey to be healthy and strong. Let us be your partner in health!

Diana Bradley, MD    Rebecca Clemenzi, MD  
Paul Chang, MD    Frederick McIntyre, PA-C

136 Charlotte Highway, Asheville, NC 28803 | (828) 296-0880  
Monday–Thursday, 8:30am–6:00 pm; Friday 8:30am–3:00pm  
www.fcfairview.com

OF INTEREST TO SENIORS

Medicare Advantage FAQs

Choosing a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan involves selecting among various plan types such as PPO, HMO and PFFS plans, which we discussed last month. There are other considerations, however, which can help you narrow down your choices between similar plans. The two most important ones are star ratings and benefits. You might first want to look at a company's star rating.

**Star Ratings**

Briefly, Medicare assesses MA and PDP plans yearly and awards a star rating based on a 1- to 5-star system, using a variety of factors. The theory is that a higher star rating equals a better plan and health care experience for the plan's members. Each plan receives an individual assessment, so just because two plans are from the same company doesn't mean that both are given the same rating.

**More Benefits**

There is a direct relationship between star ratings and benefits. Medicare gives additional money to higher-rated plans. This translates into additional benefits and lower premiums for that plan's members, which allows the plan to be more competitive than other lower-rated plans, thus attracting more members. One would expect then that higher-rated companies would have more attractive benefits, and they do. I call these “value added” benefits, and the plan has some discretion as to what they are. Here are a

few I've seen: additional dental or vision benefits, hearing aid coverage, over-the-counter pharmacy product allowances, and gym memberships. Other unique benefit enhancements may include zero dollar copays for certain tiers of prescriptions when ordering from a preferred mail order or retail pharmacy, exemption from Rx deductibles for generic drugs and limited Rx coverage through the donut hole or coverage gap, and even a tiered doctor copay system allowing \$0 copays for certain primary care doctors.

**Customer Service**

Medicare's rating system seems to be working to provide a more benefit-rich environment for the top performers. The hope is that exceptional customer service and health care experience will follow suit. At this point in time, one would be hard pressed to discern much difference between companies in this area. But then there's my greatest pet peeve and maybe yours as well: My kingdom for understandable state-side customer service with no prompts. Struggling to understand out-sourced customer service reps rarely provides for an exceptional customer experience. It's an intangible worth noting. It does however, provide an opportunity for me to stand in the gap for my clients. Just sayin'! See you next month.

Mike Richard is president of Prime Time Solutions, Inc., an insurance agency serving people across the Southeast specializing in senior insurance products since 1998. Reach Mike at 628-3889 or 275-5863.

Warmest Wishes  
for a happy holiday season




MAHEC

Family Health Center at Cane Creek

Office Hours: Monday: 7:40am–5:00pm  
Tuesday–Friday: 8:00am–5:00pm

628-8250

1542 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, NC



SUFFERING  
WITH  
HEADACHES?

MIGRAINES? TENSION HEADACHES?  
CLUSTER HEADACHE?

WE MAY HAVE THE ANSWER.

FAIRVIEW  
Chiropractic Center

We've been treating all types of headaches for 18 years, with a very high success rate!

READ WHAT SOME OF OUR PATIENTS SAY:

“I came to Fairview Chiropractic after a full year of seeking traditional treatment for daily headaches. I'd seen multiple specialists and undergone MRIs, CAT scans, x-rays, and even a spinal tap to diagnose the issue. I'd seen a neurologist, oral surgeons, and several GPs, all to no avail. Over the course of treatment, Dr. Reilly was able to provide lasting relief. I now seek chiropractic care as my first line of defense, rather than my last hope, and I'd definitely tell others to do the same.” —Laura M.

“I began experiencing headaches that became increasingly worse. My family doctor prescribed daily medication for allergies/sinus problems and pain. Dr. Reilly set out a course of treatment for the headaches as well as some lower back pain I've had for years. After my first treatment I was amazed at the relief. No words can describe how wonderful I feel. My headaches and back pain are virtually gone. Dr. Reilly is always interested in my care and advises on my continued improvement.” —Pam P.

call today for an always-free headache consultation: 828-628-7800

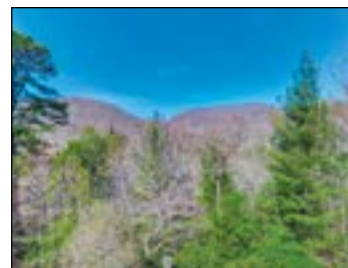
FAIRVIEW  
Chiropractic Center

2 FAIRVIEW HILLS RD | 628-7800 | WWW.FAIRVIEWDC.COM



# Looking For A Fabulous Home? Let Karon Korp Help You find It!

## Beautiful Custom Home in Windsong Estates with Views!



Make this magnificent home your special place in the mountains! Great room with fireplace adjoins Chef's Gourmet Kitchen and formal dining room. Covered porch and expansive deckspace allows for wonderful entertaining. Master on main with spacious bath, two more guest suites w/private baths. Office/exercise area on the Terrace Level w/ separate entrance could be another bedroom. Workshop downstairs. Special places outdoors. Lovely community and lake. Very private, so convenient to town.

MLS# 3159057 **NEW PRICE**  
**\$725,000**



## Find Out More About the Fairview Real Estate Market

2016 has been an incredible year for home sales and rising home prices. It's a Seller's Market as available inventory has been greatly reduced. Schedule an appointment with Karon to review YOUR home's Potential List Price:

- **FREE Comparative Market Analysis**
- **FREE Sales and Comparable Home Review**
- **REVIEW Marketing Options Available to YOU!**

## Riceville Contemporary — So Many Delights!



Grand Home, A Gardener's Dream! Made for family, and entertaining friends. Spacious, private and views that envelop you. Kitchen has cherry wood cabinets, stainless appliances, granite counters, two dishwashers. Master En-suite w/separate closets, luxurious bath. Bonus garage apartment offers extra guest space or vacation rental. Large trex deck, park like setting with fruit trees! 3 car garage! Close to town/shopping/dining. All this on 1.49 acres! MLS# 3205447 **\$535,000**



Helping you find the Perfect Place to Call Home ...

828.231.0041

www.ashevilleirealtygroup.com

**2016 STAR PRODUCER! Over \$5 Million in Sales!**



## COMPUTER BYTES..... by Bill Scobie

### Multi-Browser Tips



#### You Talkin' to Me?

If you already talk to your iPhone, why not do the same to your Mac? The Mac has built-in dictation that can be used to type with just your voice. Set it up by going

to System Preferences, then Keyboard, then click on the Dictation tab where you can turn it on. Then learn how to toggle it to listen or back off: the default keyboard shortcut is to tap the Fn key twice. You can also find the Start Dictation command on the Edit menu for any program that supports dictation.

Soon Chrome, Google's brand of web browser, will be warning you that sites not using SSL (starting with https:// or showing that lock symbol) are insecure. This should start at the beginning of 2017, with the words *Not Secure* showing to the left of the web address. I would also expect some more pop-up style fake alerts if people do not learn what the real alert looks like. See <https://security.googleblog.com/2016/09/moving-to-wards-more-secure-web.html>

Flying in the near future and trying to find cheap tickets may be easier with Google Flights <https://www.google.com/flights/>. They let you play with all sorts of scheduling options, including interests like food or ecotourism, multi-city itineraries, and even how many stops you will tolerate.

#### Hacking Avoidance Scanner

There is a way to see if you have an Internet of Things (IoT) device, like a

baby cam, a smart TV or thermostat, that is open to being hacked from the web. Bullguard provides an online scanner that can let you know if you have devices on the same network as your computer that could be open to remote hacking. It is at <http://iots Scanner.bullguard.com/>

#### Beware of Web of Trust

A lesson in trust... You may be using the Web of Trust plugin to check on how sites are crowd rated based on trustworthiness and child safety. It has come out that they both sell your browsing history and, worse, having claimed that they anonymize it, it turns out they have not done a good job of stripping out information that can lead back to you. The lesson from this, other than first uninstalling Web of Trust, is that we don't know anything about how companies are anonymizing data they sell about us.

#### Maximizing Windows

Windows programs can be set to always open maximized. You will have to work with a shortcut for the program. Search for the app you want in the Start Menu, then right-click it and choose Pin to Taskbar. Right-click on the app's icon on the Taskbar, then right-click again on the app's name in the resulting menu and choose Properties. On the Shortcut tab under the Run: field, change the value from Normal Window to Maximized. Now, starting that program from the shortcut on the taskbar will make it launch at full size.

Questions? Call Bill Scobie of Scobie.Net, fixing computers and networks for small businesses and home. 628-2354 or [bill@scobie.net](mailto:bill@scobie.net).

## FOOD FOR FAIRVIEW..... by Vicky Ballard

### Help for the Holidays

Despite the joy and spirit of the season, December creates a great deal of worry and distress. If it is hard to stretch resources during normal times, it is almost impossible in December. If you have ever had to choose between heat and food, you know that adding the expense of this holiday brings a terrible despair. Food for Fairview exists to help ease some of that burden for people in our community.

Food for Fairview is a community-based, all-volunteer food pantry which serves residents within the Fairview, Fletcher, and Reynolds community. While no one is turned away on a first visit, we do ask for proof of residency within our service area for continued use. Food for Fairview uses USDA income guidelines to determine eligibility, and clients are asked to fill out a short form (available for review on our website, [foodforfairview.org](http://foodforfairview.org)) providing information on family size and income.

As a client's choice pantry, Food for Fairview clients choose canned and baked goods, produce, hygiene products and pet food from the available stock. Meat is also available. Volunteers are on hand to help clients with information on choices and selections. The number of people in a household determines the amount of food clients receive.

The pantry is open each Monday between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Fairview Community Center on the grounds of Fairview Elementary School. If you or someone you know needs help with food, please contact us or visit the pantry. No one should be hungry and

Food for Fairview wants to make sure we reach everyone in our community who needs assistance with food.

**Recent statistics show that 36% of food pantries in North Carolina have had to turn people away due to lack of food to give them.**

Recent statistics show that 36% of food pantries in North Carolina (ranked among the top ten states of citizens experiencing hunger) have had to turn people away due to lack of food to give them. Food for Fairview is not one of those pantries. The generosity of the people and businesses of this community have made it possible for Food for Fairview to provide food in our community every week. It is an honor to be part of this community and to do this work. Thank you for your support.

On behalf of the volunteers and Board of Directors of Food for Fairview, we wish all of you a peaceful and joyous holiday. Donations may be mailed to: Food for Fairview, PO Box 2077, Fairview, NC 28730, or online at [foodforfairview.org](http://foodforfairview.org).

For financial details about the organization call the State Solicitation Licensing Branch, 919-807-2214. For information visit [foodforfairview.org](http://foodforfairview.org), email [food4fairview@gmail.com](mailto:food4fairview@gmail.com) or call 628-4322 and leave a message. Food for Fairview is a Tax Exempt 501 (C) (3) Corporation.

## RICHARD KILLIAN CONSTRUCTION

QUALITY CUSTOM BUILT HOMES

UNLIMITED  
RESIDENTIAL  
LICENSED  
CONTRACTOR

40 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE

LOCAL FAIRVIEW  
BUSINESS

CUSTOM WORK FEATURED IN  
THIS OLD HOUSE  
LOG CABIN LIVING  
MAGAZINES

828.775.3039  
KILLIANRL700@GMAIL.COM  
RICHARDKILLIANCONSTRUCTION.COM

## for HOLIDAYS and EVERY DAY.

Orchid Boutique, Air Plants & Designs

827 Charlotte Highway  
Fairview, NC  
[appalachiantropicals.com](http://appalachiantropicals.com)  
828-222-2225  
Open Tues-Sun, 10AM-6PM

APPALACHIAN  
tropicals







Meet Leon (better known as L.D.) and Billie Revels

The Revels, who have been Fairview residents since 2008, began their journey together as husband and wife in the early 1960s. Their life story is a tale of love, persistence, and a unique ability to adapt to the challenges they’ve faced together. Both born in the 1930s, they grew up in families whose values laid the foundation for their success. Hard work, family support, and a patriotic respect for country were rooted in their childhoods and directly influenced their lives.

Hard work, family support, and a patriotic respect for country, were rooted in their childhoods and directly influenced their lives.

Billie (also known as Sugarplum) grew up in Waycross, Georgia, where her father was a successful builder and logger. As a youngster, she developed an interest in cooking and baking that has stayed with her to this day. Her cakes and candies are famous in the Fairview community and she is especially proud of her triple chocolate raspberry cake with ganache. One of her favorite childhood memories is cooking in the kitchen. Her older brother played an important role



Billie and L.D. Revels with their daughter René, who coaxed them to move to Fairview.

in her life by providing guidance and supporting her culinary interests. Billie attended college in Nashville, Tennessee, where she studied accounting and was considered something of a “wiz” with numbers. She returned home and took a position as bookkeeper in a retail environment. She remained in the retail business world over the span of her career.

She returned home and took a position as bookkeeper in a retail environment. She remained in the retail business world over the span of her career.



L.D.'s walking sticks come complete with compass. You can pick one up at the Crier's office for only \$20.

At an early age, L.D. Revels learned what it meant to work hard and make your way in life. His parents were successful farmers from Mayo, Florida, who raised and sold pork products. He attended elementary school but had to stop in the middle of his 6th grade year to work on the family farm. Having his school year interrupted to work was not unusual for L.D. and was an expectation for many farm children at that time. He returned to school but routinely had to stop and work during those early years. This helped develop his strong work ethic and his growing appreciation for education and learning. L.D. remained in school through the 10th grade and then left to join the United States Marine Corps. To this day, he has an unbinding respect for the military and believes much of his success can be attributed to his military service. Not only did he grow as a young man, he blossomed academically. After an IQ test revealed he had a high aptitude for math and problem solving, he was placed in a special program to learn avionics electrics.

After an IQ test revealed he had a high aptitude for math and problem solving, he was placed in a special program to learn avionics electrics.

He completed his high school education and spent 5 years at a union electrical school in Florida, where he received his electrical contractor’s license.

With a knack for mathematics and an understanding of electronics, L.D. went to work in New York City on the Pan American Building, one of the highest buildings in the world at the time.

Billie and L.D.’s lives changed forever when they met in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1960. They married the following year and settled in Mayo, Florida. There, L.D. began a successful electrical contracting business that serviced many private and government job sites across Florida. He later worked developing and selling land in Florida, as well.

Billie fondly recalls this time in their lives and remembers “how hard we worked” to make their business successful. They started their family with the birth of their daughter René (who resides in Fairview today), followed by daughter Reaette and son Stephen.

The birth of three children did not slow Billie down.

The birth of three children did not slow Billie down. While tending to all of the typical motherly and wifely duties, she filled her extra hours by fundraising for the local high school, headed up more social committees than she can remember at church and school, played piano for church events, and always worked alongside L.D. in his endeavors.

