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This Week in Highlands

Friday & Saturdays

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

Saturdays

• 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 cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

Through Sat., July 3

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Smokey Joe's Cafe," a musical, theater revue, featuring 40 of the greatest songs. For tickets call 828-526-2695.

Friday, July 2

• Free Mountain Music Concert with Mountain Faith of Sylva in old gym at Highlands School. Dance demonstrations and instruction from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The band performs from 7:30-9.

• Live Jazz Music at El Azteca, 70 Highlands Plaza, across from Bryson's Food Store.

• The Nature Center presents "Nature by Night." Learn about adaptations of nocturnal animals through a variety of fun games, activities, and observations along the garden trails. *Bring a flashlight!* \$2 per person, advanced registration requested.

Saturday, July 3

• See lineup on Front Page.

Monday, July 4

• Live Jazz Music at El Azteca restaurant, 70 Highlands Plaza, across from Bryson's Food Store.

Tuesday, July 6

• (CLE Lecture) Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour, PAC 1 - 3, cost \$20 CLE members, \$30 non-members

Wed., July 7

• Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Gerald Carper, organ.

• Dinner to benefit the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to HCCMF. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.

PB discusses attendance and surety bond

The Planning Board OK'd the subdivision of a piece of property in town, but most discussion involved attendance and a surety bond amendment to the sedimentation & erosion control ordinance.

The attendance of member John Underwood, who is often unable to stay for entire meetings due to his commitment to boy scouts, spurred conversation about attendance in general.

Members of the Planning Board can't miss three meetings in a row or four for the entire year. Though Underwood rarely misses a meeting, he rarely stays for the final vote which concerns some members.

"When he's here, he makes good contributions to the meeting, but then he usually can't stay for the vote," said Cooley. "I need to know if this is OK with the board."

Some members said they didn't care, but others said the absence of his vote is felt.

The board instructed newly elected Chairman Thomas Craig to address the Town Board, which is the next step in changing policy or member-makeup. Mike Bryson was elected Vice Chairman at Monday's June 28 meeting.

The Town Board wants a per-
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Photo by Jim Lewicki

Highlands pulls out all the stops for July 4th Weekend

Activities and fireworks take place Saturday, July 3

• 10 a.m. - Old-fashioned games for all ages at the ballfield.
• 11 a.m. - At the Ball Field, the Boy Scouts will be shooting off water rockets. Parents are asked to bring empty 2-liter soda bottles with them if their kids want to participate. Questions? Call Mike at 526-1841.

• 11 a.m. - At the Bird Barn at Falls on Main, American Bald Eagle and other Raptors.

• From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Highlands Rotary annual BBQ at the Community Center next to the Ballfield. BBQ pork and chicken sandwich plates are \$8 and hot dog plates are \$6. BBQ pork by the pound is \$12.

• At noon - The Mama helicopter will land in the field for tours inside the copter and Highlands Fire & Rescue will have

the new Ladder Truck on the field, too.

• From 3-8 p.m. - A July 4 celebration at Skyline Lodge on Flat Mountain Road. BBQ, swimming, and the Hurricane Creek Band. BBQ 3-8 p.m., dancing 9 p.m., until midnight and fireworks at midnight. Tickets are \$20; children under 12 free.

At 8 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church of Highlands presents its annual patriotic concert in its sanctuary at Main and 5th streets before the fireworks. It's free. Come dressed as you are. There will be over in plenty of time to view the town fireworks display.

At 9 p.m. - Fireworks display. View from anywhere in town.

Shops all over town are having sales. Don't miss them!

Town of Highlands announcements and tidbits

• Effective immediately, Town Hall will remain open during lunch periods. Office hours are 8 AM to 4:30 PM

• Electric Department crews are in the process of replacing old meters with radio read meters. During the change over, customers will experience a power interruption for a few minutes.

• Highlands Town Board will be attending a joint meeting with Macon County Board of Commissioners and Town of Franklin Board of Commissioners on July 15 at 6 PM at Mill Creek Country Club

• State officials representing the North Carolina Main Street Program

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

On the Catholic dilemma

Dear Editor,

My cousin, Patti Hampton, mailed me a copy of the June 10, 2010 Highlands' Newspaper with the excellent article by columnist Fred Wooldridge. He tells it like it is.

I am a "cradle" Catholic, and like him I am not going to leave our church because of the behavior of people (virtually all men) who are supposed to be our leaders. I have chosen to excommunicate them. However, I welcome any one of them back to our church if they repent and follow the instructions Jesus gives.

