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PICKLEBALL

IS NOW IN FAIRVIEW!

You may have read last month that there was a group hoping to get a pickleball club started at the Fairview Community Center. The endeavor has progressed and Yira Pia, the Buncombe County Ambassador for the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA), will lead the local effort. An introductory session will be held on Thursday, February 7, from 12–2 pm at the Fairview Community Center. Yira will have equipment to start things off while she awaits a grant from the association to purchase nets, etc. Weekly court play is scheduled to start after the introductory session on every Tuesday and Thursday, 12–2 pm.

If you are new to pickleball, here's a little background. Pickleball has become widely popular due mainly to aging Baby Boomers' attraction to the game. When older joints and muscles start balking at tennis or racquetball, pickleball offers an exciting (but less stressful) alternative. Like tennis, pickleball can be played as a singles or doubles game, but utilizes a smaller court, only 44 by 20 feet, a ping pong-type racket, and a lightweight ball with holes. Players find it is easier to keep the ball in play and still get a good workout but with much less physical wear and tear on knees, ankles, and hips. The best feature of pickleball is that players need not be great athletes to play and enjoy the game.

Anyone wishing to get more information should email Yira at yirapia33@gmail.com or just come to the first session on February 7. The Fairview Community Center is located at 1357 Charlotte Highway, across from First Citizens Bank and Food Lion. To learn more about the national association, or to become a member for only \$20 per year, visit their website at USAPA.org.

35 Years in Fairview!



A lot has changed since Dean Hutsell and Charles Lloyd hung up their DVM shingle as Fairview Animal Hospital in 1984. Even the docs have changed a little, but 35 years of dog drool and cat scratches can do that. Seriously, though, there are many stories from pet owners grateful to have had these caring vets right here in Fairview all of these years. Read more on page 19.

Twenty Bucks, It Is!

Twenty bucks is what many readers feel the *Town Crier* is worth in monetary value. Of course, we've also heard "priceless," as far as keeping everyone in touch with what's going on in our community. Thank you to those who dropped off their \$20 or made even larger donations. We appreciate every one. Public support helps satisfy our nonprofit requirements and allows us to mail FREE to households in Fairview, Gerton, Reynolds and Fletcher. If you haven't made a donation yet, we still need your help. So what's a "subscription" to the *Crier* worth to you? We'll be grateful for whatever you can send. We are a 501(c)(3) and your donation is tax-deductible. Mail to Town Crier, PO Box 1862, Fairview, NC 28730, drop off at our office (or the blue drop box outside) at 1185-G Charlotte Highway, or donate online at fairviewtowncrier.com.



In Memoriam: Nels Arnold, 1928-2019

Nels Culbertson Arnold of Fairview died fearlessly and peacefully on January 3. She recently said, "I am privileged and feel grateful to have been a part of *this* life, this great adventure." This feeling embodies her spirit, ever full of creative energy and joy of life.

She studied drama at Northwestern University and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. She raised her family with her husband Bruce in Atlanta, during which time she received her Master's in Special Education and taught both gifted students and children with disabilities in schools. In 1978 she moved to her beloved land below Bearwallow Mountain in Fairview. There she built a home and ceramics studio where she created pottery and sculpture nearly every day, showing and selling in local craft fairs and galleries.

Nels was an active member and teacher at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of



(L-R) Nels in her pottery studio; as one of her incarnations of Pickwick the Clown; and her own version of Pickwick in sculpture.

Asheville, an enthusiastic actor with Asheville Playback Theater, ACT Readers Theater, Mountain Art Program, Asheville Area Arts Council as an artist-in-residence. She both taught and took classes in theater and art at The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNC Asheville for many years until 2018.

She was devoted to serving others to the end of her life. Nels' lifetime passions of creativity through the visual and dramatic arts combined with teaching children, seniors, and marginalized peoples kept her growing and glowing for a rich 91 years. She loved and was very proud of her four children, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild, to whom she taught, "Don't be takers in your life, be givers."

Become a Town Crier Volunteer

Every month, a number of our readers join together to put labels on the "hot off the presses" issue of the *Town Crier*. The whole process usually takes less than an hour and volunteers find it a fun way to connect with their local paper and each other. When the group came together on January 4, the *Crier* wanted to give a special "thank you" to them.

With the help of Rise Above Bakehouse, everyone was treated to a fresh-baked breakfast. Rise Above's Montana Fain (at left in photo) delivered the yummy scones, bagels, and muffins still warm from the oven. And none of this would run so smoothly without Volunteer Coordinator Patti Parr (at right).

Want to join in the fun? Email Patti at pattiparr@yahoo.com, call the *Crier* office at 628-2211, or show up on Friday, March 1 at 10:30 am at the Fairview Fire Department's main station.



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Spring Mountain Community Ctr.

Community Leadership Meeting: Usually first Tuesday, 6:30 pm. **Quilting Bee:** Meets every second Tuesday, 10 am–2 pm. Call 628-7900 or 628-1938. **Berrypickers' Jam:** Tuesdays at 7 pm. **Slow Flow & Yin Yoga with Anna:** Mondays, 8:30–9:45 am. \$5–10 suggested. **Yoga with Sabrina:** Thursdays 6:15–7:30 pm. \$5–10 suggested. 807 Old Fort Rd. springmountaincc.com

FEBRUARY 2 (SATURDAY)

Black Mountain Blooms Seed Lending Library

10 am. Black Mountain Blooms Seed Lending Library is restarting its gardening year with Sowing Circle series of free presentations, a restocked seed library, and resources about growing



and saving seeds. The first presentation will be "All About Pruning, Tool Selection and Sharpening." Bring a friend and pruning tools. Black Mountain Library, 105 N. Dougherty St..

FEBRUARY 3 (SUNDAY)

Brother Wolf Puppy Bowl

1–4 pm. Brother Wolf Animal Rescue is teaming up with Sanctuary Brewing and Sweet Bear Rescue to bring you the Puppy Bowl. Puppies play a cute game of football while attendees drink and eat. There will be plenty of food vendors, including No Evil Foods and Blunt Pretzels. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. A VIP ticket for \$75 will get you a field-side seat and a limited edition t-shirt and a bottle of water. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/PuppyBowl2019. Kanuga Conference Center, 130 Kanuga Chapel Dr., Hendersonville.

FEBRUARY 5 (TUESDAY)

Talk at the Library

7 pm. "Mountains Piled Upon Mountains: A Journey into 18th Century Western North Carolina through the Eyes of William Bartram." See page 5 for more information. Fairview Public Library, 1 Taylor Rd., Fairview.

Sons of Confederate Vets Mtg.

7 pm. The Cane Creek Rifles meet at Fletcher Fire Department, 49 East Fanning Bridge Rd., Fletcher. 230-6523.

FBA Member Meeting

6 pm. The meeting will take place at Southeastern Physical Therapy, 1356 Charlotte Highway, Fairview. See page 27 for more information.

Prostate Cancer Support Forum

7 pm. Us TOO of WNC. Open discussion; no fee. 5 Oak St., Asheville. Laura Kraich Scott PT, DPT with Cornerstone Physical Therapy, a specialist in pelvic floor rehabilitation, will speak 242-8410, wncprostate@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27

Fairview Preschool Open House

10 am. The preschool will hold an open house every Wednesday this month. Call the school for information, 330-2073. 596 US Hwy 74, Fairview.

FEBRUARY 7 (THURSDAY)

College Prep Info at ACRHS

7 pm. The A.C. Reynolds High School counseling department will be conducting an informational college night for all 7th to 11th grade students and their families in the Reynolds district. See page 17 for more information.

Embroiderers' Guild Meeting

9:30 am–12 pm. Registration starts at 9:30 and is followed by a short business meeting and the program until noon. 3 Banner Farm Rd., Etowah/Horse Shoe. If interested, contact Roberta Smith at 243-6537 or Janet Stewart at 575-9195.

FEBRUARY 9 (SATURDAY)

Destination Imagination Fundraiser

9 am–3 pm. To fund team needs and travel expenses, the Destination Imagination teams at Fairview Elementary will be hosting a Winter Bazaar at the Fairview Community Center, 1357 Charlotte Highway, Fairview. See page 16 for more information.

Fairview/Reynolds Dems Annual Meeting

10 am–12 pm. The official organizing meeting to elect officers for 2019–2020. (Precincts 38.2, 38.3, 39.2, 39.3, 57.1, 60.2, 60.4). Registration begins at 9:30 am. Cane Creek Middle School, 570 Lower Brush Creek Rd., Fletcher. For more informations, email peterb323@gmail.com.

All-District Band Concert

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dle school and high school students in WNC. Guest clinicians are chosen for each of the three ensembles (11-12, 9-10 and two 6-8 bands) from the finest band directors the region has to offer. Students making the ensemble participate in a two-day clinic on the campus of John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center, Western Carolina, University.

FEBRUARY 11 (MONDAY)

Stitches of Love Meeting

7-9 pm. Group donates handmade articles to local charities. New Hope Presbyterian Church, 3070 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville. Call 575-9195. See page 22 for more information about the group.

Fairview Area Art League Mtg.

10 am. FAAL members and others interested in the arts are welcome. Member Becky Ledbetter will talk about her evolution as an artist. 704-975-0095. Fairview Public Library, 1 Taylor Rd.

FEBRUARY 14 (THURSDAY)

Welcome Table

11:30 am-1 pm. A lunch served to anyone in the area seeking food, fellowship, and community. Donations are greatly appreciated. The meal will only

be served once a month until more volunteers are available. Behind the library in the fellowship hall of Fairview Christian Fellowship. 596 Old US Hwy 74, Fairview.

FEBRUARY 17 (SUNDAY)

Ethical Humanist Meeting

2-3:30 pm. "Can You Trust The Media? - Ethics, Consumerism & Democracy." 227 Edgewood Rd., Asheville. Call 687-7759 or go to EHSAsheville.org.

FEBRUARY 19 (TUESDAY)

Library Book Club

7 pm. The group will discuss this month's selection, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. See page 5 for more information. Fairview Public Library, 1 Taylor Rd., Fairview.

FEBRUARY 22 (FRIDAY)

Florence Nature Preserve Cleanup

10 am-3 pm. Volunteer to restore native habitat. Morning-only shifts are fine, too. Bring lunch and water; wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Water, snacks, and tools provided. RSVP to volunteer@conservingcarolina.org or call Olivia at 697-5777 ext. 211. 3836 Gerton Hwy., Gerton.

Looking to Garden Organically?

Spring is just around the corner, and this year Cane Creek Valley Farm will rent you space and give you the opportunity to grow your own organic food with the assistance of experienced organic farmers. There will be classes, hands-on learning opportunities for all ages, and morning talk-and-walks through the gardens.



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Cane Creek Valley Farm is a fourth generation, family-owned and -operated organic vegetable farm in Fletcher.

FEBRUARY 23 (SATURDAY)

Grand Opening of Center for Art & Inspiration

12-4 pm. Explore this new performing art space, meet some of the actors, teachers, and players, and sign up for workshops and classes and purchase tickets for upcoming shows with an opening-day discount. See page 22 for more information, and see ad on

page 13 for upcoming shows. 125 South Main St., Hendersonville.