In 1999 their lives took a new and unique direction when L.D. started teaching a vocational course for the Florida Department of Corrections. L.D. taught electrical, heating and air conditioning repair to state prisoners seeking to improve their job prospects after prison. L.D. believes his decision to begin teaching was a life-changing event. He observed that many prisoners were without a father figure and needed guidance and direction in their lives. He found most of the men “eager to work” and is proud of the role he played in helping many of them lead productive lives after prison. Some of the inmates who were fortunate to have L.D. as a mentor still remain in touch with him today.



Billie's cakes are requested for weddings, birthdays and any occasion at all.

Some of the inmates who were fortunate to have L.D. as a mentor still remain in touch with him today.

Today, L.D. and Billie are active members of the Fairview community and have celebrated 54 years as man and wife. Billie’s cooking and baking can be



Billie's chocolate raspberry ganache cakes are unforgettable.

found in local markets, at weddings, and church fundraisers. Ask any patron of The Local Joint restaurant and you will find someone who has enjoyed one of her baked goods. Billie’s specialty, the Hawaiian cake (named by her granddaughter Alea because it has pineapple and coconut in it), is a sight to behold and a delicacy to taste.

After moving to Fairview, L.D. was encouraged by his daughter René to try woodworking. His initial interest led to his becoming an avid woodworker. Today his workshop is full of birdhouses, benches, and wooden swings, each noted for its unique craftsmanship. His main focus, however, are his wooden walking sticks and canes. Hand carved and hand painted, each bears witness to one man’s imagination and the patience of a loving spouse who has traveled with him along life’s journey. Billie noted that “It’s been a wild ride!”

After moving to Fairview, L.D. was encouraged by his daughter René to try woodworking. His initial interest led to his becoming an avid woodworker.

coming an avid woodworker. Today his workshop is full of birdhouses, benches, and wooden swings, each noted for its unique craftsmanship. His main focus, however, are his wooden walking sticks and canes. Hand carved and hand painted, each bears witness to one man’s imagination and the patience of a loving spouse who has traveled with him along life’s journey. Billie noted that “It’s been a wild ride!”

Editor's Note: L.D.'s walking sticks are for sale at the Crier's office and L.D. donates a good portion of the revenue to the Crier. Stop by and check them out. Sample Billie's famous Hawaiian cake at the grand opening of the Crier's new office at The Hub of Fairview, 1185G Charlotte Highway on Friday, December 9, 5-7 pm and Saturday, December 10, 11-1 pm.

CUT HERE

CAN YOU HELP?

Support the Fairview Town Crier this holiday season with your tax-deductible donation

The Fairview Town Crier is a non-profit newspaper entering its 20th year of publication. It brings community news and events FREE to every mailbox and PO Box in Fairview and Gerton and part of Fletcher and Reynolds monthly... that's over 8,400 households. Public support is critical to our maintaining our office, which in turn supports other non-profits, community and civic organizations, as well as our non-profit mailing permit. This makes postage affordable for mailing. We appreciate your support! We love our community and want to hear from you so drop us a line from time to time. Or call any day, Monday – Friday, 1 – 5 pm, 628-2211

DONATION FORM

NAME EMAIL

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

DONATION AMOUNT PLEASE SEND A REMINDER EVERY MONTHS

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD ONCE

CASH IS ENCLOSED CC # EXP

SEND RECEIPT SEC CODE BILLING ADDRESS ZIP

MAIL TO: Fairview Town Crier, PO Box 1862, Fairview, NC 28730 or donate securely online at FairviewTownCrier.com



Preserving History and Farming

A traveler crossing over the Eastern Continental Divide at Hickory Nut Gap in the early 1800s might have hitched a ride on a stagecoach named the “Flying Cloud.” It is a name familiar to many in the Fairview community — and the inspiration for the name of Flying Cloud Farm, which produces on agricultural land protected by the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC). Farmland conservation programs like SAHC’s protect tangible links with history, connecting memories of the past to future generations through protected landmarks and active farmland.

In November, SAHC’s Farmland Program Director William Hamilton and Community Farm and Food Associate Chris Link were invited, along with John Ager, to guest lecture for one of UNC Asheville’s College for Seniors’ hallmark courses, “Appalachian Sampler.” The College for Seniors is offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNCA. The theme for this Appalachian Sampler course was “Our Appalachian Home,” exploring “diverse views of the meaning of home and how family life and home economics were sustained in the mountains and connected to industry.”

**The HNGF Story**

John Ager began the class by recounting the history of Hickory Nut Gap Farm, going back to the Revolutionary War, when the Ashworths (British loyalists and then-owners of the Sherrill’s Inn) put up British soldiers at the Inn, including Major Patrick Ferguson. A viewpoint on the ridge above the Inn is now named “Ferguson Peak” as a reminder of this piece of the Inn’s history.

The Sherrill family came next, with their vision to open the road across Hickory Nut Gap, allowing access from the Lake Lure area. They hoped to gain more tourist traffic at the Inn this way, and in fact the Inn did become a stop for the stagecoach, the “Flying Cloud.” This route also became a thoroughfare for drovers bringing livestock through the mountains.

This era of popularity for the Inn eventually began to wane with the 1880 construction of the railroad to Asheville, which bypassed Sherrill’s Inn entirely. However, this portion of history is remembered in names of modern places, such as Drover’s Road Preserve — which is protected in part by an SAHC conservation easement.

Hickory Nut Gap Farm, as we now know it, begins with Jim and Elizabeth McClure, the family who bought the Inn and surrounding land from the Sherrills in 1916. The McClures are the grandparents of members of the Clarke and Ager families, some of whom still live in the Fairview community and run farms of their own, including Flying Cloud and Hickory Nut Gap Farms. SAHC’s agricultural conservation easements on these farms ensure that the land can continue to be used for farming in the future.

Because of Western North Carolina’s rich and unique agricultural history, SAHC established a Farmland Program in 2005 “to preserve working agricultural lands important to the natural and cultural heritage of Western North Carolina.”

**During his presentation to the OLLI class, William Hamilton discussed how SAHC has built relationships with agricultural landowners in the Fairview community to place voluntary conservation easements on their land. Together they have protected nearly 1,400 acres of Fairview’s vital agricultural soils, forever.**

During his presentation to the OLLI class, Director Hamilton discussed how SAHC has built relationships with agricultural landowners in the Fairview community to place voluntary conservation easements on their land. Together they have protected nearly 1,400 acres of Fairview’s vital agricultural soils, forever.



SAHC staff member William Hamilton making a presentation about farmland conservation at OLLI.



Photo of happy chickens and happy farmers courtesy of Organic Grower’s School.

**A Community Farm in Alexander**

Another unique way that SAHC carries on the agricultural heritage of Western North Carolina is through its Community Farm in Alexander. At the lecture, Chris Link, SAHC’s Community Farm and Food Associate, detailed the history of the farm as well as current programming.

Marie Anderson donated the 103-acre farm to SAHC in 2010. The property was one of the first farms in Buncombe County to have a conservation plan created for it. Mrs. Anderson donated the farm to SAHC so it could remain a working farm as well as an example for conservation and a space for community learning. Since the donation of the farm, SAHC has partnered with a variety of organizations to complete a stream restoration project, build a 1.5-mile “Discovery Trail,” and launch a Beginning Farmer Incubator Program.


**The Farm Pathways Partnership**

The Farmer Incubator Program is one piece of the innovative Farm Pathways partnership among SAHC, the Organic Growers School and WNC Farmlink. This collaborative program was launched in 2016, funded by a \$100,000 grant from the US Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP).

This year, Farm Pathways has been awarded an additional \$600,000 BFRDP grant to continue integrating farmer training with land access over the next three years, providing education and networking opportunities for beginning farmers in WNC. By helping beginning farmers be more successful, Farm Pathways will support a new generation of farmers and sustain the culture of local food production in the region.

For more information visit [Appalachian.org](http://Appalachian.org).

Transition and Caring



I live in a community surrounded by trees that are transitioning from pine forest back to the hardwoods that stood here before the loggers came. The quiet annual pine needle drop is slowly being replaced by the more active leaves of fall as they blow around my yard and in my gutters. My response has been to add a leaf blower to my arsenal of old rakes. The multi-colored leaves come down in waves depending on weather and species. My son helped me get up the first batch of leaves earlier this fall. In between raking and blowing leaves, we stopped to contemplate the results of our efforts. I said, “I like getting up the leaves and adding to my garden leaf mulch pile because with a little effort I can transform the yard and show that it’s cared for.” He thought a moment and responded, “It’s like making your bed in the morning.” His mother is a nurse who believes strongly in making beds, so his comment made me smile. We talked about transitions in general for awhile, enjoying the time together and watching the leaves blow out of their piles. The conversation got me thinking about the many people I’ve met on my journey who struggled with transitions.

Regardless of the varied focuses of their struggles, many had something in common. They either couldn’t or didn’t find their way to accept some inevitable transition, so caring and possibilities on

their journeys’ remained beyond their reach. In a way they weren’t able to get the leaves up or make their beds.

Loss and grief are necessary parts of transitions, as are the caring and the possibilities available during and after transitions. Grief is essentially a transitional activity with somewhat predictable stages (denial, isolating, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance). Moving through the stages of grief is actually a part of caring for our journeys. Sometimes we just want

**To Care**

On this path I have chosen  
I let go, so I’m no longer frozen  
in yesterday’s journey.

I’m often challenged to solve  
the puzzles as they evolve  
through all my journey’s transitions.

Thinking words like, “That’s enough!”  
when the feelings start getting rough  
can make me miss pieces of the puzzles.

So yes, I can love Nature’s vision  
accepting what’s seldom my decision  
as I let myself care again.

to contemplate the leaves, wishing they hadn’t fallen (which most of us have probably done when the loss is great). We may also spend energy trying to avoid looking at the leaf-covered yard (most of us have attempted to deny loss in a transition before). There is something healing about finally getting out the rake and showing we care.

We all transition at our own pace. I’ve noticed that the longer we stay in transition the more effort the remaining transitional activities require to complete (the deeper the leaves get). The delay makes it harder to move forward to the life-filling caring and possibilities parts of the journey.

The “Catch 22s” of being human — love, kindness and generosity given or received, the capacity to act outside of our routine, and to place value on aspects of our journeys (the caring) — make loss and transition inevitable. Moving through the grief in transitions allows us to eventually open ourselves to more caring, but unfortunately more caring opens us to the very real potential for more loss. We can choose to withhold aspects of our humanity in an attempt to avoid grief; but such avoidance makes future transitions harder, as we may fall into a pattern of seeking sameness.

Feeling loss is one of the ways we pay the price for our humanity. Feeling loss during transitions is different, however, from fearing loss. We will all feel loss as a natural part of the cycle of our journey, but fear of loss can divert our energy from the joy of living, separating us from new possibilities and the experiences available to us when we let ourselves care fully and deeply.

Important transition words to recognize are *resilient, guilt, fear, acceptance, caring* and *possibilities*. “Resilient” may describe someone who has found healthy ways to deal with transitions. “Guilt” can add to the challenges of transitions when we fear that we are somehow devaluing our cared-for things or people if we reach acceptance; but we need to recognize that transitions are natural and unavoidable parts of being human. Caring and discovering possibilities can make it all worth the effort.

Here are some ways to show you care about your journey.

- Make connections with the people you meet, whether it is a sales clerk or future spouse.
- Make your bed in the morning regardless of whether anyone will see it besides you.
- Open yourself to the puzzle pieces presented today, even if you don’t know how they will fit in the future.
- Add to and look at your gratitude list each day.

Oh, and taking the time to talk to someone while we are getting up the leaves can also be beneficial.

You Are Here.

Blair Clark is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor and author of *Answers to What Ails You (AWAY)*. Reach him through Facebook or email [copy@fairviewtowncrier.com](mailto:copy@fairviewtowncrier.com).

**Ray's Landscapes**  
828 628-3309 office  
828 279-5126 cell



Our services include:

- Residential landscape design
- Stone patios and walkways
- Retaining walls — stone and wood
- New lawn seeding
- Sod installation
- Mulches and compost
- Fertilizing
- Aeration

Located in Fairview

It's a good time to plant trees and we can do it!



Call Ray's Landscapes today!  
INSURED & LICENCED CONTRACTOR

[www.RaysLandscapes.com](http://www.RaysLandscapes.com)

**FOR 10 YEARS WE'VE BEEN HELPING YOU LIVE THE RETIREMENT YOU ENVISION**



Over the past decade, we've helped over 400 families reach their retirement goals with customized financial plans, low total cost investment portfolios, and ongoing professional investment advice.



To schedule your no obligation consultation call (828) 398-2802 or visit [ACT-Advisors.com](http://ACT-Advisors.com)

37 Haywood St., Ste. 200, Asheville, NC 28801

Advisory services offered through ACT Advisors, LLC, a registered investment advisor.



## Wildfires of Southern USA

by Grace Royal

In the month of November, there have been wildfires across the southern United States in North Carolina, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia, and firefighters are continuing to battle them. The Party Rock Fire has been burning just north of Lake Lure since November 5, forcing evacuations in Bat Cave. When asked what it is like to fight a fire of that magnitude, a Fairview firefighters replied, “Fun!” And if you like mountainous terrain, hot fires, and crawling around on your hands and knees, then it is fun indeed. The greatest hurdles they’ve had to overcome have been the dry conditions and the wind, as well as the steepness of the land. These obstacles made it harder to get the fires under control. The firefighters would create a line, but the fire would burn 5 or 6 inches deep into the ground and underneath it to the other side or the wind would blow it across. They had trouble working uphill and getting to houses in the middle of the woods, trying to beat the speed of the fire before people were trapped or their safety was compromised.

Our firefighters are too humble to admit to this, but they would work 24 hours with the Fairview Fire Department, work 12-15 hours at the Lake Lure fires, and then go home to sleep for maybe 8 hours before starting all over again. If they weren’t at the fire department or resting, they were working the wildfires, and this can be said of every fire department in the county. Thankfully, the people involved have gotten the fire under control for the most part. It has not jumped outside of its lines yet. The county fire departments that were helping have been released, and now in-

dependent contractors have taken over to relieve North Carolina’s fire service workers.

Despite these rough circumstances, however, the community has pulled together and donated a tremendous amount of supplies for the men and women working to keep our homes and property safe. The Fairview Fire Department has collected water, sports drinks, protein bars, and basically anything that the firefighters could put in a backpack and take out onto the line with them, and even real meals for the people coming off the line to rest and eat. The donations were meant specifically for the people fighting the fires at Lake Lure, Chimney Rock, and Bat Cave, but the influx of support has been so overwhelming that some of the supplies have been taken to other fire departments fighting fires in the southern U.S. People drove from Georgia, South Carolina, Spruce Pine, Brevard, Shelby, Hickory, Charlotte, Gastonia, and Raleigh among other places in order to bring supplies to the main drop-off center at the Fairview Fire Department. One story tells a great deal: A local resident went to both Sam’s Club and Walmart in our area to purchase water to donate; both stores were sold out because of the huge number of people who shopped to donate. Undaunted, this gentleman drove to Spartanburg, South Carolina, to buy a pallet of water and hauled it back to the fire department.