You are probably aware that some people who will read his article will very possibly be "triggered" to remember abuse they suffered earlier in their life, or know someone who was abused. You might refer such people to a world-wide helping organization called SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests; www.snapnetwork.org). SNAP has broadened its outreach to offer help to people who were/are abused by religious authorities of any faith. Keep up your good work.

Vince Grenough
Cocoa Beach FL

A difference of opinion

Dear Editor,

The sad thing about Fr. Murphy's recent Spiritually Speaking article "Christianity and Culture" is that he has bought into the very thing he defends against.

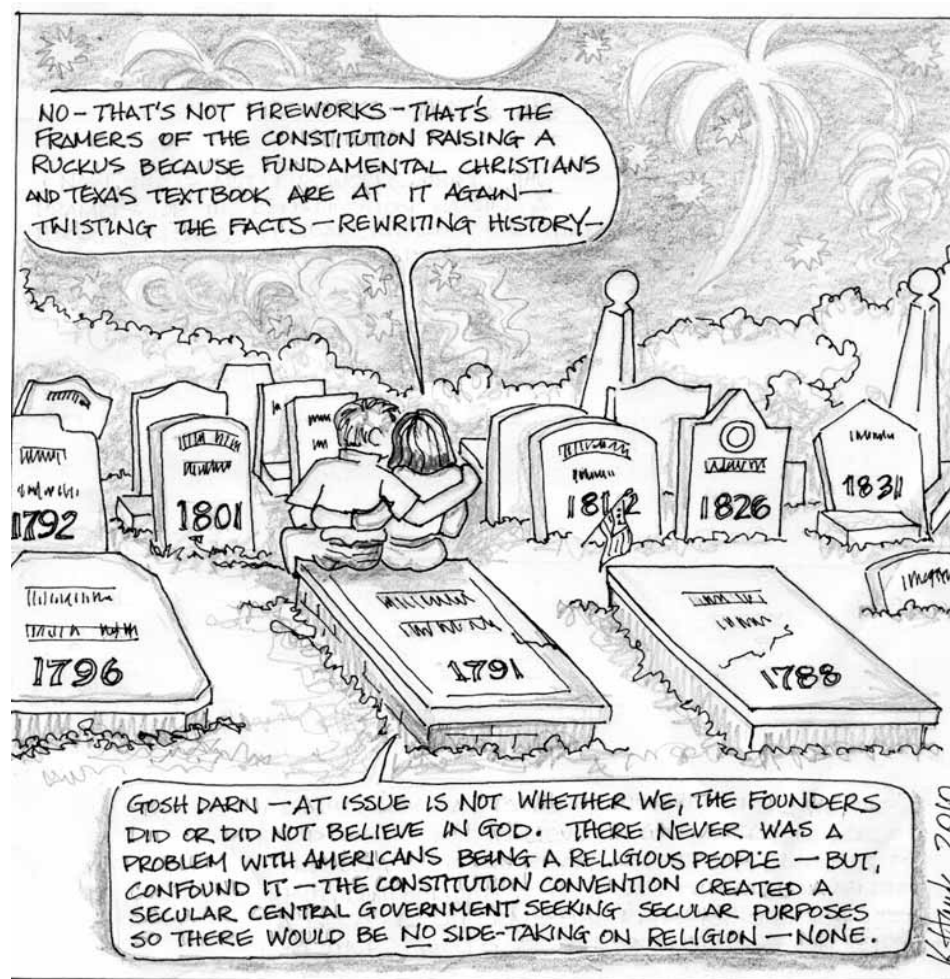
He has bought into the deepest level of culture which at its worst polarizes ideas and people into two distinct sides, and then demonizes the other side. The Anglican Church since its inception in the 1540s was founded in a culture dominated by this type of polarization. The Anglican Church, of which the Episcopal Church is a member, has always been defined by holding two sides together and chartering a third way – the *via media*.

The Episcopal Church is leading culture to a traditional, reasoned, scriptural definition of community that seeks Christ in all persons, respects the dignity of every human being, and preaches the Good News of Christ in word and deeds.

However, I must agree with Fr. Murphy on two points. The Episcopal Church tends to be an echo chamber and its clergy are followers.