FEBRUARY 26 (TUESDAY)

Documentary Film Series

6 pm. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" about Mr. Rogers, the first in a four-part series. Fairview Public Library. See page 5 for more information.

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FEBRUARY 26 (TUESDAY)

All-County Chorus Concert

6:30 pm. Over 200 students from all county elementary, intermediate, and middle schools will sing. Free and open to the public. Brookstone Church, 90 Griffee Rd., Weaverville.

FEBRUARY 27 (SUNDAY)

Live Kids Show from Dollywood

3:30 pm. A live performance of "Stand Tall" for toddlers and kindergartners. See page 5 for more information. Fairview Public Library, 1 Taylor Rd., Fairview.

MARCH 1 (FRIDAY)

Town Crier Labeling

10:30 am. Meet other people from the community and help us get the next

issue of the *Fairview Town Crier* into the mail! At the main Fairview fire station, 1586 Charlotte Highway.

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 9

Make-a-Blanket Day

Join the WNC Chapter of Project Linus for the Buncombe County Make-a-Blanket Day at Eliada Home from 10 am–2 pm. This event brings people together to make blankets for local organizations who donate them to provide warmth and security to traumatized children. All supplies and snacks are provided. Eliada Home is located at 2 Compton Road in Asheville. Contact Ellen Knoefel at 645-8800 or gknoefel@charter.net for more information.

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Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Community Club News

The UHNGCC wants to let the community know about two scholarship opportunities.

The UHNGCC College Scholarship will award \$500 to a person living in the community who is seeking a degree or certificate from a nonprofit, accredited post-secondary institution. The application will be available in the Gerton Post Office in May. The deadline for turning in the completed application is May 15.

WNC Communities is once again offering The Journey Scholarship, which last year awarded \$12,000 to 13 deserving students continuing their education. A community officer needs to sign the application to help confirm the student actually lives in, participates in, or their application is supported by the community. The application has been emailed to local high school guidance counselors.

Full details about these two scholarships can be found on the UHNGCC's online blog at bit.ly/2FV1BV4.

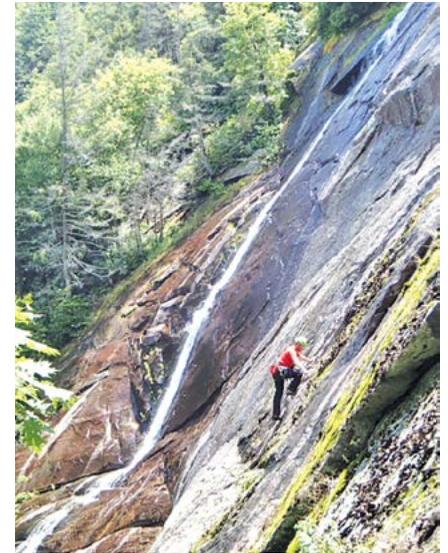
New Trail Wins Award

You may be aware that a new hiking trail in Gerton, the Wildcat Rock, was created at the end of 2017. But did you know that there was a designated rock and ice climbing area there as well? Well, you do now.

The Wildcat Rock Trail, including the John Myers climbing area at Little

Bearwallow Falls, received the national annual achievement award from the Coalition of Recreational Trails in Washington for its design and construction. Congratulations to Peter Barr and Conserv-ing Carolina.

The trail has gotten so much use that the trailhead parking lot was expanded. The climbing area is named after the land-owner, conservationist, and rock climber who worked so hard to make the UHNG accessible to hikers and climbers.



Peter Barr climbing at Little Bearwallow Falls.



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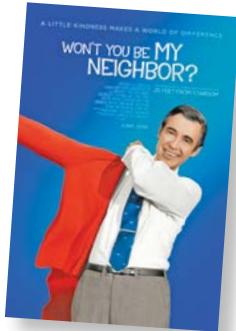
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EVENTS

Film Series Is Back!

February 26 at 6 pm
Won't You Be My Neighbor? (2018)
 1 hour 34 minutes
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The Fairview Public Library presents a four-part film series dedicated to the art of documentary filmmaking.



In the first offering, the life and times of legendary children's television host Fred Rogers is explored in this heartwarming and critically acclaimed documentary.

All screenings are hosted by North Carolina Film Critics Association member James Rosario (thedailyorca.com), who will introduce the film and lead a discussion after.

Remaining films in the series are "When We Were Kings" on March 26, "Grizzly Man" on April 30, and "The King of Kong" on May 28. Popcorn provided by Grail Moviehouse.

Book Club

February 19 at 7 pm
 Fairview Evening Book Club will be reading and discussing *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

No sign up or registration is required to join the book club, and new members are always welcome.

Future Book Club Dates and Titles
 March 19 – *The Wife*, Meg Wolitzer
 April 16 – *Hour of the Land*, Terry Tempest Williams
 May 21 – *White Houses* by Amy Bloom

Friends of Fairview Library Meeting

February 12 at 7 pm
 All dues-paying members welcome to attend.

FOR KIDS

Toddler Gyms

Weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:30 am–12:30 pm
 Fairview Library is very excited to now be offering two gyms. Parents and children ages 0–18 months are welcome to join us on Tuesdays after Baby Storytime. Parents and Toddlers (ages 18 months–3 years) are welcome to join us Wednesdays after Toddler Storytime at 11. We will have baby- and toddler-sized toys, climbing structures, tunnels, and more. Come enjoy some indoor fun for you and your little one during the winter months.

Live Performance from Dollywood's Imagination Library

February 27 at 3:30 pm
 Dollywood's Imagination Library Presents

"Mountains Piled Upon Mountains"
 A Journey into 18th Century Western North Carolina through the Eyes of William Bartram

Tuesday, February 5 at 7 pm

Brent Martin of the NC Bartram Trail Society will present on the history of American naturalist William Bartram's travels into the Little Tennessee River Valley in 1775, based on Bartram's 1791 publication, *Travels*.



Presented by the Friends of Fairview Library.
 Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

a live performance of "Stand Tall" by Molly Lou Melon. You and your little ones are invited to come watch this delightful children's book come to life in this 20-minute, sing-along musical, with a special appearance by Dolly Parton via video. This is perfect for toddlers and kindergartners.

Heroes Unlimited Role Playing Game (Middle & High Schoolers)

February 6 at 4 pm
 Join us for another session of Heroes Unlimited. A team of heroes is being assembled. Do you have what it takes to defend the planet from the forces of evil? Find out when we battle villains and save the day.

Role-playing games are a great way to cultivate creativity, encourage teamwork and cooperation, and teach problem solving skills. They're also a lot of fun!

No experience necessary. Snacks and supplies provided. Space is limited. Stop by or call the library to guarantee your spot. Grades 6–12 welcome.

Regular Kids Programming

Baby Storytime: Tuesdays, 11 am
 Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays, 11 am
 Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 11 am
 LEGO Club: First Friday, 3:30 pm

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February Brings More Light, But Temperatures Will Lag

When I reviewed the final statistics for 2018 from my weather station in Fairview, last year stood out head and shoulders above the wettest year since I started keeping records in 1989. I've tracked. My station received over 94 inches of precipitation, which breaks the old record of 76.98 inches in 2004.

In terms of temperature, the only month that was fairly abnormally cold was January, which had eight mornings with a temperature below 10 degrees. In 2019, those low temperatures have been absent so far, but winter is by no means over.

I think we will see a fair amount of changeable weather for February. We are starting to see more daylight, as there is an increase in the amount of solar radiation received each day in February. The sunrise/sunset times for February 1 are 7:30 am and 5:57 pm, but by month's end they will be 7:01 am and 6:24 pm. That's an increase of almost an hour of additional sunshine. The average high and low temperatures for the beginning of the month are 49 and 28, respectively, and they will rise about 4 to 5 degrees by month's end.

We also have to deal with the "seasonal lag of temperature." Bodies of water and the ground have a certain heat capacity, which is the amount of energy it takes to change the temperature of an object by a given amount. Water takes much longer to heat up

than land. Since Earth is around 71 percent water, our temperatures on land are highly dependent on the temperatures of the bodies of water nearby. Water also tends to absorb and release heat at a slower rate than the land and causes the seasonal lag we see in our temperature record. This is the main reason why the "coldest" and "warmest" days do not occur on the winter and summer equinoxes in mid-December and mid-June but lag or occur later in the season. I think we will also see some snow in February, but I am biased because I love snow. It also acts as an insulator, keeping soil temperatures warmer.

As I mentioned in this column before, the worst type of weather pattern for farmers and avid gardeners is one of mild temperatures in late winter and early spring that lead to early budding of tender vegetation and flowers. As a meteorologist and a plant nursery owner, I would rather see a warm start to winter followed by an average-to-colder spring. This helps to keep the plants dormant through later winter and early spring and is not conducive to a late-season freeze.

We will have another look at possible springtime scenarios for 2019 next month.



Meteorologist Tom Ross managed the Climate Database Modernization Program at the National Climatic Data Center.

WEATHER WONDER

How many groundhogs are actively working across the U.S. and Canada this year on February 2?



Groundhog Day is a popular tradition celebrated in the United States and Canada each year on February 2. It derives from a Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees a shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will persist for six more weeks. If it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.



All over North America, about 24 cities have their own answers to Punxsutawney Phil—and they're not always groundhogs. People wake up early to hear the forecast from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, but residents of places like Raleigh; Cumberland, Maryland; Staten Island; Howell, Michigan; and cities and provinces in Canada have their own weather-forecasting marmots to applaud.

QUESTION of the MONTH



On average, how quickly do temperatures rise during the month of March?

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Growing Up in Swannanoa in the '50s and '60s

The majority of the *Town Crier's* readers believe I was raised in Fairview. However, I was raised across the mountain in Swannanoa. My parents met at the Beacon blanket mill, where they both worked for over 40 years. My grandfather Henry Harrison Ingle Sr. (1884-1973) built a house for my parents next to his house a couple of blocks from Beacon. I thought it would be of interest to readers to learn what it was like to grow up in Swannanoa in the heyday of Buncombe County's political machine.

The Machine

The machine was divided into two parts: the city (Asheville) run by Weldon Weir, and the county run by Coke Candler and Sheriff Lawrence Brown. All were Democrats because that was the only party in most of North Carolina. They got along most of the time but there would be occasional wars between the two parts.

I lived on my grandfather's small farm at the eastern edge of what is called the old Beacon Village, which is the area between US 70 and the railroad tracks and east of Whitson Avenue.

I started public school in the second grade because I had to go to private school my first year because of smallpox. I did not have smallpox but one was required to have a smallpox shot to enter public school. I was born immune to smallpox, as were most of my first cousins on my mother's side of the family. I later found out that my fourth great grandfather, Jonathan Duckworth, who lived in Burke County, NC, had died of smallpox in 1807. Apparently his daughter Jane Duckworth Nicholson had picked up enough of the disease that she passed it down to her third great-grandson.