Since the fires have begun to calm down, the supplies are being distributed to all the county fire departments and the county emergency management so that anytime there is a major fire event, the



Donation came pouring in from people in and around our community.

supplies will be available. Many are figuring that this is not going to be the last fire of the season due to certain conditions, so they are preparing for any incident that could possibly happen in the future. The drop-off center has tried to keep track of everyone who has donated and keep up with the numbers, but the community support was so vast that the list got out of hand. People have even shipped supplies through FedEx and UPS. Chief Scott Jones said, “One thing we want to stress is our appreciation, and that comes from all the fire departments and firefighters involved because we’ve never seen an outpouring of support like this.” They have been trying to distribute the supplies, but as much as they send out in a morning, they’ve had about as much brought in later. Three trailers with 22 pallets of water stacked 5 feet high, two trailers of sports drinks, and

two others packed with various supplies have been sent out on the Ingles and XPO Logistics trailers that the companies donated, but two bays at the department are still completely full. The firefighters’ boot-laces and socks were destroyed by the fires and within an hour of hearing this, Gary Houser donated a bunch of shoelaces and socks from his shoe store. It is truly amazing how many people have volunteered and supported the cause, and how everyone has come together in this time of need.

*Editor's Note: All of us were frightened and touched by the recent fires just over the hill from Fairview. Most of us were lucky to have come through it unscathed, thanks to the dedication of so many working to keep us safe. Rather than focus on the devastation of thousands of acres of land, we thought Grace's story about community gratitude was more in keeping with the Crier.*



The Hub of Fairview opened its doors very quietly the Monday before Thanksgiving. Since that time, the question most often asked is: “What’s The Hub?” Not an easy question to answer as The Hub is somewhat more of a concept than a business model. Let me explain.

Since moving to Fairview 16 years ago, I have had an ever-increasing love affair with this community. Don’t get me wrong, downtown Asheville is great (or used to be when you could find a parking spot) to enjoy the city’s many restaurants, activities and shops. But it was, and is, the extended community of Fairview that grabbed me and pulled me in. Almost weekly, I am further beguiled by some selfless act of community and caring demonstrated (quietly) by those who live here. I am very proud to be a member of this special place.

I have been fortunate enough to be at the helm of *The Fairview Town Crier* for almost 14 years, exposing me to a broad perspective of this community and its people. What I have heard, over and over, is “*The Town Crier* is our town center, our town hall. It helps us keep in touch with each other, and know what’s going on.” This, of course, always makes me feel proud, and a few years back it got me thinking.

While the *Crier* was much appreciative to the Electric Guitar Shop for carving out a little room for us to have an office, there just wasn’t sufficient space to serve as a town center, or town hub. And then and there, the concept of The Hub of Fairview was born. It took a few years until opportunity met with collaboration. As luck would have it, a larger space became available right next door, and our landlord (who is all about community) helped us make this dream a reality.

So to answer that question, *What’s The Hub?* Although still in its infancy, The Hub aspires to serve as a town center, providing resources to satisfy some of our community’s needs.

As always, the *Crier* is the place to go for community information. In the new larger space, housing both the *Crier* and The Hub, folks can pretty much get just about anything they need under one roof.

Candi Yount, the *Crier*’s office manager, can help you with a classified ad, get your community announcement into the next issue, or find that person who wrote they had a pasture for rent maybe two months ago (well, maybe that was a year ago really)... she can even sell you a pound of pecans to support the Garren Creek Fire Department or a hiking map of Hickory Nut Gorge.

Have a question on your invoice? Annie MacNair, our bookkeeper, can help with that. And if you have an editorial question, just look past Candi and you’ll find managing editor Sandie Rhodes behind the counter of The Hub and she can help you.

So now to The Hub. Having worked from a home office for the last 23 years, I had the convenience of a decent printer and copy machine, and one that faxed as well. However, many of my friends did not, and from time to time, I would be asked to send a fax or make a few copies. Hmmm... I thought. What this community needs is a little business center so folks don’t have to drive into Asheville or Hendersonville Road for every little thing they need. We surely don’t need a Fedex/ Kinkos, but a little convenience would be much appreciated. And the idea of The Hub kept growing.

And then there are those times when an independent agent for whatever wants to meet with a group of people and has nowhere other than the library to do so. How about a meeting space? And The Hub idea grew a bit more.

And, *Oh my gosh, it's my daughter's birthday Monday and I haven't gotten her anything yet. Oh Lordy, I wish there was something special and as quick as Amazon Prime!* We live in the midst of many talented artists and farmers creating and growing awesome things. What is needed, is a little gift shop where community artists can both display and sell their works, and at the same time offering neighbors a close-by place to find a handmade, homemade, one-of-a-kind gift six days a week. And while we’re at it, how about a hand-crafted greeting card? And what the heck, let’s go for gift wrapping, as well!

And The Hub was born. Please stop by and check us out. We’re at 1185 Charlotte Highway and open M-F, 10-6 pm and Saturday, 9-noon.

— Sandie Rhodes

Take a look at what The Hub has to offer. Then take a moment to check those services you’d use, add anything else you might need to this list and drop it off and stop by to say hello. We’ll do our best!

### THE HUB BUSINESS CENTER:

- ☐ BW and Color Copies
- ☐ Color and BW Printouts
- ☐ Faxing / Confirmation Service
- ☐ Marketing / Advertising Plans
- ☐ Design/Idea Center
- ☐ Writing / Proofreading
- ☐ Printing (*business cards, postcards, brochures, etc.*)
- ☐ Computer Services
- ☐ Labels/Stickers
- ☐ Magnets / Custom Ink Stamps
- ☐ Individual Postal Stamps

### THE HUB GIFT CENTER:

- ☐ Handcrafted Gifts & Custom Fairview Items
- ☐ Local Honey & Chocolate
- ☐ Healthy, Homemade Dog Treats
- ☐ Gift Wrapping Service  
(*Really! Just drop off your gifts and we'll wrap them for you!*)
- ☐ Custom Gift Baskets
- ☐ Unique Greeting Cards
- ☐ Local Author’s Books & Musician’s CDs

### THE HUB MEETING CENTER:

- ☐ Large Event/Meeting Space for Rent complete with kitchen and Audio Visual
- ☐ Art Gallery of Local Artist’s Works for Sale
- ☐ Second Friday Artist Meet & Greet

### WISH LIST:

- ☐ UPS Pickup/Drop Off
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



**vintage stock furniture**  
1148 Charlotte Highway, Fairview NC 28730  
**828-318-9166**

Do you have a piece of furniture that could use a new look?  
Let me do it for you!

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm



**SAVE 20¢ PER GALLON WITH EVERY**

**CAR WASH**



**GREAT DELI FROM**

**THE Local Joint**



**EBLEN SHORT STOP**

828 628-9888  
1185 Charlotte Highway  
Fairview

**Prime Time Solutions, INC**



**Mike Richard** PRESIDENT  
SENIOR MARKETING SPECIALIST



*"Folks don't care how much you know... until they know how much you care."*

Independent agent representing companies offering:

- Medicare Supplements
- Medicare Advantage
- Hospital Indemnity
- Dental, Vision, Hearing Plans
- Life & Health Insurance
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Hospital Indemnity Plans
- Final Expense Insurance
- Catastrophic Illness Plans
- Annuities
- Part D Plans

cell 828.275.5863  
home 828.628.3889  
toll free 888.800.5992  
fax 828.628.0133  
email [wmrichard@bellsouth.net](mailto:wmrichard@bellsouth.net)



SCHOOL, SPORTS, KIDS

Luis Portillo is Student of the Month

The *Fairview Town Crier* and A.C. Reynolds High School are pleased to announce that Luis Portillo is the November 2016 Student of the Month. Luis was nominated by history teacher Shelby Lewis, who said “Luis is a great student and a hard worker. He is outgoing and feels the need to constantly help his fellow students. He is altruistic and shows leadership inside and outside of the classroom. He truly embodies the definition of a Reynolds Rocket.”

Many congratulations, Luis!



Bells are Ringing at Fairview Preschool

Students at Fairview Preschool have been practicing ringing the handbells and they are sounding great. As a community outreach, FPS students visit local assisted living homes to play for the residents during the Christmas season. Fairview Preschool is currently registering children ages 2-5 for the spring semester. You can learn more about us on our Facebook page and at fairviewpreschool.org. Please call Director Chris Lance at 338-2073 or email info@fairviewpreschool.org to schedule a classroom visit.



Max Puzerewski Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

Congratulations go to Max Puzerewski for his new rank of Eagle Scout and the excellent service project that contributed to his achievement. Max is 16 and began scouting as a 5-year-old Tiger Cub. The Eagle Scout Service Project he developed is a covered picnic table in a courtyard at Flescher’s Fairview Retirement Center on Cane Creek Road. The project was chosen to address the issue of a lovely courtyard that got little use because it lacked shade. The new shaded sitting area for residents, family, and staff has been very well received. Max completed the project over the course of three days with the help of his father, family and other scouts. Max has volunteered on several other Eagle projects, including the portico his older brother Alex built for the Fairview Welcome Table last year for his own Eagle Scout Service Project. Some of the projects that Max has helped with can be seen at The Lord’s Acre.



Max Puzerewski in front of completed Eagle Scout Service Project (covered picnic table), in courtyard of Flesher’s Fairview Retirement Center.

Charleston and Savannah Trails, and has gone on countless other canoeing, camping, bicycling, and other adventure trips. Max is currently a varsity rower with the Asheville Youth Rowing Team and has previously spent about five years as a competitive gymnast. The new Eagle Scout is also very committed to his Catholic faith and is a captain of altar servers at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden. After being home-schooled and finishing his last two years of high school at AB Tech, Max has his sights set on engineering. He intends to apply to the US Merchant Marine Academy in NY (one of the 5 federal service academies), where his brother Alex is already in attendance. As a Merchant Mariner, he plans to see the world while practicing engineering and serving his country.

EDUCATION UPDATE .....by Cindy McMahon, Reynolds District Representative, Buncombe County School Board

School Accreditation: Striving for Excellence

8th Annual The Angels of Fairview Holiday Meal Drive

Angels of Fairview is a non-profit group of community members who want to make a difference. Families in need are identified through the counseling departments of Fairview and Cane Creek Schools. In addition to providing holiday meals, they also assist families in need with power bills, car repairs, eyeglasses, clothing, and gas/restaurant cards for families with a loved one in the hospital. Several victims of house fires have benefitted from their assistance. Angels of Fairview is able to fund its endeavors because of generous donations. They are very thankful for your continued support of Angels of Fairview and more importantly *our* community! Tax deductible donations will be gratefully accepted through December 21. \$50 secures a complete meal for a family of 4-6 people (includes 10-12 pound turkey, 2 side dishes, rolls and a dessert. Checks made payable to Angels of Fairview should be mailed to PO Box 94, Fairview, NC 28730 (or given to your child’s teacher). Contact Ron Gortney at 775-7750, Laura Booth at 216-6002 or Katherine Demetris at 712-4069 with any questions.



First things first: I’m a mom. And as a mom of a senior at Reynolds High School, I want to be assured that she and all the other students have gotten a solid education, K-12. I also want to know that as she applies to college, those colleges will know that Buncombe County provides an excellent education for our students. How do they know? Because we’re accredited. This improves our students’ chances of acceptance to an excellent college or university, receiving financial aid, and even getting good jobs. At a work session before the November School Board meeting, we learned about the accreditation process, which comes around every five years. Our school system is deep into the re-accreditation process now, with AdvancED, a 100-year-old international nonprofit organization that “conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre-K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential.” They work with 34,000 school systems in 70 countries (learn more at [advanc-ed.org](http://advanc-ed.org)). Through this process our school system and each one of our schools will first self-assess how we are doing in each of five areas, called “standards”: 1) Purpose and Direction; 2) Governance and Leadership; 3) Teaching and Assessing for Learning; 4) Resource and Support Systems (such as budget, personnel, and maintenance); and 5) Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

After the self-assessments, which involve rating ourselves in multiple areas under each standard and identifying “evidence” to support the ratings, we will have a visit from external reviewers in March 2017. This group will determine the final ratings for the school system and issue a report that we will share with you, our families and community. As you might imagine, this is a very arduous process for our Central Office personnel as well as the teachers and principals at the individual schools. As we know, our teachers’ lives are already very full (sometimes over-full) with teaching, testing, grading, planning, and leading their students and classrooms through the myriad of complicated challenges that arise daily. Must we add accreditation to the mix? The answer is yes, because we value excellence. As Superintendent Tony Baldwin said at our board work session, “the real value of accreditation is the internal process. We have to look at our own selves with a fine-toothed comb. It’s very rigorous and time-consuming.” But at the end of the day, it gives our school system an opportunity to recognize and celebrate what we are doing well, and identify the areas where we can raise the bar even higher. If you, too, are a Reynolds District parent, you may remember back in the spring when we conducted school surveys to kick off the process. Thanks for participating! And there are still ways you can be helpful with this process. Reynolds High will be forming a parent and community stakeholder input panel—please say “yes!” if you are invited. Also, we may

well need help sprucing up our campuses in March before the official external review. If you have a green thumb and are willing to plant flowers in the springtime, please contact one of our schools. As always, thank you for helping make our Reynolds schools and community as excellent as they can possibly be. It takes all of us!

Questions? Please email [cindy.mcmahon@bcsemail.org](mailto:cindy.mcmahon@bcsemail.org).

**Reynolds District Events**

**Thursday, December 1**  
Fairview Elementary Winter Chorus concert, 6 pm

**Wednesday, December 7**  
Bell Elementary Holiday Program, 1 pm & 6:30 pm

**Thursday, December 8**  
Reynolds High String Orchestra Winter Concert, 7 pm

**Friday, December 9**  
EARLY RELEASE DAY

**Tuesday, December 13**  
Reynolds High Band concert, 7 pm  
Reynolds Middle Chorus concert, 7 pm  
Oakley Elementary PTO meeting, 6 pm

**Thursday, December 15**  
Reynolds High Choral Holiday Concert, First Baptist Church, 7 pm  
Reynolds Middle Band concert, 7 pm  
Bell Elementary PTO meeting, 4:30 pm

**December 21–January 2**  
**WINTER BREAK**



**Flying Cloud Farm**

Stop by the farm stand for holiday wreaths, fresh jam, paper whites and delicious produce.

Like us on Facebook to see photos of our life on the farm.