When you walk into an Episcopal Church you will hear the core of scripture

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



echoing in words and deeds, such as, Matthew 25:45, Mark 9:37, Luke 11:2, John 15:12, 1 Cor. 12:25, Galatians 3:28. And as clergy we are followers of the one who spoke these words while being silenced by the religious authority that used cultural language to divide their community: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Respectfully,
The Rev. Brian Sullivan,
Rector of the Episcopal Church of
the Incarnation

Some constructive criticism

Dear Editors,

I was visiting your area while taking a workshop at Highlands Biological Research Station and enjoyed reading your paper. However, in the interest of scientific and historical literacy, I would like to make a few comments on articles in your June 24 paper.

In her "History Lesson for July 4," Gladys Calloway, provides a quote from the Mayflower Compact as a reason for Columbus coming to the New World. Columbus arrived south of Florida in 1492. The Mayflower Compact was written at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Later she refers to a 1777 statement by the first US Supreme Court Chief Justice. There was no Supreme Court (or Chief Justice) until after the Constitution written in 1787 and ratified in 1789 took effect and our first president elected! (The first Chief Justice would have been John Jay in 1789). There was no Supreme Court or President under our first "constitution," the Articles of Confederation (which were not ratified until 1781!)

In his "Itsy Bitsy Spider" article Fred Wooldridge refers to the spotted owl in Miami. I believe he means the burrowing owl found only in southern Florida. Spotted owls are found only in the Pacific Northwest. I would give either species a little more respect than Fred.

And finally, Grant Connette in his fine article about the age of the Appalachians refers to Granite as metamorphic rock. Granite is igneous rock (although schist and gneiss are metamorphosed granite.)

Thanks for helping us keep the facts straight - printed words can last a long time!.

Jan Ianniello
Candler, NC

Here's to birthdays

Dear Editor,

WOO HOO! Who knew that celebrating a 60th Birthday could be so much fun!! I had a blast with all four kids home — it

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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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• OBITUARIES •

Charles G. Caye, Sr.

Charles G. Caye, Sr., age 82, died on June 22, 2010. He was born in Atlanta, GA, the son of the late William C. Caye, Sr., and Catherine G. Caye. He honorably served in Germany during WWII-US Army 7th Field Artillery-Big Red 1 as a Staff Sergeant and Medic. He was an accomplished businessman and President & CEO of WC Caye & Co. until his retirement. An avid golfer, he was a Foundation Member of the Atlanta Golf Classic and the Atlanta Country Club. He was the consummate family man. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older brother, William C. Caye, Jr.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Dorothy Godwin Caye; brother, John C. Caye; children, Melinda Caye Bernt (Ron), Charles Giddings Caye, Jr (Deborah), and Morris Godwin Caye; grandchildren, Heath Agee, Lindsay Caye, Jonathan Agree, Charles Giddings Caye, III, Adrienne Caye Chamberlin (Tray), Caroline Caye, Ashlee H. Caye, Brittain H. Caye, & Jayson H. Caye; great-grandson, Whit Agee and several nieces and nephews.

A private service and burial was held in



Highlands, NC on June 25, 2010 with the Rev. Robert Fain officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to a Hospice of your choice.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Billy Jack Stewart

Billy Jack Stewart, age 72, of Jodytown Road, Cashiers, NC, died Saturday, June 26, 2010 at his residence. He was a native of Jackson County, the son of the late John Luther Stewart and Ollie Mae Moss Stewart. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donette Burnette Stewart. He had worked in construction as a painter. He was a US Veteran, having served in the National Guard. He loved to farm and was a member of Yellow Mountain Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Karen Wooten and Donna Collins both of Greer, SC; a son, Brian Stewart of the home, two brothers, Odell Stewart of Jodytown, and John Edward Stewart of Pickens, SC; five grandchildren, Kimberly McConnell, Joshua Coggins, J. C. Gregg, Andrea Bryson and Richard McConnell; five great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 30th at 2:00pm in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands, with Rev. Johnny Norris officiating. Burial was in Stewarts Burial Ground. Pallbearers were Mitch Bryson, Brent Sprinkle, David Chastain, Harley Evitt, Richard McConnell, and Isaac Bumgarner.

