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## This Week in Highlands

### Friday & Saturday, May 29-30

• The Bascom annual wine festival, Collective Spirits, on the new campus on Oak Street. Call (828) 526-4949 for ticket information.

### Friday, May 29

• Auction at Highlands Playhouse at 7 p.m. Preview items 6-7 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Highlands Playhouse.

• CLE Lecture by two locally renowned professors and authors 3-5:30 p.m. at the Highlands Biological Station, \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members.

### Saturday, May 30

• The Lady Highlanders basketball team is having a car wash on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Citizens bank parking lot.

• 6th Annual "Salamander Meander" at the Highlands Nature Center. Call 526-2623.

• At the Rib Shack, 11am to 5pm a fun-filled day for all ages featuring live music, brews and slow-smoked BBQ. \$25 for 21 years and older, \$15 for under 21, and free for five and under. Call 866-526-8008.

• At Wolfgang's Restaurant from 12:30pm – 2:30pm Ferrari Carano, Flavor Spectrum Luncheon. 10% per person goes to the Bascom. \$65 plus tax and gratuity

• The Highlands Girl Scouts are sponsoring "Family Fun Safety Fair" 9am - 12noon at the Highlands School ball field.

• Highlands Memorial American Legion Post 370 will be honor all veterans Monday, at 1 p.m. at The Veterans Memorial at 6th and Main.

### Sunday, May 31

• The Smoky Mountain Brass Band at PAC at 3 p.m. Call (828) 551-6839 for information.

### Tuesday, June 2

• WOW! – a World of Wonder" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 2-5, 10 am – noon daily. Call 526-2623.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society field trip Scaly, Hale Ridge Road and Rabun Bald to look for breeding birds. Call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

## Highlands School renovations to begin

News Highlands School has been waiting for was finally disclosed at the May 26 School Board meeting held in Nantahala.

For some time the school board, as well as Highlands School officials, have been waiting to find out how much money it was going to cost to do the renovations OK'd by the Macon County Commission.

Recently, expecting high bids, the commission suggested OKing

only a portion of the planned renovations and suggested bidding out other portions as amendments or alternatives.

This was done by eight contractors – Carolina Specialties, Creative Builders, H & M Constructors, McCarroll Construction, Mtn. Health Contracting, Warth Construction, Wells & West and Western Builders.

Base bids ranged from

\$319,800 to \$568,550 and after the four addendums or alternates were added ranged from \$380,400 to \$671,248.

The Highlands School renovation bid submitted by H & M Constructors, which had the low bid across the board, was approved at the school board meeting.

The bid of \$380,400 is for ren-

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## County says shelter to open mid-June

At Tuesday afternoon's Macon County Commission meeting, the board discussed a myriad of topics including the pending animal shelter and ordinance, the use of state lottery funds, a new grassroots DOT committee and term limits.

Sharon Archer of the Humane Society, told the commission that the society hopes to work with the board for like goals rather than working against each other as in the past. She said she hoped that should animals have to be euthanized, they would subsequently be cremated rather than put in the land fill.

The Humane Society has a crematorium on site and offered its services at a flat fee to the county. Area vets currently contract with the society for those services.

County Manager Jack Horton said the animal shelter will hopefully open June 15 and the commission agreed – at Sheriff Robert

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## Highlands School 'Fans of the Year'



Each year student athletes at Highlands School honor members of the community who show the most Highlands School spirit through their attendance at sports events. At the Athletic Banquet, Tuesday, May 26 at the Rec Park, David and Sammie Leffler, were named -- for the second time! David and Sammie are parents of senior Hunter Leffler. For more on the Athletic Banquet see page 13. Photo by Stephanie McCall

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## Highlands to host 'pet parade' over Labor Day

Though it took a back seat to the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park discussion at the May 20 Town Board meeting, commissioners OK'd a dog parade through town over Labor Day weekend.

Representatives of the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society requested permission to stage the first Annual Mountain Tail Waggers Walk on Sept. 5.

The route would be similar to the Highlands Christmas Parade route, beginning at Highlands School and ending at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park.

The parade and the subsequent pet festival set up in the park alongside the annual Village Arts & Crafts Festival which is already scheduled for the park, will require a portion of Pine Street to be closed to traffic and parking.

This request had commissioners baffled, because at the special Town Board meeting just a week

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## • LETTERS •

### Forest Service closes caves and mines to protect bats in Southeast

Most caves and mines on National Forests in the southeastern United States are being closed for one year in an effort to protect bats, according to Regional Forester Liz Agpaoa.

"We are working to stop the uncontrolled spread of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) among bat species," she said. "The closures will allow scientists and land managers time to work together and study the fungus, learn how it spreads and how to best address it."

Under the 12-month closure order signed by Agpaoa on May 21, 2009, all caves and abandoned mines on national forests and units in 13 Southeastern states from Oklahoma to Virginia and Florida will be closed unless posted as open. All uses would be prohibited except organized rescue efforts and other actions specifically authorized by the agency.

White Nose Syndrome, or WNS, is named for a white fungus that appears on the faces, ears, wings and feet of hibernating bats. Scientists are trying to determine how WNS affects bats. The disease causes bats to come out of hibernation severely underweight. In a desperate attempt to avoid starving, the affected bats are often seen flying during the day. They are looking for food, but the insects they normally eat in the spring are not yet available. Once a colony is affected, the fungus spreads rapidly and may kill 90 percent of bats at the hibernation site in just two years.

Bats are a natural and important part of forests and help control forest and agricultural insect pests.

Scientists believe the WNS fungus is spread bat-to-bat as they cluster in caves and mines, and it may be unknowingly transferred from one cave or mine to another on the footwear and gear of humans. Infected caves and mines may not show obvious signs of its presence.

No reported human illnesses have been attributed to the fungus.

"The syndrome has already affected caves in Virginia in close proximity to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests," said Dennis Krusac, Threatened and Endangered Species Specialist for the Forest Service's Southern Region. "Staying out of caves and mines is the one thing we can do right now to slow the further spread of the fungus."

The closure order was implemented in hopes of protecting some of the largest bat populations in the country, Krusac said.

Many national forests in the Southern Region are home to several species of bats, including the federally endangered Indiana bat, Virginia big-eared bat, gray bat and Ozark big-eared bats.

Nearly 500,000 bats have died as a result of WNS in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states, including almost 25,000 Indiana bats.

Stephanie Neal Johnson,  
snjohnson@fs.fed.us

### How many mines and caves are there on National Forest lands in North Carolina?

There are numerous unnamed small caves and abandoned mines on Forest lands, particularly in the mountains and on the Uwharrie National Forest in the Piedmont. Blowing Springs cave and smaller caves in the Nantahala River Gorge are included in this closure. The Ray Mine area on the Appalachian District in Yancey County includes numerous small mine openings, all of which are closed with this closure order. Rock hounding is limited to exterior surface collection.

### Guns won't make our National parks safer

Dear Editor,

What went on in Washington regarding a gun rider to a needed credit card bill is wrong. We need to let our government officials know how we feel.

Most individuals in this country were shocked regarding the inclusion of the "gun rider" in the needed bill. This type of special interest centered compromise weakens the integrity of our political process and points to a serious governmental flaw in the legislative process.

Reasoning, factual evidence and potential negative consequences were ignored by those we elected to stand up to the powerful lobbyists in Washington.

John Edwards  
Cashiers, NC

### The facts speak for themselves

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. MacLean and his remarks concerning his alleged untruths in my last letter printed in the May 21 issue of this paper.

If he would have read the articles he gave us to read he would have found that it does back my claim.

In the Presidential Determination No. 2009-15!

I would like to further point out the sources in which these FACTS as he calls them comes from, WorldNetDaily and the Associated Press?

If you want facts then look at the bill itself - H.R.1388! It says the same thing I did! Those are the facts, it comes from the source not a news group!

Johnny Owens  
Highlands NC

### Days to remember

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in regards to Fred Wooldridge's column in the May 21 issue entitled "I'm a child of the '40s."

This was a good column! I am also a child of the '40s and know about the ice man...I also know a beautiful sight when I see one.

My street filled with coast guards - curb-to-curb, going to the Fort Green to maneuver. Our city, St. Augustine, FL, was full of service men for WWII. We were children but what a vivid memory.

I also remember the Victory Garden my dad planted in the front yard - a strange sight for a city street; also recapped tires and sugar rations.

It was war, and I suppose a recession. We didn't know the difference. Just as people today don't realize, they make lots of money and spend it, now they have to recede, and it's hard.

The candy bars are still there - smaller and cost more. Just like the coffee cans and now the ice cream. But we will survive! It just takes a little belt tightening and a change of habit. We can do it! Recede, recede. We can do it.

Marian Beccue  
Scaly Mountain, NC

### Democracy works

Dear Editor,

I want to publicly thank the mayor and town board of Highlands for voting the right way on the park issue. This is a good example of democracy in action, as the mayor put it.

It appear that core samples taken on May 20 showed that there is enough soil depth to accommodate more of the water detention units than previously thought, making the proposed storm water

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### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. **NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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## • MILESTONES •

### Lewicki earns 2nd degree



Rachel Price Lewicki, Highlands School Class of 2004, graduated cum laude from Johnson & Wales University, Saturday, May 23 with a culinary degree.

Now a chef, she will complete a co-op assignment at the Log Cabin Restaurant under chef Matt Thole, a 1999 graduate of Johnson & Wales University.

Lewicki earned a B.S. in Psychology from Appalachian State University December 2007.

### May 30 Memorial Day

Highlands Memorial American Legion Post 370 will be honoring the sacrifice of all Veterans of past and present wars Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at The Veterans Memorial at 6<sup>th</sup> and Main. This is an annual event to "Honor the Dead and provide meaningful remembrance and help to the Living."

Most non-veterans do not recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war. Memorial Day has just become simply another day off from work to many Americans. The local American Legion Post will always be the standard bearer to carry the torch of remembrance. With two wars under way, there is no excuse for anyone not to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day.



Megan James

### James earns 'Rescue' scholarship

Megan James, daughter of retired fireman Jeff James and Mary James, of Franklin, has received a \$12,000 scholarship from the North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMS, Inc.

James will graduate in June from Franklin High School and plans to attend UNC at Greensboro.

The North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS awards \$820,000 annually for scholarships for eligible students. To be eligible for the scholarship, recipients must be members of the organization or the children of members, attend a four-year college or university, community college, technical institute or accredited trade school. Awards are based on scholastic achievement, intellectual ability, financial need, character and promise of future contribution to the state and nation.

James' activities include varsity soccer, Hosa, art club, Spanish club, Teens in Action, Red Cross blood drive, youth group, 4H, community league soccer, community league softball and the Christmas Angels program.

She was a national honor society member for two years, received a scholar athlete award three years and was a National Society of High School Scholars for two years. She worked as a lifeguard at Highlands Recreation Park.

Her application was submitted by Highlands Fire & Rescue Department on behalf of her father who served 20 years with the department prior to his retirement.

## Sheriff asks community for help



Rebecca Denise Conley

Sheriff Robert L. Holland is requesting information from the public to assist in locating Rebecca Denise Conley. She is a 26-year-old white female whose last known

address is 58 John C. West Road, Andrews, N.C.

Conley is wanted on 10 felony counts each of: Second Degree Burglary, Felony Larceny, and Possession of Stolen Goods. She is the seventh defendant charged in a series of Breaking and Entering offenses in the Nantahala community.