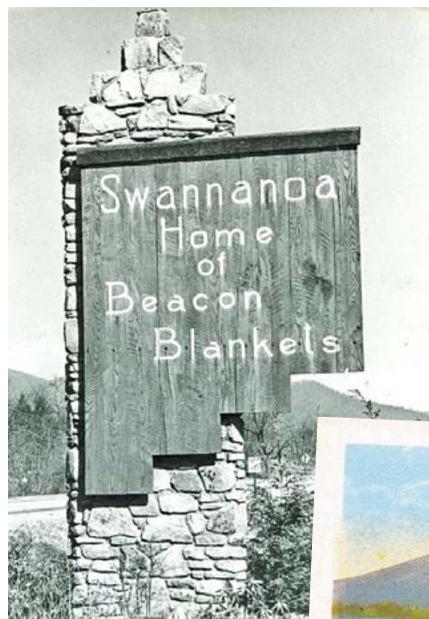
The school board said rules had to be followed with no exceptions. Our family doctor, Dr. Clapp, went to the school board and told them, "You say he has to go to school, but you won't let him in. The smallpox shot will not take on the Whitaker boy so you will have to let him go anyway or pay to send him to a private school."

Troubles with Taxis

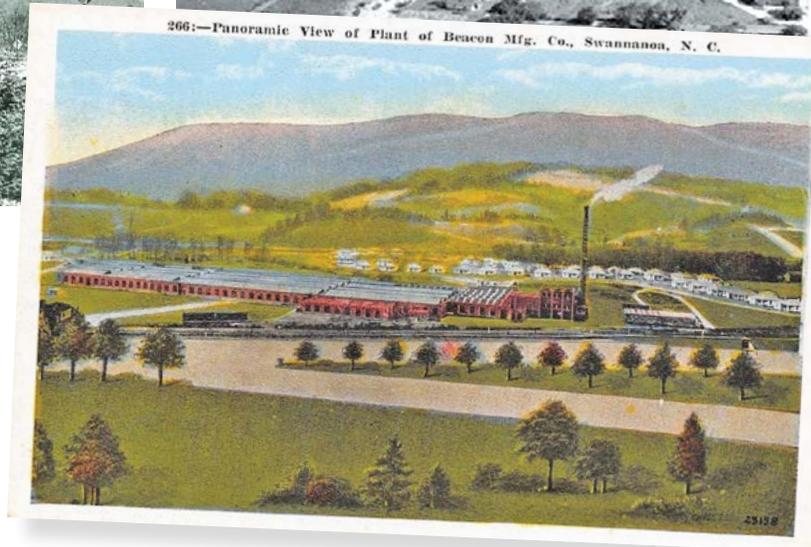
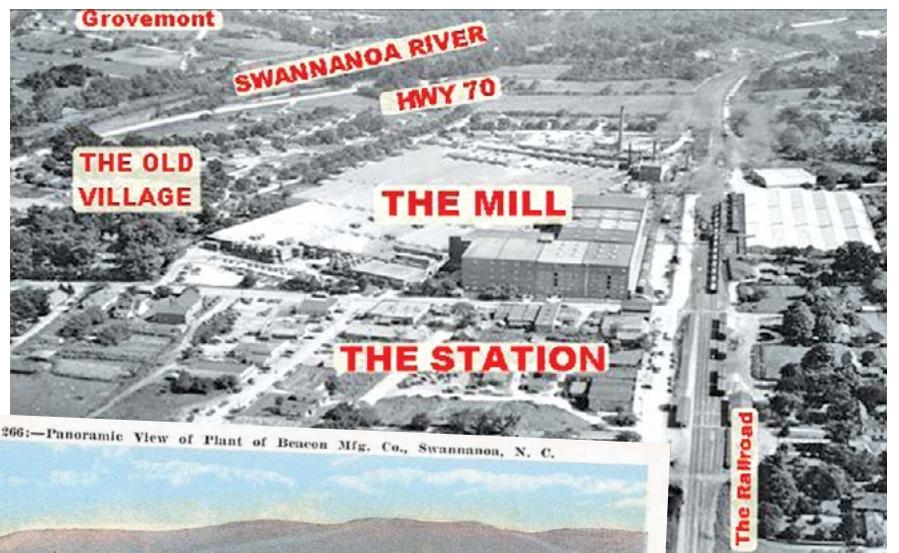
My parents then found out that if a family lived in the area called the "old village" then their children could not ride a school bus. A bus passed fewer than 300 feet from my house but I couldn't ride it. I had to take a taxi to school, which cost \$1 a week round-trip. A taxi driver picked up 10 or 12 of us at our houses and put us in the two-seat taxi. Since I lived at the end of the street I was picked up first. One kid would have to sit on my lap and another kid had to sit on that kid's lap.

I was the only one of the kids who was interested enough to find out why we all had to take one taxi. I found out that they weren't used to transport people. They all were used to sell whiskey for the machine. The trunks were full of moonshine.

I then started to notice taxi cabs that picked up men at their houses, charged them a dollar, and drove them around the



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block. When they got back home and got out of the taxi, they would always have a paper bag (in the shape of a bottle).

You could also buy ball pool tickets. What's a ball pool ticket? Every baseball team had a number. The Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers were number two. If the Dodgers scored the most runs of any team on a given day you won. There were only 16 teams until the early 1960s, thus you had one-in-16 chance of winning. The winners got one-third of the pot, the seller got one-third, and the machine got the rest.

There were also bets placed on basketball and football games. This will make those who think high school and college sports are real very mad. The guys who ran sports betting knew ahead of time who was going to win a ball game—not all of them, but at least one or two. High school and college kids don't make money by playing ball. What good is it to have the best-looking girl in school if you didn't have any money to take her out? Why shouldn't you take a few hundred to have a bad night?

Big Boss Man

Each little community had a "boss" who ran things. If you wanted to get a job at a factory, the guy that hired people had to call your community's boss to get his OK.

My great Uncle Elmer Sales hated the Swannanoa boss until his dying day. Elmer married my grandmother's sister, Exel Wright. Uncle Elmer was a first cousin to John Trantham, who married my daddy's sister, Martha Whitaker. Uncle Elmer and all the Sales back then were yellow dog Democrats. Uncle John

Trantham was a Republican, as were almost all the Tranthams.

Uncle John and Uncle Elmer went to Beacon to get a job. The Swannanoa boss told Uncle John he could not have a job because he was a Republican, and Uncle Elmer bent over laughing. The boss then stuck his finger in Uncle Elmer's chest and told him he couldn't have a job because he was a first cousin to a Republican.

Uncle Elmer would raise cane about the boss every time I went to his house. Uncle Elmer did work at Beacon later on for a few years but he asked Alfred Magnet, the plant manager, for a job.



Zebulon Vance's summer house, known as "Gombronn," burned down in 1936. SWANNANOVA VALLEY MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

The Swannanoa boss liked my father for some reason, and would stop by and talk a couple times a week. My father always looked very young for his age. Once, the boss brought a bunch of the machine's

candidates through the plant to campaign. One stuck his hand out to shake my father's hand. The boss told the candidate that my father wasn't 21 yet, and the man yanked his hand back. He and the others turned around and walked

away father—who was 23.

Vance's House

The boss often told my father the worst thing the county ever did was to give the water system to the people ran Asheville. I will tell you something else he told my daddy. (And this is the real reason I wrote on this topic.) He told my father that the city and state wished to preserve and maintain Zebulon Vance's—Mr. Democrat—house next to the North Fork Dam.

The North Fork Lake is still where Buncombe County and Asheville get most of their water. I read a few weeks ago that someone repeated that old story at the Swannanoa Valley Museum that Vance's house burned down after it was struck by lightning out of a clear, blue sky. If you believe that, you believe the Easter Bunny lays hard-boiled, multi-colored eggs.

The boss told daddy many times the county machine was afraid that maintaining Vance's house as a shrine would end up causing problems with the lake at North Fork. They thought the house would take priority over the city and county water supply. He said Vance's house was struck by 10 gallons of kerosene and a match.

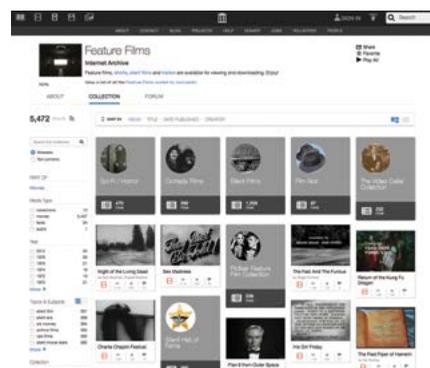
Local historian Bruce Whitaker documents genealogy in the Fairview area. He can be reached at 628-1089 or brucewhitaker@bellsouth.net. Views expressed do not represent those of *The Fairview Town Crier*.

Free Up Memory, Mac Virus Checkups, and More Streaming Options

The next major update/upgrade coming to Windows 10 this spring will reserve at least 7 GB of storage space to ensure a smoother upgrade. This will be a problem for laptops with lower-capacity solid state drives (SSDs) or for people who like keeping their hard drive nearly full. So check your free space now.

Take a Break

When you work all day at the computer, you should take regular breaks. If you use Chrome as your primary browser, install an extension called Break Timer from the Chrome web store (chrome.google.com/webstore) so you can set customized break time frequency and duration.



More Movies

Have you run out of the latest movies to watch? Take a look at legal public domain

offerings at archive.org/details/feature_films (shown below left) or publicdomainmovies.net to find things you may never have seen from long ago. It could lead to a great night of old movies.

Post-It Outdoors

Totally unrelated to computers, other than I like computer Post-It notes, I have discovered Extreme Post-Its for outdoor and wet surfaces. I don't have to tape them up any more outside.

Mac Viruses

Viruses are frequently blamed for any slowdown on a Mac. Here are some things that might actually indicate malware (malicious software) activity: unexpected pop-ups and ads; a suddenly much slower Mac, even with no applications running and after a restart (although a failing hard drive will also make a Mac slow down); and recently installed software from outside the Mac App Store, especially anything free or really cheap that you know should really cost way more. There are some free scanners you can try, such as Malwarebytes for Mac (malwarebytes.com/mac).

Apple has actually included a malware scanner, XProtect, in OS X since 2009, running in the background to identify and prevent known malware from running. Finally, you should also learn how to check for unneeded extensions or add-ons



USB tethering uses less of your phone's battery charge than a hotspot or WiFi connection.

in your web browser, especially if those pop-up ads are happening as you browse the web.

Roku Options

If you have a Roku streaming device but haven't used it for more than Netflix or Amazon videos, you should check the many new additions on the official Roku Channel Store. Quite a few local stations have news programming available. See channelstore.roku.com/browse/news-and-weather for a taste.

USB Tethering

Have you ever been stuck someplace with your laptop but don't have access to safe Wi-Fi, like at the airport? Your smartphone

can be set to share its access to the Internet through the USB charging cable. Often called USB tethering, it is fairly easy to set up on both Android and iPhones, and uses less phone battery than setting your phone to share via Wi-Fi. If you have an iPhone but a Windows computer, make sure you have a recent version of iTunes installed ahead of time so you will have the necessary drivers on Windows. And practice setting it up ahead of time.



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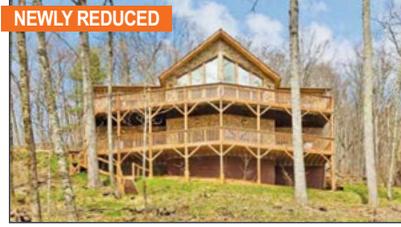
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"In Love with this Land"

In this column, you've read about many facets related to Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy's (SAHC) work, such as local conservation projects, farmland protection, migratory birds, water quality, wildlife habitat, invasive species management, outdoor recreation, and more. However, all of SAHC's endeavors to protect, steward, and connect people with land happen because of the people who form the heart and soul of the organization. These people have dedicated time, support, and energy over the past 45 years to protect more than 75,000 acres across the Southern Appalachians. This month, we share a few of their voices—the inspiration, hopes, loves, memories, and passions for conserving our mountain home.