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"All in the Family" Dvorak, Martinu, Beethoven

Sunday/Monday, July 25/26

Albers Trio and Ransom Duo
"All in the Family" – Dohnanyi, Dvorak

Friday/Saturday, July 30/31

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Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup, harp; Lea Kibler, flute
Bach, Debussy, Dvorak

Sunday/Monday, August 1/2

William Preucil, violin; Charae Krueger, cello;
Yinzi Kong, viola; Victor Asuncion, piano
Martinu, Chopin, Schumann

Friday/Saturday, August 6/7

The Eroica Trio – Beethoven, Schumann

Sunday/Monday, August 8/9

Anton Nel, piano; Brice Andrus, horn;
Laura Ardan, clarinet; Christopher Rex, cello
Chopin, Schumann

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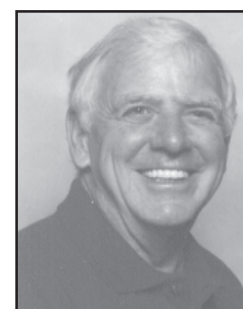


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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

“Was it good for you?”

Women some times they ask the dumbest questions. This would also include my li'l missus. “Was it good for you?” she asked. Ha, a ridiculous question. I mean, what's not to like? There I was lyin' flat on my back in total ecstasy, my eyes glazed, and she asked “Was it good for you?” How could it possibly have not been good for me?



Fred Wooldridge

But wait, I'm ahead of my story. It all started right after dinner. She got that little twinkle in her eyes that I've seen many times. Then she smiled that evil smile I've also seen many times. She asked, “Wanna get some sugar, big guy?”

Adrenaline poured through me. I was so excited. “I'm up for it, sweet baby,” I responded. We quickly cleared the dishes from the table and headed for the bedroom to prepare. We don't do this as often as we used to now that we're older than dirt. Maybe once a month, maybe not. Still, when it does happen there's always fireworks, horns and whistles for both of us.

We sat on the bed and smiled at each other, then, as though we had rehearsed it a thousand times, we put on our sneakers. Excitement filled the air. Now it was decision time. Do we go to SweetTreats or Kilwin's for our fix? We love both places so we flipped a coin. SweetTreats won. We'll do Kilwin's next time. The walk from our house to the store seemed to take forever. I was lusting but not like Jimmy Carter.

“Let's see, I'll have the chocolate yogurt with raspberries, walnuts, chocolate chips and Oreos in a chocolate dipped waffle cone with two marshmallows in the bottom,” I said to the cashier who looked to be no more than 12-years-old. The li'l missus is always much more conservative than I with consumption of her sweets. She ordered the chocolate yogurt with almonds ... period. *What control she has*, I thought.

Once we had our cones it was decision time again. “Where ya wanna do this?” I asked. Not waiting for her to answer, I asked,

“Ya wanna go over to the old Dog Poop Park on 5th Street and take in the beautiful flora and fauna?” She laughed. “Nah, let's sit on the store's porch bench so when you're finished licking, you can lie back in ecstasy.”

As I shoved the last of the cone into my mouth, I fell over backwards on the bench, my tongue exhausted from all the licking. I shouted, “Yes, yes, yes.”

Then she asked, “Was it good for you?”

Without opening my eyes, I shot back, “I'm not even going to entertain such a ridiculous question. How 'bout you?” “Ditto,” she said.

The walk home is always grueling because it's uphill most of the way. And because we know there are hundreds and hundreds of calories coursing through our systems, we never drive to town to consume our sweets. Calories in calories out is our motto. Of course we're not kidding ourselves. We've done the math and it's not good. We realize we don't dispose of near enough calories on our walk home to burn the calories we gulped down while pigging out on chocolate yogurt. Still, it's always worth it.

The walk home was uneventful. The sun was setting and we knew that's when the bears start to roam. And we've got bears on our lonely road to home. Having yogurt breath added extra danger to our trip. I envisioned a bear holding me down and licking the inside of my mouth. Yuck! We also discussed ways we could burn even more calories once we got home. Anyway, we made it without attacks from bears, snakes, or raccoons. Maybe they don't like chocolate yogurt. Who knows?

The next morning while having coffee, the li'l missus smiled, put her hand on my arm and asked, “Well, was it?”

“Was it what?” I asked.

“You know,” she responded. “Was it good for you?”

I smiled and shot back, “Most definitely I just love chocolate yogurt.”

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formance bond attached to the erosion control ordinance – similar to the county's bond and the bond incorporated into the recent stormwater ordinance. Members said sedimentation problems at the RiverWalk development instigated the request but since it only applies to tracts where over an acre of land is disturbed, some wondered why it was necessary since large undeveloped tracts in the town are nil.

“With a surety bond, if a developer goes bankrupt and doesn't have the money to fix

something, the town will have the money to fix it,” said Cooley. “It's a fail safe thing.”

The board is looking at bonds from other municipalities and will decide what amount should be affixed to the bond or whether a “letter of credit” from a bank is good enough.