Anyone with information regarding Conley is requested to contact the Macon County Sheriff's Office at 828-349-2104 or Macon County Crime Stoppers at 828-349-2600 or 866-374-TIPS (8477). Callers to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward. For updated information view Macon County's Most Wanted at [www.maconnc.org/justice/wanted.html](http://www.maconnc.org/justice/wanted.html).

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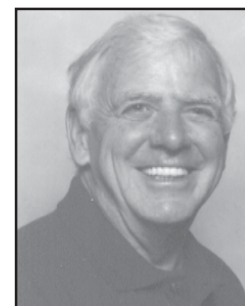
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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### ‘Fu Ku’



**Fred Wooldridge**

“Paris would be a great place to visit if weren't for all those dad gum Parisians.” I didn't make that up. Well, I did throw in the dad gum part just for fun. The offensive saying has been floating around for years. Attention all Frenchmen, hear me out before you take back your Statue of Liberty. ....Nah, on second thought, don't hear me out, just come and get the statue because we're choking to death on our huddled masses.

The li'l missus and I are finally back in the states on terra firma and suffering from major jet lag. It's 2:48 a.m. and I'm sitting at my keyboard with an oversized coffee cup in hand. No one makes coffee like the kind you make at home, don't you agree? No, not my coffee, your coffee. Later, I'll go out and hug my grass and thank God we made it home safely.

We have been in seven countries in 18 days, including France. Hey, guess what, folks? The French people are sick and tired of hearing about how they would be speaking German if it weren't for us. “How many times do we have to thank America before we get fed up?” a Frenchman asked. And are you sitting down? The other countries we visited weren't all that thrilled to see us either. You know what I say? “Fu Ku!”

Even though the United States has been slipping as of late, we are still the wealthiest and most progressive free country on the globe. Add the fact we have been using our bully pulpit to push other counties around since World War II, and presto, we have world resentment. Big time resentment! We found the French people no different than the other countries we visited, except maybe Denmark, who are more interested in getting naked in a pile than being resentful. Hey, I do naked but it's an ugly sight. More on Denmark later.

Actually, we never went to Paris because we didn't want to endure the six-hour round trip bus ride from Le Havre with everyone coughing and sneezing on us just so a French chef could spit on our salads.

Without going into great detail about Le Havre, let me tell you it was the most carpet bombed city in the world during WW II. Le Havre was totally flattened and looked much worse than London or Berlin when the shootin' finally stopped.

Only a couple of churches were left partially standing when Allied soldiers finally arrived to conquer the rubble. Not only did American bombs kill thousands of Germans in Le Havre, many French citizens were also blown to pieces because carpet bombing doesn't play favorites. Killing civilians back then was more acceptable than now. Hmmm, maybe that's part of the resentment.

As I stood outside Notre Dame church putting my fingers into the shrapnel holes left there as a reminder of the war, I could have sworn I heard a Frenchman whisper “Fu Ku” to a friend. Nah, my hearing is slipping.

As usual, we wandered around Le Havre until we were totally lost. This is one of our most favorite things to do. The first person we stopped for help was a crew member from our ship who was also lost. Finally, we had no choice but to stop a local and ask for directions.

With a big smile on her face, an impeccably dressed French lady who spoke good English with a heavy French accent aimed us in the right direction. She sounded like my mother-in-law. Did you know the li'l missus is half French Canadian? As we parted, did I hear the nice woman mumble “Fu Ku” under her breath? Nah! I gotta get a hearing aid.

Since we were in Le Havre on a Sunday, (Mother's Day), the town was closed down tighter than Highlands' Main Street on a February Monday morning. Le Havre citizens really didn't care about 3,000 potential customers from the ship with pockets full of money. Sunday is their day off.

The parks were crammed with happy children and the churches were full of worshipers. Since we had wandered miles from our shuttle bus, we decided to take a taxi. Ha, good luck. There are no taxis on Sunday. Taxi drivers were with their families.

Finally, I guess you're wondering about the “Fu Ku” phrase. Write this down because I know you'll want to use it. Whenever two Japanese people accidentally bump into one another, they say “Fu Ku” to each other instead of excuse me. It means good luck. Do not confuse this with the tiny “Fu Ku” bird that, in a frenzy, flew up Hillary Clinton's nighty. What, you don't believe me? Look it up.



# • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

## Google isn't the final word

A year or two ago, I started carrying a lap top to work. It was sporadic at first, a once in a while sort of thing. I used it to do research if I was reviewing a case. Google is not as good as a medical library, but it's handier and remarkably informative.

Sometimes, a Google search turns up everything except what you're looking for. Come to think of it, I'm on my second Toshiba. The screen went black on the first one while it was in the operating room. For a few weeks, I could tilt the screen just right, or tap it in a certain place, and it would spring back to life. Finally it died. I didn't know enough about computers at the time to know that I could easily have retrieved our pictures from Africa and the Galapagos, and a ski trip to Austria. Even if we go to those places again, Bull won't be eight.

When someone walked off with my dead computer, he carried away a part of my life, and a significant bit of the history of my family. To be honest, I did know enough about computers to know that I should backup my photos. I'm told that there are two or three different ways to do it. I just never got around to it. I'm not really angry with whoever took it. It had been sitting in the same place on the same counter top for a few months. Maybe he thought I was through with it. I put a note on the bulletin board. It said to keep the computer, but download my pictures and get them to me, no questions asked. No one ever came forward. That's the bad part about taking a lap top to the office.

The good part is that it settles a lot of arguments, usually, but not always, in my favor. I tend to take the position that if something sounds too unbelievable to be true, it's probably false. The internet is full of rubbish and it spreads like wild fire. It passes rapidly from the blog of one extremist to the next. These wild unsubstantiated claims seem to appear more often on right wing blogs than on left, but that might just be my bias.

Last week, a guy said that the government should stay out of banking and auto manufacturing. A lot of people feel that way and I'm sure President Obama, President Bush before him, and Congress would have preferred American business to run itself. They didn't feel that they should let the American economy slide down the tube just because a perfect storm of incompetence and bad luck had created mighty tough times.

Anyway, this guy offered as evidence



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

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that the Federal Government couldn't even run a whore house. They only things a whore house sells, the argument goes, are sex and booze. Anybody, or any institution, who can't make a profit selling those commodities, should stay out of business altogether.

I remembered the government took over a legal brothel, Mustang Ranch, in Nevada several years in a tax seizure. The story going around was that after seizing it the government had continued to oper-

ate it and had gone broke. I tried [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com), a frequent arbiter of friendly disagreements to refute or confirm the story. No luck.

Next I turned to Google. Several conservative blogs supported the story, in fact repeated it nearly verbatim. It took only a few minutes more to find the truth, which was that the government had planned to operate the brothel, but had been blocked by a Federal judge. The story, despite frequent repetitions, was baseless. It made good copy and it buttressed the argument that government should stay out of business, but it was without merit.

There are a lot of stories like that, bizarre stories that people are either too lazy to confirm, or choose not to confirm because they like them too much the way they are. It's sloppy journalism, but that's what journalism without accountability produces.

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mitigation effort adequate without the need to close Pine Street.

While Pine Street may not be filled with parked cars on any given day (except for Sunday), it is an extremely busy thoroughfare that is irreplaceable in its many functions to the commerce and traffic of this small town.

I hope that the town also plans to clean out the drainage ditches and pipes around town. Many of them are choked with dirt and weeds making them ineffectual and causing unnecessary street flooding in the very areas where the storm water mitigation project is considered essential.

**Cynthia Strain  
Highlands**

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## Girls' Clubhouse wraps up year of service

Friday, May 22, marked the end of The Girls' Clubhouse year of service in Highlands for the 2008-2009 school year. The club disbands for the summer and starts up again in the fall when school starts. Pictured are April Moss, Ivy Satterwhite, Meredith Garren, Elizabeth Houston and Veronica Garcia. Not pictured are Grace Brassard and McKinley Moseley. For its last community service project, the club stuffed gift bags for The Bascom's upcoming Collective Spirits Gala this weekend. The Girls' Clubhouse has been in existence since 2004 and is open to all 6th-8th grade girls.

Photos by Kim Lewicki, supervisor

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## • HIS & HERS •

### The Oprah Winfrey solution

By John Armor

I have enjoyed Oprah Winfrey's work on television since she showed up as the second banana on People are Talking with Richard Scher on WJZ in Baltimore, four decades ago. Now, she is the leading talk show host in the known universe. Although her audience has decreased from nearly 9 million in 2005 to 7.3 million in 2008, she is still the top of her profession.

Oprah's success demonstrates that several efforts of the current administration to restrict both freedom of the press, and freedom of speech are both wrong and unconstitutional. There is a proposed bill in Congress which would institute government controls on contents on the Internet. The FCC is pursuing two efforts, called respectively "diversity" and "localism."

For the details of these proposals, see [www.SaveRadioFreeAmerica.org](http://www.SaveRadioFreeAmerica.org) and [www.theacru.org](http://www.theacru.org). As a full revelation, along with colleagues, I wrote many of the articles found on both websites. The intent of "diversity" is to use threats to the continued licenses to current owners to produce more female and "persons of color" as owners of radio and TV stations.

This effort is based on an assumption that only women can talk about matters that concern women, and likewise "persons of color" all think alike and no one else has anything to offer to members of these groups. Those are sexist and racist assumptions that no government should be engaging in.

The other effort is to make sure that local communities are "fair" in what they broadcast. This would be determined by local "community boards" who would decide whether programming "serves" the communities. This demonstrates that the



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current government has no use for what Thomas Jefferson called "the free market of ideas." Ordinary citizens should not be allowed to determine what they prefer to hear and see, by using the dials on their radios and TVs.

Now, consider the truths that Oprah Winfrey exhibits. Do all women think alike, and all "persons of color?" The Winfrey answer is

no. Most of her listeners are white women, with a fair number of white men included.

Does Oprah depend on black-owned, or female-owned stations to carry her program? Absolutely not. Any program that seeks media success tries to get syndicated on the dominant station in each market, and then to become the dominant show in that time period. Since the goal is commercial success, each participant – station owners down to program hosts – seek the biggest audience, to attract maximum advertising dollars. Race and success have nothing to do with this. That is exactly how the Winfrey Show has built its success.

The Administration's efforts are posed in terms of "fairness." But its ideas of "fairness" include telling the free press what it can, and cannot, broadcast to audiences freely choose. The Oprah Winfrey Solution is to let free people determine their own media choices freely. It was also Jefferson's solution for "the marketplace of ideas."

It is also the constitutional solution. But apparently the administration officials either haven't read the First Amendment lately, or do not take it seriously.

By agreeing publicly that the Fairness Doctrine is dead, and acquiescing in an amendment in Congress said the same thing, the Administration pretends to have no interest in censorship, especially in talk radio. But its other actions, and certain

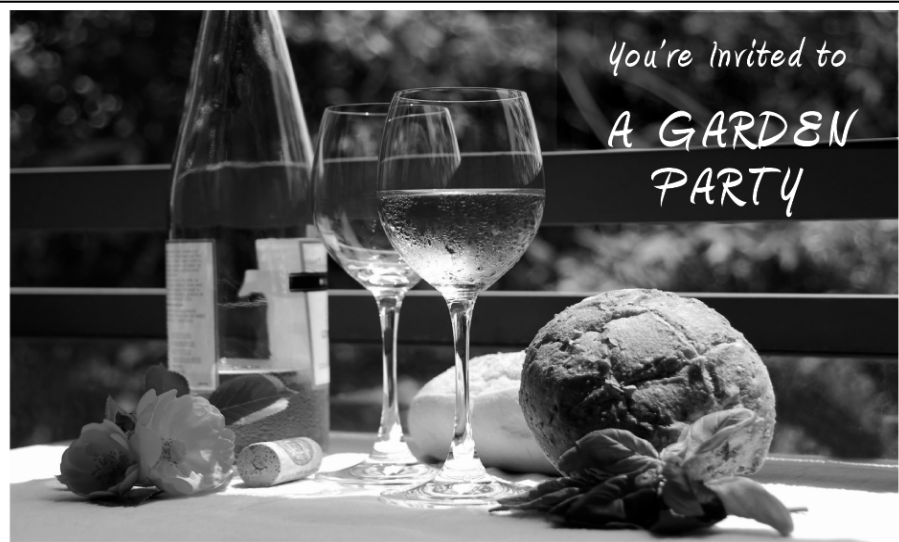
internal documents never intended to become public, reveal an intent to replace the Fairness Doctrine of other forms of censorship.

