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Thurs., Aug. 5

- The Rotary Club Bingo for the Highlands Playhouse 6:30 – 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building.

- At the Nature Center, George and Elizabeth Ellison presenting "Blue Ridge Perspectives: The Natural World Thru Words and Images." 7 p.m. Free.

- At Hudson Library, a book signing by author John Armor. "These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls – American – Then and Now in the Words of Tom Paine."

Friday, Aug 6

- Free Mountain Music series with dancing from 6:45-9 p.m. at Highlands School's old gym.

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 6-7

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" at 9:15 p.m.

- Live Music at The Downhill Grill at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center 7-9 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 7

- At The Hen House on Main Street, Stonewall Kitchen Company Demo with food samples and recipes. 10:30-5.

- Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House on Oak Street 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rides on the firetruck and a hot dog lunch.

- Benefit for Roy Lee Baty at the Rec Park. Spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. and music.

- Highlands Historical Society's Tour of Homes. Call 787-1050 for tickets.

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 p.m. \$20 per person.

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m.

Through Sun., Aug. 8

- At Highlands Playhouse, "The Andrews Brothers," Call 828-526-2695.

Sun., Aug. 8

- The Highlands Community Child Development Center annual gala fundraiser at the Highlands Country Club. Call 526-1505.

Tues., Aug. 10

- At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture – at 5:30-6:30 p.m. — Surviving a Troubling Economy."

- A Candidate Forum at the Rec Park at 7 p.m. Social time is at 6:30 and the forum starts at 7 p.m. Invited to attend are: County Commissioner candidates and Sheriff candidates.

## Restricted parking areas extended in town

At Wednesday's Town Board meeting, the commission amended the parking ordinance and extended employee/employer restricted parking areas in the business district.

Sec. 7-117 of the downtown business district ordinance now reads: Employee-restricted parking areas shall mean all parking spaces

both adjacent to the curb and in the center of any street as reflected on the Town of Highlands Business Parking Map dated and adopted Aug. 4, 2010 and subsequent amendments to said map duly adopted by the Town.

This verbiage allows the town to amend the parking map as needed without having to amend the or-

dinance each time.

Employees and employers are now restricted from parking on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street so customers can access businesses on the hill.

The board also agreed to make the east side of Church Street – the area from the OEI generator on the south side and the Presbyterian

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## Dog Park changes in the works

At a Recreation Department meeting held Wednesday morning at the Civic Center, the new Dog Park was discussed at length.

Several items concerning funding and infrastructure were considered and with the Town Board's approval will likely be put into action.

- Within the Recreation budget, separate line items for Dog Park Expenses (liabilities) and Dog Park Contributions (equity) will be added.

- To date, donations, which are over \$1,500, will be placed in the town account.

- A second dog waste bag dispenser will be purchased and located at the picnic shelter.

- A "small dog" fenced area with a separate entrance gate will be installed near the main entrance. The area will have a five feet high black chain link fence around a 10' by 30' area. Dog Park committee member Hank Ross said there have been multiple requests to go forward with this construction.

- Directional Road Signs will be ordered for the Dog Park and will

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## Fire truck rides & hot dogs



The Highlands Fire & Rescue Department is celebrating 57 years of service with an open house on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks will be served free (donations accepted) and fire truck rides for all ages are included.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

## BOE waives tuition for now

At a continuation meeting Monday night, the Macon County Board of Education mainly met to further discuss the ramifications of amending Board Policy 409 "Tuition for Discretionary Admission."

Last year the board amended the policy to allow tuition for out-

of-state students to be waived if a student had extraordinary financial hardship; if the student wasn't a resident of NC but whose parents were going to move into Macon County by Dec. 1; a student who was a resident and then moved to

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## Schools' AYP scores are up

At the July 26 Macon County School Board meeting, the school system's preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report was given and overall it looks like students and so their schools as a whole fared better than last year, but the schools that have had problems in the past continue to do so.

Of Macon County's 12 schools, nine schools or 75% met the AYP criteria – which is meeting all targets or 100%. The three that didn't are: East Franklin Elementary (met 15 of 17 goals), Franklin High School (met 12 of 13 goals), and Union Academy (met 1 of 3 goals).

"Specific information about the subgroups that didn't meet AYP at those schools won't be released until after the NC State Board approves the testing data after Aug. 5," said Patricia Davis, director of Testing & Accountability.

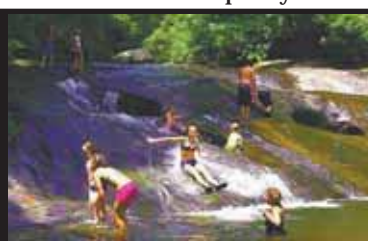
There aren't any consequences for Macon County schools not making AYP since this is the first year that an individual school did not make AYP in a particular subject.

"A Title I school has to have two years in a row not making AYP

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Bridge players unite

Dear Editor,

I LOVED Fred Wooldridge's column "The bridge director from Hell" in the July 22 issue. Had several belly laughs, as I read it. I really liked the idea of duct taping on entering the room

Jack  
Highlands

### Keep Fred on the payroll

Dear Editor

Your columnist Fred Wooldridge needs to develop a sense of humor, and some tolerance, and realize there are Floridiots and their kin are everywhere. This is why we are refusing his admonition to return to the O.J. World Capitol, and therefore, staying in Highlands, NC for another month. This way we can read his columns and measure his progress, and so request you keep him on the payroll, for at least that long, and more, and thank you, et al.

George Hudson  
Lakeland, FL and Highlands

### Letter to mayor speaks to many in Highlands

Dear Editor,

In response to the Open Letter To The Mayor of Highlands in the July 29 issue.

False, malicious rumors destroy not only the person's life, their standing in the community and every aspect of the person's life but also the lives of their families.

As stated in the letter, Ms. Olvera has children and the effects of false, malicious rumors spoken about a parent or family member can have a life-long effect on a child's life.

I do not know Ms. Olvera or anything about her situation. However I can speak from personal experience as to what malicious rumors and other such vicious activity perpetrated by others can do to destroy a family and especially innocent children.

I wish that this community would consider the consequences of false rumors before they engage in such devastating behavior.

Patce Thornton  
Highlands

### Readers have no sense of humor

Dear Editor,

I hope you continue to let Fred keep up his good work! The clueless people writing to the editor about his "Go back to Florida" column in the July 15 edition are unbelievable.

Talk about no sense of humor! No doubt who they voted for! I'm sure they believe in the nano spraying aircraft leaving contrails over Franklin, too.

Joe Burney  
Otto, NC

### The truth about Catholicism

Dear Editor,

This letter references recent columns written by to both Fred Wooldridge who wrote as a current Catholic and Dr. Henry Salzarulo who wrote as a past Catholic.

These are excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller – a prominent Cleveland, OH, Jewish businessman:

"Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?"

"Do you know – the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at

the cost to that church of 10 billion dollars and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%.

"The church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a nonprofit hospital system of 637 hospitals which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people – not just Catholics – in the United States today.

"But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

"Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example: 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church; 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed.

"Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem.

"A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected and that most, of given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

"The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priest that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

"Walk wit your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.'

"Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your church does for other religions."

Joseph Starr

A concerned Catholic

### Order Angel Food Boxes by Tues., Aug. 17

The August menu is available and orders may be placed and paid for at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Main & 5<sup>th</sup> until 1 pm. Tuesday, Aug. 17. Cash or EBT cards only. Distribution day is Sat., Aug. 21 from 8-9 a.m. at the church.

The August menu offers lower prices on two popular boxes: the regular Signature Box for \$29 and the Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box for \$21.

Additional items on the menu are Convenience Meals (\$28 for 10 meals – great for seniors and people living with diabetes) and the Just4Me After School Box (child-friendly snacks) for \$24.

The specials for the month are the Assorted Grill Box (\$24), the Steak and Chicken Box (\$23), the new Oven-Ready Entrees (\$24) and the Bit O' Blessing Box (\$21).

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# • OBITUARY •

## Kevin Michael Petrone

Kevin Michael Petrone, 59, of Highlands, NC died Thursday, July 29, 2010 in an Asheville hospital. Born in Suffolk Co., NY, he was the son of James G. and Thelma Allmon Petrone of Highlands, NC. He was a Vietnam veteran in the U. S. Army. He owned and operated his own painting business. He was a member of AA for nine years and a member of Vietnam Veterans of America.



Lisbeth Petrone of Coral Gables, FL. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Logan, Tristan and Brooklynn Petrone.

A graveside service was held Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 3 p.m. The family will receive friends Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 6435 Buck Creek Rd., Highlands, NC. In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to the Petrone Family, c/o Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, 105 W. Main St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com)

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sons James Petrone and wife Jessica and Vincent Petrone both of Highlands, NC; four sisters Lee Ann Pierce of Chattanooga, TN, Susanna Murray and Anna Wilson both of Highlands, NC and

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in a particular subject before they have consequences and are under sanctions," said Carol Waldroop, director of Elementary Curriculum. "Macon Middle School – which didn't make AYP last year and is a Title I school – is still in School Improvement even though it made AYP this year because it takes two years of making AYP in a subject to come out of the School Improvement category."