The board voted unanimously to allow Dwight Bryant, of 260 Franklin Road, to subdivide his 1.6 acres zoned B4. A four-bedroom home is planned on the property where Bryant Art Glass is located.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

On memorializaing a snake ...

Marley is doing well following his snake bite a week ago. Several readers asked about him. There was a report in the neighborhood that it was I who was bitten, and another that someone had killed a large rattler near the spot where Marley was bitten. It turns out that a resident had run over a rattlesnake and that another person had "finished him off." That event took place two days before Marley was bitten.



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tainer. Lizzie consented to relinquishing the vat, obviously relieved that I hadn't pursued the Brisker idea. Bull and I carefully placed the snake in the bowl, whose shape would be idea for transporting brownies, and filled it with anti-freeze. It's in the basement now, being preserved.

Bull just walked in and asked what we were going to do with the snake. I admitted that I had no idea. "I guess we didn't think that far

Bull, who had Marley on lead at the time of attack, mentioned that he had heard rattling just before Marley yelped and retreated from the tall grass. Bull is a pretty savvy mountain kid, so I'll take him at his word. We found a dead rattler this morning. He was a little guy. The span between his fangs measure just less than one half inch. Puncture wounds are still visible on Marley's muzzle, and measure a full seven eighths inch. I guess Marley was lucky to survive with nothing more than a sizable vet bill.

I brought the dead snake home with the idea of mummifying it. It is my understanding the hot dry conditions can lead to natural mummification. Then again, freeze dried mummies also occur. We have a largely useless kitchen appliance, a Brisker, which is intended to keep chips crispy. It occupies considerable counter space and consumes an unknown amount of electricity, but our chips are crisp. I thought it might be an ideal mummification chamber with conditions which would promote desiccation rather than purification. No one wants a putrefied snake in his (her) Brisker.

I was pretty sure Lizzie wouldn't be keen on the idea of a desiccated snake either, but in the interest of science, I mentioned it anyway. After Lizzie rejected my plan, I turned to the Internet. It seems that I might have been the first person interested in mummifying a timber rattler, although there were a good many descriptions of wet preservation and preserving the skin. I considering cutting off the rattle, making a key chain, and throwing the body off the deck. I also thought the head might look dandy on my desk.

In case you're wondering, anti-freeze seems to be the agent of choice for preserving snakes, although a significant minority of contributors objected to the florescent green color. We rummaged through the kitchen and found a large Tupperware like con-

tainer. Lizzie consented to relinquishing the vat, obviously relieved that I hadn't pursued the Brisker idea. Bull and I carefully placed the snake in the bowl, whose shape would be idea for transporting brownies, and filled it with anti-freeze. It's in the basement now, being preserved.

Bull just walked in and asked what we were going to do with the snake. I admitted that I had no idea. "I guess we didn't think that far ahead," he smiled mischievously. The truth of the matter is that I haven't thought very far ahead. I had imagined posing the snake in an ambush position and mummifying him. I envisioned his mouth agape, menacing fangs exposed. Now I don't know that I'll ever be able to take him out of his anti-freeze bath, and if I were, what would I do with him then? Who needs a dead snake, especially a fluorescent green one? I've wasted half a gallon of Prestone and defiled a piece of heirloom Tupperware. What was I thinking? I'm so much better on week days.

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legal or carrying costs while the foreclosure process plays out, which can sometimes even take years.

And, frankly, short sales are great options for savvy buyers. The short sale process is still a mystery to many people, even after all these years. Lots of buyer's agents are confused; puzzled buyers are looking for direction, and not every short sale listing agent knows how to do a short sale.

Two of our agents at Meadows Mountain Realty are experts in short sales. Tammy Mobley received the coveted Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) Designation in 2009 and Tom Goldacker completed the Short Sale and Foreclosure Course earlier this year to receive his SFR Designation.

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will be visiting Highlands on July 6th. Town of Highlands is one of five finalists. Three towns will be selected to participate in the Main Street Program.

• Town of Highlands will not be having a regularly scheduled meeting on July 7th. Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board will be on July 21 at 7 PM at the

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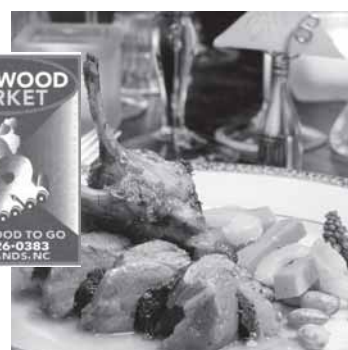
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• COACH'S CORNER •

The things I remember ...