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An SAHC group hike to Hickory Nut Gap last year, with Lauren McTigue in the purple jacket.

Loving natural land is an emotional pull but it is also an ancestral and intuitive pull. I love it because we need it. Land is a resource we rely on and right now, it is also relying on us. The impact of conservation is so tangible: save acres of land, protect resources for all, and keep carbon dioxide in the trees and soil. And I love the people in conservation because they are so passionate and driven. These are my people.

—Lauren McTigue, Nature Experience Director

I grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and they speak to me. I've always loved the texture of the mountains against each other and the views from up high. When I was young, I took an afterschool art class, and the teacher took us to Mills River valley to draw the landscape. That is my first memory of loving our mountains.

Later, I learned I could hike and bike in the mountains, not just observe them from afar. I spent college years on trails and in nature as much as possible. I took an environmental class and learned about the impacts of development. At that time, I realized that development will happen but we have to go about it with a measured approach. There needs to be planning and consideration with multiple stakeholders.

I love working in conservation because I want to do my small part in helping preserve nature, mountains, and habitat for flora and fauna that is critical to my way of life. And it will be critical for my child and his children to experience. It's good for the soul.

—Leigh Bost, intern with SAHC and Blue Ridge Forever

My wife Laurie, daughter Mary, and I have had a home in **Fairview** since we finished building our house on the end of Butterrow Cove Road in 2009. Years ago, we lived in a suburban Charlotte neighborhood that was being hemmed in by short-sighted developers who built massive homes on small lots that surrounded our house. We decided that was not the way we wanted to live.

In recent years SAHC has played a leading role with landowners and many others in conserving much of our valley and the surrounding mountains. It's been an amazing thing to see, as the map of our surrounding community has changed with new conservation easements that will preserve this area for future generations to enjoy. Many of the amazing views of our area will remain fundamentally unchanged as a result of SAHC's work and the generous help of our neighbors and others, even as Asheville and its rapid development continues.

A wise old friend of mine told me in the late 1980s, 'Tom, to me the best way we can help protect the environment is to preserve land. There is nothing more simple, meaningful and long-lasting.'

—Tom Williams, SAHC Trustee

For going on 18 years I've been working with SAHC. On my drive into work each day from **Fairview**, I pass conserved land, in addition to the turkeys and occasional deer. From the Food Lion parking lot I can see land that SAHC has protected. Wow! As the Membership Director, I've gotten to know the people who love this land as much as me, and Fairview is full of those people. As a mom, I'm reassured there will be places for children to enjoy the outdoors just like I did.

—Cheryl Fowler, Membership Director



As an Asheville native with deep roots in **Fairview**, I have always loved these mountains and valleys. Green rolling hills dotted with cattle, farmland laid out in a lovely geometry of neat green and brown rows, the majestic peaks of Little Pisgah, Flat Top Mountain, Stony Point, and more bathed in tapestry shades of blue, green, purple, gold.

Serving on SAHC's board, I have learned that this is more than just a beautiful place. It is indeed a very special part of the world. Our Southern Appalachian mountains are a unique ecological area, producing habitat for many rare species of plants and wildlife. It is home to pristine water sources, an invaluable asset for both present and future needs. Our mountains, lakes, and rivers provide an amazing variety of recreational opportunities. Ages of geologic activity and hydrology have created prime soils that enrich farming throughout our valley.

I feel incredibly fortunate to live in such a spectacularly beautiful place and to know that almost 2,000 acres of mountains, woodlands, and farmland in our Fairview community have been permanently protected from development by SAHC.

—Popsie Lynch, SAHC Trustee

I love this land in particular because of the biodiversity. It is practically an herbalist's paradise of plants. We are also home to so many animal species. That is a treat in and of itself. I feel such a sense of peace when I'm out in the forest. It's quieter literally and energetically. Nothing in the woods is trying to rush off to do anything.

—Whisper Moore, AmeriCorps Communication & Community Engagement Member

We are big fans of conservation and SAHC in particular. The thing we love the most about our conservation easement is knowing that our property is preserved in perpetuity and cannot be developed after we are gone.

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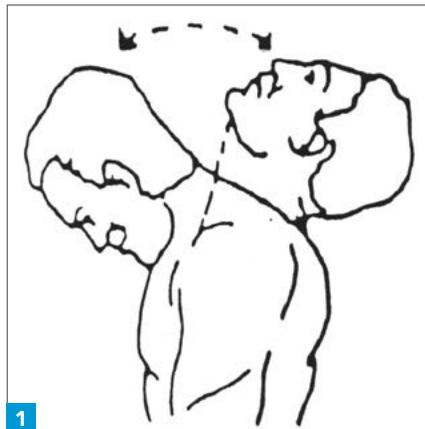
Like a Car, Your Front-end Alignment Is Important

The human body has characteristics of an automobile frame. There is a best alignment for your car and a best alignment for your body. This article focuses on the front end of the body, or the neck and head.

The simple exercises described here can decrease neck pain, increase range of motion, decrease headaches, and improve posture. In addition, they will help with immobilization degeneration of the spine, which is a type of developing arthritis due to lack of spinal joint movement.

The neck is the second most common problem area treated in a chiropractic office. Front-end alignment, namely head and neck posture, are critical to a healthy cervical spine and its supporting anatomy. Ideally, the head (weighing about 13 pounds, similar to a bowling ball) should be centered over the shoulders for optimum health. Loss of normal head positioning or front-end alignment causes numerous documented problems.

With aging and an industrialized lifestyle, we begin to develop a “forward head posture,” which starts a series of postural and biomechanical changes. These changes often lead to neck pain, muscle soreness, visually poor posture, as well as disc, joint, and nerve problems. These changes lead to reduced mobility in the neck, which also can lead to balance,



coordination, and vertigo problems. The neck is loaded with movement and balance (proprioception) nerves requiring normal head-neck movement to work properly. The exercises below are for you if you have trouble looking over your shoulder changing lanes while driving or have neck pain or headaches.

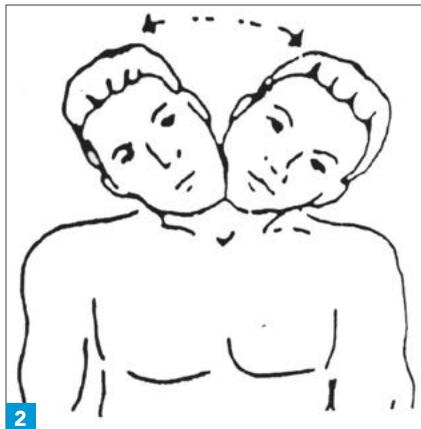
The exercises increase range of movement in the neck. As with any exercise, stop if you experience pain or dizziness.

Range of Motion Exercises

Exercise 1 (above). Tilt head forward and backward as far as possible.

Exercise 2. Tilt head toward shoulder while keeping shoulder stationary.

Exercise 3. Turn head from side to side as far as possible.

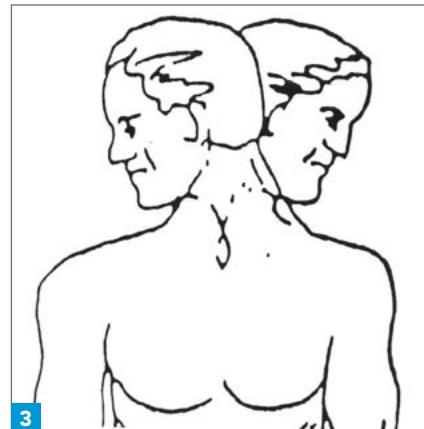


Do each exercise 10 times in each direction, with gentle stretching. They should not cause pain. Gradually increase all head and neck movements. Do 3–5 times per day or more.

Other Front-end Tips

If you awake with neck pain on a regular basis, change pillows. The best ones are called contour pillows. They support the normal neck structures. In addition, increase your water intake to 60–80 ounces per day; make sure you use good computer desk ergonomics, and remember to stand up straight—our mothers were right!

Recent studies indicate that sitting can affect much more than posture. An article last year titled *Sitting Is the New*



Smoking strongly recommended taking regular breaks from sitting and doing very similar exercises as described above. You should also make sure your work station is arranged properly. Use a headset if you are on the phone more than two hours per day. Make sure your computer is right in front of you, with the top of the computer level with your eyes. A height-adjustable chair with armrests is best.

For a proper desk ergonomics handout, call my office or stop by.



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Taking Stock at the Change of Seasons

Another year over and done. Another year to try again. New projects on the farm are a part of each new year. We're starting this year off with the usual list of to-do's. We'll be pruning the blueberries. We'll be mulching the blueberry orchard in a few weeks. We're continuing to build on our Airbnb that we started about 18 months ago. And, of course, we are continuing with our jam production.

We're continuing to keep chickens, though the battle to beat the predators seems to be one we're losing. The idea of taking a few years off from chickens is looking pretty good. That might give the predators time to forget where dinner lives. We have had a wild year with battling the predators. This past year was the first time we've had trouble with bears killing chickens. We also had a weird experience with an owl breaking into the chicken tractor and killing a chicken. We watched the owl try to fly away with the booty.

If the remaining chicks make it to spring, we'll have a few chickens, but I don't see us starting a new set of chicks in the spring. Andy has less time to deal with the chickens since he's now a junior in high school, driving, working on the farm in multiple capacities, and taking classes at A-B Tech.

The rabbit operation is being phased out this year after much reflection. After many years of raising rabbits for meat and manure, we realized it was much easier to fertilize with green manures than spend hours each week tending the rabbits and just breaking even at the end of the year financially—and that's before factoring in man hours. The rabbits were a great opportunity to teach both Andy and the school kids who visited our farm. We used them to explain the importance of composting (along with the chickens), meat production and processing, and basic genetics.

Our conversion of the blackberry orchard is still in progress. This summer will give us an idea if our attempt to trellis the blackberries to the locust saplings can work. Last winter we moved all the blackberries from the standard row trellising to the locust orchard. This summer we got to see how many of the canes survived the transfer, but we saw very little fruit production due to the shock of the transplanting. Hopefully this summer will see significant fruiting. If not, the blackberries will go back into their neat rows in the old plot.

After several years of rotating cover crops in the old raspberry field, we're going to do some vegetable growing this



Soon, this may be one of the few chickens left on the farm. IMLADRIS FARM WEBSITE

summer. This won't be for commercial production. We've spent the last two decades doing projects on a commercial scale and in the process we dropped doing many things that started us on this path originally. That has been a sad turn of events. One of the downsides to growing a business is the loss of the activities you loved in favor of more of the ones that generate cash flow.

It's been many years since we grew anything but a little lettuce bed for ourselves. Hopefully, we can manage to grow a few more things this summer.

I think we're extremely lucky to have four seasons. It gives a perspective on the passing of time and definite markers for starting anew. At the end of each season I try to take a few moments to compare that season to the ones in the past, otherwise I sometimes forget that we're still moving forward and hopefully still making progress.