As a School Improvement facility, Macon Middle still offers Public School Choice and SES (free tutoring) but it is in a holding pattern so its sanction level does not go up. It takes two years in a row for a Title I school that did not make AYP in a particular subject to go into School Improvement and it takes two years making AYP in that particular subject for the school to come out of school improvement.

Franklin High School and Union Academy did not make AYP but they are not under sanctions since they are not Title I schools.

The schools that hit all targets meeting 100% of their target goals were: Cartoogechaye Elementary, Cowee Elementary,

Cullasaja Elementary, Highlands School, the K-2 Feeder School Iotla Elementary, Macon County Early College High School, Macon Middle School, Nantahala School, and South Macon Middle School.

The major goal of the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 is for all public school children to perform at grade level in reading and mathematics by the end of the 2013-2014 school year. AYP measures progress of student groups against yearly targets in reading and mathematics in both participation and performance targets.

Forty or more students across all tested groups in a school comprise a group and students must be enrolled 140 days to count in a school's scores.

"In addition, schools must test 95% of students in each group and if it does not, the school does not meet AYP," said Davis. "In addition, at the elementary and middle level the attendance must be 90% or higher. Graduation rate is also an indicator for the secondary schools."

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another district but still wanted to attend his or her Macon County school; students whose parents are employed by the school district, and students who live in Satolah, GA.

Now with 15 students from Satolah, GA and Sky Valley, GA – a cost of \$120,000 to Macon County – the board is rethinking its previous policy.

However, noting the state of the economy and the fact that parents haven't had time to save for tuition since it had been waived for the 2009-2010 school year, the board agreed to charge tuition effective July 1, 2011 which will give out-of-state families one-year's notice so they can be prepared for tuition payments when school starts in August 2011. They will be paying about \$8,000 per student.

Also at last week's meeting, the BOE also

adjusted Highlands School's General Athletics fund so monies are distributed to various sports rather than being held in the General Athletics account.

Across the board the balance in sport categories increased and the amount left in the General Athletics Fund dropped from \$17,799.64 to \$2,674.66 with the total amount in the Athletic budget at \$28,932.54.

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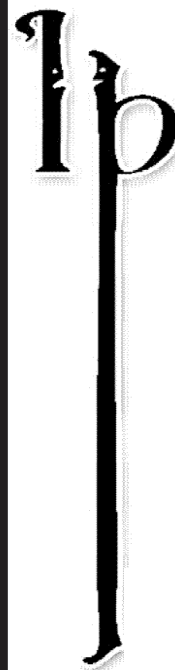
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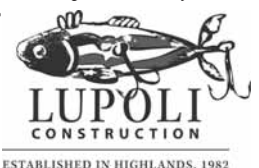
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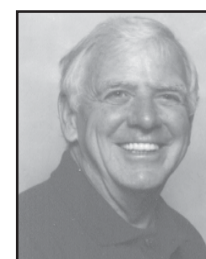


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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### Bad Fred ... Have I pushed your button?

I've been pushing buttons my entire adult life. Back when I was a cop, I pushed some serious, heavy duty buttons and lived through it. Then I became a rappelling instructor and pushed fun buttons. And finally, I became a satire writer and pushed the best fun buttons ever. It's what I do and love to do. I've had lots of practice.



**Fred Wooldridge**

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It's been said that law enforcement doesn't prevent crime, it displaces it. For the most part, that's true. Criminals leave town when the cops are on to them but they don't give up their life of crime, they move to another town where the pickings are easier. My job was to get criminals to rob and steal somewhere else. That plan is very effective. I, along with a small cadre of officers, would drive criminals' nuts. They hated us and we loved it. Eventually, they would leave town and we would find another batch of criminals' buttons to push... and I pushed hard. In my day, it was permissible. I pushed so many buttons during my career, the Homicide Unit joked that if I were murdered, they wouldn't know who to look at first.

After retirement, I taught rappelling in Highlands. I missed pushing buttons so I had to find a new kind of button to push. So I did... by teasing my students. When students got saddled up in their harnesses and were ready to go off the cliff, I would meet them on the edge and ask, "Are you really going to rappel off this cliff rigged like that?" They would freak.

When students asked, "What if the rope breaks?" and they always asked that question, my response was, "Remember those bugs hitting your windshield on your trip to Highlands?" I would shrug my shoulders and say, "Hey, we'll get you a new rope." They loved the joking around. It's part of how students handled their fear.

Thirteen years later, we sold our business and I headed for Highlands' Newspaper. I would write satire. That's when I got down to some serious button pushing.... and is it ever fun.

Even though everyone with more than a sixth-grade education knows that satire writers write fiction and poke fun at even the most sacred topics, readers can't help themselves when I push their buttons.

Evidently, education has nothing to do with it. I've seen some well educated folks wig out over the dumbest things. Satire is all about lies, distortion and more lies. Satire writers evoke emotions, the stronger the emotion, the more I love it. I stick mostly with the laugh and anger buttons. It's all done with purpose.

Sometimes I push a real borderline button and

my editor holds her breath. We wait for the hate mail. Amazingly, the stuff we thought would get me run out of town never develops. Recently, I wrote a column titled, "*I'm not a racist, I just hate black people*" with zero responses. No buttons pushed and I was terribly disappointed.

And recently I was talking with some of my fellow Florida folks about how much money we spend in Highlands each summer and how important that spending is to the local economy. Each summer, the li'l missus and I arrive from Florida and spend my entire pension check in and around the Highlands area. We currently are putting a new roof on our home and that kind of big time spending is not fun. Anyway, I thought it would be exciting to push some Florida buttons if I could. I started by calling them 'Floridiots.'

When I finished the column it was so over-the-top and so ridiculous, literally dripping in satire, I thought no one would bite. WOW, was I wrong. The hate mail rolled in. And some of those same readers who strongly disapproved of the Florida column were the same people cheering when I poked fun at our president in an equally outrageous piece.

I have to get special permission to push the God button. God has a sense of humor. How else could he tolerate all our shenanigans and people with no sense of humor and still love us? Soooo, I'm working on a biblical piece questioning the wisdom of God in inventing women. Even though I think it's kinda funny because most of the comments made are absurd and outrageous, I'm bettin I'll get slam dunked by some women and a few churches. I hope so.

Have you read Fred's book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars?*

# • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

## Vacationing in a true 'melting pot'

**G**reetings from St. Croix. I thought, no idea; no column; no problem. I adapt easily to island life. But during a mid afternoon nap, I changed my mind, or maybe it was at "Eat," a beachfront restaurant featuring Sunday brunch and reggae music.

The guy on keyboard was wearing a hat as tall as a French chef, but it was knit and colored red, green and black, the colors of Africa. He might have had tissue paper stuffed inside, but I suspect it was a decades of dread locks. Summer is off-season here. Although the tourist office boasts a year round climate, most tourists are skeptical and avoid the place in August

So although "Eat" was crowded Sunday afternoon after diving, one got the idea that it was mostly locals. The burgers were good. Heinkens were \$3 all day. I was impressed with how thoroughly mixed the

patrons were. Black, white, and all shades of tan shared food, drink and companionship. Old and young mingled with equal ease. That was the most noticeable aspect, that people seemed so completely at ease with one another. Everyone seemed as comfortable as four guys who had grown up together, watching a football game on Saturday afternoon. Neither strain nor pretense was apparent.

I don't know if St. Croix is truly integrated. I didn't study average incomes or neighborhood demographics. I'd bet the mansions on the hill tops belong to rich whites, but maybe not. I doubt that many of them are the homes of people who live



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here anyway. Our dive guide pointed out one, perched hundreds of feet above the ocean, and identified it as the property of the creator of "All My Children." I had been impressed and thrilled with the vibrant multiculturalism of Cape Town, South Africa, until I noticed that all the white guys drove Mercedes, and all the black guys drove pick up trucks with somebody else's name on the door. Maybe it's like that here, but one doesn't get that

feeling.

This was once a Danish colony, one big sugar plantation. It was deemed impossible to run a plantation without labor, so shackled slaves were brought. I don't know if they were transported directly from

Africa, or came from the United States and neighboring islands, but like the keyboard player's hat, Africa was home.

Colonies were traded back and forth like baseball trading cars, and Saint Croix eventually became a U.S. possession, one of the U.S. Virgin Islands. It's curious that we drive on the left side of the road here, and I have no idea why. Unlike England or Japan, there are no left hand drive cars, at least none that I have seen, which isn't to say there are none. Even in America, one might spot such an odd vehicle in a museum or on a rural mail route. Still I wonder why. St. Croix has been part of America for a long time, probably before cars were invented, and I don't think the side of the road favored by the wagon drivers of the Danes or Knights of Malta,

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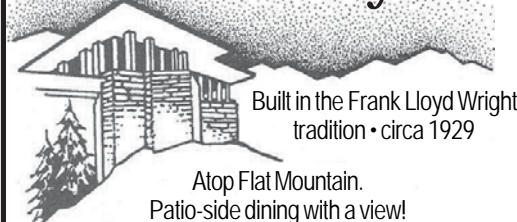
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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Here we go again



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As we head towards the fall season we have plenty of things to look forward to. The crisp smell of falling leaves in the autumn air, the chilly nights which cause you to look for a light pullover in the back of your closets, and the return of football to every weekend. Unfortunately, the return of football also means the return of the very thing that haunts our nightmares... a single man who holds our sports channels hostage every fall.