Not many people in the talk show community are aware of the threats to them and their listeners. But as the pressure from the administration on all fronts increases, you can expect this subject to achieve front-page status on radio and TV. It will also become a lively debate in Congress, where all but 19 Senators voted for the DeMint Amendment against reestablishment of the Fairness Doctrine. Once the American people realize that

their "freedom to listen" is at issue, as Justice Scalia called it in a recent argument before the Supreme Court, the subject will light up on talk radio, and then in the halls of Congress.

It may be sufficient to kill the new forms of censorship, without going to the courts, where recent cases indicate the forms will die if they get there.

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## Hospital honors veteran employees



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To show the facility's appreciation, the hospital held a special luncheon where each recipient was presented with a gift certificate by hospital President and CEO Ken Shull.

Thirty employees received awards for either 5-, 10-, or 15-year levels of service. In all, more than a third of the hospital's nearly 300 full- and part-time employees have been at the hospital five years or more.

Those honored were (R-L) Brenda Speed (5 years); Cindy Barloga, RN (10 years); Debra Campbell (5 years); Mary Kay Crandall, RN (5 years); Beatrice Benardello

(5 years), Debbie McCarthy (5 years), Amy Justice (10 years); Cynthia Armstrong (15 years); Jeanette Fisher (5 years); Tina Billingsley (15 years); Kathy Powell (5 years), Robin Walker, LMT (5 years); Mike Montanez (5 years); Mary Roberts (5 years), Suzanna Pollock, RN (5 years); and Yvonne Smith, RD, CDE (10 years). Not present for the photograph were Judy Geoghagan, RN (15 years), Judy Foss (10 years), Gail Tritt, RN (10 years); Shelia Smith, LPN (10 years); Jeff Kehoe (10 years); Linda Rice (5 years); Staley Beck, LPN (5 years); Susan Cole, LPN (5 years); Cynthia Holcomb LPN (5 years); Marcella Morlang, LPN (5 years); Jo Spawn LPN (5 years); Tom Cox, RPh (5 years); Terri Cooper, RT (five years); and Rodney Stinnett, MD (5 years).

## • THANKS •

On behalf of the members of the Mountain Garden Club, Inc., I want to thank the communities of Highlands and Cashiers for supporting the 27th Annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale at the Highlands Baseball Park last Saturday. We hope that you had a chance to meet our current Dorothy Wertzler Memorial

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The success of the sale is due to many friends in Highlands and Cashiers, and we thank each of you for helping us along the way. Special thanks to Jamie Rold for set design implementation, Linda McCall of McCall's Nursery, David Sims of Highlands Lawn and Garden, WHLC 104.5, *The Highlander*, *Laurel Magazine*, and *Highlands' Newspaper*.

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# • REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

## Usury

I got my first credit card in the early 1980's. It was issued by Citibank and I wondered why the mailing address was in South Dakota. Why would a New York bank have a post office box in Sioux Falls?

I finally learned the answer to that question by reading an article in the April 2009 *Harper's Magazine* ("Infinite Debt: How

Unlimited Interest Rates Destroyed the Economy," by Thomas Geoghegan). In 1978 a United States Supreme Court decision (*Marquette National Bank vs. First of Omaha Service Corp*) deregulated state usury laws. At that time many states regulated the maximum interest rate that could be charged to one of their citizens; many states capped that rate around nine percent.

The Court held that Minnesota could not prevent a bank located in Nebraska from issuing credit cards at a higher interest rate to Minnesota residents, because the National Banking Act of 1864 allowed national banks to charge interest at the rate set by the state "where the bank is located." So banks started moving to states willing to remove all limits on interest, such as South Dakota and Delaware.

Technically "usury" means interest, but the meaning it has developed is "excessive interest." The first known laws, the Code of Hammurabi from 1750 B.C., had a section regulating interest rates. The maximum interest rate for cereal loans, repayable in kind, was 33 1/3 percent per year. The rate for silver currency was 20 percent. Creditors who exceeded the fixed interest rate were punished by depriving them of their debt. Most societies in the intervening 4 centuries have either regulated interest rates or banned the charging of interest altogether.

What makes all of this interesting and relevant, Mr. Geoghegan asserts, is that the deregulation of interest rates played a significant part in the economic crisis we find ourselves in today. With the relaxation of usury laws, profits in banking soared. This drew capital away from manufacturing and into the financial sector. It was no longer acceptable to earn a 5 percent return making automobiles or vacuum cleaners when you could lend it to poor people and make 50 or 75 percent.

CBS Moneywatch reported that "in 1996, the Supreme Court held that fees for late payments, exceeding limits, cash advances, returned checks, and annual membership were a form of interest and also immune to state rate limits. Consumer



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advocates feared the decision would send fees skyrocketing. They were right. The effect of all these fees and penalty rates has sometimes been disastrous. A court found that one elderly Ohio woman living on Social Security paid Discover \$3,400 on her original \$1,900 credit-card debt and still owed the company \$5,000 in penalty interest and fees."

In 2002, financial firms accounted for more than 40 percent of U.S. corporate profits, and this doesn't count companies like GM, which, Mr. Geoghegan writes, "really makes its money by running a bank on the side." After a while, said a friend from Detroit, "the only reason they were making cars was so they could make loans."

In addition, the financial sector drew a large percentage of our nation's intellectual talent: in June of 2008, 39 percent of the Harvard graduating class went directly into the financial sector.

To continue growing, the financial world has to innovate, just like any other sector of the economy; it constantly needs new "products." So we got derivatives and credit-default swaps. Mr. Geoghegan is particularly withering in his description of these newfangled financial "instruments:" "We had always had futures, but now we had futures about futures. We have long had futures on the weather; for example there is a weather index. But now we have futures on the weather futures. These are the 'products,' not widgets, etc., that our form of financial capitalism makes. This is what our country makes now; new products on which to place our bets." According to Mr. Geoghegan, our nation has become a casino; the "notional" value of these bets in 2007 was \$516 trillion.

At the same time, without interest-rate caps, lenders had the motivation to offer people more credit than they could reasonably afford. No longer was a credit-worthy borrower the best customer. In fact the industry name for someone who pays her balance each month is "deadbeat." Mull on that a little while. The bigger profits were made when credit card companies could charge 25 or 35 percent interest on an account that would never be paid off. For payday lenders, interest rates could reach annual levels of 500 percent or higher. (A companion piece in the April *Harper's* describes the payday loan business.)

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## ... PET PARADE continued from page 1

before, merchants turned out in force to oppose the closing of Pine Street as it applied to the park design proposed.

"Just last week you told us that closing the street would be detrimental particularly over holiday weekends, and now you're saying it's OK," said Commissioner Amy Patter-

son.

Cynthia Strain, who organizes the Village Arts & Crafts fair two times a year, said her group would share the park space with the Tail Waggers and closing just a portion of Pine Street to parking and vehicular traffic would be OK.

After the parade, which will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sept. 5, vendors will be selling hot dogs and other light food items at the park, as well as pet related paraphernalia.

The route will start at Highlands School go north on Fifth Street, right on Smallwood Avenue, left on Leonard Road, left on Horse Cove Road, right on to Fifth Street then on to Pine Street and the park.

The portion of Pine Street from the Macon Bank property line to Fifth Street will be barricaded at both ends from Friday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

There was some discussion about circumventing the town ordinance concerning the selling of food items but Mayor Don Mullen said that could be worked out – possibly by donating the food rather than selling it.

The pet parade and festival will be a fundraiser for the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society.

Cassie Welch, executive director of the society, said she expects the parade to bring hundreds, if not thousands, of people and their pets to town.

Police Chief Bill Harrell said his department had been queried and as long as it was OK with the Town Board it was OK with him. Officers will be manning the barricades along the parade route to ensure order.

Commissioner Hank Ross said he's never had a problem closing Pine Street and made the motion to allow its partial closure for the event. The rest of the board followed suit with an unanimous vote.

Welch said just last week such an event held in the Atlanta area brought thousands of people to town.

"This will be a good promotion for the town of Highlands, its businesses and organizations," said Welch.

## Appalachian music this weekend in the Cove

Friday-Sunday, May 29-31, The Cashiers Historical Society's Annual Symposium is bringing a stellar lineup of musicians and authorities on Traditional Appalachian Music to the Albert C. Carlton Library in Cashiers and the Summer Chapel and Lombard's Lodge, both in Whiteside Cove.

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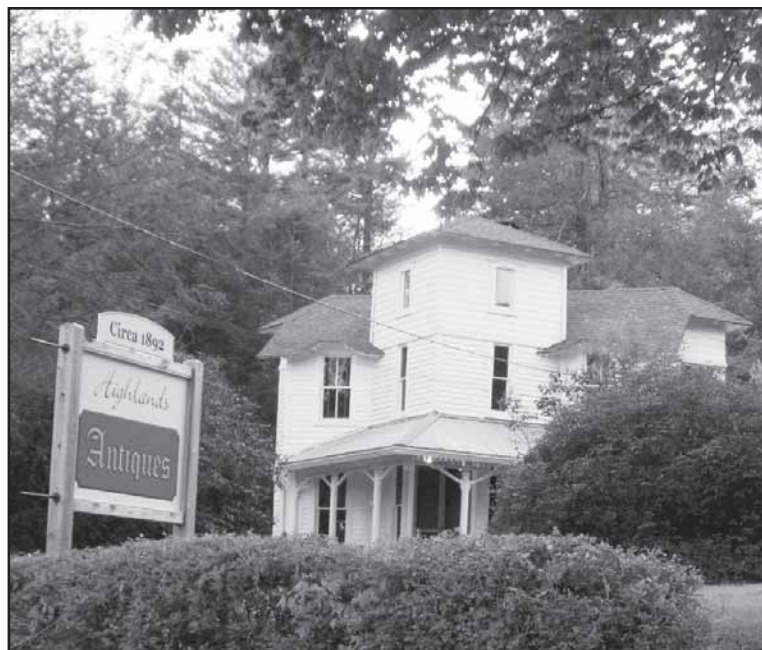
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## • CONSERVATIVE POV •

### He's not lying...he's selling

His eminence has flip-flopped in about every way possible, some actually going in the right direction, some to the detriment of the country. But before we get to the silver-tongued wizard, let's review the recent activities of our nation's political leaders.

A disclosure by Newsweek's liberal correspondent Eleanor Clift added to Joe Biden's long list of inexplicably stupid public pronouncements. Seems like Joe was entertaining a gaggle of reporters at his residence, the Naval Observatory, when he felt the need to conduct a guided tour through the secret bunker in the basement, the bunker that secreted VP Cheney as the events of 9/11 unfolded.