Unless I take that pause I get too caught up in the present situation and whatever is happening in the moment. I also forget to look ahead and see where I want to go in the future.

Looking forward is the hardest for me. I'm not a decisive person, so figuring out where I want to be in the future is not an easy task for me. I am quite happy to keep in the present groove, so it's kind of Walter's job to push us on to the next project and sweep away the parts that aren't working for us anymore.

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Before the show, jam a push pin or pin into the eraser of the pencil. (Picture 1)

THE TRICK

Stand in front of the audience and hold the pencil by the eraser. Hide the pin by pinching it between your fingers. Say something like, "It's just a pencil, but in my hands it becomes a magical thing!" (Picture 2)

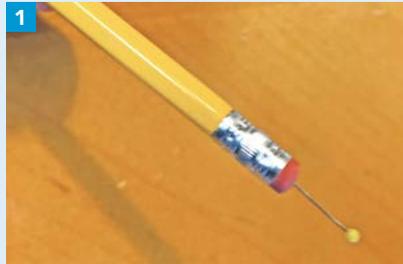
While keeping the pin between your fingers, slowly raise the pencil to an upright position using the other hand. (Picture 3)

When the pencil is fully upright

move your hand away from the tip of the pencil and let the pencil "stand" on its own. (Picture 4) The pencil will stand up because you are pinching the pin between your fingers.

After everyone has had their fill of watching the pencil stand for a few moments, pull the pencil straight up with the other hand. Make sure to add a flourish and a bow. Keep the pin hidden between the fingers of your other hand. Show the pencil to the audience to examine. **Magic!**

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Where Imagination Is the Destination

In May, teams of students from Fairview Elementary School, Cane Creek Middle School, and AC Reynolds High School who win at the state level will compete in the Global Finals of the Destination Imagination tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, along with more than 17,000 students from around the world. Getting there is part of a long, challenging process, but it's also a lot of fun.

What Is Destination Imagination?

The competition is for young problem solvers of all kinds. Working in seven challenge categories (Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improv, Engineering, Service Learning or Early Learning), teams of students learn to become the innovators and leaders of the future. Combining teamwork, creativity, critical thinking, and risk taking with STEAM (science, technol-



Young engineers measure twice for accuracy. (All photos are of teams at Fairview Elementary.)

ogy, engineering, the arts, mathematics, and service learning) skills, the teams compete for placement and prizes but, just as importantly, learn patience, flexibility, self-confidence, ethics, and respect for others and their ideas.

Last year, the Pets for Vets team of 4th and 5th graders at Fairview Elementary interviewed Steve Henderson, a bus driver

LILA (4th GRADE)

I wanted to join DI because I like to be creative and I love acting!

at FES and Vietnam veteran, who is a participant in a creative writing therapy program at the VA hospital for those suffering from PTSD. The team created a play based on his remembrances and placed 14th out of 77 teams globally and won a special award for bringing attention to the issue.

Big Commitment

Destination Imagination (DI) is a huge time commitment for students and advisors from August to May. Each team creates an open-ended project they work on over an extended period of time, usually two to four months. Teams generally meet twice a week after school, and there are usually at-home research or construction assignments. As the state tournament



Instant Challenges encourage on-the-spot teamwork and creative problem solving skills.

EMMA (2nd GRADE)

I love to draw and make stuff — I am good at it.

in March draws near, the teams might spend a Saturday or a teacher work day preparing for the tournament. And there are fundraisers to organize and staff, and travel to schedule. Teams winning at the state competition will continue meeting until the Global Finals (if they participate).

Local teams will have extra pride this year because the state tournament will be held at Cane Creek Middle School in March.

Working Together

Each team consists of up to seven members. At Fairview Elementary, there can be up to six competitive (3rd, 4th, 5th grade) and two Rising Star (1st, 2nd) teams. Students go through a training and tryout process, and are only considered if they complete all their teacher and Destination Imagination assignments on time; have a reference from a teacher; are a proven team player; and are respectful of others, responsible, well behaved and reliable.

There are memberships and tournament fees and training materials that must be



Using recycled paper, students test their own techniques at building tall, sturdy structures.

Fundraiser for Fairview Elementary DI Teams!

Saturday, February 9, 9 am–3 pm

To fund team needs and travel expenses, the teams at Fairview Elementary will be hosting a Winter Bazaar at the Fairview Community Center, 1357 Charlotte Highway.

There will also be a pancake breakfast (pancakes, bacon, fruit, and juice) and lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs with chips and drink) for \$6 each.

The vendor list (so far) is: Farmer Jane (soaps and salves), Color Street (fingernail applications), New Creations (bath bombs and homemade goods), Avon (makeup, skin care), Paparazzi (jewelry), The Knotted Moss (handmade earrings), The Popular Woodsman (woodworking), JLArt (paintings, jewelry, and homemade goods), Snap (jewelry), doTERRA (essential oils), It Works (weight loss, keto), SeneGence-Lipsense (lipsticks/lip gloss, Gut/Brain Access (wellness company), Frolic Home and Garden Decor, Wild Weasel Workshop (wooden creations), Asante (Candles for a cause).

Corporate sponsors for these creative problem-solving teams are welcome.



Team members combine their unique ideas to complete the same tasks in different ways.

paid, but no child will be turned away due to lack of payment.

Each team also has a volunteer manager (or managers). These adults ask their team a lot of questions to encourage them to research and expand their concrete thinking into creative problem solving. They keep the team on a timeline and ensure that each team member understands every element of the challenge. They plan each meeting and set goals for the team members to complete. They lead the team

TRAPPER (5th GRADE)

DI is a fun program that grows your imagination. It makes you more independent because you can't depend on adults' help.

in research skills to help them learn new techniques and encourage each child to solve the challenge among themselves without any outside interference from anyone. And they plan agendas for each meeting and keep parents informed of the team's progress and their needs.

GRAHAM (2nd GRADE)

I like building stuff. I've been watching my brother do DI and it looked really fun.

Parents are also asked to assist the team manager when needed, provide recycled and creative materials (if the team requests them), possibly provide a prop building and storage spot, send a healthy snack to a meeting, volunteer at the state tournament for a short amount of time, assist with periodic fundraising events to pay for registration fees, and to follow the rules at all times.

Do It Yourself

One of the most important lessons learned by students is doing something on their own.



Creative uses of basic materials encourage and build imagination skills.

Each child is required to sign a statement before any tournament, stating that they had no help from any persons other than their team members in creating anything concerning their challenge, including ideas for stories, making costumes, building props, designing scenery, etc. (Assistance with research and learning hands-on skills is allowed and encouraged, but only if the team requests it.)

FES Students Are Falling in Love with Literacy

By Kenya Hoffart

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that was initiated by the National Education Association in 1997. In addition to celebrating reading, the program also honors the birthday of acclaimed beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. This year's Read Across America Day is Friday, March 1, and Fairview Elementary's Literacy Team has many things planned for the entire last week of February to celebrate this annual event.

The theme for the week will be "perseverance" and each student will be gifted a grade-appropriate book that demonstrates great determination through its characters.

Students will receive *The Little Engine That Could*, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, *Wilma Unlimited*, *Stone Fox*, or *Hatchet*, and will be encouraged to talk to their parents and siblings about how their book's characters persevered.

Parents Invited

Parents will also be invited to join in classroom fun after enjoying a special breakfast at the school. Fairview teachers and staff hope this week of celebrating reading will encourage students to fall in love with literacy and



become lifelong readers and learners.

During Read Across America Week, Fairview's Parent-Teacher Association will host a Scholastic Book Fair. At the fair, students will have an opportunity to browse through an incredible selection of books.

There will be books for early learners who delight in pictures, textures, and sounds, as well as books for students who have become acquainted with beloved characters in series they enjoy reaching for again and again.

Reading is a great way for parents to



bond with their children, and it helps develop cognitive and critical thinking skills, provides mental stimulation, reduces stress, and improves vocabulary and overall knowledge. These are just a few reasons for someone to fall in love with



literacy, and Fairview students are well on their way.

Kenya Hoffart is the VP of fundraising and communications chair for the Fairview Elementary School PTA.

College Prep for Parents, Students at ACRHS

The AC Reynolds High School counseling department will be conducting an informational college night on Thursday, February 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

There will be sessions including workshops about college admission and financial aid, how to prepare students for competitive college programs, how to register with the NCAA, and how to study for ACT and SAT college entrance examinations.

Representatives from the College Foundation of North Carolina will be on hand, as well as ambassadors from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, Clemson, East Carolina, and AB-Tech. All 7th to 11th grade students and their families in the Reynolds district are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, call the AC Reynolds Counseling Department at 298-7665.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: SOPHIA LASSITER

The AC Reynolds High School Student of the Month is Sophia Lassiter.

Sophia (and her twin) have been through a lot this year. Their mother passed away in the fall after a short battle with leukemia. But Sophia "always has a smile on her face," said Debbie Ebner, CTE-Marketing teacher at ACRHS. "She is always sweet to others and always willing to lend a hand. I had her (and her sister) in the same class in middle school and it is so exciting to see them grown up and graduating. So proud."

Sophia was an early graduate in January.



Congrats, Sophia, and good luck on your next steps!

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Music to Live By

Hey guys, it's Avery Love and I'm here to talk about a topic that's very near and dear to my heart: music.

Everyone has different tastes, which means there's a plethora of different genres, artists, and songs out there. So if you don't know what kind of music you like, or maybe just want to branch out a little, this article might be interesting for you.

My favorite genre is alternative music because there's so much that can fit under that category, and it's all so different and interesting that you never know what you're going to find. Some of my favorite bands at the moment from this genre

include Icon for Hire, Set it Off, Panic! At the Disco, All Time Low, Florence and the Machine, Fall Out Boy, Green Day, and The Decemberists. My favorite albums right now are *I'll Be Your Girl* by The Decemberists, *Future Hearts* by All Time Low, and *Icon for Hire* by Icon for Hire. Some songs I like are "Novocaine" by Fall Out Boy, "River" by Bishop Briggs, "Birdhouse in Your Soul" by The Decemberists, "Cosmic Love" by Florence and the Machine, and "Dear Maria, Count Me In" by All Time Low. Of course, these are just my opinions, and I could add many more to the list.

Another important thing about

choosing music is to listen to music that matches your mood. When you're sad, listen to music like "Human" by Rag'n'Bone Man, "Iodine" and "Sorry About Your Parents" by Icon for Hire, and "Once in My Life" by the Decemberists. When you want to dance, try "Everybody Talks" by Neon Trees, "Don't Threaten Me with a Good Time" by Panic! At the Disco, "Dancing Queen" by ABBA, and "Stereo Hearts" (featuring Adam Levine) by Gym Class Heroes! I make separate playlists with my sad music and happy music, and I listen to whatever music fits the situation for me.

Music is a big part of my life in a lot of

ways, and this is my way of trying to give some of the stuff I love to you. Now it's your turn: send in some song recommendations for me to listen to because I'm always down to try new music*.

I hope you've enjoyed this month's article, and I'll see you all next month.

*Send in your song recommendations to copy@fairviewtowncrier.com and we'll pass them on to Avery.



Avery Love is a ninth-grader at A.C. Reynolds High School. She lives in Fairview with her mom, dad, and sister Zoe.