Contrary to popular belief, there is not a FSPN or an ESPN-Favre, but it would not be surprising if one thought that. After all, last weekend was the trading deadline in baseball where some big names like Lance Berkman and Roy Oswalt moved to different area codes. Additionally, there are some great pennant races shaping up in both the AL East between the Tampa Bay Rays and the New York Yankees as well as the NL East between the Philadelphia Phillies and the Atlanta Braves. In the NL West, four teams are separated by a mere 5 games, and that figures to be an exciting group of teams down the stretch this fall. College football is gearing up, as Alabama looks to defend their national title and Florida will take the field without Tim Tebow for the first time in 4 years.

Despite the numerous noteworthy stories in sports, imagine my surprise (and disgust) when I turned on my TV and saw an

entire episode of Sports-center devoted to the news that Brett Favre may possibly... maybe... perhaps... probably retire... again. Every talking head in the football business from Andrea Kramer to Cris Collinsworth was on my television talking about "Brett." ("Brett" is the way that you refer to your best friend, your brother-in-

law or even that weird guy who stares at you in the elevator at work. "Brett" is not the way that a journalist or a professional sports commentator should refer to a player.) Alas, I digress... the point is that my television should not be held hostage by a 40 year old who cannot make up his mind whether or not to play football.

You know what else shouldn't be held hostage (Besides this column of course)? Football fans should not be held hostage by a single middle-aged man. After all, with Favre the Minnesota Vikings are Super Bowl contenders and NFC Central favorites. With Tavaris Jackson the Vikings are an 8-8 football team who would be fortunate to make the playoffs. The New Orleans Saints, Atlanta Falcons, Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers are also monitoring the Favre situation because of its possible affect on their Super Bowl hopes-as is the entire AFC East, because they are matched up with the Vikings on their schedules. It never ceases to amaze me how the decision of one person can affect an entire league in this manner (much like how the LeBron decision affected the NBA), not to mention how that single person continues to milk the same decision for five years straight and the entire news media follow along like puppy dogs.

Just thinking about all this makes me wish for one thing. Brett... can I call you Brett? because everyone else does. Anyway, please come back out of retirement... please. It will be great to see you run through the breezeway in the Superdome as you open the season against the Saints and it will be great to see Will Smith and Jonathan Vilma tee off on you again and again as you hang in the pocket with courage before being pulverized by blitz after blitz after blitz.

Nothing like one last hurrah before your body breaks down on you-hey you may even be able to avenge that horrible interception you threw to lose the NFC Championship. See you on September 9<sup>th</sup> old buddy!

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## • HIS & HERS •

### Judge Bolton: An F for the Arizona decision – rewrite it

It's been 30 years, and I still miss the class room. I taught American Political Theory to mostly seniors, Pre-Law or Political Science majors, that long ago. If any of them had submitted a paper as ill-thought-out as Judge Susan Bolton's decision on the Arizona immigration law, I'd have given them an F, and made them rewrite it from scratch. Here's why:



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it is reversed more often than all the other Appeals Courts taken together. So, it is likely the next decision on the Arizona law will be just as bad as the first one. The final word, however, will be in the US Supreme Court, where one can hope that five Justices will take the Constitution seriously.

Here are the provisions Judge Bolton said were preempted by federal law: to determine the immigration

status of someone already lawfully stopped, if there is reasonable suspicion they are illegal. (This is identical to federal law.) To make it a crime not to carry alien registration papers. (Also, identical to federal law.) To make it a crime for illegal aliens to work in Arizona. (It is already illegal for illegals to work anywhere in the US, including Arizona.) To authorize the arrest of anyone where there is probable cause to believe they have committed a deportable offense. (Again, identical to federal law.)

The court then analyses the Arizona law, point by point. Anyone arrested, or legally detained, under the state law "shall be presumed NOT to be an illegal alien," if they have valid state, tribal, or federal ID pa-

The largest point is that this US District Judge ignored the very case that was presented to her for decision. The federal complaint attacked the Arizona law for only one general flaw. It claimed that the state law preempted federal law, and was therefore unconstitutional. It is grossly improper for any judge in any case to go outside the pleadings and decide the case on different grounds, and even worse, on non-existent evidence, than was presented in the courtroom.

I've seen this sort of behavior at this level, just once before in 40 years at the bar. I had a case in federal court in D.C. asking Judge Stanley Sporkin to enforce the 27th Amendment. That was called the Madison Amendment because James Madison wrote it as part of the Bill of Rights in 1789. But it was not declared ratified by Congress until 1992.

Judge Sporkin did not want to enforce the Amendment against the current Congress. His way of avoiding that was a rambling discourse on congressional corruption, which he had witnessed as an intern, 30 years before. In his decision he wrote that he saw Members of Congress accept cash in plain brown envelopes.

There were three fatal problems with his decision. The pleadings said nothing about corruption in Congress. No one presented any evidence on that subject. Lastly, what any judge pulls out of his/her personal memory is not evidence presented in court and subject to cross examination.

The Court of Appeals did not deal with Judge Sporkin's non-judicial decision openly, by throwing it out. It tap-danced around his errors by ignoring his opinion and writing a brand-new decision on different grounds. In the case of Judge Bolton's non-judicial decision, not even that mild corrective is likely from the Court of Appeals.

This case goes next to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Not only is that the most reversed Circuit of all,

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Church on the other — unregulated or "open" parking to Fifth Street.

Bob Kieltyka, director of the Chamber of Commerce said he spoke to all businesses on Fourth and Church and everyone agreed this would give Fourth Street employees and business owners a place to park in the vicinity of their businesses since they are giving up the spots on Fourth Street.

Originally, there were only five open parking spaces on the south side of Church Street in front of the child care center.

Though it's not reflected in the parking

ordinance verbiage, Realtors on Main Street are still allowed one parking space per business establishment but no other business owner or employee can park on Main Street.

In another issue, Commissioner Amy Patterson asked the board to craft a procedure to annually assess the Town Manager just as employees are annually assessed.

"Last year our Town Manager had only been here six months and he had a learning curve and we had a learning curve because we'd never had a Town Manager before, but now we need to do this," she said.

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She suggested a "total perspective," what Commissioner Gary Drake called a 360 perspective, where everyone around gives input "because we don't know all aspects and can't see all aspects," said Drake.

Commissioner Patterson said she wanted to move on this so the Town Manager's assessment takes place while everyone else is being assessed. "But we need to figure out what fits us, because we're a small town," she said.

Mayor David Wilkes is going to contact the League of Municipalities to see if there is a procedure in place Highlands might copy.

Commissioner John Dotson reiterated the need for the employee grievance procedure to be in place and included in the personnel policy manual which was adopted this past year without an employee grievance procedure.

Both Commissioners Dotson and Patterson have requested this be done several times over the past year but Town Manager Jim Fatland said Town Attorney Bill Coward has

been extremely busy with other matters.

Wednesday night the board and Fatland went into Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Commissioners also appointed Zoning Board Alternate member Eric Pierson as a Member to fill Bill Rethorst's spot who left the board after serving two consecutive terms; reappointed Member Alan Frederick to a second term; and will announce an Alternate to replace Pierson at the Aug. 18 Town Board meeting. Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley asked that anyone interested in the position to come to come forward.

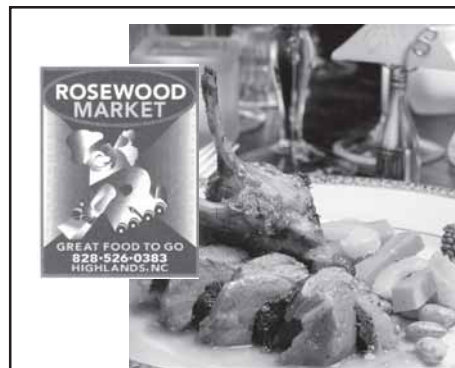
On the Planning Board's recommendation, the board also OK'd the preliminary and final subdivision plats for Gail Flynn and Highlands Storage Village.

In his report Fatland also said that the Macon County Election Board was considering the upstairs back office of Town Hall for One-Stop Voting because the office can be secured, there is reliable Internet and the ballots can be stored in a locked storage room.

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## • CONSERVATIVE POV •

### As goes California, so goes the nation?

This saying has been used to a fare-thee-well lately and, being a curious sort, I tried to find its source. I came up empty. What stimulated my current interest was the news item that Oakland, CA, has decided that growing, processing and selling marijuana is the answer to their financial distress. Oakland apparently is the poster child for a bankrupt California. Small wonder, considering its proximity to San Francisco.



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be used to enforce federal immigration laws, usually by not allowing police or municipal employees to inquire about one's immigration status."

Not surprisingly, the policy was first initiated in 1979 in Los Angeles, to prevent police from inquiring about the immigration status of arrestees. Nothing like leadership, I always say. Getting back to how or why the California mess evolved in the first place. Among the 53 current members of the California

Their answer to deficit spending is to approve the plan to license four production plants where marijuana would be produced, sold and taxed to relieve Oakland's dire financial mess. I thought society had hit bottom when state lotteries became the standard form of scamming the public out of its money.