Associated Content reports, "How damaging VP Joe Biden's latest gaffe is hardly the point. Joe Biden is liable to say anything at any time, regardless of the consequences to himself, his administration, or the country. Next time it may be some intelligence secret that would be far more damaging. Even worse, Joe Biden is a heartbeat away from being President himself, in which post he could do the country real damage. (A heartbeat behind Joe Biden, of course, is Nancy Pelosi, who is in a scandal of her own making)." When the revelation broke, Biden was banished to the Balkans where, hopefully, no one understands English.

Speaking of Speaker Pelosi, I just had the pleasure to watch Nancy stiffening the press in her Friday press conference on the subject of her rift with the CIA. One assumes she realized she could not improve upon her disastrous (for her) disclosure that the CIA constantly lied to Congress concerning enhanced interrogation techniques used in the early part of the decade. For those of you who missed her performance, she verbally turned herself inside out lying about their lying. It was so bad I was almost felt embarrassed for her. Well, not really.

It was not a great week for the administration.

The infallible one introduced Secretary of Defense Robert Gates as William (Bill) Gates who, I understand, was elsewhere paying no attention whatsoever to the occasion. To be fair and balanced, Obama gave the commencement speech at Notre Dame and did a magnificent job in facing the abortion issue. His solution is to talk about it and the audience ate it up. That'll do it; let's talk about it. How terribly



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sophisticated.

Speaking of talking, Obama made his daily televised speech, this time on the closing of Gitmo. See, a day or two after his ascending to the throne, he said the detention center will be closed. Here's the thing: when it came down to funding the trial/release/whatever of these criminals into the US, 90 of our Senators woke up just in time to tell Obama not so fast. Miffed with being rebuffed by the Senate, Obama took his

cause to the people and explained that it was all Bush's fault.

By the way, does anybody know what the knock on Guantanamo is? Frankly, I don't ever remember hearing of the problem that started the ruckus. It seems that it has done a fine job of keeping some of the bad people off the streets and keeping us safer. Does this need to be changed? What is the hope in closing it down? So do we put these people through the court system, clogging it up for years? Where will they play basketball until their trial is over? Do they get special food stamps for their special dietary needs? And what if they beat the rap? Their homelands don't want them. I don't want them in my backyard, do you?

So Obama apologizes for our phantom indiscretions, blames Bush for saving the planet from these miscreants and their colleagues; I don't get it, but Dick Cheney does. Following Obama's defensive monolog, Cheney presented a reasoned, intelligent explanation of Guantanamo and the need and critical result of the occasional use of enhanced interrogation methods. We learned of, and were able to thwart, terrorist plans to attack targets in Los Angeles and elsewhere as a result using such methods.

What Cheney understands, and Obama does not, is that wars are for winning, and we are at war. When the enemy bombs your ships, your barracks, your embassies and destroys huge iconic office buildings, killing your sailors, your marines, your employees and your citizens, you need to reconsider your view of human rights when it comes to the enemy. With all the foolishness that has gone on recently regarding prisoner's rights, I would certainly understand the military's take-no-prisoners posture should they adopt it.

It's a dangerous world out there and I don't think the people in power understand the enemy.



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## • COACH'S CORNER •

**W**ith this being another terrific NBA Eastern Conference Final game, I thought it would be appropriate to provide some running commentary from Tuesday's Game 4. As always, these are live thoughts from the game.

- 9:13: We are joining the game in progress from the Casa de Potts-the athletic banquet ran a little long tonight, but it is just now the start of the second quarter.
- 9:13: Craig Sager just interviewed Mike Brown (Cavaliers coach)-Brown provided some non-crucial info for the viewers

at home. I wish they would do those in game interviews with college coaches. Over/Under on Coach K f-bombs would be about 5.

- 9:17: Just showed a commercial for "The Hangover..." Mike Tyson+Phil Collins=comedy gold.
- 9:23: It's pretty amazing how the Magic can get a wide open three whenever they want-6'10" Hedo Turkoglu on the pick

and roll gives them a totally different dimension than most NBA teams.

- 9:30: Martin Gortat just dunked it harder than any white guy I have seen since...well let's just say it's been a while.

• 9:32: Horrible sequence for the Magic...followed by a shot of Stan Van Gundy

looking....constipated. Cleveland takes the lead, as no one in their right mind wants to step in front of LeBron James barreling towards the rim.

- 9:43: Orlando has hurt themselves at the FT line in this first half....wow, LeBron with the one handed snag of an alley oop and then the reverse lefty dunk...ho hum.

• 9:50: Halftime-let's all watch Charles Barkley...dude is pretty funny.

• 10:00: Pittsburgh scores an empty net goal to put away Carolina and go the Stanley Cup finals. Still a great showing from the Canes this year.

• 10:12: Orlando comes out with a 7-0 run to start the second half, and now the crowd is in it and we should see a good second half.

• 10:24: One thing that doesn't help the NBA, all of the whining and crying after every single call-it's like watching men's league basketball...but with real athletes. (Yes, I realize that I am a chief whiner.) Although, come to think of it, Zydrunas Ilgauskas moves about as well as a men's league player...he looks like he needs a vodka infusion right now.

• 10:29: LeBron posts and then passes out of a single team...he's gotta learn how to shoot that Jordan fadeaway. As I type this James hits a fadeaway three...shows what I know.

• 10:38: Stan Van Gundy with Craig Sager "we gotta play harder in the fourth quarter." Riveting television....although Sager's suit along with Van Gundy's suit in the same picture is enough to trigger anyone's gag reflex. I'm torn on whether or not Stan the Man is a good coach. They do some good things, so it is obvious that he is having some impact, but they also do some really dumb stuff too.

• 10:44: Cleveland is getting in the danger zone here, they aren't stopping Orlando offensively, and it doesn't help that LeBron is playing with guys from the Cleveland YMCA. They need to get some pick and roll with James and Anderson Varejao if they want to stay in this game.

• 10:55: Cleveland has climbed ba...ok who am I kidding, Orlando has been garbage on these last couple of possessions. On a side note, Stan Van Gundy sounds like he gargles with hydrochloric acid.

- 10:57: Rashard Lewis hits a huge three-where has he been tonight?
- 11:05: LeBron...mercy what a dunk.

He hasn't been great in the fourth quarter tonight, but in the open court he is money.

- 11:07: Reason #233

why Orlando fades at the end of games, why in Blue Hades is Rafer Alston taking a three early in the shot clock? Turkoglu is the guy here.

- 11:08: Turkoglu promptly misses a jumper-then, with a chance to take the last shot, Mikael Pietrus

hoists up a three with 10 seconds left in the game. Who is coaching Orlando right now? Horrible decision making on both sides. Orlando will have another chance to win in regulation here after getting the loose ball.

- 11:11: Timeout Orlando - great inbounds play drawn up there Stan....jeez.

• 11:14: Rashard Lewis! That was actually a well designed inbounds play-why didn't Stan call that one the first time? Alright LeBron, now it's your turn. Are we going to overtime or is this one over?

• 11:17: Wow - LeBron bailed out right there on a blocking foul call-Pietrus tried to flop there, but LeBron ran him over. And LeBron hits both to tie the game...we could go to overtime here, but Orlando will have one more shot at it.

• 11:20: Another great inbounds play from Van Gundy, and that should have been a foul on Varejao.

• 11:23: Mike Brown just praised Varejao, but he really should be thanking the official for blowing that one. NBA officiating....it's FAN-tastic.

• 11:27: Fatigue makes cowards of us all, even LeBron - he's turned it over quite a bit down the stretch. It appears that he is afraid to attack Howard at the rim after the pick and roll.

• 11:30: Another turnover from James leads to a Orlando bucket-this one might be over.

• 11:38: Two observations about that last play with 8 seconds left. Michael Jordan would have been shooting 3 FT's right there....on the other hand, MJ would have never turned the ball over like LeBron has in the overtime-in fact, MJ wouldn't be in overtime right now, they would have won it in regulation. Just fuel for the debate.

• 11:41: Amazingly enough, Orlando has left the door open again. LeBron hits a huge three and then Rashard Lewis bricks the first free throw. Can LeBron do it again?

• 11:44: Orlando wins! Great finish to a great ballgame. I agree with Doug Collins for once-everyone in Orlando held their breath on that last shot by James...you had a feeling that it might go in once it left his hand. Orlando takes a 3-1 lead in the series.



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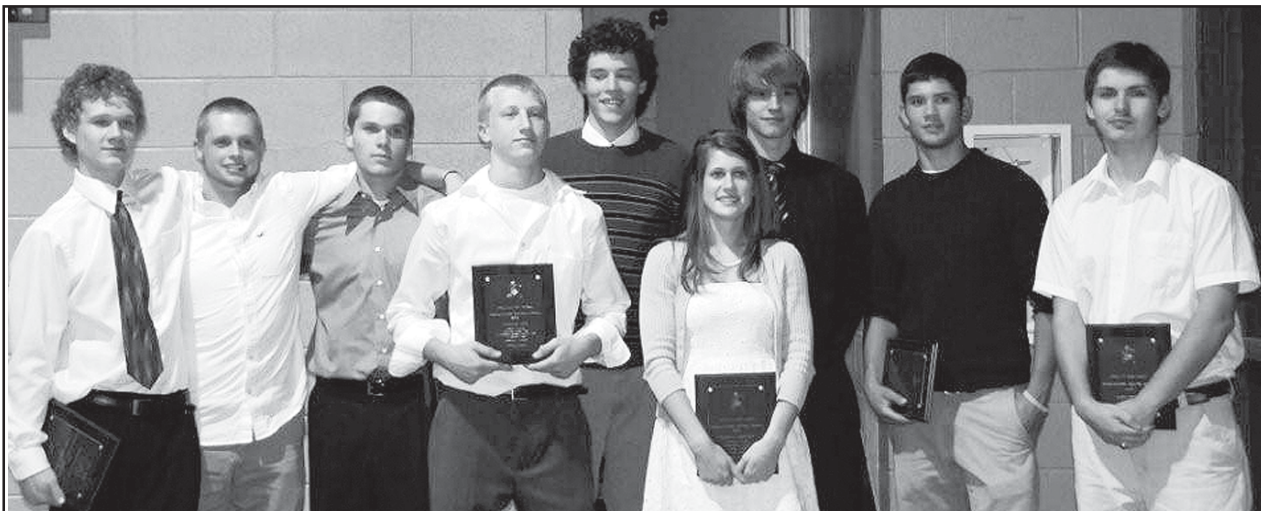
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For complete write-up of Tuesday night's banquet, see page 27.



Boys Soccer Coach Chris Green was named Conference Coach of the Year. He's here with Highlands School Athletic Director Butch Smart.

Pictured are senior athletes and MVP players, Taylor Parrish, Hunter Leffler, Luke McClellan, Mikey Lica, Ezra Herz, Carolyn Hornsby, Michael Baty, Andrew Billingsley and Alex Hedden. Not pictured is Marisol Ruiz.



The Girls Varsity Volleyball Team with Coaches Kyle McKim and Lindsey Gearhart

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## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### Ecumenical Taize Services planned



Chaplain Margaret Howell of Holy Family Lutheran Church displays the Icon of Jesus that she painted. The icon will be used at some of the local Taize Prayer Services.

Under the leadership of the Highlands Ministerial Association, five area churches will host Taize Prayer Services during the months of June, July, and August. The services will be held every Thursday at 5:30 pm, rotating from church to church each week.

Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

Taize originated in France in 1940 when a Protestant monk began providing refuge to Jews and others fleeing the Nazis. In time it grew into an ecumenical community of Catholic and Protestant monks. Today the Taize community seeks reconciliation between divided Christians. Each year thousands of believers from around the globe make pilgrimages to Taize, France to pray.