One of the things about getting older is that you take a little time to reflect back upon the time that you have been on this earth and the experiences you have had.

This week, having reached the milestone of 3-0, I went back in the old memory banks and came up with a few observations on the past 30 years.

Top 5 sporting memories in my lifetime

5. US beats Algeria in extra time-the reaction in the Rib Shack was tremendous and it was great to have everyone in America cheering for the same team.

4. Boise State defeats Oklahoma- one of those games where everyone was talking about it the next morning. Three trick plays to finish off the Sooners.

3. Duke defeats UNLV 79-77 in 1991. My parents wouldn't let me stay up to watch the game since I was only 10, but in the morning the "Easter Bunny" left me a present in my basket that said simply "Duke 79, UNLV 77." I'll never forget that score, and it was an awe-



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some present for a kid learning to love sports.

2. Saints win the Super Bowl. Growing up a Saints fan was never easy, but it was all worth it this February when Drew Brees and company won the Super Bowl.

1. Duke 104-Kentucky 103...the shot. What made it even sweeter was that my uncle called to gloat about

Duke's loss and was stunned when he realized he had celebrated prematurely. Great shot by a clutch player.

5 observations on getting older

1. When I was a kid and played in those lazy river pools I used to wonder why adults just wanted to lay in the tube and float slowly...now I wonder why those blessed kids can't quit playing and just relax

2. When you get older everyone younger than you makes fun of you and calls you old, and everyone older than you tells you not to lament because you are still young- quite a set of mixed messages.

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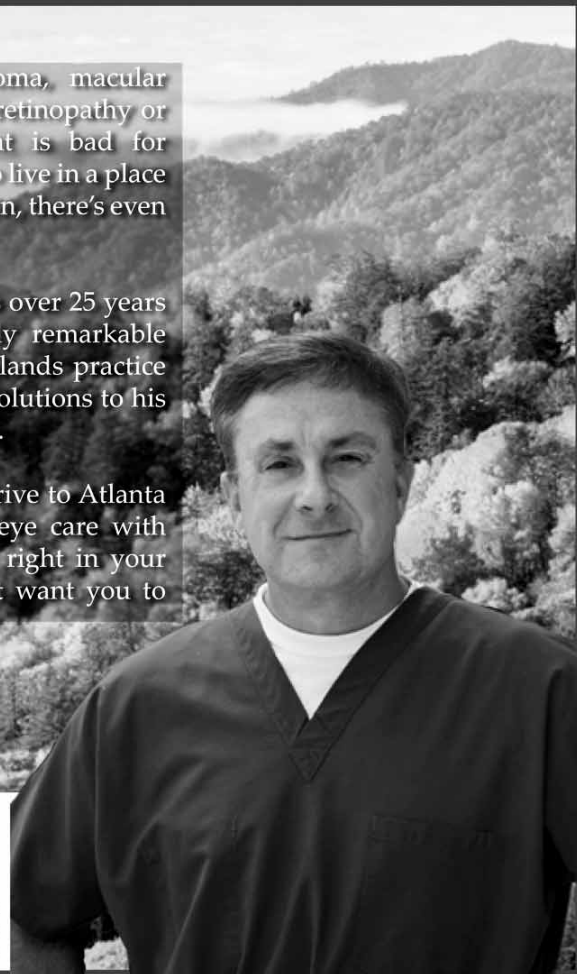
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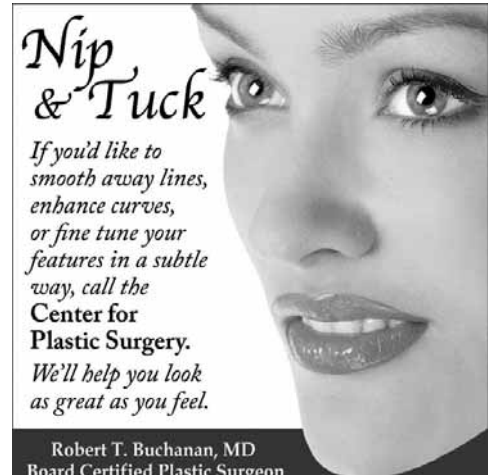
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I've got some good news and I've got some bad news. First, the good news. Miley Cyrus, the ex-Disney Channel Queenlet, whom we prayed wouldn't turn smarmy, but has, restored our Hall of

Shame by trying to out-gaga Lady Gaga, whoever she is. All I know about her was to see her, half-dressed, or half undressed, take your pick, at a ball game, Yankee's I think. What is with these wacky broads, anyway?