Intentions Lead to Improvement

Happy February! It's the month we celebrate love and groundhogs. Personally, I'm in love with reading. And there are several key players spreading the love of reading in the Reynolds District as well.

It all started with a casual conversation at home. Reynolds High football coach Shane Laws made the suggestion to his wife, Haw Creek PE teacher Katy Laws: "I really want to find a way to get my players in to read with kids at Haw Creek, maybe for Read Across America Day." But Mrs. Laws didn't take the bait at first—after all, she's the PE teacher, not a reading teacher.

But Katy Laws does serve on the School Improvement Team at Haw Creek. When the discussion in an Improvement Team meeting turned to the challenge of kids who seem unmotivated to read, something clicked. Could there be a way to connect Coach Laws' idea—getting his players reading with the Haw Creek kids—with this challenge of motivating those same kids to read?

Crafting a New Program

Katy got busy. First, she did her own homework, learning about reading programs offered by the NBA, NFL, and the Asheville Tourists. None of those quite fit what she was looking for, but they gave her ideas to craft a new program for Haw

Creek and Reynolds High. And so Rocket Readers was born!

Here's how it works: Haw Creek teachers choose students who could use a boost to spark their interest in reading, and invitations go home to the parents. Students who sign up must read at least four books (selected with the teacher). Then they have the opportunity to read with Reynolds athletes who come to Haw Creek the day before a big game, and then attend the game for free with their parents and get recognized in front of the crowd.

The first two reading dates in the program were November 1 and January 24, with a busload of Rocket football players as well as cheerleaders, volleyball, and basketball players, in addition to other athletes. The Haw Creek kids got recognized on the Rockets' football field on November 2 and the basketball court on January 25. What a thrill!

"Impactful"

Jay Dale, Haw Creek Principal, already sees great results from Rocket Readers for the Haw Creek kids. "The one word I would use and will use over and over is impactful," he said. "The impact that was made went well beyond this one day, as we try hard to get our students to look at their future. Our students are so excited about the next round and are making sure they



Above and below, football players from ACRHS read with kids from Haw Creek.



are completing their reading so they can do this again. We certainly accomplished one of the goals of getting students excited about coming to school!"

Added Benefits

Rocket Readers also benefits the athletes, who get to reach down and give a hand up to the students coming behind them. It's a chance to see themselves as mentors and leaders, as well as an opportunity to get the warm feeling that comes with helping others.

As one senior football player told me, "It makes me feel good that they're looking up to us, and we can be positive

examples." Another athlete added, "It's always good for kids who may not have a positive role model at home to have somebody to look up to."

Help spread the love! Haw Creek needs more books for these eager readers. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check made out to Haw Creek Elementary and indicate "Rocket Readers" on the memo line.



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR FOR REYNOLDS SCHOOLS

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THUR, FEB 7	Reynolds High College Night , 5:30 pm
FRI, FEB 8	Early Dismissal
SAT, FEB 9	All-District Band Concert , 6:30 pm, WCU
THUR, FEB 21	Fairview Elementary Tours for Rising Kindergarteners , 9 am and 1 pm
MON, FEB 25	Early Dismissal
TUE, FEB 26	Fairview Elementary K, 2nd, 4th grades Fall in Love with Literacy Event , 7:30 am Reynolds High Open House and Curriculum Showcase 6 pm
	All-County Chorus Concert , 6:30 pm Brookstone Church, Weaverville
WED, FEB 27	Fairview Elementary 1st, 3rd, 5th grades Fall in Love with Literacy Event , 7:30 am



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Dr. Lloyd said, “Thirty-five years of changes. A cornfield to Fairview Animal Hospital. Two-lane road to a five-lane highway. No banks to two banks. No grocery stores to two. No big housing developments to several. Two young, fit and trim veterinarians to—well, we won’t go there. One thing that has not changed is that Fairview is a great place to live and work. We want to thank all of you for allowing us to be a part of the Fairview community. Through the years you have allowed us to be a part of your lives and to care for your special friends. Thank you for the last 35 years and we look forward to the years to come.”

There have been many changes and upgrades over the years. Since 2005, the practice has added new laboratory equipment (including blood analysis machines), new computer systems, laser therapy, and digital X-ray machines.

They continue to support the Casey fund, started by Martha Thompson of Sassy Cats, which helps with costs of



Dr. Dean Hutsell, left, and Dr. Charles Lloyd are still going strong after 35 years in Fairview.

emergency care for animals that don’t have an owner or whose owner is not available.

They also collect pet food for those who can’t afford it. The donated food is given to Meals on Wheels, which divides it up into smaller portions that is delivered alongside the human meals.

The doctors are attended by a skilled and friendly staff of five led by Debbie Piercy, the office manager, who has been with the practice for 15 years.

Reflecting back on 35 years, Dr. Hutsell said, “Fairview has been a wonderful community and continues to be the best place to live. From the time Dr. Lloyd and I...established Fairview Animal Hospital, we have grown together with the community. In the early days, we



The staff (left to right): Jaclyn Roebke, Frieda Pope, Cheyann Tallent, and Debbie Piercy. Not pictured is Chiara Polack.

were on the go 24/7, working with livestock, exotics, companion animals, wildlife, and many needs animals. Now we are predominantly companion animal veterinarians and we attribute our success to the wonderful relationships formed with our clients and their furry family members. Our goal was always to provide our clients the best care we knew and offer alternatives to them whenever it was necessary. I sincerely want to thank

the community for their trust in us, the support they have given to us, and the true friendships that we together have developed. I suppose that Fairview is best described as our family home and we look forward to serving our community for many more years.”

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b. Copper is appropriately named with that deep red fur; **Buddy** has the black and tan coat. Both are long-haired dachshunds born in September 2010. Both are sweet, enthusiastic, and love people. Their energy level is low to medium. Wherever one goes, the other follows. They've not had much leash training but are making progress. Because of their bond, they will only be adopted together. Both will need house training. *Charlie's Angels*

c. T-Rex is a Saint Bernard/Great Dane mix, which means he's big. However, he's well behaved and fun to be around. He likes some other dogs, but is probably best as the only dog at home. Because of his size, older kids are probably better than little ones. He loves to go hiking. *Brother Wolf*

d. Cassie is about 3 years old. She has a luxurious black coat peppered with tiny patches of white. She is super sweet and affectionate and loves curling up on your lap, rubbing heads, being petted, and being part of your conversation. Make room because she just might also want to snuggle up to you when you go to bed. *Charlie's Angels*

e. Spaghetti is a 3-year-old hound mix whose previous owners could no longer keep her. She loves to carry on a conversation and wants to be by your side. She has been out with the Hiking Hounds program and does well with other dogs. *Humane Society*

f. Elenore is a 9-year-old cat who was a stray. She enjoys spending time relaxing in her bed or sitting on her tower observing everything going on around her. She's independent, can be sassy, and loves to play. *Humane Society*

g. Myrtle is a cute potbelly pig, about 1 1/2 years old. She currently resides outside at Brother Wolf's Sanctuary location with her siblings. Myrtle could live indoors if you're willing to work on house training and have a fenced-in yard where she can root around. She also would be quite content living outside with one of her littermates in a cozy, weatherproof home with shade and a mud pit or baby pool. *Brother Wolf*

h. Bermuda is a laid-back 1-1/2-year-old bunny who's very sweet and affectionate. He loves to chill with his people. He will need a home that is dog- and cat-free where he can be the center of attention. He will do OK with older, relaxed dogs that will leave him alone. *Brother Wolf*

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Are You Excited for February?

know many people think that after the Super Bowl, it's just another boring, cold February. But birds are in action getting ready for spring.

Birds on the Move

Those incredible hummingbirds are in flight back from their winter migration to Central America and will arrive at the Gulf Coast by the end of February. They won't be back at your feeders until mid-April, as it's a long flight. Barred owls and Screech owls will be courting and looking for love. As the days get longer, Tufted Titmice and Cardinals will start singing. American Robins will be in spring migration. And you might see Cedar Waxwings feeding on berries.

Aerial Acrobats

I love watching the aerial acrobatics of Purple Martins. Here's a fun fact: Martins get all their food and water in flight. They snatch insects in the air and will skim the surface of ponds and scoop up water with their beaks. If you have a large field or backyard, get your martin boxes ready for their arrival at the end of the month. Putting up Martin houses used to be so common that John James Audubon used them to choose his lodgings for the night. In 1831, he remarked, "Almost every country tavern has a martin box on the



upper part of its sign-board; and I have observed that the handsomer the box, the better does the inn generally prove to be."

Feeling Blue? That's Good

Speaking of houses, let's talk about our favorite bird box resident, the blue bird. They're just trying to survive the cold winter and late winter/early spring cold fronts can be dangerous for them, since food in nature is scarce. They can spot a small insect from 150 feet, but there aren't a lot of bugs out in winter.

Blue birds will be checking out potential



Signs of spring preparation include Screech owls (far left) looking for love and Tufted Titmice (left) singing their songs.

nesting territories in February. We'll talk specifically about blue birds in our March column, but it's just good to know that they start scouting for homes in February. Keep food sources available for them and all birds.

Count 'Em If You Got 'Em

Did you know that February is national bird feeding month? The next Great Backyard Bird Count (or GBBC) is February 15-18. You can count from anywhere and help scientists keep long-term records of birds. This helps scientists

learn more about migration patterns and year-to-year changes. As a matter of fact, in 2018, two new records were set in the GBBC. The number of species counted was 6,310 and the number of checklists completed was 176,905! Can you guess the top 10 most frequently reported species? Well, here you go: Northern Cardinal, Dark-eyed Junco, Mourning Dove, American Crow, Blue Jay, Downy Woodpecker, House Finch, Black-capped Chickadee, House Sparrow, and European Starling. And North Carolina was also in the top 10 when it came to checklists submitted, with 3,682 containing 215 species. Go to www.birdsource.org/gbbc to get involved.

So I'm excited for February, and I hope you are, too.

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In the space that formerly held Music on the Rock, the Center will offer interactive dinner theatre, musical entertainment, international touring shows, and hands-on art experience classes, as well as a Malaprop's Books Pop-up location and the Artful Cup Coffee Bar.

At the grand opening, you can take a selfie with an eight-foot-tall book or a wall of colorful paint cans or express yourself on a white tile wall as you meet the creator of the international Subway Therapy movement. You can also meet some of the actors, teachers, and players. And you can also sign up for workshops and classes and purchase tickets for upcoming shows with an opening-day discount.

Volunteers Needed

The Center is looking for volunteers for positions that run from ushering to office work to show set-up and strike. Benefits include free tickets and coffee bar and class discounts. No experience necessary, but must be over 18.

The Center is located at 125 South Main Street, Hendersonville. For more information or to volunteer, email info@thecenterai.com or 697-8547.



Meet the team behind the Center. From left to right: Melanie McNair, Executive Director; Paul Vis, Facility Manager; Jimmy Ferraro, Theatrical Producer/Director; Jeanie Linders, Founder & CEO; Kathy Wuttke, Director of Marketing & PR; and Andy Fiacco, Technical Director



Sewing from the Heart

Stitches of Love is a group of dedicated people who create handcrafted items that are donated to local charities such as Project Linus, Salvation Army, Mission Hospital, ABCCM, Interfaith Ministries, and Meals on Wheels.