The Ministerial Association seeks to bring people of faith together to give glory to our God through these beautiful prayer services. Everyone is invited to attend.

The schedule for the first five weeks of services is:

- June 4 – Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
- June 11 – Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church
- June 18 – Holy Family Lutheran Church
- June 25 – First Presbyterian Church
- July 2 - United Methodist Church

The schedule for the remaining Taize services will be available and published in June.

## • PLACES OF WORSHIP •

### BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11  
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7  
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

### BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

### CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, Georgia  
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling, Pastor  
Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month  
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329  
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

### CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Office – 526-2320

Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.  
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield in Highlands)

Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.  
at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

### CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11  
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

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Pastor Gary Hewins

3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands

Sundays: 9:30am Sunday School for all ages; 10:45am  
Worship; 6pm High School Group

Tuesdays: 10am Women's Bible Study; 2nd, 4th, & 5th  
Tuesdays Young Mom's Bible Study

Wed.: 5pm Dinner; 6pm AWANA, Youth Activities

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan – Rector: 526-2968

Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Monday: 4 p.m. Women's Cursillo Group

Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King

• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

### FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

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Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.  
(nursery provided)

Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's

Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30  
a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.;

Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor

Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175

Sun.: Worship – 10:55 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30 & 9:45.

Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers

Wednesdays – Choir – 7

### HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

### HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy

526-3376

Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.;

5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 – children, youth, & adults  
studies; 6:15 – Adult choir

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs: 12:30 – Women's Bible Study (nursery)

### HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

Chaplain Margaret Howell

2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741

Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group  
9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion – 10:30

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### MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

### SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;

Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

For more information call 526-3212.

### SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

### WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11



## ... COUNTY continued from page 1

Holland's request – to put the ordinance in effect on June 1.

Sheriff Holland said this would enable his deputies to issue warning citations which will get people used to the idea of an animal ordinance. Dangerous animals will continue to be picked up by the Sheriff's Department and taken to the Humane Society until the county's animal shelter is opened. "But those case have been extremely rare," said Holland.

Archer said the county's spay and neuter program has worked very well and is the only sure-fire way to keep the stray animal populations in check.

### Lottery Funds

Finance Director Evelyn Southard suggested the county take its allotted lottery funds – which the county has not yet done – before the state decides to withdraw the funds or "raid them" as Commissioner Brian McClellan said.

Lottery funds can only be used for schools and as such the county has planned to use them to service the school construction and renovation debt.

"We appropriated \$237,000 in this year's

budget, but I suggest you go ahead and appropriate the rest — \$443,000 – before it's gone," she said. "It's been accumulating in the fund because we haven't used it, but now we need it."

She said if the county takes the money now it will be disbursed as a debt service payment next year.

### DOT committee

The commission also appointed a Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee to help identify local DOT road projects throughout the county.

At the urging of Ryan Sherby with DOT, the 13-member board representing the county, the town of Franklin and the town of Highlands, will ID road work which he will then present as part of a 30-county work list to the state.

He said Governor Perdue has requested road work be decided this way to make those decisions less political and to "take the decision making out of smoke-filled back rooms."

"Road work decisions will now be done in a transparent manner and instead of being politically driven, and will be based on a scientific approach," he said.

## Audubon Society sponsoring Eco-Tour

Highlands draws visitors from far and wide but not many have a travel log that compares to the neotropical migrants that help make up our seasonal bird population. Chestnut Sided Warblers, Red-Eyed Vireos and Black-Throated Blue Warblers make up just a few of the seasonal visitors who come here every year. Each spring a huge population of these migrant birds leaves their winter homes in Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands and cross the Gulf of Mexico, traveling up to 17 hours non-stop until they reach US shores. After a brief respite on the Gulf Coast, these hearty travelers head north and two to three weeks later arrive here where they will spend their nesting season.

This time of year is an ideal time to observe these magnificent birds. While the females are nesting, males can be heard calling within their territories, their species specific songs attract mates and declare boundaries. "Colors are vibrant and calls will be sharp during nesting season", says Don Shure, President of the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society.

The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society is one of nine chapters in the state and is active in our community which is home to more than 160 species of birds. Few regions outside the tropics offer such opportunities for observing and enjoying the benefits of such a unique ecosystem. Shure explains, "The Plateau has been designated as an Important Bird Area by state, national and international bird conservation organizations. We have three trails that are used specifically for census and monitoring of our bird population."

On Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> the public will have an opportunity to explore one of those trails and learn more about our local bird population as the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will partner with Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and lead a birding Eco Tour. Lunch will be included on this moderate hike. Eco Tours are free to HCLT members and only a \$25 donation for new friends which includes the guided hike, lunch and a HCLT membership. For more details and to reserve your space call HCLT at 526.1111.

## ... RENOVATIONS continued from page 1

ovations to two restrooms and four alternates including: Alt. 1 – Kitchen Lighting Replacement; Alt. 2 – Add an additional section to rear canopy installation (car rider area); Alt. 3 – Install sidewalk/Exterior Lighting and Alt. 4 – Install Front Entry & Canopy for Bus Loading Area

Terry Bell, director of auxiliary services, who has been facilitating the school district's construction and renovations countywide, said everything slated for Highlands School is important particularly the installation of the front entry and canopy for bus loading.

"Students shouldn't have to stand out in the weather for buses, and though the commission suggested holding off on this part of the job, due to expected high bids, it should be done," he said.

Since the bid for all the work came in so much lower than expected, work will hopefully begin within the next two weeks at Highlands.

Bell has also submitted an RFP on the Highlands Soccer Field with the anticipation of awarding a contract within the month of June.

His department will look at county growth projections geographically and demographically and suggested the county have a plan in writing, so when the final decision is made it can be backed up by a plan that has been in the works rather than a spur of the moment idea.

Representing Highlands is Commissioner Dennis DeWolf and Zoning Administrator and Planner Joe Cooley.

Other committee appointments were OK'd including Mike Bryson and Allen Bryson representing Highlands ETJ on the Plan-

ning Board and Tony Potts representing Highland ETJ on the Zoning Board.

Though the number of times committee members can serve their allotted terms has been abolished, term lengths still apply and the county commission will continue to decide if a person can continue to sit on a board after his or her term is up.

Both the ETJ Planning Board and ETJ Zoning Board are four-year. Commissioners said in the future they plan to be more diligent about publicizing upcoming openings on boards by using an E-Newsletter broadcasted via the website.



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## ... POLICE & FIRE continued from page 26

a medical call at a residence on Dillard Road where the resident was having a problem with her oxygen tank.

### May 23

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Mack Wilson Road. EMS transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Coltswald Way. It was false.
- The dept. was called to rescue a 2-year-old girl who had fallen in the creek from the SweetTreats deck. Her father jumped in after her and due to the shallow depth sustained injuries and the child sustained cuts and bruises to the face which needed stitches. Both were transported to the hospital for treatment.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Owl Gap Road. EMS transported to the hospital.

### May 24

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cobb Road. EMS transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a Lakeside Restaurant. There was no transport.

### May 25

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Fallen Leaf Lane where a man had fallen down the stairs. EMS transported.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive. It was false.
- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west where a vehicle had rolled over. There were no injuries.

## Butterfly release set for Friday, May 29 at Highlands School

Come to the butterfly garden at Highlands School May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:20ish (weather permitting) to see Stephanie Smathers and her 6<sup>th</sup> grade science students release the Painted Lady butterflies they raised in the classroom.

Each spring the Mountain Garden Club orders Painted Lady larvae (caterpillars) and larvae food so the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science students at Highlands School can learn about metamorphosis in the classroom. Students set up the larvae and watch them grow, spin cocoons, and emerge as adult butterflies. Then

students release the adult butterflies in the butterfly garden.

MGC started the butterfly garden in 1995 with an initial grant from Shell Oil Company's PETALS (Protect the Environment through Action, Learning and Service) program. The project transformed a barren roadside patch to a lush garden that features many native plants. The garden is a hands-on outdoor lab for 6<sup>th</sup> grade science students to learn about butterflies, gardening, and conservation.

## Notice

Call of Special Information Meeting of Members and the Public

A special information meeting of the Town of Highlands a North Carolina public body, is hereby called to be held on the 17th day of June, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Conference Center for the transaction of business of said town, located at 869 Poplar Street, Highlands, NC. It is desired by the Board of Aldermen that a loan be secured from Rural Development U.S. Department of Agriculture in order to obtain sufficient funds for the allocation of replacement police vehicles. All or substantially all, of the assets and property of the project acquired as part of this project may be encumbered to by the loan agreement.

**Mayor Don Mullen**  
**Town Manager Jim Fatland**

## ... THANKS continued from page 8

The Highlands Little League would like to thank our 2009 season sponsors for their support: Edwards Electrical Service, The Pizza Place, J&J Lawn and Landscaping Services, Larry Rogers Construction, Highlands Lawn and Garden, Roto-Rooter Plumbers and Highlands Pharmacy.

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Highlands Little League



# • UPCOMING EVENTS •

## On-going Events

• RBC Bank Highlands (225 Franklin Rd) is selling raffle tickets to win a Weber table portable gas grill. Tickets are \$5 and raffle is limited to 100 tickets only. Get 'em while they last! Also selling American Cancer Society "Fight Like A Girl" shirts in their lobby at 225 Franklin Rd. Highlands 100% of proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society.

• Registration is now open for the 2009 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered. Call 828-526-2623 or visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs).

• Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203.

• Yoga at the Rec Park, 7:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesdays. Call 526-4340 for information.

• Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 526-4340.

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

• Yoga Classes Tues/Thurs 4:30 to 6pm and Saturday 9:30 to 11am, Moonrise Yoga Center, 464 Carolina Way in Highlands, 828-526-8880.

## Sundays

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church in the Wildwood 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information call Kay Ward at 743-5009.

## Mon. & Wed.

• Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Call 526-5852.

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

## First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

## Mondays

• Closed AA meeting, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

## Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

• Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the

Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Wednesdays

• Highlands MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

## Wednesdays & Fridays

• Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Every 3rd Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

## Thursdays

• The Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. Subjects vary.

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

• New Yoga Class 4:30 to 6 pm, Advanced Beginner, All Levels Welcome. Moonrise Yoga Center 464 Carolina Way. For more info call Diane Levine, 526-8579

## Every 2nd Thursday

• NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Appalachian South support group will meet once a month through the summer on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Children's Home for Family Restoration, 827 Wiley Brown Rd. in Franklin. NAMI is a grassroots organization providing support, advocacy and education for individuals with mental illness and their families. Membership is not required to attend meetings. For more information contact: Ann Nandrea 828 369-7385, Mary Ann Widenhouse 828 524-1355, Carole Light 828 226-6213

## 2nd & 4th Fridays

• Community Drum Circle at the Highlands Rec Park, from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information call 421-0551.

## Fridays & Saturdays

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.

## Saturdays

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

## Thursday, May 28

• The Friends of Panthertown are in need of volunteers to help with trail maintenance and other conservation projects in Panthertown Valley. Meet at the Cold Mountain trailhead. Directions are on our website at [www.j-mca.org](http://www.j-mca.org) on the Panthertown Valley link. Trail maintenance, planting grass seed for erosion control, and waterproofing the new bulletin board that was recently constructed.

## Friday, May 29

• Auction at Highlands Playhouse. At 7 p.m. Preview items for Auction 6 to 7 while enjoying wine and hor d'oeuvres. Proceeds to benefit the Highlands Playhouse. Among items to be auctioned: Roll top Desk, Persian Rug, 2 sets of beautiful china for 12, Framed beveled mirror, Nesting tables from Acorn's, Duel ceiling fan with light and remote control from Lowes, Portable television from Starpony Electronics, Gift Certificate from Nicks Fine Food, Fatz Cafe, Smokey Mountain Bicycle, Serendipity Salon and Spa, Wal-Mart Gift

card, and many other wonderful new items donated by merchants.