1860 Charlotte Highway • Fairview NC • [flyingcloudfarm.net](http://flyingcloudfarm.net)

**Asheville Stone & Grading, Inc.**



828.628.ROCK • Cell 828.691.6288 • [WNCStone.com](http://WNCStone.com)  
1003 Charlotte Hwy (across from Dollar General)

**CC FLOORING**

*Home of the Floor Doktor*

Hardwood • Tile • Carpet • Laminate • Vinyl  
Sanding & Refinishing

**828-654-9142**  
[www.CCFlooring.net](http://www.CCFlooring.net)

246 Old Airport Road, Fletcher  
[ccflooringprofessionals@gmail.com](mailto:ccflooringprofessionals@gmail.com)


**Farm-Raised Holiday Gifts**  
Open Christmas Eve 9-1. Closed Christmas Day.



**HICKORY NUT GAP Farm**

57 Sugar Hollow Rd. in Fairview. 828.628.1027

**Webo's BBQ**




Pork • Chicken  
Beef Brisket  
Sausage • Turkey  
Ribs on Friday!

Open  
Tues–Friday  
11 am – 6 pm  
Eat In or To-Go  
**298-1035**

River Ridge Shopping Center  
800 Fairview Road, Suite C8 (Next to Hamrick's)

**END OF YEAR  
COMPUTER CLEAN UP!**

Things not working the way they should?  
You might need some basic cleaning, or a simple upgrade.  
Or, is it really time for you to get that new computer?  
I can help with that, too!



**Clean up your computer with 10% off service charge!**

**Bill Scobie** 628-2354 | [bill@scobie.net](mailto:bill@scobie.net)

**Lawn Care / Handyman**

Bahnson Lovelace  
828.242.2410



25 years experience  
residential / commercial

**ROOT CAUSE Local Forest Products**

**Appalachian DESIGNS**

BUILDING COMPONENTS  
STAIRS AND RAILINGS  
FOREST PRODUCTS  
RUSTIC FURNITURE

Please call for appointment  
828 628-9994  
[www.appalachiandesigns.com](http://www.appalachiandesigns.com)  
12 Smith Farm Road  
Fairview





## HOLIDAY PET DON'TS

avma.org/holiday

#1 TABLESCRAPS AND PEOPLE FOOD

#2 ACCESSIBLE TRASH CANS

#3 TOXIC PLANTS

#4 OPEN FLAMES

#5 TOXIC TREATS

#6 TINSEL

#7 UNSECURED TREES

#8 PETS AS GIFTS

**FAIRVIEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

SERVING FAIRVIEW SINCE 1984!

Open Monday–Friday  
8 am – noon  
1 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturday  
9 am – noon

**828 628.3557**

New – laser therapy available!  
Emergency service provided by  
REACH 828 665-4399

867-A CHARLOTTE HIGHWAY IN FAIRVIEW

### ELENA THE GROOMER

Professional Groomer

*Free Tooth Brushing  
and Coat Conditioner  
with first visit*

*Plus...Discount on Pet  
Families of Two or More*

**828 628-4375**

1185-E Charlotte Hwy, Fairview

# ADOPT ME!

## LOCAL SHELTERS & RESCUE GROUPS

**Animal Haven of Asheville** 299-1635 or animalhaven.org

**Brother Wolf** 885-3647 or wncanimalrescue.org

**Charlie's Angels Animal Rescue** 885-3647 or wncanimalrescue.org

**Humane Society** 761-2001 or ashevillehumane.org

**Tinkerbell** is a three-month-old domestic short hair. She is white with black patches. Tinkerbell is very affectionate, loves to play and gets along well with other cats.

**CHARLIE'S ANGELS**

**Shelby** is a 1-year-old Boxer mix who was found as a stray. She can be a bit shy at first, but once she warms up to you, she is a complete cuddle bug! Shelby has done well in doggie playgroups at Asheville Humane Society. This sweet-natured girl is ready to be your new best friend!

**ASHEVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY**

**Pete** is an adorable Spaniel/Corgi mix and super affectionate. He loves to explore, go on walks, be the center of attention. Not house trained and not good with children.

**CHARLIE'S ANGELS**

**Boots** is a handsome 6-year-old dog who loves going on hikes, playing with his toys and cuddling on the couch. He plays well in doggie play groups. Boots would prefer to go to a home without young children or cats.

**ASHEVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY**

## Presents for Your Pet

by Sarah Hargrove, DVM, Cedar Ridge Animal Hospital and Equine Services

Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yuletide or Christmas, we are entering a family-centered holiday season. For many of us, our pets are included in these celebrations.

What are good presents for your pets? They don't need fancy gifts. But there are some practical things that they will appreciate.

**Regular Veterinary Care**—Routine visits to the doctor may not be the most glamorous gift, but often health issues can be addressed before they become a serious problem. Working with your vet to provide preventive care can keep your pets healthy, which also keeps them happy. This includes a physical exam, vaccines that fit your pet's lifestyle, regular blood work, and fecal parasite checks.

**Exercise** — Instead of just buying a new toy, take your pet for a long walk or hike. Cats might prefer some extended playtime. Most pets would prefer your attention to an object! There's also the added benefit of helping your pet stay at a healthy weight, and it keeps you moving, too (which we all need in this holiday season!).

**Nutritious food** — There will be lots of delicious food in your houses, but please do not feed your pets table scraps from holiday meals. Special treats and people food can make pets sick and cause them to gain weight. Watch for possible toxic foods, which include chocolate, raisins and onions. Talk to your vet about appropriate pet treats and feed a healthy daily diet.

**A microchip** — Our pets can become separated from us. They can slip out of

collars. The most reliable way for an animal to find its way home is to have a microchip placed under its skin by your veterinarian. Every vet clinic and shelter scans a lost animal first. This helps us find the person who loves it. If your pet is already microchipped, ensure that your contact information is up to date.

**Parasite control** — Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal yet preventable disease. Fleas and ticks can make your pets sick. Using monthly oral or topical preventives can vastly improve their health and life. Parasites can be a problem every month of the year. Talk to your veterinarian about options for your pets.

**Disaster planning** — While we don't want to think about emergencies during the holidays, it is good to have a plan. Know how to contact your emergency clinic. (For most of us, REACH is the closest small animal ER at 665-4399. Large animal emergencies are usually shared on-call with a group of vets. Please contact your veterinarian for details.) Your family emergency kit should include medical records for your pet, a recent picture, leash and collar/carrier, a few days of medications and food. A first aid kit at home is also useful to have. (See the *Town Crier's* archives from December 2015 for more information about First Aid.)

**Love** — We can learn from the unconditional love that our pets give us daily. This love is the reason most of us have pets. Our time, attention, and care are vital to our pets' happiness.

Share the love and have a happy holiday season!

## Puppy Love

## Humane Society's Call for Help is Answered

Hex, a 12-week-old puppy, was rescued from a burning home near Asheville's River Arts District in the early morning of October 20. Everyone made it out safely, but Hex was severely burned and suffering from smoke inhalation. She was rushed to REACH of Asheville for lung stabilization and preliminary burn treatment.

Unfortunately her family discontinued contact with REACH, leaving Hex with no one to pay her medical bills. Animal Services placed Hex into the custody of Asheville Humane Society, whose Lily Grace Fund helps animals who have medical needs beyond basic care. They rely on private donations to fund these life-saving programs.

When told of Hex's plight, an anonymous donor offered to match funds up to \$10,000 for her care. The Humane Society put out a call for help to the community. "We are blown away by the outpouring of support and donations to help this little girl as she fights to survive," wrote a Society spokesperson. Eighty-two compassionate donors have contributed almost \$5,000. In addition, the Animal Hospital of North Asheville donated their medical treatment.

Hex is stable and upbeat, but she is facing more treatments and possible skin grafts with a specialist. The Humane Society will be grateful for further help from our compassionate community. To learn more visit [ashevillehumane.org](http://ashevillehumane.org).

## Teach That Dog Some Manners!

Call Handle With Care Dog Training to learn how to communicate more effectively with your dog.

### handle with care

DOG TRAINING

WITH A HOLISTIC APPROACH

**828 290-7830**

[www.handlewoofcare.com](http://www.handlewoofcare.com)

Local Classes & Private In-home Instruction. Est. 1998!

**Fun, Reward-based Training**

- House training
- Excessive Barking
- Digging
- Bolting
- Dog Aggression
- Loose Leash Walking
- Makes a Great Gift!

**Margaret Moncure, DVM**

**Ted Wright, DVM**

**Sarah Hargrove, DVM**

Full Service Small Animal Hospital and Mobile Equine Care

Open M – F 8 – 5  
Sat 9 – 12

184 Charlotte Highway  
(directly across from AC Reynolds High School)

**828 575-2430 | [www.cedarridgevet.com](http://www.cedarridgevet.com)**

### Cane Creek Animal Clinic

Leigh Ann Hamon, DVM

We are not just a veterinary practice.  
We are a veterinary relationship!

**828.628.9908**  
1548 Cane Creek Road in Fletcher

## Fairview Kennels

BOARDING & GROOMING

Open  
Mon–Sat  
8–6 pm &  
Sun 4–6 pm

- 24-hour loving care
- Private playtime included
- All breeds and personalities accepted
- Inspections welcome

Owned by Bob & Kay Suttler  
Managed by  
Jeana Suttler-McClure

**628•1997 | [FairviewKennels.net](http://FairviewKennels.net)**  
[FairviewKennels@gmail.com](mailto:FairviewKennels@gmail.com) | 1923 Charlotte Hwy (2 miles east of Cane Creek)



## Joe Loftus, by the Book

“He has always been the writer, salesman and businessman,” says his wife Dawn. “He carried around a briefcase and hid under the stairs in his ‘den’ typing at a very young age. And despite all life has thrown at him, he is still a writer, and has now published a wonderful book of stories.”

Joe Loftus is a remarkable man, loved by many at the local nursing home, Flesher’s Fairview on Cane Creek Road. He has some of his books on display there, and has already sold three copies!

Joe is only 55, and hates that he had to be placed in the nursing home. Nine years ago he had his first of many strokes, due to MELAS, a genetic disorder that’s slowly whittled away pieces of his life. He’s mostly wheelchair bound and has an array of problems, among which is moderate cognitive impairment. It’s amazing that he can remember, write about and enjoy telling and creating stories such as the ones in his first book. He has other short stories that Dawn is putting together for a future book. A short story from is first book appears at right. His books can also be purchased for \$5 at the Hub of Fairview.



### “Big Fish Story” from *Bad-Ass 15*

We didn’t know what we were doing. Stayin’ outta trouble, Dad figures. Why not? Let ‘em go. The owners won’t mind. Buncha boys. He was probably snickering and holding himself from laughing out loud. Here we were, the three boys – Jim, John and Joe – heading out fishing, onward to the pond we had found down the street and off to the left. We had found it from the other direction, involving traveling through the woods, down the railroad tracks and the course switched to west as it always did, as it got us home.

We had gone through a box of fishing equipment and run across some lures. This is the snickering part. O.K. So, you’ve got a mysterious pond and the boys are heading out to fish in it. You know where – it’s the only place along that part of the road. I had my pole over my shoulder and on the end of it, clasped to the rings of the pole, was a 5 inch deep sea fishing lure. Designed to swim along in the water as you reel it in, with two and four prong hooks hangin’ from every fin on the thing. Hilarious. Comical. So, off we went. And arrived at the mystery pond some minutes later. John had already cast out his line. Jim took my pole and cast across the pond. He’d barely reeled it in halfway when the line sunk. “Ya got one! Man, that’s huge! Let it play the line, then pull it in.” In fact, the thing had teeth.

Jim got it onto the bank, but it was

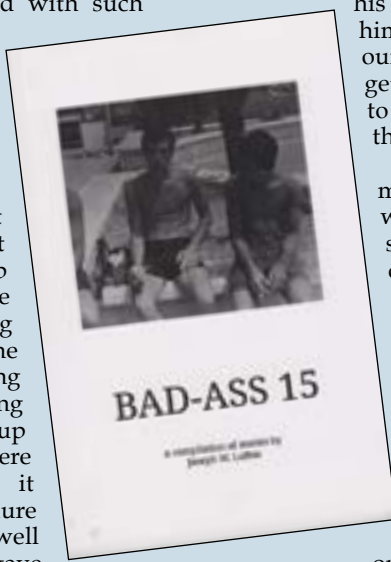
a fighter. He pulled it up and removed the lure. The guy squirmed and flipped around with such ferocity that Jim-my lost him in the muddy bank.

Meanwhile, the weather had picked up and light rain soaked the bank making it like a sheet of wet plastic you’d set up in the yard for the kids. Jim lost footing and slid down the bank, feet dipping into the cold spring water. I picked up my pole from where Jim had dropped it and checked the lure to be sure it was well connected. And I gave it my best shot to fling the lure to the other side of the pond. And as I reeled it back, the same thing happened. The line jiggled a little bit and then, as the fish went to the bottom, I then pulled as hard as I could on the pole. It was the pole my Grandma and Grandpa gave me, so I knew it wouldn’t snap. When it was just a foot from the water’s surface, and coming into view, I pulled fiercely on the pole. Swinging it to the right and pulling it up. My intent was to toss the beast up on the bank where there

was less of a mudslide that had gotten Jim. I got him up far enough where his flapping wouldn’t get him very far. That, plus our boots on its head to get even, was enough to count him dead and those teeth compost.

I talked to Jim for his memory input, and it was interesting. He speculated that we secured a hook under the fin and three foot length of rope to that, making it possible to carry the game. We headed home. Well it was a great Northern pike, and it had probably got thrown in that pond along with our boots on its head for

the fish was over two feet long, covered my little sister Margaret’s torso. My grandmother, Rose, was alive then, and she offered to cook it up. The big guy probably weighed in at seven or eight pounds. I mean this could feed ten people. I come from a big family, but Jeez – we just went fishin’. The big beast probably washed over here from the creek a half mile back toward the village in the spring. Ever wonder what happens to all that snow they dump in the creek as a place to put it? Well, here ya go.



## JUST PERSONAL

### Mark Robert Armstrong

Mark Robert Armstrong died unexpectedly Sunday, November 13, 2016 in Charlotte, NC after attending a Panthers football game.

Mark devoted his life to caring for his family. He spent the last 23 years maintaining rental property with his brother Steve in Fairview, NC. He loved traveling with his wife and daughters, antiquing and going to yard sales on Saturday mornings, gardening, going to classic rock concerts, and walking his dog, Petey.

He will be missed by many, including his beloved wife of 39 years, Kathy; two daughters, Sarah and Amanda; his mother Jane, age 91; his brother, Steve; nieces Kristine and Wendy; and cherished friends Karen Fox and Darin Haynes.



### Catina “Tina” Margaret Morgan

Catina “Tina” Margaret Morgan, 38, of Fairview, died Saturday, November 5, 2016 at her residence.