Aside from showing off a not very memorable bod, what does she do?

I have made a serious strategic mistake in organizing my time this week. I've discovered that, during the time I've allotted for writing this week, there is a College World Series game being televised, a World Cup soccer game, currently in OT with the US behind, and a Braves' game. So, if I make less sense than usual, you can understand my attention is somewhat divided.



Don Swanson
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The travail of General Stan McChrystal, ex-military leader in the war in Afghanistan, is perplexing, to say the least. How on Earth did a battle-hardened,

highly educated and hopefully street smart guy ever allow a reporter from *Rolling Stone*, an ultra liberal magazine, to live with his entourage for a month is a total mystery to me. For a man, whose judgment could strongly influence the future of a nation, to make such a no-win decision boggles the imagination.

I keep on hoping to hear some explanation like "the administration ordered me to do it", but nothing is forthcoming to explain this lack of sense. It is easy to envision a bunch of the troops sitting around in some bar blasting the snot out of the ci-

vilian directors of this absurdity, even (or especially) the commanding General, but to have a reporter in the midst and assume that this inbred won't spill his guts, is misguided at best, stupid at worst. Oh well, Petraeus isn't a bad replacement.

On the subject of replacements, let's look at the confirmation hearings starting tomorrow as I write this. Elena Kagan will soon replace Justice John Paul Stevens on the Supreme Court. So, we're trading one liberal for another, what's the big deal? Well, there are liberals, and then there are liberals. Kagan has a brilliant academic record, culminating in her being made Dean of Harvard Law School.

While there, she banished the military from *her* campus, taking exception to the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. There are a lot of things that make me uncomfortable about her that will come out in the hearings

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Short sales – An alternative to foreclosure

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To help understand how a short sale differs from a foreclosure, it may be helpful to point out that short sales can also be referred to as "pre-foreclosure sales" which, as the name implies, precedes the home being officially repossessed or foreclosed on by the lender.

When lenders agree to do a short sale in real estate, it means the lender is accepting less than the total amount due. Banks grant short sales for two reasons: the seller has a hardship, and the seller owes more on the mortgage than the home is worth.

It might seem counterintuitive for a lender to go along with a short sale. After all, a lender is legally entitled to pursue the full balance of the loan. Foreclosure is an expensive and time-consuming process for a lender. By agreeing to a short sale, the lender wraps up this little mess quickly, and perhaps with less of a loss than it would have incurred with a foreclosure.

Remember, after foreclosing, the lender owns the home and has to maintain it, insure it and pay taxes on it. So instead of receiving payments each month, the lender is now forking out money every month. Plus, short sales help the lender look good on paper — the property never gets listed as an actual foreclosure, which helps the lender's numbers look



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better to bank regulators. They see it as the lesser of two evils — if the numbers make sense for them.

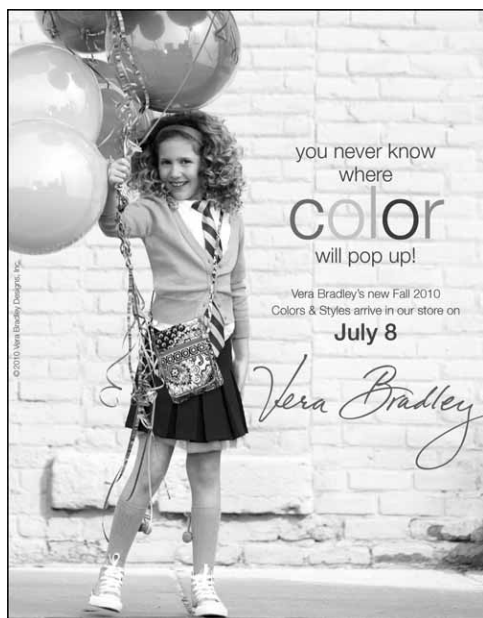
It should be noted that there are still negative implications for sellers in a short sale, even if less damaging than those associated with foreclosures and/or bankruptcy. For example, a short sale homeowner's credit will still be adversely affected by settling with

the lender. However, short sales do carry less negative effects than foreclosures. Short sale sellers are widely seen as less risky than foreclosed sellers. Case in point, Fannie Mae recently adjusted their guidelines to dictate only a two year waiting period for a short sale seller to buy another primary residence, while they extended the waiting period for foreclosures to five years.