## Friday & Saturday, May 29-30

• The Bascom annual wine festival, Collective Spirits is on the new campus and will raise money for the nonprofit art center. Tickets are \$100 for the Friday Evening Wine Tasting, \$225 for the Saturday Evening Wine Gala and \$295 for a combination Friday-Saturday ticket. The presenting sponsor of the event is Bank of New York-Mellon. Other sponsors are First Citizens Bank, Harry Norman Realtors/Pat Allen and Bert Mobley, brokers; Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop; and The Laurel magazine. Highlands Wine & Cheese is the official wine retailer of the event. For more information, visit [www.collectivespirits.com](http://www.collectivespirits.com) or call (828) 526-4949.

## Friday-Sunday, May 29-31

• The Cashiers Historical Society's Annual Symposium is bringing to our community a stellar lineup of musicians and authorities on Traditional Appalachian Music alive today to the Albert C. Carlton Library in Cashiers and the Summer Cahpel and Lombard's Lodge, both in Whiteside Cove. In addition there will be an "Instruments of Appalachian Music" exhibit at The Bascom in Highlands. Performing will be David Holt, Sheila Kay Adams, Lee Knight, The Queen Family, and Jacob Jones. Presenting will be Dr. William Ferris of UNC-Chapel Hill, Dr. Doug Orr, President Emeritus of Warren Wilson College, Art Rosenbaum of the University of Georgia, and local historians Jane Gibson Nardy and Gary Carden. All seating is reserved and space is limited. For more information or to reserve your tickets email [zacharytolbert@aol.com](mailto:zacharytolbert@aol.com) or phone 828-743-7710

## Friday, May 29-Saturday, June 6

• Cheers! Handcrafted Glass Stemware exhibition at The Bascom in conjunction with the Collective Spirits wine festival. Public viewing for non-ticket holders will begin June 2. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

## Friday, May 29-Thursday, June 25

• Instruments of Appalachian Music exhibition at The Bascom in conjunction with the Collective Spirits wine festival. Public viewing for non-ticket holders will begin June 2. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

## Friday, May 29

• The Bascom's Evening Wine Tasting The wine tasting will be conducted by wine specialists and will also feature food stations by local chefs for a grazing dinner, live instrumental music, a wine raffle and a silent auction. This will be the first official function at The Bascom's new facility. The wine tasting and grazing dinner will be on the terrace and in the atrium lobby, but guests will be encouraged to browse the gallery spaces, as well. 6:30 p.m.

• CLE Lecture by two locally renowned professors and authors. Western Carolina Professors and authors, Dr. James Costa (also director of Highlands Biological Station) and Dr. Brian Railsback (Dean of the Honors College at WCU) are sure to challenge and excite your intellectual curiosity about the connection between naturalist Charles Darwin and author John Steinbeck. Costa's annotated edition of Charles Darwin's famous book "On the Origin of Species" was recently published by Harvard. He and Railsback co-authored Charles Darwin and the Art of John Stein-

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beck. (Friday, May 29, 3:00-5:30, Highlands Biological Station, \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members of CLE)

### Saturday, May 30

- Highlands Memorial American Legion Post 370 will be honoring the sacrifice of all Veterans of past and present wars Monday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at The Veterans Memorial at 6<sup>th</sup> and Main.

- The Lady Highlanders basketball team will be having a car wash on Saturday, May 30th and from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Citizens bank parking lot. Donations will be going to help the team go to Orlando, Florida for a holiday tournament. Other donations can be made to the team. Make checks payable to "Highlands School Booster Club".

- Highlands School will be having a softball tournament. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Brett Lamb at the school at 526-2147 as soon as possible.

- The Bascom's Morning Wine Symposium Beginning at 11 a.m., several interesting and entertaining speakers will address wine and the differences in their growing regions: Big John Caudill of Sheridan Vine-

yards, Washington State; Allison Steltzner of Steltzner Vineyards, Stag's Leap District; and Mat Garretson of Garretson Wine Company, Paso Robles. Each has a very different approach to winemaking based on his or her location, soil and grape varieties. The three of them together will delight and entertain you as you learn more about "farming grapes" and how different and delicious they can be in the bottle.

- The Bascom's Afternoon Wine Symposium Beginning at 12:30, Karen Matoian, Gulf States Regional Manager of Opus One Winery, will present a lively Power Point presentation of "The History of Opus One" as taught at Harvard Business School, Cornell University and others. This wine and winery is a great tribute to the late Robert Mondavi and Baron Philippe de Rothschild. Come to learn more. A surprise tasting will also be conducted.

- The Bascom's Evening Wine Gala Wine, cocktails, music and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium Lobby. Guests will be seated on The Bascom's spacious terrace for a lively wine auction and dinner. Come be part of the competitive spirit as paddles rise high to bid on an array of fine wines and

wine-related items. Limited seating for this event will add to the excitement, so book your reservations early. This is sure to be a sold-out evening.

- 6th Annual "Salamander Meander" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 pm, ages 7 – adult. Join herpetologists on a night search to observe some of the area's magnificent salamanders in the wild. Bring rain gear and a flashlight. \$5 per person, advanced registration required due to limited space. Call 526-2623 or visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm) for more information.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3 mile, easy to moderate hike, with an elevation change of 400 feet, on the new Ranger Falls Trail that includes a 40-foot waterfall and is designed to teach children and adults about nature. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 or at Cliffside Lake Recreation Area on US64 (4 miles west of Highlands at the parking lot for the picnic area) at 9:45s. Call Leader Jim Whitehurst at 526-8134 for reservations.

- From 11am to 5pm on the grounds of the Rib Shack, will kick off the 2009 season in Highlands, NC. It's a fun-filled day for all ages featuring live music from Hurricane Creek, refreshing brews from Highland Brewing Company and slow-smoked southern style BBQ from the Rib Shack. Complimentary event post-

ers will be on hand, and patrons can purchase commemorative tee-shirts. Ticket prices include all food and beverages. Prices are \$25 for 21 years and older, \$15 for under 21, and free for five and under. For advance tickets, visit the Rib Shack or call 866-526-8008. For more information, visit [www.oldedwardsinn.com](http://www.oldedwardsinn.com).

- At Wolfgang's Restaurant from 12:30pm – 2:30pm Ferrari Carano, Flavor Spectrum Luncheon. We will donate 10% per person to the Bascom. Ferrari Carano wine and food tasting brought to the "nth" degree... Chef Wolfgang will create four small pairings that will compliment & contrast, leaving you think outside of the box. Controversial dishes that will challenge your palate. Each participant will be poured a taste of four different Ferrari Carano wines to compliment the four different dishes. Challenge your senses! \$65 plus tax and gratuity

- The Highlands Girl Scouts are sponsoring a Community wide "Family Fun Safety Fair" fundraiser 9am - 12noon at the Highlands School ball field. Admission is donation to Highlands Cashiers Humane Society (pet food, litter, blankets). Fun, games, prizes and pets for adoption. Highlands Police Dept, EMS, and Fire & Rescue will be on site for various Safety checks.

## 'Walk in the Park' set for June 25 & 26



In 1875 T. Baxter White and his family became the first settlers to respond to Samuel Kelsey's ads about the new town of Highlands. White will be portrayed by Nick Bazan in the upcoming "Walk in the Park" sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. Bazan is shown here at the Main Street location of the home/general store/post office where White and his family lived. Six other actors will join Bazan in portrayals of people important to Highlands' history on Friday & Saturday, June 26-27 The Highlands Historical Society and the Highlands-Cashiers Players present the annual Walk in the Park beginning at 6 p.m. at Memorial Park, and on June 28 at 4p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Tickets are \$15 each for adults; students are admitted free. Charge tickets now online at [www.highlandshistory.com](http://www.highlandshistory.com).

## 'Salamander Meander' at the Highlands Nature Center



More salamanders live in the Southern Appalachians than anywhere else on earth. However, because salamanders are most active at night, many people have never seen these fascinating little amphibians in the wild. Now here's your chance!

Because most salamanders respire through their skin, they feed mainly at night when the air humidity is higher to avoid drying out. Even aquatic salamanders will often venture out of streams onto the land at night in search of abundant insect prey. If you go out with a flashlight after dark, especially after it has rained, you will often see many salamanders roaming about in the leaves in search of food.

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> the Highlands Nature Center will provide such an opportunity with its sixth annual "Salamander Meander." Bring your flashlight and listen to a short presentation, followed by an interpretive night hike with herpetologists to search for these magnificent creatures along the Biological Station's Garden trails. Rain brings them out, so come prepared!

Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00 p.m. Ages are 7 to adult, and advanced registration and a fee of \$5 per person are required due to limited space. To reserve your spot, please call the Nature Center at 526-2623.



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### Sunday, May 31

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile moderate hike in Riley Cove with a steady uphill walk through pretty woods where wild flowers are usually seen to the Chunky Gal Trail. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- The Smoky Mountain Brass Band, John Entzi, Conductor, performing SMBB at the Pops at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 607 Chestnut Street at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Pamela Voisin at brassbelle@bellsouth.net or telephone (828)

551-6839

### Tuesday, June 2

- WOW! – a World of Wonder" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 2-5, 10 am – noon daily. Have fun playing nature games, exploring various habitats, and searching for critters. Ages 4-6. \$30 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

- The Chamber of Commerce After Hours will be held at Old Edwards Club. Call 526-2001 for ticket information.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip Scaly, Hale Ridge Road and Rabun Bald area to look for breeding birds. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:30 a.m. For

additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

### Thursday, June 4

- Highlands' summer residents Teri and Mose Bond are sure to delight you with the history and process of dismantling, moving and lovingly restoring an 1820s Farmhouse. A portion of the house dates back to the late 1700s. The class, "Preserving the Past for the Future: The Journey of an 1820s Farmhouse" will be at the farmhouse off Hicks Road from 10-12. (\$20 for members, \$30 non-members). Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register.

- Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

- The Friends of the Albert Carlton – Cashiers Community Library movie series for June will be shown at 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays in the Library Meeting Room. "Marley and Me" (2008) features Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson. When a dog wriggles his adorable self into a human's life, the human will never be the same. As Marley grows up, the film follows his escapades and the lives of his owners. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

- "Loaves & Fishes Bingo" will happen on Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being an extra money game.

### Friday, June 5

- CLE Lecture by popular presenter Martha Porter has graciously agreed to offer a second session of the popular Joy of Baking 101 on Friday, June 5. (the June 3 class is sold out). Attendees will learn to bake yeast bread, cookies, quick breads and cakes. This is a true "hands in the dough" class. Participants will enjoy a nice lunch and go home with some of the results of their labor. (Friday, June 5, 10-2:30, Private Home, \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members of CLE). Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register

### Friday & Saturday, June 5-6

- Class of '99 reunion. Alumni dinner will be held on Friday night at 6:30 at Wolfgang's on Main and Friends and Family Cook-Out will be held on Saturday at noon. For details please contact Erika at hhsclassof99@gmail.com.

- Lynn Loosier returns to the stage of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Audiences who heard Ms. Loosier sing jazz and blues at PAC last summer were dazzled by her versatility and vocal range. Tickets are on sale now at \$20.00 each. Charge by phone at 526-9047, or visit [www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org](http://www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org).