Man's ability to keep from responsibly handling government spending evidently knows no bounds. I fully expect state run brothels next. Yeah, I know the Mustang Ranch story but that was an isolated deal.

California has long been described as "the land of fruits and nuts." They are big in citrus, peaches, plums, avocados, etc. which would explain the fruits part. They are big in almonds, walnuts and pistachios, but I don't think that's the end of it. The real nuts are the ultra liberal politicians that have driven the once economic powerhouse to the brink of bankruptcy. I don't have to research the present California legislature to understand its current dilemma.

It is not news that California is suffering a titanic fiscal crunch, and has been for years. From the New York Times; "The California budget crisis has forced the state to address a problem that expert panels and judges have wrangled over for decades: how to reduce prison overcrowding." The answer - let them go back into society. Hmmm - that's an appetizing idea. How did all those folks end up in prison? Lax border enforcement? It's just a thought.

From Just Schools California; "Overcrowded California schools enroll up to five times the number of students they were built to serve. Most students in overcrowded schools are Latino and still learning English. Most overcrowded schools are in poor neighborhoods." At the same time, California is furloughing tens of thousands of teachers they cannot afford to pay. Lax border enforcement?

Forget border enforcement. According to several sources, California is home to 30 or more sanctuary cities. What, precisely, is a sanctuary city? Per Wikipedia: "Sanctuary city is a term given to a city in the United States that follows certain practices that protect illegal immigrants. The term generally applies to cities that do not allow municipal funds to

federal House delegation are 14 who belong to the Democratic Socialists of America. Obviously, they left their imprint on their home state when they served on their way up the political ladder. They include Henry Waxman, Maxine Waters, Pete Stark, Linda Sanchez and the like. Nancy Pelosi served in their leadership until her elevation to Speaker.

Let's see if we can tie this together. It appears to me that Obama is trying to turn the US into a sanctuary COUNTRY. It further occurs to me that his quest for power overcomes any thought of what devastation lies ahead if we continue down this path. California is way overspent, overborrowed and overtaxed. Productive people are exiting to anywhere but Illinois, New York and New Jersey. Where does the average American escape to when the roof caves in? I'm thinking Costa Rica.

It is not at all coincidental that Illinois is facing a dilemma similar to that of California. They have a significant membership in the DSA as well. Our President was a proud member of the Chicago chapter not long ago.

We all know there are many deniers of our country heading down the socialist path. There were many deniers that the world was round and that we put men on the moon. That does not mean it isn't so. The comparison between California and Greece is real. The crunch is on in Greece. The party is over. The squeeze in California is starting to be felt. If we can't learn from Greece, maybe the lesson being learned out west is close enough to home. We'll see.

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be erected in the Rec Park parking lot and at the entrance to the parking lot on Foreman Road.

• The formation of a citizen Dog Park Committee was discussed to communicate with the town's Recreation Committee. Official representatives of the Dog Park Committee will be required to attend Rec.Park Committee meetings as needed.

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pers with them. The court then ignores the language of the law, and reads it to mean that EVERYONE's status must be checked. Then the court determines that this false reading would overburden the status-checking offices of the federal government.

The court does not note the irony in the federal argument that even legitimate requests for alien identification would "overburden" federal officials. To note the irony would prevent the court from ruling against a state law, because the federal government is incompetent at its chosen tasks.

The court never deals with the point that state and local authorities do have the authority to enforce federal immigration determinations, as long as they do not ex-

ceed the requirements of federal law. Several federal decisions around the country approve of precisely this result.

The court then offers as proof of the preemption of state law, that the federal government has been extremely lax in enforcement of laws against employment of illegals, and the use of false documents by illegals. The idea that federal incompetence requires all state and local governments to match its incompetence, has no support in prior cases.

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It appears that the impact of the economy on Highlands is averaging about 25 to 30% off of previous SALE prices seen during the boom market. Previous LISTING (or ASKING) prices are irrelevant because the upsurge created an atmosphere where many listings were simply priced out of the market from the start. There are exceptions both up and down. In our local counties of Macon and Jackson, sales prices have historically been inconsistent with County Tax Appraisals, so this would not be the best data to use in determining property values.

As a Seller, how do you determine an asking price that will gain attention among the multitude of available properties for sale? Obtaining professional advice from an experienced REALTOR is a good start. With access to Multiple Listing, an agent can extract properties which have sold recently, although there are not many. Also you will find real estate sales from the boom market, but the percentage of decline should be taken into consideration. It is most important to understand current listing prices on comparable properties and price your property within the lower end of the competition.

As a Buyer, how do you know where to start when there is a myriad of asking prices on comparable properties? A Realtor's job is to know the best available properties in each price range. By looking at several properties in your given range, you will gain some perspective on a good value. Upon locating a property that meets your needs and desires, ask your REALTOR to provide you with the identical information I described above for the Seller. Some additional questions a Buyer might ask:

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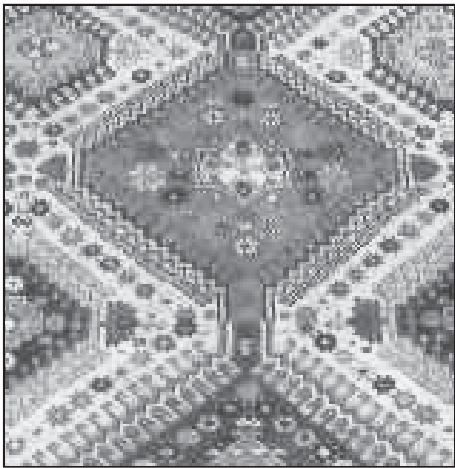
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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events



**Ongoing**  
 • At Scaly Outdoor Center, Summer Dry Tubing. Call 526-3737.  
 • At Scaly Outdoor Center, Trout Fishing. Call 526-3737.  
 • Hospital Tours: "Grand Rounds" at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be providing small group tours to interested area residents. Tours will be held periodically each month, through October. Tours begin at 7:30 a.m. and will include breakfast with HCH's doc-

tors and a meet and greet with the new CEO, Craig James. Call the Foundation Office at 526-1435 as space is limited. Or RVSP by email at info@hchospital.org.

• Join us for lunch at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, where from May through October, you can enjoy an hour long *Lunch and Learn* educational seminar, on a variety of health topics, followed by Q&A session. Lunch provided; seating limited. Call 526-1313 or (828) 526-1250 today to make your reservation.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1FIT.

• Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.

• YOGA – at Moonrise Yoga Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at [www.yogahighlands.com](http://www.yogahighlands.com) (8/5)

**Sundays**  
 • Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God at

6201 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC. Contact youth ministers Seth & Sarha Henegar at 828 369-7540 ext 203.

• Old Fashioned Hymn-Sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood in Horse Cove. 7-9 p.m. Sundays through Labor Day. Kay Ward – 743-5009

**Mon. & Wed.**  
 • Pilates Classes at the Jane Woodruff Clinic, 1st floor, at H-C Hospital taught by Sandie Trevathan at 4 p.m. A mat class for all levels. For info call 526-5852. (7/29)

**Mon., Wed., & Thurs.**  
 • On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon. & Wed/ at 7:30 a.m. and Thurs. at 10:4. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (7/30)

**Mon., Wed., Fri.**  
 • Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

• 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 first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

**Mondays**  
 • Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

• At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: "Outdoor Drawing," Knight Martorell. Learn to draw and sketch while enjoying a Highlands outing. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949.

• At the Bascom, 5-7 p.m.: "Life Drawing," Phyllis Jarvinen. Classes will cover contour, the gesture, negative/positive space, chiaroscuro and form. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949.

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

• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
 • Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Baldwin at 5:15 p.m. Fast moving free weight kinetic chain movement for 30-40 minutes. \$8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4959 to reserve a spot.

**Wednesdays**

## Free concert at First Presbyterian on Thurs., Aug. 12

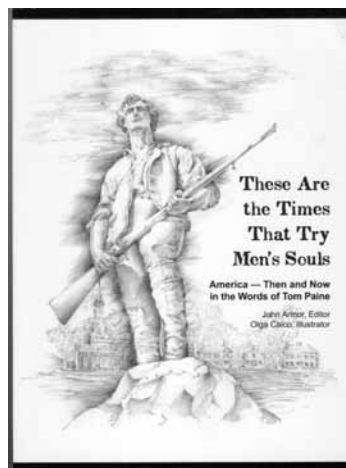


First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Michael Morgan in concert at the Wicks pipe organ on Thursday evening, Aug. 12 at 8 p.m.

Michael Morgan, a native of Pine Mountain, GA, has served as organist at Atlanta's historic Central Presbyterian Church for 34 years and as Seminary Musician at Columbia Theological Seminary for the past decade. He holds degrees from Florida State University and Atlanta University, and did postgraduate study at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco with renowned organist Richard Purvis. He has played recitals, accompanied worship services, and participated in organ seminars across the country, in Hawaii, England, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, and France. His hobby is collecting English translations of the Bible, the New Testament, the Gospels, and especially the Psalms.