A native of Buncombe County, she was a daughter of Tony and Jane “Kathy” Owenby Morgan of Fairview.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her son, Jessup Gage Morgan, and her daughter, Montanna Katherine Morgan, both of Fairview; her paternal grandparents, Margaret and Richard Morgan of Fairview; her maternal grandmother, Vivian Owenby of Broad River; her aunts, Doris Styles of Fairview, Wanda Morgan and Sandy (Ken) Kennedy from Swannanoa; her uncles, Lewis (Carolyn) Owenby of Broad River and Kenneth Owenby of Spartanburg; and several cousins and special friends.

A memorial service was held on Friday, November 11 at Laurel Springs Baptist Church in Fairview. The family received friends at the church immediately following the service.



In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Catina’s (Tina’s) memory to either Laurel Springs Baptist Church, PO Box 1424, Fairview, NC 28730 or to the family to help with funeral expenses.

## Lose Something?

Over a period of several months, many items have been left at Spring Mountain Community Center park. If you recognize any of the items listed below, please leave a note in the donation box with your name, phone number and a description of the item, or call 628-2092 and leave a message.

#### Clothes

- Child size 5-6 long sleeve blue shirt
- Small child fleece jacket with hood, pink
- Child size 10-12 jacket with hood, coral
- Small pink flip flops
- Small pink shoes
- Youth safety gloves – pink

#### Toys

- Large doll
- In-line skates
- Nerf dart gun
- Child’s plastic helmet
- Scooter
- Child’s plastic watch
- Blue wooden kayak with yellow figure
- Multicolor stripe terry cloth beach-type bag

#### Other

- Child sunglasses – 1 pair
- Adult sunglasses – 3 pair
- Bead necklace



Paula Entin of Fairview won third place in the pieced, large quilt category. Original design incorporating Ohio Star and pinwheels.

## ON THE ROAD



### Spain

This picture was taken on Jeff and Anne Hague’s recent vacation to Spain. The city is Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain. Santiago is the pilgrimage site that is the end of the line for “El Camino,” or “The Way.” Since the 9th century pilgrims have been crossing northern Spain, heading west, to visit the cathedral, which supposedly contains the bones of James, the Apostle, the brother of Jesus. While there the Hagues met several people who had made the pilgrimage following the same path used since the 9th century.



### Banff, Canada

Dennis and Lauren Searcy on their honeymoon at Lake Louise in Banff, Canada.



WORSHIP & COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Christmas Events & Services

**Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**  
801 Charlotte Highway  
Christmas Eve Worship service on *Friday, December 24, 7 pm*,  
Christmas Day Worship service on *Saturday, December 25, 11 am* led by Reverend David Eck.

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
32 Church Road  
*December 4 & 7:* “Christmas 365,” SPK Kids’ Musical, Sunday 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm.  
*December 11 & 14:* “Knots in the Family Tree,” Christmas Musical Drama, Sunday 3 and 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm.  
*December 18* – Christmas Caroling and Soup Supper, 5 pm.  
*December 25* – Christmas Worship Celebration, 11 am.

**Arden Presbyterian Church**  
2215 Hendersonville Road  
*December 18, 6:30 pm:* Sounds of Christmas concert, a wonderful event for the entire family to presenting a variety of Christmas selections to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Flesher’s Fairview Health Care Center Collecting for Veterans

- Flesher’s Fairview Health Care Center will be collecting donations for ABCCM Veterans Restoration Quarters through December 21. There is an urgent need for:
- Men’s multiple vitamins
  - spray air freshner
  - Triple edge disposable razors
  - Men’s thermal underwear, tops and bottoms, large sizes
  - Men’s hoodie sweatshirts
  - Men’s sweat pants, size 3XL
  - Men’s reader glasses (any strength)
  - Cough syrup (non alcohol)
  - Candy
  - Personal Care Items

A complete list can be found on the ABCCM Veterans Restoration Quarters website. Donations can be left in the lobby of FFHCC. Please contact Elaine Spielberg at 628-2800 x 12 with any questions.

Root Cause Presents Awards

Two regional organizations came together on November 12 to celebrate achievement in the local forest products industry and sustainable forestry. Root Cause and EcoForesters presented awards during the annual celebration.

“It was a pleasure to partner with EcoForesters to give these awards to such good advocates for our forests and to celebrate them publicly,” said Lang Hornthal, director of Root Cause. “Our hope is that as we continue to raise awareness with Root Cause, the community will continue to support businesses and nonprofits that recognize the importance of sustainable forestry and our forest product-based businesses.”

The Angels of Fairview  
8th Annual Holiday Meal Drive

Tax deductible donations accepted until December 21. \$50 buys a complete meal for a family of 4–6 people (10–12 pound turkey, 2 side dishes, rolls and a dessert). Angels of Fairview is a non-profit group of community members who want to make a difference. Families in need are identified through the counseling departments of Fairview and Cane Creek Schools. In addition to providing holiday meals, they assist families with power bills, car repairs, eyeglasses, clothing, and gas/restaurant cards for families with a loved one in the hospital. Several victims of house fires have benefitted from their assistance. Angels of Fairview is able to fund its endeavors because of generous donations. They are very thankful for your continued support of Angels of Fairview and more importantly OUR community! Contact Ron Gortney at 775-7750, Laura Booth at 216-6002 or Katherine Demetris at 712-4069 with any questions. Checks made payable to Angels of Fairview (or given to be mailed to PO Box 94, Fairview, NC 28730 (or should to your child’s teacher).

Help Storehouse Ministry Aid the Homeless

Covenant Community Church’s Storehouse Ministry works with referrals from Reynolds community schools to assist homeless families moving into housing. When these families obtain housing, they have nothing; the Ministry helps supply them with furnishings and utensils of all kinds. They ask that when we y have beds, furniture, all household-related items to donate, we remember to contact them. Free pick up, and tax receipts are always available. Call 298-8955 ext. 210.

Laurel Chapter of Embroiderer’s Guild Supports Community

The local chapter of the Embroiderer’s Guild of America (EGA) donates items to the Henderson county Library, the Literacy Council, Interfaith Ministries and Project Linus. Over the past two years the chapter has donated over 200 bookmarks in many embroidery techniques to support children’s reading programs and the Literacy Council’s adult language program. Every December they donate canned goods, paper goods, baby items and cash donations to assist Interfaith Assistance Ministries (IAM). Over the past 10 years, the Laurel Chapter has donated over 200 no-sew fleece blankets to Project Linus, a non-profit organization that provides blankets to children in crisis for newborn to 18 years of age. Many thanks to this fine group for their generous gifts of time and talent. Volunteers are always needed to create blankets for Project Linus. New “blanketeers” can contribute knitted, crocheted, quilted, no-sew fleece or flannel blankets. Over the past 16 years the local chapter of Project Linus has distributed over 57,000 handmade blankets to 12 counties in WNC, but there is still always a need. If you would like to donate to Project Linus, please contact Ellen Knoefel, chapter coordinator, at 645-8800 for more information.

Food For Fairview Helps with Holiday Meals



Food For Fairview volunteers packing the Thanksgiving boxes. FFF had 110 turkeys to distribute and the Pantry is available to help with holiday food.

Pastoral Counseling Service

The Partnership for Pastoral Counseling of Western North Carolina is now working in coordination with Western North Carolina Medical Society offering mental health services to Project Access participants in need of affordable counseling. The Partnership is a not-for-profit organization providing low income, uninsured, and underinsured communities of WNC access to affordable counseling. Partnership counseling services are defined as brief, supportive, and preventive, and are not intended for long-term therapy or medication management. Project Access is a physician volunteer initiative through Western Carolina Medical Society providing access to comprehensive medical care for low-income, uninsured Buncombe County residents. More than 2,500 low-income individuals in Buncombe County receive health care through Project Access annually. To learn more, please contact Rebecca Wells at 275-7279 or ravwells@charter.net, or visit [ppcwnc.org](http://ppcwnc.org).

32 Church Rd  
PO Box 1339  
Fairview, NC 28730  
828 628-2908  
[www.fbc1806.org](http://www.fbc1806.org)  
contact us @fbc1806.org

**SUNDAYS**  
Morning Life Groups 9:45 am &  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Evening Life Groups & SPK Kids 6 pm  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
Family Night Supper 5:45 pm  
A.M.P. Ministry 6:15 pm  
Team Kids – X180 – High School – Adults  
Wednesday Night Worship 7 pm

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**  
455 Hollywood Rd., Fairview  
Phone: 628-2032  
Pastor: Ron Roberts

We invite you to come worship with us.  
*“A mission-minded community-based church.”*

Sunday School 9:45  
Worship 10:45  
Children’s Church 10:45  
Evening Worship 6:00  
Wednesday Evening 7:00

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Avon ❖ Party Lite  
Paparazzi Accessories ❖ Free Food ❖ Door Prizes

December 8  
2016

**Creative Touch**  
HAIR & NAIL SALON  
6:00–8:00 pm

1346A CHARLOTTE HIGHWAY, FAIRVIEW | 628-0401

**GALLOWAY MASONRY**

- BRICK
- BLOCK
- STUCCO
- FOOTINGS
- CULTURED STONE

828-776-4307

**CINDERELLA CLEANING SERVICE**

RESIDENTIAL · NEW CONSTRUCTION · REMODELS  
COMMERCIAL · REAL ESTATE · APT HOMES  
VACATION RENTALS · PROPERTY MGMT  
MOVE IN OR OUT · TURN-KEY READY  
CONCERGE SERVICES · SECURITY  
HOUSE/PET SITTING · LIVE-IN OPTION

INSURED & BONDED

**MARIE FORNEY 828.713.2798**  
CINDERELLACLEANINGSERVICE94@GMAIL.COM

**Asheville Tree Ninja**

Tree Trimming & Removal  
Storm Clean-up • Views Cleared  
Tree Safety/Damage Assessment  
Cabling, Bracing & Crane Removal  
Stump Grinding • Fully Insured

**MATT SIEBERT**  
828.582.4815 • AshevilleTreeNinja.com  
[treeninja.avl@gmail.com](mailto:treeninja.avl@gmail.com)

**Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**  
“United in Christ. Welcoming All!”  
Rev. David Eck, pastor  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship  
801 Charlotte Highway, Fairview  
[www.abidingsaviorlutheranchurch.org](http://www.abidingsaviorlutheranchurch.org)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
“Calvary Will Make A Difference”  
Located Conveniently  
off Hwy 74 in Fairview

Worship Times:  
Sunday: Sunday School – 10:00 AM  
Morning Service – 11:00 AM  
Evening Service – 6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening – 7:00 PM  
[www.calvaryoffairview.org](http://www.calvaryoffairview.org)

**Moose Ridge**  
DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION  
Bob Lund in Fairview  
828 777-6466  
*“Anything short of a house!”*

**Great Wall**  
CHINESE RESTAURANT  
TAKE OUT ONLY  
4 Olde Eastwood Village Blvd.  
Hwy 74A, Across from Ingles  
828.298.1887 or 828.298.1870  
828-298-1859 fax: 298.1859  
Open Sun–Thurs: 11 am–10 pm  
Fri–Sat: 11 am– 10:30 am

**NEW!**  
Dieter’s Menu!  
Sauces on the side.  
No oil. No salt. No fried.

**T. P. Howard’s Plumbing Co., Inc.**  
90 Number Nine Road, Fairview  
**KOHLER** **MOEN** SHOW *It* HOUSE  
*Buy it for looks. Buy it for life.\**

Pat Howard  
President  
[pth@tphowardsplumbing.com](mailto:pth@tphowardsplumbing.com)

Phone: (828) 628-1369  
Fax: (828) 628-0130  
Web: [www.tphowardsplumbing.com](http://www.tphowardsplumbing.com)

**Artist Illustration of your Home**

Local Artist  
Pencil or  
Pen & Ink  
Great Gift  
Jim Stilwell.com  
(your home illustrated)  
828-275-3214

**Fairview Christian Fellowship**  
Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America

Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor: Rusty Harper  
628-1044  
[www.fcfpc.org](http://www.fcfpc.org)  
Located on Old U.S. 74—the log church on the hill  
next to the Fairview Library

**Trinity of Fairview**  
Rev. Stacey Harris  
A LOVING CHURCH SERVING A LOVING COMMUNITY

Sunday Worship Services  
9:00am and 11:15am Small Groups 10:10am  
Wednesday Worship Services 6:30pm  
828-628-1188 646 Concord Rd, Fletcher  
[www.Trinityoffairview.com](http://www.Trinityoffairview.com)

**BASEMENT • CRAWL SPACE**  
**WATERPROOFING**  
Moisture & Mold Control • Restoration  
Drainage • Retaining Walls • Erosion Work  
**GUARDIAN PROPERTY SERVICE**

699-6262 David Hill  
[guardian.wnc@gmail.com](mailto:guardian.wnc@gmail.com)  
Licensed/Insured/References • Doing Business Since 1997

Dena Frizsell *owner*  
**FAIRVIEW MASSAGE**  
& Bodywork Therapy  
828 216 1364  
1612A Charlotte Highway in Fairview  
[www.Fairview-Massage.com](http://www.Fairview-Massage.com)

Client-Based Massage in a relaxed Fairview setting.  
Using a blend of Swedish & clinical massage techniques, each massage is tailored to relieve tension and stress...eleviate pain, tingling and tightness... and restore circulation for an overall sense of well-being and optimal health.  
*By appointment only*

a clinical massage should not only heal  
but lead you to a place of serenity and peace

**ALL SEASONS**  
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

828 651-9998  
3861 A Sweeten Creek Road  
Arden, NC 28704  
[www.allseasonsnc.com](http://www.allseasonsnc.com)

Morgan Petty  
828 776-1728 cell  
[morganpetty@allseasonsnc.com](mailto:morganpetty@allseasonsnc.com)

**FAIRVIEW Health & Retirement Center**

828 628.2800  
3018 Cane Creek Rd., Fairview  
[Fleshers.net](http://Fleshers.net)

- Medical Care
- Nursing/Rehabilitative Care
- Variety of accommodations
- Assisted Living
- On-site pharmacy

*A family caring for families since 1954*



Market Impact of a Trump Presidency



After a contentious and often divisive campaign, American voters spoke with their collective will at the ballot boxes and elected Donald Trump as the nation's 45th President. In addition, the Republican Party has retained control of both houses of Congress. While the outcome was certainly a shock to many, it is important to remember that the strength of a democracy is not in whether we like the outcome, but rather in how we accept the result as the voice and will of our republic.

While many things are promised on the campaign trail, all newly elected Presidents enter with a constrained ability to enact their agenda unilaterally. As a result, immediate and sweeping political changes are a process, which gives markets and the American public time to digest and react. Although often derided by partisans, the inability of a President to swiftly change policies is a strength of our political system, not a weakness of it.

Moreover, the current market volatility is not because Trump was elected President, as markets do not have political affiliations. Rather, it reflects the market's adjustment to a surprise presidential winner and the market's tentativeness regarding the vast uncertainty over which of President-elect Trump's stated policies he will be able to enact.