### Saturday, June 6

- National Trail Day workshop and hike – To celebrate National Trail Day, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Asheville office will present a workshop on invasive/exotic plants on the AT followed by a 5 mile moderate hike in the Standing Indian area. Meet

## Singer Loosier to perform at PAC June 5 & 6



Versatile singer Lynn Loosier was recently featured on the front page of the "Weekend Arts" section of the New York Times; now she comes to Highlands for a two-night stand at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. This blue-eyed redhead from Georgia wows New York audiences with such songs as "A Natural Woman" and "Georgia on My Mind." Her appearances at PAC will be Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and may be charged by phone at 526-9047 or online at [www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org](http://www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org).

at the NHC Club House at 9:00am for workshop; Car pool to Standing Indian area, driving 30 miles round trip. Call leader: Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. No pets please.

- Sports physical clinics for school athletic programs are being held at the Macon County Public Health Center in Franklin. The clinics are open to rising 7th grade – 12th grade Macon County students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2009-2010 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling 349-2081. There will be a \$10 fee, most of which will go to the schools' Athletic Fund.

### Sunday, June 7

- National Trail Day workshop and hike – To celebrate National Trail Day, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Asheville office will present a workshop on invasive/exotic plants on the AT followed by a 5 mile moderate hike in the Standing Indian area. Meet at the NHC Club House at 9 am for workshop; Car pool to Standing Indian area, driving 30 miles round trip. Call leader: Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. No pets please.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the nature trail at the Highlands Biological

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## Last chance for tickets to this weekend's Collective Spirits wine festival

Tickets are still available for the Collective Spirits wine festival, the very first event inside The Bascom's new art center.

Held Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, Collective Spirits features wine tastings, auctions, symposiums and art exhibitions all designed to celebrate the wonders of the vine:

- Friday's Evening Wine Tasting boasts more than 100 domestic and international wines, a grazing dinner with culinary creations from 12 of Highlands' leading chefs, a silent auction showcasing many hard-to-get and large-format wines, live instrumental music and a wine raffle.

- Saturday's Morning Wine Symposium is a chance to hear three experts who will address wine and the difference in terrior in their growing regions: Big John Caudill of Sheridan Vineyards, Washington State; Allison Steltzner of Steltzner Vineyards, Stag's Leap District; and Mat Garretson of Garretson Wine Company, Paso Robles (available to combination ticket holders, Benefactors and corporate sponsors).

- Saturday's Afternoon Symposium features Karen Matoian, Gulf States regional manager for Opus One Winery, who will deliver a lively presentation on "The History of Opus One Winery" and the two powerful men who made history through wine (available to Benefactors and corporate sponsors).

- Saturday's Evening Wine Gala on The Bascom's new covered terrace mixes gourmet fare by Tim Lundy and his staff from Distinctive Design Events and Rosewood Market with a live auction by Atlanta's Jim Landon of exceptional wines and special wine-related items.

"It will be an amazing weekend showcasing The Bascom's beautiful new campus while you enjoy good food and great wine," said Donna Woods, events director. "Don't miss the chance to tell your friends



obbie and Jon Golden sample some fine wines at last year's Collective Spirits. This year's event will be the first at The Bascom's new six-acre campus. For tickets, visit [www.collectivespirits.com](http://www.collectivespirits.com) or call (828) 526-4949.

you were among the first to see the 'new' Bascom."

Tickets for the wine festival are on sale now at [www.collectivespirits.com](http://www.collectivespirits.com) or (828) 526-4949.

All proceeds raise money for The Bascom, a nonprofit visual arts center.

Bank of New York-Mellon is the presenting sponsor. Old Edwards Inn & Spa is the premier hospitality sponsor. Other corporate sponsors are First Citizens Bank, Harry Norman Realtors/Pat Allen and Bert Mobley, brokers; Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop; The Laurel magazine; and WNC magazine. Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop is the official wine retailer of the event.



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Station Nature Center where identification signs mark the plants and flowers. Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot at 2 pm or at the Nature Center at 2:30 p.m. Drive Length from Franklin: 20 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack, camera, and binoculars if you wish. Wear comfortable shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820 for reservations. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but

no pets please.

• Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Accomplice" will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands on Sunday at 3 p.m. Two women and three men are needed for the cast. Rehearsals start in June; performances are August 19 thru August 30. Copies of the play may be read at the Hudson or Cashiers libraries. For more information,

call director Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

### Monday, June 8

• The Highlands Audubon Society will have a program at the Highlands Civic Center beginning at 7:30. The subject will be "Native Plant, Insect and Bird Connections" by Jim Costa, Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station. He will help us understand the value of insects and their relationships to birds, through the link of our native plants.

• Yoga and Bodywork Summer Open House, Free All Levels Yoga Class 10:30 to 11:30am. Roling Demonstration with a Model from 11:45 to 12:15. Visit, Learn, Connect! Moonrose Yoga Center, 464 Carolina Way, for more info 828-526-8880.

### Monday-Friday, June 8-12

• Old Edwards Hospitality Group will host Summer Style Week. Representing all that is stylish about the summer season, Summer Style Week is an entire week of delicious samplings, demonstrations and mini-seminars to get you ready for a stylish summer. Guests will get the season's insider tips from top experts — including culinary, spa, gardening, tablescapes and more. The largest event will be a Garden Party at the Farm on Thursday, June 11 where participants will enjoy a delicious lunch while learning the secrets of throwing their own garden party — Old Edwards Style. Call 866-526-8008 to make your reservation

### Tuesday, June 9

• "Amazing Animals" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 9-12, 10 am – 2 pm daily. Learn about various animal groups through hands-on activities and field observations. Ages 7-10. \$40 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

• "Owl Pellets," a special family nature activity at the Highlands Nature Center. 3 – 4 pm. Learn what owls eat by examining the skulls and bones of prey animals contained within an owl pellet. \$1 per person.

• Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Accomplice" will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands on Tuesday at 5:30

p.m. Two women and three men are needed for the cast. Rehearsals start in June; performances are August 19 thru August 30. Copies of the play may be read at the Hudson or Cashiers libraries. For more information, call director Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

### Wednesday, June 10

• "Owl Prowl" at the Highlands Nature Center. 8 pm, all ages. In collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Come to our amphitheater for a presentation by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls, then stay for a night hike to look for owls in the wild. Bring your flashlight. Free, but contributions to CRC are appreciated. Call 526-2623 or visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm) for more information.

• At CLE, there are a few spaces are left in the first session of the Cooking with the Chef Series on with Chef Nicholas Figel of Cyprus Restaurant will lead participants through a whirlwind tour of various regional cuisines of Exotic India. And, of course, lunch is included. 12-2:30, Cyprus Restaurant, \$40 for members, \$50 non-members. Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register.

### Thursday, June 11–Friday, June 12

• Pottery workshop "Mud, Sweat and Tears: Making Fine Functional Pots," by Mark Hewitt, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for intermediate to advanced clay students. Cost is \$400/\$375 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Thursday, June 11

• Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

## Loaves & Fishes Rotary Bingo



The Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands United Methodist Church will be partners for an evening of Bingo to directly benefit Highlands Food Pantry. The Highlands Food Pantry located behind the Methodist Church provides grocery food items to over eighty families a week in the Highlands area.

Half of all money paid to play Bingo will be paid as prizes to game winners and the other half to Highlands Food Pantry.

"Loaves & Fishes Bingo" will happen on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building – next

to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being an extra money game. Play as many cards as you like and don't be afraid to laugh and have a great time.

Rotary's Bill Nellis will Emcee and his crew of Bingo Ladies will keep cards, money and laughter flowing.

Loaves & Fishes Bingo is a family-style event that offers fun, a lot of humor, free refreshments served by Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 and the chance to win Bingo money.

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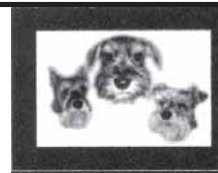
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• A free book signing featuring master ceramic artist Mark Hewitt will be 5-7 p.m. at The Bascom for Hewitt's 2005 acclaimed book co-written with Nancy Sweezy, "The Potter's Eye: Art and Tradition in North Carolina." Books available for purchase. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org/presentations](http://www.thebascom.org/presentations).

• Each year CLE offers classes on medical topics of current interest. The first of this year's three lectures will feature Dr. Virginia Templeton discusses dementia. Dr. Templeton is Associate Director of MemoryCare, a non-profit organization in Asheville caring for older adults with memory disorders. "The Many Faces of Dementia" will be held at the Performing

Arts Center on Thursday, June 11 from 10-12-. \$20 members, \$30 non-members. Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register.

## Elaborate Highlands gardens showcased in annual Mountains in Bloom festival

Expansive mountain vistas with woodland trails, elaborate cottage gardens full of wonder and delight, and access to the majestic Highlands Falls waterfall are just a few of the treats in store at the annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival.

Set for July 7-11, Mountains in Bloom offers far more than a garden tour for its 800-plus attendees: lectures, a flower show and photography competition, a home and garden shop and a Giverny-themed Patrons Party round out the lineup. But festival-goers keep coming back for landscapes that continue to wow year after year.

The garden tour portion of the festival will be Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11, with four different tour times: Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Seven mountain gardens are featured in this year's tour, five of them in Highlands Falls Country Club:

- The Langford Garden – This lovely cottage home and garden combines woodlands and shaped beds that hold a variety of plant material, interspersed with boxwood, rhododendron and unusual evergreens, dissected
- The Pitts Garden – Shaped by the mountain upon which it sits, this garden takes advantage of the natural terrain of bog and rock. The front garden is built into the granite hillside and is filled with perennials, while the back gardens include a number of connecting water features.

- The Saurage/Bordelon Garden – This striking glass house features a "see through" design enabling one to look through the home to fabulous vistas including Whiteside and Shortoff mountains. The hardscape includes massive



Photo by Rick Demetriou – Elaborate garden tours are just one aspect of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival, July 7-11. Other highlights are lectures, a flower show and photography competition, a home and garden shop, and a Giverny-themed Patrons Party. Tickets are available at [www.mountainsinbloom.com](http://www.mountainsinbloom.com) or (828) 526-4949.

granite boulders. The garden is mostly vertical and uses a Japanese touch to infuse a sense of serenity.

- The Trevathan Garden – This mountain-clinging home boasts gardening niches, among them approximately one half mile of woodland trails. Two atriums are home to a River Birch, Japanese maple, numerous hydrangeas, St. John's Wort and butterfly bush along with a rock fountain. The

front yard includes a rose trellis framed by wildflowers and a waterfall and pond.

- The Demetriou Garden – Nestled into a lush Highlands setting of native laurel and rhododendron, this informal cottage style garden features woodland natives mixed with boxwood, spruces and Japanese Maples, plus life-size plant sculptures and collections of plants and unique birdhouses that delight the eye.

- The Kennedy/Kenny Garden – This welcoming English Country Home includes a beckoning front courtyard, back lush grounds, a long terrace with a fountain, a formal lawn with lush borders filled to the brim with established and unusual perennials, and stunning hedges. The lawn is often used for croquette games.

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## • POLICE & FIRE •

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from May 19. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

### May 19

- Officers conducted a welfare check at an apartment on Horse Cove Road.
- Officers responded to a call of two dogs fighting at a residence on Oak Street which was scaring an 8-year-old boy.

### May 20

- Officers conducted a welfare check at residence S. Shelby Circle.
- Officers responded to a call for service concerning a suspicious person on Hickory Hill Road.
- Officers responded to a call of an abandoned vehicle on Webbmont Road.
- Officers responded to an accident in the parking lot at the Civic Center. There were no injuries.