The concert is free. A reception will follow the performance. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

## Booksigning and reading by author John Armor Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at The Hudson Library



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- \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryson's Food Store.
- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 am.
- Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.
- The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.
- At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: "Interactive Art Appreciation Part 1," Rosemary Stiefel. An understanding of art, one medium at a time, while experiencing each with a hands-on activity. Pre-

- registration is required. To register, call 526-4949.
- At the Bascom, 2-4 p.m.: "Painting: Oil or Acrylic," Diane McPhail. Beginning and advanced students will gain skills in the craft of painting in a friendly, community setting. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949
  - At the Bascom, 2-5 p.m.: "Creative Journaling," Betty Holt. Learn 16 different writing techniques to organize your thoughts and build self-confidence. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 526-4949.
- 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. Call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.
- Thursdays**
- Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.
  - Zahner Conservation Lecture Series every Thursday at 7 pm at the Highlands Nature Center May 13 through Aug. 5 It's free.
  - At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: "Watercolor Basics: Shapes," Robin Swaby. Discover the importance of negative and positive shapes. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949.
  - At the Bascom 1-3 p.m.: "Pastels: Skies, Clouds, Water, Mist," Robin Swaby. Learn to handle the soft edges of various clouds and soft atmospheric effects. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 526-4949
- 1st & 3rd Thursdays**
- If you are suffering from a mental illness or have a relative with a diagnosis such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, PTSD, etc, you are not alone. NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group meets on the 526-9769
- Fridays through Aug. 15**
- A prix fixe dinner at Wolfgangs for \$60 per person with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. For reservations for the concert and dinner call the HCCMF's office at (828) 526-9060.
- Fridays**
- Free Mountain Music Concert series with dance demonstrations and instruction from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The band performs from 7:30-9 at Highlands School's

- old gym, on Pierson Drive.
- Friday & Saturdays**
- Live Music at The Downhill Grill at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center 7-9 p.m.. BYOB.
- Every Third Saturday**
- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 am. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.
- Every Fourth Saturday**
- Friends of Panthertown work days, are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 526-9938 (ext 258).
  - The Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com
- Saturdays**
- At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Great values in wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. A variety of wines for every palate. Wines change weekly. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.
  - Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.
  - At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.
  - At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan

## RELAY, What You Need To Know . . .



This year, remember or honor loved ones, friends, co-workers, parents, children... anyone who has lost the battle or who is fighting the hardest battle of all- the one to CANCER. It will touch each of us at sometime. For many, it will become our battle.

The American Cancer Society holds Relay For Life for just that very reason: We want to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and fight back against the disease. The Luminaria Ceremony helps us to do all of those things.

As darkness falls on Aug. 13 spectators will stand in silence and in peace. The glow of hundreds of Luminaria candles will circle Highlands Rec Park. Each luminaria will reflect light for the names of those we have lost and shine for cancer survivors.

- Again this year we will have the Tiki Torch program. For a donation of \$100, a tiki torch will be lit throughout the night in honor or memory of a loved one.

- This year, light a Candle of Hope or Remembrance, and join us August 13 at 6 PM. Luminaria ceremony will take place at 9:15 PM. Luminaria \$ 10/Tiki Torch \$100 (suggested donation) Please make checks payable to: American Cancer Society. Please mail to: Relay For Life of Highlands, Christine Murphy, 79 Cook Road, Highlands, NC 28741

- Help fight cancer & hunger on the same night. All Relay Teams are collecting canned goods to anchor down the luminaria bags. The canned goods will then be distributed to our local food banks. This food drive provides another way to give back to survivors and families going through the challenges of cancer. We encourage all folks in our community to come out to Relay For Life August 13Th and bring canned goods for our local food banks. Prior to Relay Night canned goods may be dropped off at Fressers Eatery located at: 151 Helen's Barn Ave. Or contact Christine Murphy at murphycap@aol.com or 787-1094

- Dine Out for More Birthdays – enjoy a fantastic meal at local area restaurants and a percentage of the evening goes to Relay For Life of Highlands. Tell them you're there for Relay; Aug. 7 - The Kitchen & Carry Away, Aug. 12 - Wild Thyme, Aug. 17 – Wolfgang's, Aug. 18 - Nick's, Aug. 19 – Ruka's & Sweet treats.

- Relay For Life Silent Auction being held in lobby of RBC Bank, 225 Franklin Rd., Highlands. Seven great auction items were donated by the following businesses: The Toy Store, The Hen House, Reeves Hardware, Wholesale Down Comforters, Colonel Mustard, Gold-n-Clipper & Bryant Art Glass. Bidding will end Aug. 2ND at 5pm when the lobby closes. Hurry & get your bids in.

- Have you seen the Flamingos? Would you like to

"Flock" someone? Call 828-526-1717. "Flock your friends" - ONLY \$15! "De-Flocking"- only \$10! The flamingos will be here through August 13Th. All proceeds benefit Relay For Life of Highlands.

- Madison 's Miracle Team Chili Cook-Off, Scaly Mtn. Aug. 7. 11:30 am-1:30 pm, at the Downhill Grill Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center. \$20 entry fee (cook up a pot of red or white chili). Tasting & judging, \$8 per person (12 & older) Sample each chili, cornbread & a beverage. \$4 children, Bowl of chili, small beverage & a cookie. Prizes for winning chili & chili will be featured for a month at the Downhill Grill. Live entertainment & raffles. For information contact Cindy Pair @ 526-1663

- Benefit Auction, Aug. 15 at Scudders Auction House, 3:15 – 5 p.m. Exciting auction items! Proceeds to Benefit Relay For Life of Highlands.

- Dog House Raffle, Meadows Mountain Realty is still selling tickets for the amazing custom built dog house (value \$700) featured at this year's Bark For Life event. The dog house is currently on display in the lobby of the Highlands Recreation Park. Just call Tricia at 526-1717. Tickets will be available through August 13Th and the winner will be announced at Relay.

- Just for You Raffle Items – Aug. 13, Drawing at Relay for Life Event, Highlands Rec Park. Tickets: \$1 each or 6/\$5. Every dollar is a donation to the American Cancer Society. Hand-carved Trout by Bill Cochran valued at \$750; \$100 Gift Certificate to Lakeside Restaurant, \$100 Gift Certificate to Paoletti's; \$100 Gift Card to Reeves Hardware; \$100 Gift Certificate to Wolfgang's Restaurant; \$100 Gift Certificate to Nick's Restaurant; Priceless hand-quilted Christmas Tree Skirt by Marge; \$100 Gift Certificate to Bryson's Grocery; \$100 Gift Certificates to Log Cabin ; \$100 Gift Certificate to Fressers Restaurant; \$100 Gift Certificate to On the Veranda Restaurant; Hand-crafted Cherry Bowl by Glendon Boyd; \$100 Exxon Gas Card; \$100 Gift Certificate Mountain Fresh; Framed Hubert Shuptrine print, Martha Owl, valued at over \$1,000. Please contact Betty Fisher at 828-226-3382 for more information

Madison's Miracle Team Raffle at Macon Bank, Highlands. Raffle features a Boy or Girl Basket, valued at \$75 each, & filled with toys & Beanie Babies. Spa Basket, valued at \$300, includes a \$110 gift certificate, Spa Facial, Himalayan sea salts, slippers, lotions & soaps. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6. Please contact Kristie @ 526-5793 for more info. All proceeds benefit Relay for Life Of Highlands.

Thank you for supporting the prevention and cure of cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services. Because of YOU, lives are saved, lives are changed.

## Kick-Start! American Motorcycle Design exhibitionat The Bascom in August



The Kick-start, American Motorcycle Design exhibition will be on view at The Bascom from Aug. 7-Sept. 26.

Don't miss the opening of the *Kick-Start! American Motorcycle Design* exhibition at The Bascom! This highly original exhibition opens on August 7 with a reception and gallery talk from 5-7 pm and features vintage and antique bikes on loan from *Wheels Through Time*, a Maggie Valley, NC-based private collection. The Bascom's exhibition will trace the progression of 20th century design styles as evidenced through the motorcycle. The earliest objects will date from the early 1900s. This exhibition is sponsored by Helen and Fred Cooper and Old Edwards Club members Barbara and Doug DeMaire, Judith and Robert Moore, Angela and Art Williams and Patsy and Bill Wolff.

Other exhibitions now at The Bascom: *Heroes of Horticulture*; *Recent Works: Sid Luck*; Patrick Dougherty's *Do Tell* environmental sculpture and *On View: Artists in Residence and Toe River Potters*.

All Bascom exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Satur-

days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call 526-4949.

This 18th edition of Bel Canto will take place on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 4 pm at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Art Center.

The Bel Canto Gala is a once-a-year "grand opera" event in Highlands. Gifted performers are brought in to sing outstanding selections from opera to the Broadway stage. Following the concert, a splendid feast is served to the benefactors and the artists. This year's dinner will be at the Highlands Country Club.

Proceeds from the Gala are used to purchase works of art for The Bascom's permanent collection and to enhance the music programs at the Highlands School and the Highlands Community Child Development Center.