The first major step towards clarity will come with Trump's choices for key administration officials; his selections will give a better sense of the priori-



ties for the Trump administration. This should provide some path to further understanding and calm markets.

For the first time in 10 years, one party has control of the Presidency and both houses of Congress. As in all things, this may solve some problems, and perhaps exacerbate others. For example, potentially divisive upcoming issues, such as the necessary expansion of the debt ceiling and reforms to the corporate tax code, could be easier to navigate. There is a common perception that the markets like divided government. While that may often be correct, it is not necessarily true at every point in time.

Most importantly, however, over time we have witnessed corporations and financial markets adapting smoothly to new political environments. The uncertainty surrounding the Trump presidency could be greater than a typical transition; therefore, the markets may take additional time to process any changes. However, the uncertainty itself is not unusual.

Separating political views and emotions from investment decisions is difficult. Whether this election result was your favored outcome or not, what we have learned over the years is that although Presidents can set an overall tone for the markets, over the long term it is the underlying fundamentals of the economy and the strength of corporate profits that matter more. Overall, we continue to be encouraged by the underlying fundamentals in the economy and the related resilience of the stock market. Recently, encouraging economic data, including a record 73 consecutive months of private sector jobs growth, high consumer confidence, and an increase in manufacturing activity, all suggest a recession in the next year is unlikely.\*

As this historic election cycle comes to a close, we suggest casting a "vote of confidence" for the U.S. economy and markets. While uncertainty will certainly be prevalent over the short-run, our political and economic systems are resilient and can, after a period of adjustment, adapt to new realities. As investors, we all need to try and put this election into perspective, as our investment horizons extend far beyond yesterday's votes or any political cycle. And, the keys to your investment success of relying on independent investment advice and sticking to your long-term investment strategies should not change, regardless of who is in office.

\* According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, ISM Manufacturing Index, and Consumer Confidence Index data as of 11/7/16.

*Doug English is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ with ACT Advisors. His Asheville office is located at 37 Haywood St., Ste. 200, Asheville, NC 28801.*

*The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual security. To determine which investment(s) may be appropriate for you, consult your financial advisor prior to investing.*

Flood, Fire, Heritage and Judges



Elections matter, and now we must now look forward from the tumultuous results of November 8. I want to thank the voters for their support, and I look forward to working hard on your behalf for the next two years in Raleigh. I will strive to represent everyone in my district. Please contact me if you are having trouble with any aspect of North Carolina government. Being your state representative is a weighty responsibility.

There has been talk of a special session in early December to appropriate funds to eastern North Carolina for relief after the floods that Hurricane Matthew brought. That session would need to also discuss relief for the fires we are experiencing here in the West. Our nearby Party Rock Fire has been a monster to control — mainly because of the rough terrain and the extreme drought. This fire has been erratic in its behavior and has the ability to jump lines by traveling underground through peat deposits. Scott Jones and our Fairview firefighters have been front-line heroes in keeping the flames from burning down homes. Hopefully, by the time this article appears in the *Town Crier*, the monster will have been tamed. I have shuddered to think about losing our old house and farm to forest fire.

Firefighting expenses across Western North Carolina will be immense, and it will take a lot of government funds to pay for the manpower employed on the

ground. Both State and Federal appropriations will need to be made. Many of our firefighters have other jobs and responsibilities they have had to neglect while fighting the fires. I view it as my responsibility to help to make sure that State Government in Raleigh is generous and timely in paying for these efforts.

I also want to thank everyone for dropping off donations here in Fairview and at many other sites to give comfort to the men and women on the front lines. We are indeed a generous community.

Climate change scientists speak about increasing weather extremes, and our hot summer was only part of the story of 2016. Floods in the East and fire in the West may be the new normal of extreme weather events that will be costly to manage and wreak havoc with farming. I am convinced that our dumping of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere is the primary culprit in the warming of our planet, which makes these mountain fires all the more destructive.

As the effects of global warming are felt, the mountains of Western North Carolina will have a special role in enabling plant species to seek higher elevations to save them from dying out. Biodiversity has always been the glory of our region. I am proud that I have been able to play my part in the preservation of many special places in Buncombe County and beyond — places that will be important refuges for our plants and animals.

Regarding the December Special

Session, one other issue that has been highlighted in the press regards the North Carolina Supreme Court. The

**We are blessed by having our farm as 'common ground' and heritage. We are celebrating 100 years of Hickory Nut Gap Farm this year, and certainly remember those who came before to make this place special. Being rooted to a piece of land is unusual in our mobile society, but we hope to maintain the connection for at least another 100 years.**

most surprising election day victory was the upset of the incumbent Bob Edmunds by the challenger Mike Morgan. His election will tip the balance of the court to a 4 to 3 majority for the Democrats. There is a rumor that a special session could add two more justices to the court, and Governor McCrory could appoint two Republicans and tip the balance back. The only nonpartisan justification for two more members would be a heavier work load, which has not happened. Each of the seven is currently tasked with about four cases a year. I am hoping for cooler heads to prevail.

Despite the dispiriting politics, the

lack of rain and the fires, I hope everyone found a great deal to be thankful for last week. Thanksgiving is a celebration of family. By the grace of God, my family is full of a wonderful array of interesting people who work hard to get along and help each other with projects. We are blessed by having our farm as "common ground" and heritage. We are celebrating 100 years of Hickory Nut Gap Farm this year, and certainly remember those who came before to make this place special. Being rooted to a piece of land is unusual in our mobile society, but we hope to maintain the connection for at least another 100 years.

Over those years, Santa has never missed a Christmas Eve to visit and to entertain (and sometimes terrify) the farm children, and I am reasonably certain he will be back again this year. And while we enjoy the visit of the jolly one, seeing all our friends at parties, singing carols and exchanging gifts, it will be my desire to understand in a much deeper way how frail and unpredictable our lives on earth really are. May you all have a blessed Holiday Season.

**John Ager's Contact:**  
NC House of Representatives  
16 West Jones St, Room 1004,  
Raleigh NC 27601-1096  
John.Ager@ncleg.net or jagerhng@gmail.com  
628-2616 / 713-6450 cell



Season's Greetings  
During this holiday season,  
we wish you all the best.



**Stephen M Herbert, AAMS®**  
Financial Advisor  
1185 Charlotte Highway Suite I  
Fairview, NC 28730  
828-628-1546

www.edwardjones.com  
Member SIPC

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Bet you have more to  
clean up than just leaves?**



We provide various sized waste containers  
to suit your clean up needs.

**Mitch Contracting  
Company**  
**828 252-0694**



**www.MitchContracting.com**



**STEAM MASTER**  
Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

Grout Cleaning • Mold Experts  
**24-Hour Emergency Water Extraction**

We are specialists in insurance work!  
(We can bill insurance company directly)

7 Truck-Mounted Units • 20 Years in WNC!  
**FREE ESTIMATES & NO HIDDEN COSTS!**

**828 628-9495**



Certified /  
Licensed / Insured  
Veteran & Family  
owned & operated  
by Larry & Cindy  
Harrington

www.SteamMasterWNC.com

INSTITUTE of Carpet Cleaning  
CERTIFICATION | Angies list | facebook | VISA | MasterCard | Discover



Complex businesses  
need simple solutions.

Nationwide, a Fortune 100 company<sup>1</sup>, is one of the largest and strongest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the U.S. and is rated A+ by both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's<sup>2</sup>. We work tirelessly to provide our commercial customers in 46 states the insurance solutions they need to build secure financial futures.

Learn how I can help  
protect your business.

 **Nationwide**  
is on your side

**Nationwide Insurance**  
McKinney Insurance Services, Inc.  
Phone: (828)684-5020  
www.mckinneyinsuranceservices.com



BUSINESS
Whistle Hop Brewing Company to Open...Really!

Great news... worth the wait for sure. Whistle Hop Brewing Company's cool caboose tasting room will open on Friday, December 9 at 4 pm. The caboose (as if you didn't know it already) is located at 527 Charlotte Highway next to Angelo's Restaurant and Hilltop Ice Cream. Going forward, their hours will be Open Thursday-Friday, 4-10 pm; Saturdays, 12-10 pm and Sunday, 2-10 pm. Closed Monday-Wednesday. Can't wait to sip some Fairview suds!



The Hub of Fairview Opens

Fairview has a new business center... where you can get copies made, color prints, send a fax, order postcards, pick up basic office supplies, and whatever else the community needs. Fairview also has a new gift center filled with handcrafted, homemade unique and exquisite gift items created by folks who live in the Fairview Crier's readership area. All very local. And they offer a gift wrapping service, as well.

And... Fairview has a new conference/meeting center. It's perfect for small meetings and by adding the new, wood folding tables, perfect for larger workshops, CE's (Continuing Ed) classes and minus the tables and chairs, yoga/stretching classes, workshops, and more. The Hub is open Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm and Saturday, 9-noon at 1185 Charlotte Highway. Look for the sign above the Town Crier's signage. They share space.

Trout Lily's Bluegrass Oysterfest



Studio 375 Gets a New Look

Fairview Artists Dona Barnett, Steven Keull, Steve Fulghum, Lynn Stanley and Reynolds resident Linda Magness were joined by their fellow artists at the 375 Depot Street studio building in the River Arts District to celebrate the completion of their building-wide mural. Built in 1901, the historic 375 Depot Street building houses 25 working and displaying artists' studios as well as the Magnetic Theatre. The artists welcome visitors daily and will be participating in a street-wide holiday event, December on Depot, on Saturday, December 10, 5-8 pm.



New Moon Marketplace
Open T-Sat, 10-5 & Sun, 12-5
828.222.2289
a great place to shop for an ever-changing selection of antiques, collectibles, vintage signs, jewelry, pottery, clothes, gifts and more.
1508 Charlotte Hwy in Fairview
www.newmoonmarketplace.com
contact@newmoonmarketplace.com
Holiday Open House Friday, December 9 5-8 pm

FINANCIAL FOCUS
Don't Overlook Long-Term Care Costs

by Stephen Herbert



How much money will you need in retirement? To arrive at an estimate, you should consider various factors, such as where you'll live, how much you plan to travel, and so on. Not surprisingly, you'll also need to think about health care costs, which almost always rise during retirement. But there's one area you might overlook: long-term care. Should you be concerned about these costs? In a word, yes. Expenses for long-term care — which can include receiving assistance at home as well as prolonged care in a facility — can be surprisingly expensive. Consider the following statistics, taken from the 2016 Cost of Care Study issued by Genworth, an insurance company:
• The average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$92,000. And in some places, particularly major metropolitan areas, the cost is considerably higher.
• The average annual cost for full-time services of an in-home health care aide is more than \$46,000.
These costs are certainly daunting. Of course, you might think that you won't have to worry about them, because you won't ever need any type of long-term care, particularly if you've always been in good health and your family has no history of later-in-life cognitive impairment. However, the odds may not always be in your favor, because almost 70% of people turning age 65 will need some kind of assistance or long-term care at some point in their lives, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Given the costs of long-term care, and the possibility that you might really need this care, how can you prepare for the costs? Things may change in the future, but at this point, you really can't count much on government programs to help pay for long-term care. Medicare typically pays for only a small percentage of these costs, and, to be eligible for Medicaid, you must have limited income and assets. In fact, you might need to "spend down" some of your assets to qualify for Medicaid long-term care services. Obviously, this is not an attractive choice, particularly if you'd like to someday "leave something behind" to your family or favorite charity. Consequently, you need to look at your options for paying for long-term care — just in case. You could earmark a certain percentage of your investment portfolio to cover long-term care costs; if you never need this care, you can simply use the money to pay for other areas of your retirement or for other purposes, such as charitable gifts or financial support to your grown children or grandchildren. Or, as an alternative, you might want to work with a financial professional, who can recommend a strategy specifically designed to help you address long-term care costs. The marketplace in this area has evolved rapidly in recent years, so you should be able to find a solution that is both affordable and effective. Keep in mind, though, that the earlier you purchase a long-term care solution, the more economical it will likely be for you. In any case, don't delay your planning

OCTOBER FAIRVIEW REAL ESTATE STATISTICS

Table with 5 columns: Property Type, Count, High \$, Low \$, Avg \$. Rows include Houses listed, Houses sold, Land listed, and Land sold.

Cool Mountain Realty provides the monthly real estate stats for the Fairview area (zip 28730). When selecting a real estate company, remember to shop local. Cool Mountain Realty has been in Fairview for 13 years and our agents have been selling in our area for 33 years. Keep and multiply the dollars in your local community's economy.

Thomas Dental Care
Cosmetic and Family Dentistry
D. Scott Thomas, DDS, PA
Eastwood Village, Suite 102
(Hwy 74, Across from Ingles)
New Patients Welcome!
Phone: 828.299.8960 • Fax: 828.299.8961
www.ThomasDentalCare.net



Welcome New Members:

- Greg Phillips, Greg Phillips Magic
- Judy Beacon, Little Friends Pet Sitting

November Member's Meeting

Last month's member meeting was held at Western Carolina Physical Therapy in Reynolds. The meeting was well attended and members were given an insight into Kim Fox's specialty, vestibular disorder. It was very informative and then everyone enjoyed a wonderful spread from Nachos & Beer. Thanks for being such a great host, Dr. Fox! December Holiday Party If you haven't RSVP'd for the FBA annual party on Monday, December 5 you hae one chance... call membership coordinator Sandie Rhodes at 280-8270 before Monday to see if there is still room.



Don't Miss the FBA Holiday Party on Monday, December 5th!



New FBA member Greg Phillips is a magician, motivational speaker, comedian, entrepreneur and marketing guru. He has recently relocated to Fairview from the "Space Coast" of Florida to be near his eldest daughter and grandchildren. Despite a full-time travel and performing schedule, the FBA was able to secure Greg for a performance at our upcoming FBA Holiday Party.



Singer/songwriter/guitarist Chris Rhodes performs every weekend at The Village Hotel on the Biltmore Estate. He can also be enjoyed at other local venues such as the Red Stag at the Grand Bohemian Hotel, and Cedric's Tavern on the Estate. Chris will play before dinner and after the magic show for dancing.

Membership renewal is due by 1/1/17!

JOIN NOW AND GET MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016 AND ALL OF 2017, TOO!

Join at FairviewBusiness.com or send \$60 check to FBA, PO Box 2251, Fairview, NC 28730. Or join at the Town Crier office, 1185F Charlotte Hwy, Monday-Friday, 1-5 pm or at a meeting. FBA Voicemail – 585-7414

KEEP IT LOCAL with FBA Members

Table listing various local businesses and services, categorized by type (Aquarium Sales, Artists/Artisans, Marketing, etc.) and including contact information.



## THE LORD'S ACRE

by Kevin Todd

## A Gifting Garden

On a cold April morning last spring, I stood under the hickory tree just outside the fence at The Lord's Acre and with eagerness reflected on the journey upon which I was about to officially embark.