### May 21

- Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and Hickory. There were no injuries.
- At 11:30 a.m., Gary Swanz, 48, of Mountain Rest, S.C., was arrested for DWI on S. 4th Street. His bond was set at \$500.
- A little past midnight, Kelly Michael Barbato, 26, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI on N.C. 106. His bond was set for \$750.

### May 22

- Officers conducted a welfare check at a residence on Chowan Road.
- Officers responded to a call concerning a barking dog in a parked car on Main Street.
- Officers responded to a dog complaint at a residence on Paul Walden Way.
- Officers responded to an animal complaint call at a residence on Wyanoak.
- Officers conducted a "public relations" call at the Civic Center.

### May 23

- Officers provided traffic control on Hickory Street.
- Officers responded to a call of a found dog on 4 1/2 Street.
- Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a father, mother and daughter at a residence on Wahoo Trail.

### May 26

- At 9 p.m., Taylor Thomas Earman, 33, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI on Main Street. His vehicle was impounded and his bond was set for \$1,000.

### May 27

- Officers conducted canine training on Main Street.
- Officers responded to a 911 hang up from a residence on South Drive.
- During the week the officers issued 27 citations and responded to 2 alarms.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from May 21-27:

### May 21

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at The Bascom. It was false.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with

See POLICE & FIRE page 16

## • FUN & GAMES •

### Hex-a-Ku<sup>©</sup> 2009

by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

#### OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, 3x2 cells in the puzzle layout have the same different letters. (This is similar to Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers.)

#### How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a row, column or cell.

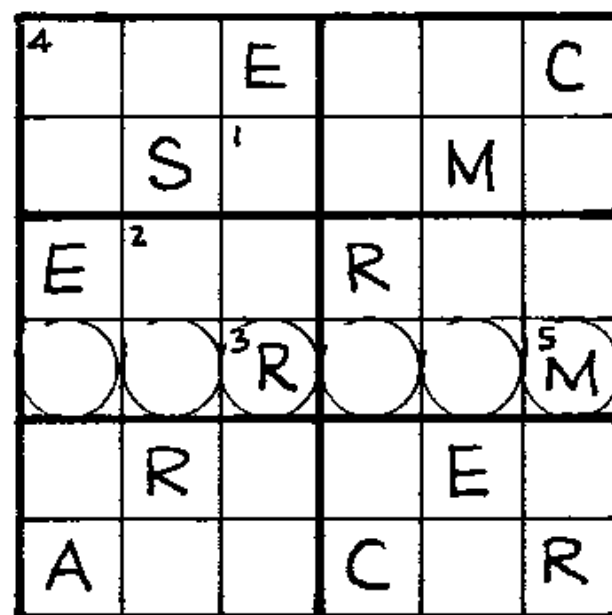
#### Mystery Word: Screech (6)

#### Across

1. Approached (4)
2. Disfigure (3)
3. Enlarge boring (4)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ West (3)

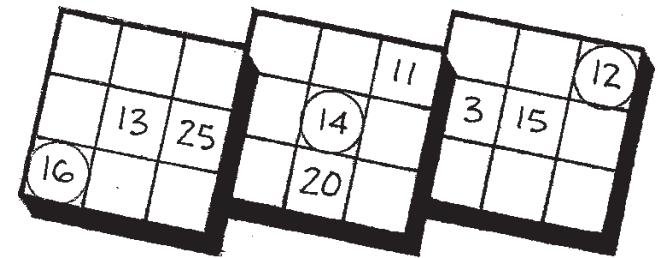
#### Down

5. Mother's nickname (2)



### PseudoCube<sup>©</sup>

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#### #AN4A Level of Difficulty - Easy

#### THE SETUP:

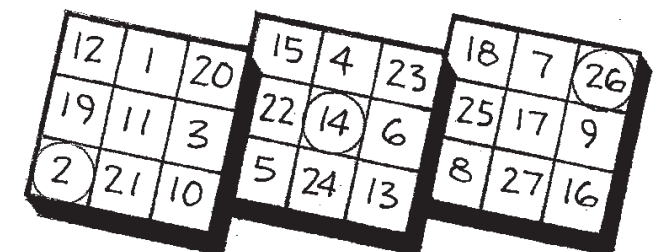
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

#### THE CHALLENGE:

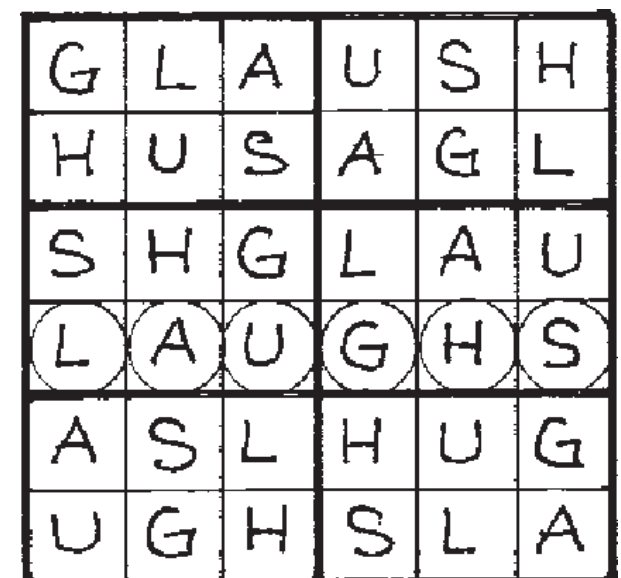
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: [pseudocube8@aol.com](mailto:pseudocube8@aol.com).

#### Solution to #DN3A in May 21 issue



#### Solution to May 21 Hex-a-Ku

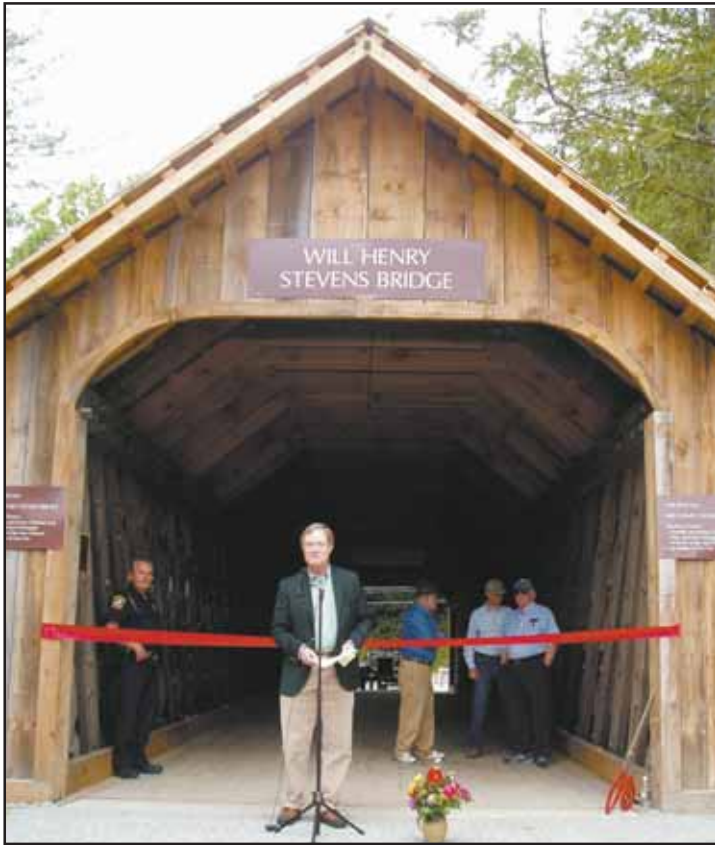




# A year to the day, the bridge opens at The Bascom

Memorial Day 2008 the community turned out for the bridge pull by horse and oxen. Memorial Day 2009 the community turned out to see the bridge opened to vehicular traffic.

The Bascom Chairman Bob Fisher welcomes the crowd to the bridge ribbon cutting.



From left, Dian Winingder, Dorothy Coleman, Bascom Chairman Bib Fisher and Tom Winingder cut the ribbon to open the Will Henry Stevens Bridge. The bridge is the new entrance to The Bascom's six-acre visual art center, and funds from the Winingder-Coleman family made it possible.



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Alan Lewis gives bridge donor Dorothy Coleman, front passenger, and in back from left The Bascom Chairman Bob Fisher, bridge donor Dian Winingder and Highlands Town Mayor Don Mullen a ride across the new Will Henry Stevens Bridge. Lewis' car was the first vehicle to cross the bridge.

Photos by Jessica Connor



## ... BRUGGER continued from page 9

All this profit in credit cards, not to mention sub-prime mortgages, also meant that banks had an incentive to push people to spend and spend. I'm sure every reader of this column has been deluged with credit card offers for years. Even as late as last year, issuers sent 4.2 billion credit card offers in the mail. This number is down from the peak of 6.1 billion in 2005, but still nearly four times as many as the 1.1 billion sent in 1990.

Americans were happy to spend, but because our domestic manufacturing base had become so withered due to lack of investment, the buying spree wasn't spent on domestically made goods. We were buying from China and the rest of the world. Our economy has been hollowed out by a financial sector that helped to stifle manufacturing. Honest pursuits, as Geoghegan calls the production of goods, could not compete with the profits of finance.

Earlier this year I heard an economist talking about the stimulus package. He said that the dollars spent in the 1930s on New

Deal programs did more to stimulate the economy than a dollar today, because in the 1930s over 90 percent of the goods purchased in this country were manufactured here. Now less than 50 percent of that stimulus money will actually be spent here.

There's a sad story in the May 18th *New Yorker* ("The Death of Kings," by Nick Paumgarten) about many money managers and traders who knew something was wrong with the financial system, but couldn't resist the pressure to produce double-digit returns, and ended up being big losers themselves. My husband and I had a small amount of money to invest a few years ago. We looked at investing in the stock market, but I thought it was a casino and instead we bought CDs at 5 percent. At the time people laughed at us for being happy with such small returns, but a year ago they stopped laughing.

- All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: [www.kathleenbrugger.com](http://www.kathleenbrugger.com)

## ... ATHLETIC BANQUET continued from page 13



Parents, teachers, coaches and student athletes gathered at the Rec Park Tuesday night to celebrate Highlands School athletes.

Photo by Stephanie McCall

### By Ryan Potts

The Highlands Rotary Club sponsored the Highlands High School Athletic Banquet on Tuesday night at the Civic Center to honor all Highlander athletes from the 2008-09 school year.

Highlands High School students and their families were treated to fellowship, hamburgers and hot dogs, music and a video slideshow of Highlander athletics prior to the awards portion of the evening.

Highlands High School coaches then presented awards for Sportsmanship, Highlander Pride, Most Improved and Most Valuable Player plaques to students in front of friends and family. After the individual sporting awards were presented, there were several special awards given in the final portion of the awards ceremony.

Highlands Varsity Men's Soccer Coach Chris Green was presented with the Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the year

award after leading the Highlanders to an undefeated SMC championship.

The Fan(s) of the year award (voted on by Highlands High students) was also presented to David and Sammie Loeffler, who were recognized for their outstanding support of Highlander athletics throughout this year and years past.

Seniors Ezra Herz, Luke McClellan, Taylor Parrish, Hunter Loeffler, Mikey Lica, Alex Hedden, Andrew Billingsly, Michael Baty, Carolyn Hornsby and Marisol Ruiz were then honored for their contributions to Highlands High School throughout the past four years at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Highlands School, the Booster Club, the athletes and the individual coaches would like to thank the Highlands community for their monetary and physical support this year as we close the book on 2008-09 and move forward towards the 2009-10 season.

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