For more information about the event, call Bel Canto's organizers directly at 526.1947, or write to P.O. Box 2392, Highlands, NC 28741.



# Ongoing and Upcoming Events



cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

- Highlands Knitting & Needlepoint Guild meets to knit, crochet and needlepoint on the terrace at the Bascom. Questions? 526-1741.

- At the Bascom, 2-4 p.m.: "Botanical Watercolor," Fayne Ansley. Gain the skills, knowledge and creative inspiration to produce paintings based on exploring our beautiful local flora and fauna. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

## Mon.-Sun., Aug. 2-6

- The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will hold Vacation Bible School the first week of August (2-6). At Hero Headquarters, kids will meet unlikely Bible heroes who are often overlooked. To register please contact Andrea Chalker at 526-2968 x 206 or go online [www.vacationbibleschool.com/incarnation](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/incarnation).

## Thurs., Aug. 5

- The Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands Playhouse will come together for Bingo to benefit the Playhouse from 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 a surprise money game. Half of all Bingo money goes to Bingo players as prizes and the remaining half plus 100% of all donations go to Highlands Playhouse.

- At CLE, A Musical Evening at Brevard Music Center: The Marriage of Figaro. Bus trip, Box Dinner and Dress Rehearsal Presentation. \$80 members, \$90 non-members

- At the Highlands Biological Center, the Zahner Lecture Series will conclude for the year with an evening with George and Elizabeth Ellison. Together they will present "Blue Ridge Perspectives: The Natural World Thru Words and Images." 7 p.m. Free.

- At Hudson Library, a booksigning by author John Armor. "These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls – American – Then and Now in the Words of Tom Paine. Armor will read from the text and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

- Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM. Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken..

## Friday, Aug 6

- The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night, August 6th at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 6:30 to 9 PM. The caller is Stan Russell from Greenville SC. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be plus workshop from 6:30 to 7:00. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, 706-0943,

- At CLE, A Tour of the Universe: The Ultimate Mega Transect. Dr. Robert McMahan. 10-12 Highlands Civic Center, \$20 members, \$30 non-members

## Fri. & Sat., Aug. 6-7

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" at 9:15 p.m. Guy Workman and Pat Phillips featuring driving acoustic guitars, tight harmonies and unusual mix of original and obscure classics.

## Sat., Aug. 7

- At The Hen House on Main Street, Stonewall Kitchen Company Demo with food samples and recipes. 10:30-5.

- Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House on Oak Street 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Includes rides on the firetruck and a hot dog lunch. Donations appreciated.

- Benefit for Roy Lee Baty at the Rec Park. Spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. and auction and live music by the Dendy Family, Josh Cochran, Bobby dills and Kim Sanders. Roy Lee has lung cancer and needs help with medical bills.

- The Make-A-Wish Foundation is sponsoring a Music Festival and Car Show at Sapphire Valley walking track 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

- Highlands Historical Society's Tour of Homes are in the Highlands Country Club area, including Cobb Road and North Cobb Road. Funds raised by this event support the ongoing maintenance of the Historic Village, which includes the original Hudson Library and the Prince House (Highlands' oldest home within the town limits). Call 787-1050.

## Through Sun., Aug. 8

- At the Bascom, the recent works of North Carolina treasure Sid Luck, will be on display in the Balcony Gallery. Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (828) 526-4949.

- At Highlands Playhouse, "The Andrews Brothers," For tickets call 828-526-2695.

## Sun., Aug. 8

- The Highlands Community Child Development

Center annual gala fundraiser at the Highlands Country Club. A gourmet dinner party in a fabulous Highlands home and more. Tickets are \$125 and can be reserved by calling 526-1505 or emailing [HCCDCres@aol.com](mailto:HCCDCres@aol.com).

## Aug. 10-14

- At The Bascom, Lewis Knauss, "Fiber and Handmade Paper into Sculpture." Combining ceramic and fiber, this workshop will guide students through 5 days of combining off-loom techniques with Eastern papermaking to create a lightweight sculpture. Tuition is \$475 Bascom members/ \$500 non-members (most materials included).

## Tues., Aug. 10

- At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture – at 5:30-6:30 pm. Presented by Sue Gorski of RBC Bank — Surviving a Troubling Economy."

- WOW! – a World of Wonder" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center begins. Aug.10-13, 10 am – noon daily. Have fun playing nature games, exploring

various habitats, and searching for critters. Ages 4-6. \$35 per child, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623.

- At CLE, A Twisted Vine: The Palestinian Israeli Conflict. Dr. Akram Khater. 10-12 at PAC (upstairs), \$25 members, \$35 non-members

- A Candidate Forum by We the People," a proactive citizens group at the Rec Park at 7 p.m. Social time is at 6:30 and the forum starts at 7 p.m. Invited to attend are: County Commissioner candidates: Democrats: Ronnie Beale and Ricky Bryson; Republicans: Brian McClellan, Charlie Letterman and Ron Haven; Independent: Dick Drummond and for Sheriff George Lynch and Sheriff Robert Holland, (Hollands won't speak if Lynch doesn't attend.

## Wed., Aug. 11

- Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Charae Krueger, cello and Robert Henry, piano.

## Good things come in threes at the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Aug. 6 & 7

The Eroica Trio – comprised of pianist Erika Nickrenz, violinist Suzie Park, and cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio – will perform a trio of trios that'll serve as a marvelous showcase for their internationally-recognized talent.

Beethoven's "Trio in Bb Major, Op 11" opens the evening, followed by Turina's "Trio, Op. 35" and Schumann's "Trio in F Major, Op. 80." Beethoven's "Trio" revels in all of the magic that was young Beethoven's mastery of technique and is a beautiful bridge between Classicism and the nascent Romanticism that he'd help create. Turina's "Trio" reflects the composer's liberal use of folk themes developed in the Spanish Province of Andalusia. Schumann's "Trio" is a remarkable valentine to his wife Clara and has lost none of its poignancy.

The Eroica Trio is uniquely qualified to perform these difficult and wildly divergent compositions. The most sought-after trio in the world, the Grammy-nominated Trio has won a global following with its flawless technical virtuosity, irresistible enthusiasm and sensual elegance. The group is on the vanguard of a new generation of artists who are changing the face of classical music. One of the first all-female chamber ensembles to reach the top echelons of the field, the Eroica Trio is helping to break an age-old gender barrier.

But it's their supreme musicianship that's vaulted them to the top ranks. In addition to being a perennial HCCMF favorite, the Eroica Trio performs at music festivals throughout the world, including The Hollywood Bowl, Aspen, Mostly Mozart, Ravinia, and Spoleto, Italy. That's in addition to music education, concerts, masterclasses, and special children's shows at

schools and colleges throughout the country.

The trio's recognition extends beyond the world of chamber music to features in magazines such as Elle, Glamour, Vanity Fair,

South African Anton Nel has performed around the world – including Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival, and the Aspen and Blossom Music Festivals. In 2000 he was appointed as the Priscilla Pond Flawn Regents Professor of Piano and Chamber Music at the University of Texas at Austin.

Cellist Christopher Rex will join Nel for Schumann's "Five Pieces in Folk Style, Op. 102." Rex has served as principal cello of The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra for the past 25 years. He's also the Artistic Director of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival and is a founding member of its board of directors.

Schumann's "Fantasy Pieces, Op. 73" will be performed by Nels and clarinetist Laura Ardan. Ardan is the principal clarinet with the Atlanta Symphony. Prior to joining the ASO, she was the resident clarinetist and teaching artist for the Lincoln Center Institute and played in the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. In addition to performing in Highlands-Cashiers, Ardan regularly appears in many other festivals, including Tanglewood, Marlboro, Rockport, Mostly Mozart, the Grand Teton and Sewanee.

Concerts are held at 6 p.m. Fridays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturdays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers. Sunday concerts are staged at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

For more information about the festival and its full lineup of performances and events, visit [www.h-cmusicfestival.org](http://www.h-cmusicfestival.org) or call (828) 526-9060.





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Is a person's life successful if he or she is making a large salary? Certainly, that is the way that many people calculate success. But are they correct?

How about marriage? What makes a marriage successful? Is a marriage successful because a woman and a man have been together for twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years and have avoided both divorce and homicide? Marriage anniversaries are important, but do they point to the success of a marriage or only to its longevity?

What might be God's view of success?

Doctors for example, are successful not if they have a prosperous practice but if they bring healing to the sick. Lawyers are successful not if they are part of a profitable firm, but if they use learning, knowledge and talent to protect people and the community, to do good for people and the community, to be just. CEOs are successful not if they produce great profits for stockholders and give themselves large bonuses, but if they use their position power and authority for the benefit of their employees and community, upholding the rights and dignity of workers, paying a just wage and making their communities better.

How can we determine if a marriage is successful? Certainly, longevity does not determine the success of a marriage. A marriage is successful if husband and wife become better, more loving people through the mutual support they give and receive. People are called to the married vocation because this is where they will achieve holiness, realize their potential and become the people God longs for them to be.

How about parenting? What are the signs that people are good parents? Success in parenting is certainly not based on what your kids have, but who your kids are. The success of your parenting is evidenced in the decisions your children make throughout their lives.