The twelve-member group creates a broad spectrum of items that interest them, including quilts and afghans, fleece blankets, scarves and hats, shawls, dolls, and dishcloths. Items for babies, such as fabric books, baby quilts and blankets, booties, and caps are also made and donated to needy charities. Since its founding in February 2007, the group has produced and donated over 22,000 items!

Stitches of Love meets at the New Hope Presbyterian Church on Sweeten Creek Road on the second Monday of each month at 7 pm for about two hours. At the meeting, completed items are turned in and there is a show and tell. Donated yarn and patterns are shared. Experience is not necessary, just a desire to create and share with the community.

If you are interested, please contact Janet at imjstewart@att.net or 575-9195. The group can also be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/StitchesOfLove4Charity](https://www.facebook.com/StitchesOfLove4Charity).

From left to right: Barbara Artsay, Susan Holder, Sandy Kirchner, Joyce Readman, BJ Winchester, Patti Parr, and Janet Stewart

County Grants Help Locally

Every year, Buncombe County Recreation Services funds projects that have been proposed by nonprofits that serve the county and offer free or low-fee activities that are open to the public. This year, two of the winning projects are in the Fairview area.

Spring Mountain Community Club, at 807 Old Fort Road in Fairview, received \$6,000 to convert their pavilion

from a gravel floor to a concrete surface, providing an accessible social gathering space.

Bountiful Cities is an urban agriculture nonprofit that partners with community groups, focusing on dialogue, trust, and community needs, to create urban agricultural spaces. Their project received \$5,993.11 to repair 16 raised-bed gardens at AC Reynolds High School and William W. Estes Elementary School, as well as to increase the engagement at 11 gardens within the Asheville Buncombe

Community Garden Network through additional outdoor seating and picnic tables, and updated signage.

"These nonprofit organizations...display innovative approaches to recreation, ongoing commitments to sustainability, and foster atmospheres of inclusivity. Partnerships like these allow us to maximize our effectiveness throughout the county and support programs that are a win for our residents and families," said Josh O'Conner, Director of Buncombe County Recreation Services.



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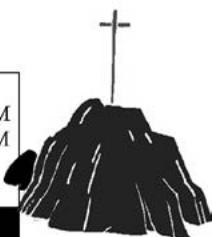
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- **Provide charitable gifts—** You can use life insurance in various ways to support charitable organizations. One option is to donate a policy you may no longer need. Either you or the charity would continue paying the premiums, but the charity would become both the owner and beneficiary of your policy. Alternatively, you

could purchase a permanent life insurance policy and donate it to the charity, which could then use the policy's cash value when you're alive and receive the death benefit when you die.

- **Help fund a revocable living trust—** Depending on your situation, you might want to establish a revocable living trust as part of your estate plans. A revocable living trust helps you avoid the time-consuming, expensive, and public process of probate. And, among other benefits, a living trust allows you to distribute your financial assets over time, and in amounts that you specify—which may be quite appealing, if, for example, you'd rather not give your children a large amount of money at once. Life insurance can help fund your living trust—you just need to name the trustee (which may well be yourself while you're alive) as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. However, you will need to consult with your legal advisor before creating and funding a living trust.
- **Help cover long-term care costs—** You may never need any type of long-term care, but if you do, you'll find it quite expensive. It now costs, on average, more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to the 2018 Cost of Care Survey, produced by Genworth, an insurance company.

Medicare typically pays little of these costs, so the burden will fall on you. To avoid using up your financial assets—or, even worse, having to rely on your adult children for help—you may want to purchase insurance. Some life insurance plans offer long-term care coverage, either through a special "rider" or by accelerating your death benefit, but you might also want to consider a traditional long-term care insurance policy.

As you can see, one of the most flexible tools you have is life insurance. Start thinking soon about how you can put it to work.

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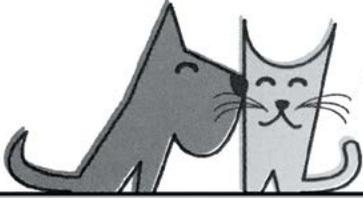
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The NC House boasts 26 new members, 17 Democrats and nine Republicans. There will be 34 women legislators and 26 African-Americans. Unfortunately, we have yet to elect a Latino house member, which could have helped us as we navigate thorny immigration issues. In the Senate, we have seven new Democrats and six new Republicans.

The super-majority has been broken in both chambers, which will be a shift of power toward the governor. He can now veto a bill and have it sustained in an override. (It takes a two-thirds vote to override a veto). But the GOP still controls both bodies (65 to 55 in the House; 29 to 21 in the Senate) and they will be able to put forward legislation to suit their

agenda. The super-majority allowed policy debates to be largely held in the Republican caucuses, which are private meetings. Hopefully, committees will once again be used to discuss policy and the public will have a better chance to participate.

On January 9, the General Assembly met to swear in the old and new members and elect the leaders of the House and Senate. Tim Moore (R) was re-elected Speaker of the House and Phil Berger will once again lead the Senate. The swearing-in ceremony was full of children, husbands and wives, and supporters. Afterward, the Black Caucus served everyone a magnificent lunch and then a reception was hosted by Governor Cooper at his mansion. For me, it was a first chance to get to know some of the new members.

Strong State Economy

The Long Session, which begins on January 30, starts with a healthy budget, which reflects the strong economy in North Carolina. Legislative staff closely tracks state income. December 31 is the end of the first half of the fiscal year, and revenues are \$189 million over projections. Sales taxes have been especially strong over the first six months, and have benefited from a U.S. Supreme Court case that made it easier for states to collect sales tax on online purchases. Generally,

the next six months of the budget year are more volatile, and will include the North Carolina income tax revenue due on April 15. Once again, the flat tax on income will be cut slightly in 2019.

Regarding the mess in Congressional District 9, little progress has been made. In a surprise move, the old Board of Elections was ordered to disband by the court on December 28. That board had scheduled a January 11 evidentiary hearing on the case. Governor Cooper tried to create an interim board but the Republicans would not offer him any nominees. The GOP filed a suit instead, arguing that their candidate, Mark Harris, should be certified. The judge decided against the GOP on January 22. A new elections board is scheduled to be appointed on January 31, and presumably will move the case forward. The US House of Representatives may have the final say on whether Mark Harris is seated or whether there will have to be a new election.

Of local interest, Attorney General Josh Stein came to Oakley for an important press conference regarding the sale of Mission Hospital to Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). Because Mission is a nonprofit corporation, and HCA is for-profit, Stein had the responsibility to make sure the sale protected the residents of WNC from the loss of a community-owned

asset. He announced several improvements he was able to negotiate with HCA. First of all, the rural hospitals in the system can not be closed for 10 years nor can their services be diminished. Second, the Dogwood Foundation, the recipient of the \$1.5 billion in sales dollars, was charged with creating a more diverse board over the geographical region and among diverse groups in the community. Third, that board will hire an independent monitor to make sure that HCA lives up to its promises. Any allegations could go back to the Attorney General's office for litigation. All in all, critics of the sale were pleased with the new safeguards.

As we return to Raleigh, people wonder what bipartisan accomplishments they can expect. There are two that I am hopeful we can give the people of North Carolina. The first would end gerrymandering in our state, along with all of the constant litigation. Second, I am hopeful we can pass a bill that would expand Medicare and extend health care access to half a million of our citizens. Once again, thank you for your trust and interest.



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We offered classes on the Australian Aboriginal Dot Painting technique with JL Art and on making elderberry syrup with Mandelin Naturals (shown at far right). Both had wonderful turnouts! Did you know that the elderberry plant offers a natural solution to boost your immune system, provide relief from cold and flu symptoms, can reduce



blood sugar levels, is great for skincare, and much, much more? Hippocrates didn't call it his “medicine chest” for no reason! The Hub is now offering elderberry syrup kits (shown above) with instructions and everything you need to make a batch for yourself at home for just \$25. Also makes a great gift!

Also, with Valentine's Day just around the corner, don't forget about us when shopping for your sweetheart! We have so so many locally made gift items for that special someone: hand-crafted soaps and spa products, rice heating pads, jewelry, art, honey, and much more in stock and ready to gift. We hope to see you soon!



ON THE ROAD



Caitlin Van Hecke (above) and Brad Howell, from Gerton, honeymooned in the Virgin Islands last month and brought the *Crier* along. Congratulations to them both, and we thank them for sharing. We sure could use some of that Caribbean sunshine these days.

BUSINESS

Justin and Kathryn Purnell (right) have formed the **The Purnell Team** at Nest Realty/Asheville. Justin has been a realtor for 13 years, previously with Town & Mountain Realty, and Kathryn has now transitioned over from teaching to work alongside him. Justin is also the president of the Fairview Business Association. You can call them at 551-3542 or 450-1799 or find them online at nestrealty.com/asheville/agents/Purnell_Team.html.



Dr. Michael Trayford, of **Apex Brain Centers**, told us that his practice has added a Class II low-level laser machine. You can read his column on page 13 to learn about the possible treatments and benefits from laser treatment. And to prove that machines are just like pets sometimes, the center has named the laser “Lenny.” Learn more by visiting apexbraincenters.com.

Lane Pressley, who has over 35 years of kitchen design experience and has worked at all levels of the cabinet industry, recently opened **Expressions Cabinetry**, his own cabinetry design business. You can see his cabinet options at left. His studio is located at 106 Lytle Road in Fletcher. You can check out the website at expressionscabinetry.com or give him a call at 278-7999.



We saw on Facebook that a new tire store has opened up in the Taylor's Motors lot at 1399 Charlotte Highway, Fairview. You can call **Taylor New & Used Tires** at 273-3627.

Fairview's **H&H Distillery** will be selling its spirits at a new shop in downtown Asheville called Cultivated Cocktails at 29 Page Street.

Black Bear BBQ will hold its grand opening on February 2. It will last from 11:30 am-8 pm, with free samples off the menu as well as special items available from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Stop by 800 Fairview Road in River Ridge for barbecue, live music, and giveaways.



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And that's the value of attending a meeting now and then. We have them on different days and even different times. To get the most for your membership, you should pop in once in a while and let everyone recognize your face and get to know you and what you do.

February Member Meeting

The next FBA member's meeting will take place Tuesday, February 5 at 6 pm at Southeastern Physical Therapy, 1356 Charlotte Highway, Fairview.

Have you been curious as to the new tenant a few doors down from the Fairview Post Office? It is Southeastern Physical Therapy, which now has 11 locations in the Asheville area, and Fairview is their newest office.

Southeastern has been around since 1999 and has a good reputation for physical therapy in treating orthopedic, muscular, bone, and joint injuries, from sprains to post-operative repair.

Darren Cady, owner, and physical therapists Phillip Adams and Ryan Smith invite FBA members to check out their

space and service. There is plenty of parking between the post office and First Citizen's bank, and snacks will be provided to attendees.

Also on the agenda are elections, which were missed in the holiday flurry. Frank Dixon, of The Cove at Fairview, has served as Membership Director and has faithfully attended every meeting. He will be thanked and then his successor will be elected. Also, Jenny Brunet of Cool Mountain Realty has been Treasurer for two years, and so someone new needs to step up. There is also a need for a member to be the liaison with the *Town Crier*, submitting our news on time every month. Other business will include identifying local charities that will be supported quarterly.