For years I had been feeling a pull toward work with gardens that seek to build community, address food insecurity and contribute to ecological healing, and with the help of many discerning friends I had finally found the courage to step into my vocational longings. So there I was, at the dawning of what would prove to be a life-changing internship, and all I could do was stand in silence and open up my hands in a meager attempt to receive the life-giving activity of the garden: the rising sun, the busy birds, the growing sugar snap peas, the Fairview clay and all its unseen life, the calming sound of fog. And as if the buzzing life wasn't an invitation enough, the gate welcoming me into the garden beckoned simply and fully with cut bamboo: "LOVE." On that cold April morning, I felt invited into a different way of being in this world, a way entered through love, a way that encourages a posture of openness and awareness, a way woven together by the pattern of receiving and giving, giving and receiving; it is the way of gift.

As a part of the rhythm of our work as a garden crew this past season we saved time daily for a brief group reflection. After we had finished our urgent tasks for the day, we would find a seat under the hickory tree and reflect on a topic or writing that one of us had chosen. In the gate welcoming me into the garden beckoned simply and fully with cut bamboo:



The gate welcoming me into the garden beckoned simply and fully with cut bamboo: "LOVE." I felt invited into a different way of being in this world, a way entered through love, a way that encourages a posture of openness and awareness, a way woven together by the pattern of receiving and giving, giving and receiving: it is the way of gift.

"LOVE." On that cold April morning, I felt invited into a different way of being in this world, a way entered through love, a way that encourages a posture of openness and awareness, a way woven together by the pattern of receiving and giving, giving and receiving: it is the way of gift. The last week of the internship, Susan Sides brought to us some thoughts on gift economies she encountered in Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Kimmerer writes, "A gift comes to you, through no action of your own, free, having moved toward you without your beckoning. It is not a reward; you cannot earn it, or call it to you, or even deserve

it. And yet it appears. Your only role is to be open-eyed and present.' Our reflection that day was a fitting bookend to my time interning at TLA, for each moment there — from that cold April morning to that autumn group reflection and everything in between — has been a gift to me. Beyond the gift of the community of life and friends I've received, these past months at TLA have also given me hands-on learning in the formative way of gift that is embodied so beautifully by this garden community. And that has changed me.

Kimmerer writes, "This is the fundamental nature of gifts: they move, and their value increases with their passage..."

The more something is shared, the greater its value becomes... Many of our ancient teachings counsel that whatever we have been given is supposed to be given away again." I've been changed by this garden because it has helped me learn more deeply how to recognize and receive the gifts around me, and it has reminded me that my newly filled hands must never clench tight-fistedly onto the gift, but must remain open to give and give and give again. By embracing me in the woven pattern of receiving and giving, giving and receiving, TLA has helped me learn anew what it might look like for me to become a gate called

"LOVE," through which the good gifts of this world come and go freely. Thank you for the gift, TLA!

## Give and Receive at The Lord's Acre

During December, donors of \$20 or more to The Lord's Acre will receive a gift in return. Don't miss the Big Give Days for really great incentives. For details see [thelordsacre.com](http://thelordsacre.com).

## WILD EDIBLES

by Roger Klinger

# The Rowan Tree



The American Mountain Ash (*Sorbus Americana*), which may be better known as the "Rowan Tree," is one of the more celebrated trees in history and folklore. These na-

favorite of mine; we had two growing in our gardens, and my dad and I were always enchanted when autumn arrived and the trees' berry clusters ignited with color, turning the most dazzling red hues. The Rowan tree is a native, high-altitude, small deciduous tree that thrives on the borders of ridges and forests, as it doesn't tolerate competition from taller trees. These gorgeous trees love to inhabit rocky outcrops and crevices on wind-worn hillsides, and I only see them along the Blue Ridge Parkway at elevations above 3,500 feet. Two weeks ago, we went out for an annual fall picnic and leaf color tour on a Monday afternoon; driving up to Mt. Mitchell, we were greeted by hundreds of Rowan trees growing along the ridgelines from Craggy Gardens upward, in their full flaming red glory, providing a stunning foreground to the sweeping vistas of fall colors in the valleys and canyons down below. These craggy trees always make us smile with joy when the sun hits the berries and their color takes our breath away.

Birds love the berries and although they are considered edible, they can be quite bitter; like many "wild things," one has to learn how to harvest and prepare them properly. I have to admit that for

me, on the edibility scale, the Rowan tree's berries and leaves rank towards the bottom in the realm of "fine dining from the wild" but soar to the top in terms of their beauty, fantastic history, and magical legacy. "Rowan" comes from the Germanic word "raudnīan" meaning "becoming red," and it is hard to find any fruit in nature more red than a Rowan berry!

Our native species produce abundant berries that are quite bitter but loaded with vitamin C. Freezing helps reduce the bitter taste, and so does soaking the berries in vinegar and washing them off before use. There are European and Chinese species of Rowan trees and a number of cultivars on the market that have been bred to produce more flavorful berries without the bitterness associated with our native ones.

In Europe, Rowan berries were often made into a mildly bitter jelly, usually mixed with quince, which I once enjoyed in the Scotland Highlands paired with roasted pheasant. People have also made wine from the berries, and in Europe Rowan berries are often used to flavor liqueurs and cordials. Rowan berries are high in pectin and sorbic acid but also



contain parasorbic acid, which causes indigestion when eaten raw, but heat and cooking neutralize these chemical agents.

For the Celts, the Rowan tree was called "aucuparia" which translates to "to catch a bird," because the berries were used as a lure to hunt birds. Worldwide, Rowan trees have had a long history of being talismans against evil enchantments and were often used as divining rods, particularly for metals. Strong taboos existed throughout the Scottish Highlands against the use of any parts of the tree other than the berries, as the wood could only be used for ceremonial purposes and was held as sacred.

Rowan was the clan badge for the Malcoms and McLachlans, and a Rowan tree was often planted near a gate or at the entrance of a home to offer protection and safety. The Rowan is also known as the Portal Tree, as it is considered the threshold between this world and otherworld. People often carried talismans of Rowan twigs in their pockets and the wood was also used to protect livestock.

One of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen was at the edge of a high-altitude ridgeline in winter after a beautiful light snowfall, with the fiery red berries on dozens of Rowan trees capped in white snow and panoramic vistas of our own sacred mountains in the backdrop.

May the holiday season fill your homes with joy, beauty and love, and as we prepare to cross the ancient threshold of the winter solstice, may we all celebrate the return of the Light.

Contact Roger at [rogerklinger@charter.net](mailto:rogerklinger@charter.net)

**Cane Creek Concrete INC**  
Insured  
Free Estimates

Stamped, Colored & Custom Concrete

Driveways - Walkways  
Patios - Pool Decks - Slabs  
Steps - Curbs  
and MUCH more...  
Removal & Replacement  
828-230-3022  
[www.canecreekconcrete.com](http://www.canecreekconcrete.com)



**\*\* Accredited Better Business Bureau member \*\***



*AA Diamond Tile*  
NC Licensed Building Contractor

**Shower leak? Call us!**

For all your bathroom and kitchen remodeling needs. Why call a plumber, contractor, electrician or more when one call can do it all?

**Over 35 years experience. Call Ron at 828 450-3900**



THE LAW OFFICE OF  
Cynthia A. Strom, PA

**CYNTHIA A STROM**  
CONCENTRATING IN  
**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY**

- Disability Insurance Benefits (DIB)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

*"I can help you or someone you know who is disabled but denied benefits."*  
**CALL TODAY FOR A FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION.**

1-877-751-7550  
188 Charlotte Highway, Asheville, NC

828-296-7550  
[www.strom-law.com](http://www.strom-law.com)

**McCRARY STONE**

**BIG GRAY  
ROCK EATERS**

**Residential &  
Commercial**

**Local  
family business  
since 1968!**

**Crushed Stone & Gravel**

**828 649-2008**



**HIGH COUNTRY**  
Truck & Van Inc.

Family owned for  
over 40 years!

# WNC'S COMMERCIAL TRUCK CENTER!

1021 Charlotte Highway, Fairview, NC // 828-222-2308

[www.HIGHCOUNTRYTRUCKANDVAN.com](http://www.HIGHCOUNTRYTRUCKANDVAN.com)

**Easy Financing!**  
**Low Rates!**  
**Extended Warranties Available!**

<p><b>2005 GMC W3500 14' FLATBED</b></p>  <p>16k miles, 6.0 V8, auto, PW, PDL, tilt, cruise, tow package.</p> <p><i>Like-new condition!</i></p> <p><b>\$19,995</b></p>	<p><b>2013 FORD E150 CARGO VAN</b></p>  <p>4.6 V8, PW, PDL, tilt, cruise, keyless entry.</p> <p><i>Warranty included</i></p> <p><b>\$17,995</b></p>
<p><b>2003 FORD F350 SD SUPERCAB 4x4 UTILITY</b></p>  <p>Single rear wheel, 6.8 V10, auto, A/C, Rhino liner.</p> <p><i>Very clean!</i></p> <p><b>\$15,995</b></p>	<p><b>2007 FORD F250 SD SUPERCAB 4x4</b></p>  <p>5.4 V8, auto, A/C, tilt, bedliner, tow package. <b>Very clean.</b></p> <p><i>Warranty included</i></p> <p><b>\$16,995</b></p>
<p><b>2013 CHEVROLET SILVERADO HD EXT CAB 4x4</b></p>  <p><b>Extremely clean!</b> PW, PDL, tilt, cruise, tow package.</p> <p><i>Warranty included</i></p> <p><b>\$22,995</b></p>	<p><b>2010 FORD F150 XL SUPERCAB 4x4</b></p>  <p>5.4 V8, auto, A/C, tilt, cruise, tow package.</p> <p><i>Warranty included</i></p> <p><b>\$16,995</b></p>



## Advertiser's List Clip & Save

AA Diamond Tile.....	450-3900	McCrary Stone.....	649-2008
A&B Pool.....	279-5744	McKinney Insurance.....	684-5020
ACT Advisors.....	398-2802	Mitch Contracting.....	252-0694
Affordable Auto.....	273-8812	Moose Ridge Construction.....	777-6466
All Seasons Heating & AC.....	651-9998	New Moon Marketplace.....	222-2289
Allen Burton Group.....	329-8400	Perry James, CPA.....	628-2000
Appalachian Designs.....	628-9994	PostNet of Asheville.....	298-1211
Appalachian Tropicals.....	222-2225	Prime Time Solutions.....	275-5863
Americare Pharmacy.....	628-3121	Rainbow International.....	333-6996
Apex Brain Center.....	708-5274	Ray's Landscaping.....	279-5126
Asheville Contracting.....	785-8788	Richard Killian Construction.....	775-3039
Asheville Savings Bank.....	250-7061	Scobie.net.....	628-2354
Asheville Stone.....	628-ROCK	Silas' Produce.....	Visit Us
B&B Tree Service.....	778-1987	Sip & Doodle.....	712-1288
Bahnsen Lovelace, Lawncare.....	242-2410	S.J. Jung Studio.....	767-2536
Buff, Jim, Keller Williams.....	771-2310	State Farm, Tammy Murphy.....	299-4522
Beverly Hanks, Christie Melear.....	776-1986	Steam Master Carpet	
Cane Creek Animal Clinic.....	628-9908	& Upholstery Clean.....	628-9495
Cane Creek Concrete.....	230-3022	Stilwell & Stilwell.....	275-3214
Carolina Mountain Sales.....	277-5551	Strom, Cynthia A., PA Atty.....	296-7550
CC Flooring.....	654-9142	Surrett, Mike Landscaping.....	230-8494
Cedar Ridge Animal Hospital		The Cove at Fairview.....	628-4976
and Equine Services.....	575-2430	The HUB of Fairview.....	628-1422
Charlie's Angels Animal Res.....	606-4335	Thomas, Scott, DDS.....	299-8960
Cinderella Cleaning Service.....	713-2798	TP Howards Plumbing Co.....	628-1369
Cloud 9 Farm.....	628-1758	Tree Ninja.....	582-4815
Control Specialties.....	628-4323	Trout Insurance.....	338-9125
Cool Mountain Realty.....	628-3088	Trout Lily Deli & Cafe.....	628-0402
Creative Touch.....	628-0401	Troyer's Amish Blatz.....	280-2381
Deck Doctor.....	231-5883	Vintage Stock Furniture.....	318-9166
Dawn McDade, Realtor.....	337.9173	Webo's BBQ.....	298-1035
Eblen Short Stop.....	628-9888	Western Carolina PT.....	298-0492
Edward Jones Investments.....	628-1546	Wild Birds Unlimited.....	687-9433
Electric Guitar Shop.....	628-1966	PUBLIC SERVICE:	
Elena the Groomer.....	628-4375	Sheriff's Department.....	255-5000
Elite Eyecare.....	687-7500	Fairview Fire Department.....	628-2001
Fairview Animal Hospital.....	628-3557	Garren Creek Fire Dept.....	669-0024
Fairview Business Assoc.....	681-1029	Gerton Fire & Rescue.....	625-2779
Fairview Chiropractic Center.....	628-7800		
Fairview Kennels.....	628-1997	<b>SCHOOLS:</b>	
Fairview Landscaping.....	628-4080	Cane Creek Middle School.....	628-0824
Fairview Massage		Fairview Elementary.....	628-2732
and Bodywork.....	216-1364	Reynolds Middle School.....	298-7484
Family Care of Fairview.....	296-0880	Reynolds High School.....	298-2500
Financially Complete.....	230-8168		
Fleshers Healthcare.....	628-2800	<b>POST OFFICES:</b>	
Flying Cloud Farm.....	768-3348	Fairview Post Office.....	628-7838
Galloway Masonry.....	776-4307	Fletcher Post Office.....	684-6376
Guardian Property Service.....	699-6262	Gerton Post Office.....	625-4080
Goodwill Industries of NWNC.....	Visit us!		
Great Wall Chinese Takeout.....	298-1887	<b>COMMUNITY CENTERS:</b>	
GreyBeard Realty.....	298-1540	Cane Creek CC.....	768-2218
Hickory Nut Gap Farm.....	628-1027	Fairview CC.....	338-9005
High Country Truck & Van.....	222-2308	Spring Mountain CC.....	280-9533
JP Wellness.....	216-8134	Upper Hickory Nut Gorge.....	625-0264
Kis, Nina - Keller Williams.....	242-8029		
Kobe, Karen, ARG.....	231-0041	<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>	
Lawncare/Handyman		Fairview Town Crier.....	628-2211
Bahnsen Lovelace.....	242-2410	Fairview Business Assoc.....	338-9628
Looking Glass Creamery.....	458-0088	Fairview Farmers Market.....	550-3867
MAHEC Family Health.....	628-8250	Fairview Library.....	250-6484
Mattress Man.....	299-4232	Food for Fairview.....	628-4322
		The Lord's Acre Garden.....	628-3688
		Meals on Wheels.....	253-5286



*Upper Hickory Nut Gorge*  
Highway 74A in Gerton

To rent: call Margaret Whitt at 625-0264  
or email mwhitt@du.edu

### Fairview

1357 Charlotte Highway  
To rent: 338-9005 or email  
fairviewcommunitycenter@gmail.com

### Spring Mountain

807 Old Fort Road  
To rent: call Bruce at 280-9533

### Cane Creek

1370 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher  
To Rent: 768-2218

## The Fairview Town Crier

THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY™

**OFFICE OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY 1 – 5 PM**

**1185-G Charlotte Highway (office)**

**628-2211**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1862, Fairview, NC 28730

**www.fairviewtowncrier.com**

**OFFICE MANAGER — ADVERTISING / SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**Candice Yount 628-2211 | office@fairviewtowncrier.com**

**MANAGING EDITOR: Sandie Rhodes | editor@fairviewtowncrier.com**

**COPY EDITOR: Lynn Smith Stanley | copy@fairviewtowncrier.com**

**LAYOUT EDITOR: Clark Aycock | clark@fairviewtowncrier.com**

**BILLING: Annie MacNair | annie@fairviewtowncrier.com**

**Subscriptions are \$30 per year (Mail check to address above).**

### Submissions/Announcements/Events/Stories

Announcements, community news, upcoming events, Just Personals, Letters, etc. will be published free as space allows. Send a SASE if you would like your photo returned. Articles submitted must have a content and tone in keeping with the Town Crier's editorial policy. All submissions will be edited for clarity, style and length. Materials must be received by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Include name and phone number. Unsolicited manuscripts/photos are welcomed, and will be returned if a SASE is included. Anonymous submissions will not be published. The Town Crier reserves the right to reject editorial or advertising it deems unfit for publication.