What I'm saying is that the general concept of success is a fallacy. Success is not predicated on what we have, what honors we receive, what jobs we hold, etc. Success is predicated on how each of us has developed as a person.

For the Christian, we go one step, one infinite step, farther. Success is predicated on our ability to assume the person of Jesus Christ. St. Paul says that our lives are hidden with Christ in God in such a way that when Christ appears we appear. The personality of a Christian is so entwined with the person of Jesus Christ that Christ and the Christian, Christ in the Christian, must be one.

Therefore, success, true success, is never that which we have obtained. This is a completely different way of considering success. Success is not a present reality, it is a goal, the goal of Christian life. The goal is reached, the life is successful, when every aspect of life reflects the person of Jesus Christ. That is success.

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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events

## 'Dearly Departed' is first play of HCP's 16th season



"Dearly Departed," the Highlands Cashiers Players' production, opening Aug. 18, follows the tribulations of the Turpin family as they prepare for the funeral of the Daddy Bud.

The cast is a large one. In addition to the eight family members, seven other colorful Southern characters, bring the total to 15 actors. Add to that the eight Joy of Life Singers, who will perform during the preacher's radio broadcast and sing a medley of old fashioned hymns before the play begins.

Singers include Jeannette Brand, Diane Rosazza, Donna Cochran, Bob Tietze, Farrel Zehr, Michelle Hott, and Wayne and Annette Coleman, who have coordinated the ensemble.

The group will be accompanied on keyboard by Tom Wyse, who has also agreed to play the part of Merline, the irascible pianist for Depew's Funeral home where Daddy Bud is resting in peace.

All these characters add up to a hilarious comedy and the actors playing the Turpin family and friends are uniquely suited to their roles, according to director Virginia Talbot. "You wouldn't think the subject of a funeral would be funny," says Talbot, "but the laughs are almost continuous as these all-too-human characters struggle with their problems and relationships. Some may even remind you of some of your own family members."

"Dearly Departed" has proved to be a

sentimental favorite for the Players and its audience. This production marks the third time the Players have produced the popular comedy.

"Dearly Departed" is the first play of HCP's sixteenth season. The other three plays coming up are "Life With Father," in October, "You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running" in February, and "Leading Ladies" in May.

Season subscriptions are now on sale at a cost of \$65, a \$15 dollars savings over the per ticket price of \$20. Season brochures can be found in a variety of places around Highlands and Cashiers or can be picked up at PAC. "Dearly Departed" is sponsored in part by Building Technology Services of Highlands and Cashiers. It runs Aug. 19 - 22 and Aug. 27 through 29 with two performances scheduled for Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m., the matinees at 2:30.

The box office, 526-8084, is open August 12 and 13 for subscribers, August 14 for individual tickets.



### By Joseph Litsch

Like Peggy Jones, the ambitious pin-up sensation in "The Andrews Brothers," Erin Lorette is a take-charge kind of girl. The clinched fist attitude of "Rosie the Riveter" fits her perfectly.

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## • HEALTH MATTERS •

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By Dr. Robert Buchanan  
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- Remove the thickened outer dead cell layer using products containing Alpha

Hydroxy Acids, &/or use Microdermabrasion, Dermaplaning &/or Micro-Peels by an aesthetician.

- Restore the normal pH and protective layer with topical Vitamin-C and/or balancing toner.

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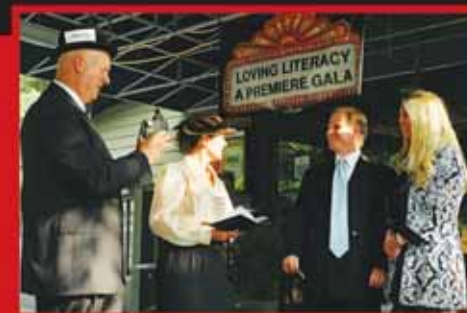
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## • HOSPITAL NEWS •

### Internal Medicine Physician at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital offers helpful tips to stay cool and healthy this summer.

With the constant, above average temperatures, even in the Highlands-Cashiers area, heat exposure concerns are not to be taken lightly. Many people may experience serious problems associated with the warm temperatures.

Exposures to excessive heat can become dangerous when our bodies do not properly cool down to a sustainable temperature. Under circumstances when the body's temperature rises rapidly, our system will compensate and cool down by sweating. Sometimes though, sweating isn't enough. When one's body temperature reaches extreme levels, brain damage or damage to vital organs can occur.

"Age can play a major role in how our bodies deal with the heat," said Dr. Richard Stewart, Board Certified Internal Medicine Physician. "Our senior residents are more susceptible to temperature extremes. This can be attributed to decreases elasticity of blood vessels, certain medications, and an increased risk of dehydration," said Dr. Stewart.

### ... PLASTIC SURGERY continued from page 18

Presently SPF indicates only the effectiveness of UVB blockage and protection from sunburn. Wearing a sunscreen with high SPF without UVA blockers only increases the length of time you stay in the sun, and, thus, the amount of exposure to the

The older we get, the less our blood vessels dilate, meaning the less heat the body releases. Beta blockers found in blood pressure medications and nitrates for cardiac control also effect the constriction of blood vessels while diuretics, cause the body to rid salts greatly affecting the probability of dehydration.

Humidity is another major factor. "When humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate as quickly, in turn preventing the release of heat," said Dr. Stewart. Other factors include obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, prescription drug and alcohol use.

The best defense is to be knowledgeable and prepared. Prevention is the key said Dr. Stewart. "Several things to remember during extreme heat conditions are: drink plenty of fluids and increase with exposure, make sure to replace the salt your body loses when sweating with minerals from a sports drink, wear appropriate clothing (light weight and light col-

harmful UVA rays causing more cellular damage. We recommend you apply a sunblock containing CLEAR Zinc Oxide of at least 5% every day. Our office carries nothing but zinc oxide sun blocks from 6.8 – 18%.

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## • HOSPITAL NEWS •

### Highlands-Cashiers Hospital hosts its Annual Medical Symposium August 13<sup>th</sup>

Yearly, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and its Board of Directors offers area physicians, active and retired, the opportunity to attend a continuing educational seminar by the way of medical symposiums. This summer's seminar will focus on "Advances in Cardiology" and "Evolving Treatments of Breast Cancer."

Dr. Don Mullen, Hospital Director and Program Coordinator says "I am very pleased

with the continuing education activities we are able to offer the active, semi-retired, and retired physicians in our area. "In addition, we are also opening the educational program to anyone with interest in either of the two healthcare topics."

On the agenda for the seminar is Dr. Byron Williams, Jr., Chief of Medicine at Emory University Hospital, who will discuss the latest information involving advances in

Cardiology and Dr. Edward Copeland, Retired Chief of Surgery at the University of Florida, will discuss evolving treatments of breast cancer.

"This is certainly a wonderful way in which we can have a significant impact on the quality of medicine that which we all have a great appreciation for," said Mullen.

"It's a wonderful benefit to our medical community and I am thankful we can offer."

The event will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic in Suite 103 beginning at 8 am. A buffet breakfast will be served. Individuals interested in attending the Medical Symposium must RSVP to 526-1434 in which seating is limited.

### Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Hospice transitioning to Four Seasons

The leadership of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has announced that their hospice services are in the process of transitioning ownership to Four Seasons, a non-profit hospice and palliative care agency based in Flat Rock, NC. Effective October 1, this seamless transfer of services will assure that hospice care will continue to be provided locally. "The Four Seasons staff will have a satellite location here on our Hospital campus and will continue to work with our doctors and volunteers," said Craig James, President and CEO.

Four Seasons, has been providing a high level of compassionate and professional care for people in need of end-of-life-care in Western North Carolina since 1981.

"The decision to select Four Seasons as an alternative way to provide hospice and

palliative care was based on their reputation as one of the top hospice agencies in North Carolina and one of the premier hospice agencies in the country," said Mr. James. "We also based our decision on the assurance that our local residents will continue to have access to the finest possible end-of-life care." Four Seasons was one of only three organizations in the United States to receive the prestigious Circle of Life Award.

Mr. James said that the contributions to HCH Foundation's Hospice Fund will continue to be restricted for local hospice services. On October 1, HCH's Foundation will transfer monies held in the fund for hospice to Four Seasons, where the donor's intent to support hospice care for our communities will be honored.

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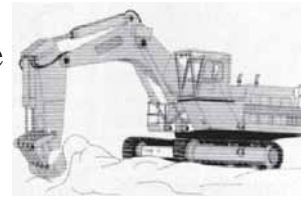
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Trey Butler, Josh Donahue and Brett Parker — who double as the Andrews Brothers and the Andrews Sisters.

The setting is a South Seas island where a USO show featuring the Andrews Sisters is about to go on. But a case of chicken pox strands the real Andrews Sisters in Hawaii and seemingly scraps the show. Peggy has other plans. This is her big chance to prove she's more than just a pretty picture and she's not about to let it slip away.

Peggy Jones seems to have been written for Erin. She's the most popular pin-up girl of World War II, known around the world for her face and form. She's out to prove she has a talent for singing and dancing as impressive as her physical attributes.