But networking is of prime importance. When members come to meetings, other members can associate a face with a business and are more apt to use that business when we have a need. There will be time for this networking after every business meeting.

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Tips to Get You and Your Garden Ready for Spring

Here we wait in January and February, when the days begin to elongate again and our garden fever rises with each tease of a warm day. Winter is a wonderful opportunity to cozy up, rest, and reflect on the past garden season—all the ups, downs, successes, and joys—and dream up big yet attainable plans for when the frost finally breaks.

Whether you can't stop thinking about getting your hands back in the dirt or are wanting to start a garden for the first time, here are some ideas to get you started both inside and outside.

Dream up your garden plan. Reflect on last season and what you enjoyed growing, what you ate the most of, or what was missing. Head outside and start imagining what your garden might look like or how you could improve your water usage, irrigation systems, or energy use. Some people enjoy illustrating their garden plan, which can be extra enjoyable on gloomy winter days.

Grab those seed catalogs and start circling! Think about what you might grow from seeds and what you might buy as starts. Inventory what seeds you have left from last season—be careful, as all the different colors, sizes, and new varieties can make your eyes bigger



A cold frame is four-sided with a removable glass or plastic top to house, protect, and harden off seedlings and small plants without artificial heat. Building one with reused materials, like those used above, can be a fun project to ease your cabin fever. OFER EL-HASHAHAR, FLICKR

than your belly. Mix your eagerness for creating and newness with practicality and what you can handle.

Order seed potatoes, onions sets, and shallot sets. While planting these is still weeks away, companies often sell out so it's best to get them sooner than later.

Clean and sharpen your tools. Take some time to knock off dirt and give them a good scrub. You will be thanking yourself when you begin using your tools again in the spring for how much easier the work will feel.

Test your soil. Plants spend all season eating up nutrients in the soil, so it's good to replenish. It's a give and take. Soil testing kits are available through extension offices for a small testing fee (\$4 this year at buncombemastergardener.org/tag/soil-test/) or there are many other types of kits you can purchase online. This will help determine if and what type of soil amendments to buy.

Cut back cane fruit. If you have cane fruits, like raspberries and blackberries, cutting back last season's growth will encourage new growth and a more fruitful crop. Plus, this will lower possibilities of disease. This can happen anytime during late fall to early spring, but it's best if done before new growth begins. Remember to wear gloves!

Build a cold frame. If you want a little head start in early spring, building a cold frame can be a fun project to ease your cabin fever. These can be made with reused materials you may already have or be able to find through thrifting, like extra wood and an old window. There are countless ideas and inspiration online.

Do some weeding and tidying. Weeding in the winter puts more stress on the weed's roots and decreases their vigor and likelihood of reemergence. As far as flower stalks and other dead plant stems, we usually leave those as habitat for wildlife through the winter.

Prune fruit trees. This happens best when the trees are dormant between January and early March. Use these three steps suggested by Modern Farmer: 1) Clean up, pruning back any dead, damaged, or diseased branches and suckers shooting straight up; 2) Thin out, to allow light to enter the canopy, removing any branches growing downward, inward toward the trunk, or are crossing paths with other branches; 3) Head back, pruning back the outermost growth. You can read more details at modernfarmer.com/2015/02/right-cut/.

Rest! Farmers and gardeners spend all growing season, sometimes sunrise to sunset, tending to our ever-changing and always needful growing spaces. You are allowed to pause and rest, so allow yourself some compassion on days that you "do nothing," drink tea, or read.

Janice Brewer is the Garden Manager at The Lord's Acre. thelordsacre.org

“ Thank you... We look forward to this every month! ” – Allan & Eyrin Tenney

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The Holly Tree: A Green Winter Beacon

The holidays may be fully past us but winter remains strong and some shrubs and trees truly shine like beautiful beacons of light in the starkness of winter's beauty. Our native holly trees and all the hybrids and variations are among the most glorious evergreens that dwell in the landscapes of WNC, and hollies do indeed "bear the crown" with their spectacular combination of shiny, deep-green leaves and flaming-red berries.

When all the deciduous trees have lost their leaves and winter's stark landscape descends upon us, one often takes note of the evergreen trees more fully, as their foliage stands out like green beacons. American holly (*Ilex Opaca*) is native to the eastern United States but there are hundreds of species within the genus *Ilex*.

American hollies can grow into enormous specimens reaching 80 feet high, but more often, certainly in the wild, holly trees typically grow as an understory tree in forests. "Ilex" means "evergreen oak." Flowers arrive in spring and are tiny and inconspicuous, eventually producing berries that range in color from red to orange-yellow or brown.

Many years ago when I ran a natural history center in rural St. Mary's City,

"The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, The holly bears the crown." — a 19th Century French carol

Maryland, I stopped one day as I was trying to figure out what the pronounced, hypnotic buzzing sounds were in the forest by the water. I was astonished to discover that I was hearing tens of thousands of honeybees darting in and out of the forest of blooming holly trees that were so dominant in the understory of the woods.

The berries are also vitally important to



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many species of wild birds and animals, especially in winter. In addition, many birds such as our beloved cardinals require evergreens for shelter, nesting sites, and as protection from predators and weather. The berries of various species are slightly toxic to humans, although their poisonous properties have been exaggerated and poisoning deaths are almost unknown.

Holly was once used for Scottish bagpipes and the hard, white wood of the holly tree is prized for decorative items and for inlaying and marquetry. Older country folks believed that tools or a walking stick made from holly wood would protect them from evil and give them renewed vigor. The old Holly king of Yule time is often portrayed with a wreath of holly on his head and a holly walking stick.

The holly tree was one of the most sacred trees of the Druids and at Yule they would take holly branches into their homes so that the spirits of the woods had a warm place to shelter during the cold winter months. The holly branches were later banished from dwellings at the first hint of spring so that the elves and spirits of the woods would return to

their natural places and not cause evil to befall the households. Holly water was sprinkled on newborn babies to protect them from evil. In one legend surrounding holly, it is believed that it sprang from Christ's footsteps, which is why it is sometimes called the "Holy Tree and Christ's Thorn." The spiky leaves represent the crown of thorns and Christ's suffering and the bright-red berries signify the blood of Christ.

Holly, ivy, and mistletoe are often hung together at Christmas and associated with these sacred holidays, but these rituals are pagan in origin. The wreaths and hanging decorations of these evergreen plants signified fertility and eternal life. Holly was hung in homes in ancient Rome during the festival of Saturnalia. Ironically, early Christians were ordered not to decorate their homes with holly at the same time because of these pagan rites, as the early church wanted to distance itself from such practices. How quickly we forget that many of our most beloved modern festivals and sacred rituals, such as the Christmas tree, are in fact pagan in origin.

Native Americans used the leaves and stems to brew a tea, commonly called "black drink," for male-only purification



and unity rituals. Holly leaves were used historically in Germany as a tea to promote sweating and break fevers and as a diuretic.

The berries can be dried and ground to a powder and used to stop bleeding externally, as they have astringent qualities, but should not be taken internally.

Holly trees are a beautiful addition to any landscape, bringing great beauty and joy to our lives, and they are superb choices for landscaping if one is interested in creating sustainable habitats for wildlife.

I might be in the minority in loving winter, as I require the change of pace and enjoy the wide-open mountain views, the starlit skies, and the clarity of winter light. When we get a good snowfall or an ice storm and one awakens to golden sunlight illuminating fiery holly berries encrusted in clear ice or topped with a frosting of snow, it is a sight that always makes me smile with joy!



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County Ranger Can Help Plant and Manage Forest on Your Land

Some people like to plant a forest because they love the way it looks. Some people want to make money by harvesting trees. Are you one of these people, who also has some empty land? The Buncombe County Ranger's Office of the NC Forest Service can help.

The Buncombe County ranger would work with you to plan the forest and/or develop a plan for turning it into a long-term investment. There is also financial assistance available for landowners interested in starting or improving

a forest through state and federal cost-share programs. You could also get a tax break, depending on what type of plan you use.

Costs for reforestation vary depending on site conditions after timber harvest, the terrain, geographical location, and size of the area. In most cases, site-preparation and reforestation activities are available at a cost from the Forest Service.

"It's important that landowners work with a forest management professional to get the maximum benefit from their property," said Dillon Michael, the

Buncombe County ranger. "...Today's decisions can have long-term impacts and benefits."

Reforestation or Afforestation?

Reforestation is the planting of a stand of trees or forestland, and it may include future income from timber harvests and non-timber practices, improved and diverse wildlife habitat, and much more. Afforestation is converting uncultivated fields to forest. The ranger can help you with both.

The Forest Service has more than 50 different species of pine and hardwood seedlings available for purchase. To



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Pricing Strategies

In addition to the reasons we looked at last month, marketing strategies are influential as well. Price-steering can be used by companies to steer a buyer from one plan to another by manipulating the price: higher premiums drive buyers away; lower premiums draw them in. Price-steering to an age-based demographic is another tactic. For example, a company may price its policies to be more attractive to existing policy holders ages 70-75 whose premiums have gone up rather than to the age 65 guaranteed-issue, first-time buyer crowd. It also has the side benefit to the company of reducing claims through more underwritten policies, which reduces adverse health risks.

Household discounts are a relatively new pricing strategy to look for. Not all companies have this feature, so if you have another adult living in the same household with you, it pays to look for a plan that does. Discounts can range from 7-12 percent depending on the company. Companies make their own discount rules and they're not all the same. One company

I know offers its household discount for only one plan that it sells. Some require the other person, who may be a spouse, sibling or significant other in the household, to buy a policy as well. Most all require the other individual to have lived with you for the last 12 months.

Underwriting

Underwriting can also affect premiums. You'll pay more if you're a tobacco user except for open enrollment or guaranteed-issue cases. One company has discounted premiums for applicants who use no prescriptions. Another uses underwriting to place applicants in standard or enhanced rate categories to determine premiums. Many companies have "build tables," which apply higher rates to those who are over- or underweight based on height.

Final Tip

Save money by paying annually; modal fees may be charged if you pay otherwise. Additionally, some companies charge a one-time application fee as well.

The moral of this story is to dig a little deeper if you want the best price.



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	12x/year	6x/year	1x/year
Full page	\$347	\$376	\$404
Half Page	\$225	\$248	\$266
Quarter page	\$139	\$155	\$168
Eighth page	\$99	\$116	\$128
Business card	\$65	\$75	\$80

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 109 Tipperary Dr.....Pending in 8 days
 109 Wicklow Dr.....Pending in 2 days
 88 Johnny Marlow R.....Pending in 1 day
 49 McIntosh Ln.....Pending in 5 days

54 McIntosh Ln.....Pending in 15 days
 40 Serenity Ln.....Pending in 12 days
 40 Blue Ridge Dev.....Pending in 19 days
 27 Botany Dr.....Pending in 3 days
 3 GT Dr.....Pending in 19 days
 35 Rolling Oaks Dr.....Pending in 2 days
 2 Beechwood Rd.....Pending in 11 days
 38 Folsom Dr.....Pending in 4 days



CANDLER! 16.8 Beautiful private acres w/2 BR house and add'l cabin, HOME WARRANTY, 2-car detached garage, 3 sides of property border Pisgah National Forest, *MLS#3443022, \$549,900!*



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