### Editorial Policy

The Fairview Town Crier reserves the right to refuse any advertising or editorial submission deemed inappropriate for the tone and style of our non-profit community newspaper. Information provided has been submitted and a best effort has been made to verify legitimacy. Views expressed in columns and/or articles do not represent those of The Fairview Town Crier. Email editor@fairviewtowncrier.com or mail to Fairview Town Crier, PO Box 1862, Fairview, NC 28730. Letters of 400 words or less may be submitted. All letters may be edited and will print as space allows. No letters will be published anonymously. We will not print letters that endorse or condemn a specific business or individual, contain profanity or are clearly fraudulent. Views expressed do not represent those of The Fairview Town Crier. Include name, address and phone. Email letters to editor@fairviewtowncrier.com or mail to: Fairview Town Crier, PO Box 1862, Fairview, NC 28730.

## FOR RENT

**SHORT TERM (3-6 MOS) RENTAL HOUSE** available in outer city limits of east Asheville. Easily accessible to all conveniences yet private on 3 acres. Large deck, patio. 1,400 sf, completely furnished. Perfect for business or medical short term assignments. 910-592-1488

**FAIRVIEW STORAGE UNITS.** Large units (10 x 20). 1612 Charlotte Highway, next to Fairview Fire Department. For more information, call David Beck. 230-4087

## WANTED TO RENT

**ONE OR TWO-BEDROOM HOUSE, APARTMENT OR STUDIO WANTED** for clean, responsible, employed female. I am a non-smoker and have no pets. I do have Security & Property Management experience. 713-2798

**SMALL FENCED-IN PASTURE** for miniature donkeys. Need water and possibly electric at premises. Near Garren Creek and Kirstein Roads. 828-421-7659

## FOR SALE – MISC.

**MEDLINE 4-WHEEL WALKER** with seat and hand brakes. Large wheels. Weight capacity 400#. Excellent condition. \$50. 338-0092

**NORDIC TRACK TREADMILL.** Excellent condition. Come see it and make an offer. Call for an appointment. 628-7875

**BEE CENTRIC STOCKING STUFFERS** from Cloud 9 Farm. Lip balms, healing salves, honey, jams in bee bags, bee lotion bars. 628-1758

## FOR SALE VEHICLES

**1999 Mazda B2500 truck.** Manual trans, 134,200 miles. Good condition, well maintained. \$1800. Call 545-0353.

## WANTED

**REAL ESTATE AGENTS** Thriving, established local real estate firm in need of experienced agent. **Lots of leads furnished!** Call 828-628-3088.

**THE CANE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S UNICYCLE CLUB** is looking for donated and/or very affordable unicycles. Contact Brian at 582-1436.

# DECEMBER 2016 CLASSIFIED ADS

## SERVICES

### CONSTRUCTION/HANDYMAN

**HOME IMPROVEMENT** Does your house need a face lift or just a nip and tuck? 30 years of exp. in home improvement. Reliable and insured. Call Charlie at 989-4477.

**SMALL CONSTRUCTION / REPAIR** Experienced retired builder available. Carpentry, remodeling, repair, concrete work, small barns, porches & gazebos. Steve Norris, 777-7816, earthsun2@gmail.com.

### COPIER/FAX/PRINTER REPAIR

**FACTORY TRAINED TECHNICIAN** with 25 years of experience in copier/fax/printer repair service. Reasonable rates. Free estimates. 702-7054. [Thefix-itlady.com](http://Thefix-itlady.com)

### GRADING/ROAD MAINTENANCE

**SHELTON TRACTOR WORKS. ROAD MAINTENANCE**, post holes, dig out for storage buildings and retaining walls, tilling. Free estimates. 779-0490

### HOME CARE / CNA

**COMPANION/CNA** available for Private Duty, In-Home Care. CPR, Hospice Certified. 15 years exp. with excellent references. Flex. hours, 24-hour shifts available. Dependable, non-smoker. Call 400-1699 cell.

### HOUSECLEANING

**TRADITIONAL/GREEN CLEANING.** Experienced, references available. Flexible days and hours. Call Ana at 582-1252

### LAWN/LANDSCAPING

**PRAYTOR'S LANDSCAPING** General Landscaping, Grading, Retaining Walls, Plantings, Mulch, Erosion Control, Drainage Work. Please call 674-4339 or email mattpraytor@yahoo.com.

**NESBITT LAWN MOWING** – Basic lawn mowing, weed eating, blowing, mulching. Free estimates. Call Matthew Nesbitt 243-4759 or 338-5148.

### PET / HOUSE SITTING

**EXPERIENCED PET SITTER WITH AAS DEGREE IN VETERINARY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY.** Visits and overnight stays. Excellent references Littlefriendspets.com, 808-4350.

## SERVICES CONT'D

**ADORABLE TLC PET BOARDING/ SITTING.** Reasonable rates. Local home. References. 216-7051.

**LIVING HARMONY PET SITTING** Reliable, experienced care for your best friends. Insured and bonded. Pet CPR and first aid trained. Visit living-harmonypetsitting.vpweb.com or call Gretchin DuBose, 582-3363.

**PERPETUAL CARE PET SITTERS** in-home pet sitting. Bonded & Insured. All pets and livestock. 215-2119.

### PLUMBING

**RANDY THE PLUMBER** has 35 years experience. All types of home repair at reasonable prices. "I can fix it!" 216-2081.

### WINDOW WASHING

**FELIX THE WINDOW WASHER** will make your windows shine. Residential and commercial. References. 398-8977 (dba Stephen T. DiGiacomo)

## CLASSES

### ART

**ART CLASSES** ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 6-8 PM AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, 3-5 PM, by painter Roger Jones. \$25/Class. Call Roger at 712-1288 for info on these classes.

## CLASSES CONT'D

### DOG OBEDIENCE

**DOG OBEDIENCE – DOG TRAINING** THE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF ASHEVILLE is accepting enrollment in winter classes (January 12-March 2) for puppy and adult dogs. Certificates are available for purchase of classes as a gift. Classes will be held in the Fairview Community Center. Call 255-9997 or visit our website at obedienceclubofasheville.org

### MUSIC

**EXPERIENCED PIANO TEACHER** convenient location on 74A in Fairview. Artistic teaching. Children through adult. Free interview lesson. Call Suzan at 777-0061.

### YOGA

**YOGA, RELAXATION MEDITATION AND TRANSFORMATION WITH TAMI ZOELLER.** An intimate, fully equipped studio at 90 Taylor Road in Fairview. Call 280-0297 for class schedule and any questions you may have. Cost is \$10 per class.

## NOTICES

**NEW SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAMP** (Cane Creek Rifles) forming at Fletcher Fire Department Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. Find out about your Confederate ancestors and southern heritage. For more info call 628-1376

**EVERYONE READS**

*the Town Crier's*

**CLASSIFIED ADS!**

**AND THEY ARE AFFORDABLE!**

**ONLY \$10 FOR 20 WORDS & 10 CENTS/WORD THEREAFTER.**

**Yard Sale, Non-Revenue Notices, Non-Profits are FREE!**

**Call Candi Yount at 828 628-2211, Mon–Fri, 1 – 5 pm**



# Find your way to savings.



**Tammy Murphy Ins Agcy Inc**  
 Tammy Murphy, Agent  
 135 Charlotte Highway  
 Asheville, NC 28803  
 Bus: 828-299-4522

## Save an average of \$464\*

Stop here for great rates with  
 America's #1 car insurance company\*\*.  
 Give me a call today.

*Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®*



\*Average annual per household savings based on a 2015 national survey of new policyholders who reported savings by switching to State Farm.

\*\*Based on A.M. Best written premium.

1065000.1 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, State Farm Indemnity Company - Bloomington, IL

## The Fairview Town Crier 2016 Advertising Rates

The *Town Crier* is mailed free to 8,600 households in Fairview, Gerton, Reynolds and east Fletcher. Copies are available at the Town Crier office, Fairview Library and retail establishments throughout the community. A PDF version including all ads is posted on our Facebook page and website for online viewing. Free ad design available.

### COLOR DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page Color	12X = \$330	6X = \$358	1X = \$385
Half Page Color	12X = \$214	6X = \$236	1X = \$253
Quarter Page Color	12X = \$132	6X = \$148	1X = \$160
Eighth Page Color	12X = \$94	6X = \$110	1X = \$122
Business Card Color	12X = \$60	6X = \$70	1X = \$75

### BLACK DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page BW	12X = \$302	6X = \$330	1X = \$358
Half Page BW	12X = \$182	6X = \$204	1X = \$220
Quarter Page BW	12X = \$104	6X = \$122	1X = \$132
Eighth Page BW	12X = \$62	6X = \$78	1X = \$88
Business Card BW	12X = \$40	6X = \$50	1X = \$55

**NONPROFIT AD RATE IS 20% OFF APPLICABLE RATE.**

NOTE: 1X ads are payable in advance. **SAVE MONEY:** On an annual or 6 month contract, you can go up and down in size and/or color and still enjoy the discount. Prepaid annual contracts receive a 13th month free.

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

Minimum **\$10.00** for 20 words; 25¢ per word thereafter  
 [example: 27 word ad would be \$11.75.]

**All classified ads must be prepaid.**

Notices and personal ads not selling anything are free.

**All print classified ads run online for free at**  
**www.FairviewTownCrier.com**

**kw**  
 KELLERWILLIAMS.



**Jim Buff, CRS**  
 828 771-2310  
 www.jimbuff.com  
 email@jimbuff.com  
 86 Asheland Avenue  
 Asheville, NC 28801



**Put Success on Your Side... Call Jim!**

**Fairview Resident Since 1992**



**FAIRVIEW!** Immaculate, brick home on private 1.32 acres, 4 BR/3 full + 3 half baths, HOME WARRANTY, gorgeous large kitchen, 2 FP, 2 laundry rooms, cov. & screened back deck, 2-car gar on main PLUS 2-car gar in bsmt, *MLS#3224741, \$679,900!*



**MARS HILL!** 28 acres w/very well maintained home, HW floors, massive rock FP, open stair-case/balcony, HOME WARRANTY, unfinished bsmt, wraparound cov porch w/views, 2-car gar, *MLS#3216149, \$469,000!*



**SOUTHEAST!** Spacious home on 1+ acres, 4 BR, 2 bath, rock FP in LR, den, lg rec room, finished bsmt, lg master BR, sauna in master bath, deck, cov front porch, pool, garage, *MLS#3158406, \$429,999*



**NORTH!** Beautiful 3BR, 3 Bath, amazing views, great kitchen, 2-car gar, lg craft rm, cov porch, encl. side porch, full bsmt easily finished, HOME WARRANTY, private, wooded setting, *MLS#3121644, \$339,900!*



**NORTH!** 5.6 acres rolling farmland w/ immaculate home, lg MBR/bath w/jetted tub, wraparound cov front porch, 2 car gar in bsmt, detached gar w/bonus room, barn & outbuildings, *MLS#592684, \$325,000!*



**LEICESTER!** 5 private wooded hilltop acres, 2 BR, 2.5 bath home, gorgeous setting, lovely views, huge great room, 2-story rock FP (gas), HOME WARRANTY, office, *MLS#3154545, \$299,000!*



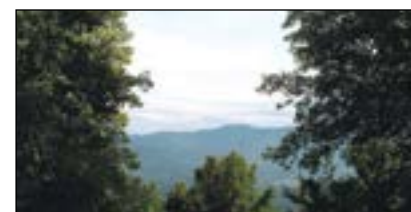
**MADISON COUNTY!** Cape Cod 3BR/2.5 baths, Lg cov front porch, full unfinished bsmt, gar, ht pump, app. 1 acre, fantastic views, privacy, vinyl siding, close to Wvville, 25 min to AVL, *MLS#3225918, \$259,900!*



**FAIRVIEW!** 3 BR, 2 bath home in quiet community, fam room w/stone FP, attached 2-car gar, HOME WARRANTY, gorgeous private .62 acre lot, rear deck, *MLS#3221499, \$239,900!*



**MADISON COUNTY!** 6 acres w/nice 1.5 story home, covered front porch, fifteen min to Weaverville, very convenient location, *MLS#3162276, \$209,900!*



**NORTH ASHEVILLE!** 1.12 Beautiful acres in a luxury gated community, clear the trees and see all the way to Tennessee, *MLS#3190875, \$89,000!*

## RESULTS!

11 Botany Ct.....	Pending 2 days	2 Appledorn Ct.....	Pending in 15 days
37 Oregon Ave.....	Pending 6 days	205 Ridgeway Dr.....	Pending in 2 days
40 Campground Rd .....	Pending 3 days	210 Garren Creek Rd.....	Pending in 12 days
126 Rotunda Circle.....	Pending 19 days	10 Bramblewood Dr.....	Pending in 17 days
161 Gosnell Rd.....	Pending 49 days	35 Penley Ave .....	Pending in 43 days
488 Roaring Fork Rd .....	Pending in 51 days	6 Broadview Dr .....	Pending in 47 days
280 New Salem Rd.....	Pending in 45 days	502 Woodlea Ct.....	Pending in 40 days