She's landed a spot in a USO show — her big chance to grab spotlight, but word comes that the famous sisters are quarantined in Hawaii, so the show is canned. And so, it seems, is Peggy's big chance. Here's where her determination takes over and she convinces three 4-f stage hands that together they can make the show go on. As expected, the show goes on; Peggy is a smash; the brothers

make great sisters; and the USA wins the war. Back home in Atlanta, Erin also works in auditions and shows and enjoys being a working actress. "I do a lot of children's theater and so far, everything I have done has been a musical," she said.

"This is a really fast-paced show and it's hard to catch my breath, but I feel like I have my show legs now," Erin said. "There were lots of days when I went home and I was singing all the songs in my head."

It didn't help that these are songs totally unfamiliar to Erin and most of her peers. She's 26 and barely remembers vinyl records, much less 78rpms, which all of the songs in "The Andrews Brothers" were.

Erin grew up in the Atlanta area and attended Woodward Academy in College Park. From there, she went on to the Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University. "I spent a summer in New York auditioning then came back to Atlanta, and I started getting jobs here," she said.

Then, came the Highlands Playhouse offer, Erin's dream summer job. "I could do this show forever," she said.

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both past owners, have much to do with the current habit. The reminder, "We Drive on the Left" is posted everywhere, including the windshield of our rental car. Perhaps it is local choice, a device to create a Saint Croix culture separate from that of the States. It gives the place a foreign feeling when driving to K-Mart.

People here seem so thoroughly blended and so comfortable with one another, as if it is the melting pot we on the mainland aspire to be. It is as if they have taken the flour, milk, eggs and chocolate and baked a chocolate cake, rather than the marble cake to the north.



RBC Bank raises money for 'Relay'

RBC Bank sponsored a Relay for Life fundraising event on Friday, July 30th. Manager Sue Gorski said there was a great turn-out, and the event raised around \$175 from the sale of home-cooked lunch plates.

Town begins disbursing grant  
requests to nonprofits



Highlands Mayor David Wilkes presents Joanna Baumrucker, vice-president of the Highlands Playhouse board, a \$12,000 check from the Town of Highlands. The Playhouse was one of six recipients of grant funding this year. The town is disbursing \$34,600 in grants.

Mountain Findings begins  
disbursing profits to nonprofits



Highlands Community Child Development Center: Carol Marrotti (MFV) and Pat Hedden, Director, the children are from the 3-5 year old class (our donation is made to the scholarship fund which supplements parent-paid tuition for those children not receiving state subsidy support) \$5,000.



Highlands Fire and Rescue: Richard Grove (MFV) and James "Popcorn" Manley, Chief (Rich is a retired fireman from Chicago, the donation will be applied to the remaining debt incurred to purchase the ladder truck) \$5,000.

Over the coming weeks other recipients will be featured.


New 'Town of Highlands Flag  
Committee' has first meeting

Some months ago, the Town Board OK'd the formation of a committee to come up with a flag and town emblem. The committee plans to gather renderings of artwork plus ideas from the community to ultimately produce a flag and emblem. A dedicated website, to be announced later, will be available for anyone wishing to submit artwork or any suggestions. Things to keep in mind are colors representing the area, landscapes, the town's founding date, civic organizations, etc.


Flags will also be available for purchase. Everyone is encouraged to participate over the next few months and information on deadlines and judging for all submissions will follow.

Committee members are: Mayor David Wilkes, Town Manager Jim Fatland, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Bob Kiltyka, GIS Technician Matt Shuler, Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward, Marketing Director of Old Edwards Inn & Spa Amanda Sullivan and Lillian "Pete" McCall who represents Highlands history. Wanda Drake, owner of Drakes Diamond Gallery and wife of Town Commissioner Gary Drake was appointed chair of the committee. She was the chair of the 1975 Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs for East Point City Flag Committee.

In coming weeks, the committee will announce the type of award to be given to the winning design. The new Town of Highlands flag will be on permanent display and available for viewing at public institutions such as the Town Hall, Civic Center, and the Community Building.



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## Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from July 29. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**July 29**

• At 11:03 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Main and Fourth streets.

**July 30**

• At 4:30 p.m., a vicious dog was reported in a vehicle parked outside Subway in Highlands Plaza.

**July 31**

• At 12:50 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at US 64 east and Cullasaja Drive.

• At 2:20 a.m., a suspicious person was reported sitting on the side N. 4th St. He was waiting for a ride.

• At 4:55 a.m., a resident on S. 4th St. reported hearing gun shots. Officers found two shots in a nearby sign.

• At 7 p.m., officers conducted a welfare check at a residence on Cobb Road. Everything was OK.

• At 11:46 p.m., Marshall Pasternak, 54, of Miami, FL, was arrested for driving left of center on Rock Hill Road and DWI. He was released on a \$500 secured bond.

**Aug. 1**

• At 4:04 a.m., officers responded to a call of impaired people trying to drive while intoxicated.

• At 7:59 p.m., a resident trying to get to his home via Log Cabin Road reported a chain across the road. He was told to access his home via Talley Road.

**Aug. 2**

• At 7:48 a.m., attempted arson and breaking and

entering was reported at the Highlands Mountain Club clubhouse.

• During the week, police officers responded to 2 alarms and issued 9 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from July 29:

**July 29**

• At 2:45 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Walhalla Road. It was cancelled en route.

• At 9:49 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers which was cancelled en route.

**July 31**

• At 12:47 p.m., the dept. responded to a minor motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 west.

• At 10:46 p.m., the dept. responded to a medical alarm

on Crescent Court. It was false.

**Aug. 1**

• At 7:14 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Harris Dr. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 3:41 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street. It was false.

• At 4:01 p.m., the dept. assisted Scaly FD at a motorcycle accident on NC 106 south.

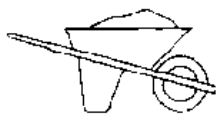
• At 4:21 p.m., the dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Highlands Plaza. The victim was taken to the hospital.

**Aug. 2**

• At 7:45 a.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on US 64 west. The victim was taken to the ER.

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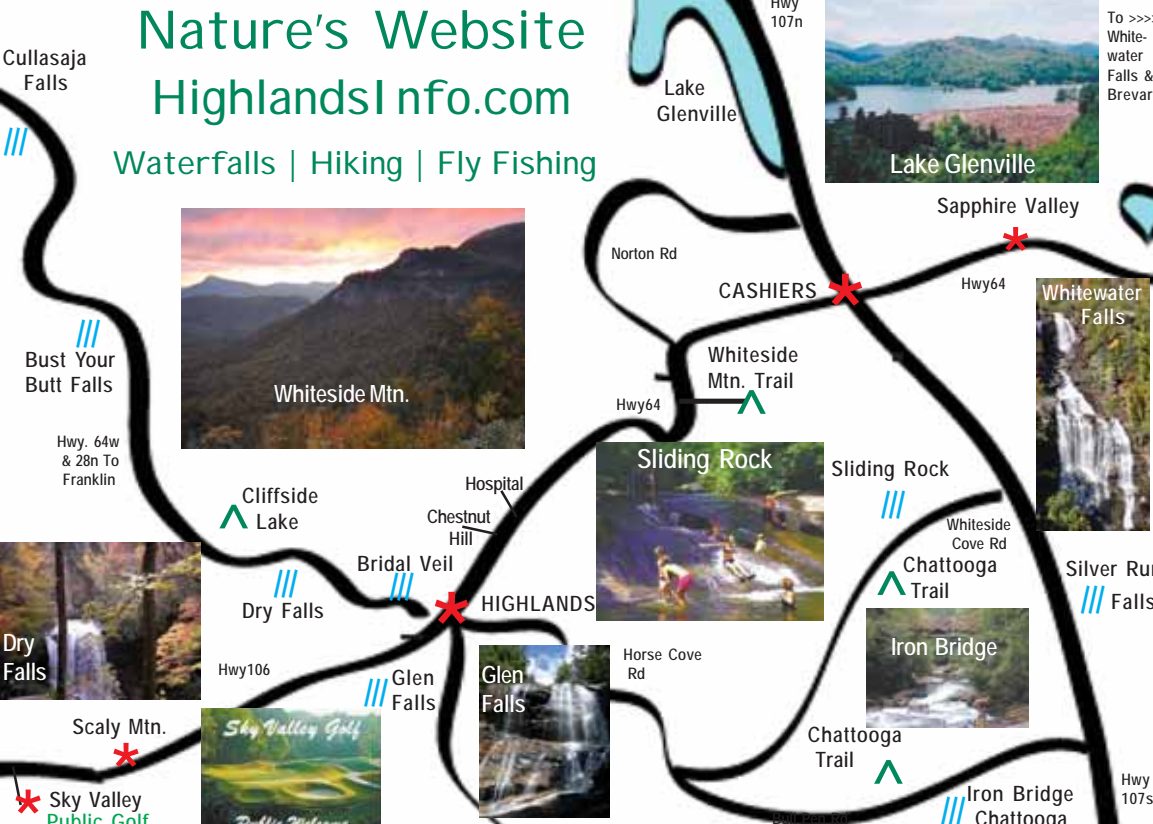
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