Except for certain conditions pursuant to the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, be aware the IRS could consider debt forgiveness as income, and there is no guarantee that a lender who accepts a short sale will not legally pursue a borrower for the difference between the amount owed and the amount paid. I suggest that all borrowers obtain legal advice from a competent real estate attorney and call their accountant to discuss short sale tax ramifications.

At its best, a short sale can be a win-win for both parties. For the seller, a short sale provides the opportunity to avoid foreclosure and the dreaded implications that a foreclosure brings, in addition to being able to return to home ownership sooner. For the lender, a short sale attains most of the value of the loan sooner, and avoids incurring additional

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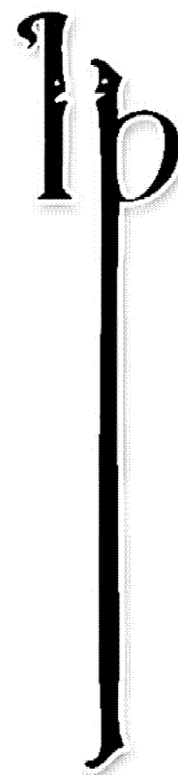
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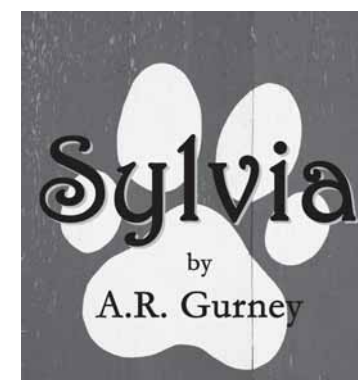
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• HIS & HERS •

The Cinderella Clause

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

I don't know when I became aware that we were the poor relations. In the beginning, the playing field was level. Bob and my father, Al, had served in the Signal Corps together in World War II, marrying two sisters. It was a toss-up which man came from the more modest family. Returning from the War, both had taken advantage of the GI Bill, being the first in their families to graduate from college. A Schenectady resident, my father joined the ranks of General Electric. My uncle got a job with a new company few people had even heard of – IBM.

As the years went on, the differences appeared. Working for an older, established company meant that moving up through the ranks was harder and slower. My father was not helped by his personality, either, as he was opinionated and undiplomatic.

Bob possessed charm my father lacked, and he rose through the ranks of IBM, ending up a vice president. And that's when it really hit home. The Lincoln Continental. The Porsche. The skiing trips to Gstaad. The vacations in the Caribbean. The house in Stamford, CT, whose previous owner, Ezio Pinza, had installed a doorbell which chimed "Some Enchanted Evening." And, later, when Bob was transferred to Paris, the apartment in Paris's chic 16th arrondissement, rented from a Countess who had chosen a sunnier climate to air her jewelry. My cousin, Phil, was sent to boarding school in Switzerland. My cousin, Nina, attended private school in Paris, rubbing elbows with the Kennedy cousins. My brother and I went to the local public high school in Virginia.

If this state of affairs bothered my mother, she never said. She has always been a quiet person, who nurses her sorrows in private. Her sister was loud and flamboyant, difficult to ignore, but my mother was academically brilliant and remarkably clever. I remember one incident quite clearly.

My aunt was having a dinner party which included the mayor of the small French country village where she and my uncle had purchased a manor house. All day long, my aunt and my mother slaved in the kitchen alongside my aunt's maid to make sure the party would be a success. My mother had inquired about dressing for the evening's event, and her sister assured her that she was fine as she was. Then, just before the guests were due to arrive, my aunt slipped upstairs,



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and returned in full make-up, elegant outfit, wearing her most expensive jewelry. She looked like a peacock; my poor mother looked like a wren. "How can you let her do that to you?" I raged. In spite of everything, my mother turned out to be a huge success, charming the other dinner guests with her intelligence, her quick wit, and her overwhelming kindness. Invitations to visit local

dignitaries rained upon her. My aunt was livid.

I understand it better now. I lived in Paris for 14 years, married to Europeans, who made European salaries. A member of The American Cathedral in Paris (the local Episcopal Church), we regularly rubbed elbows with expats making huge American salaries, living in housing generously subsidized by American companies, buying American food from the US Embassy PX. These parishioners were not bad people, but for the most part, they had no idea how the rest of us lived. They assumed everyone shared their lifestyle. In those days, a simple French restaurant meal cost about 35-40 francs. These folks would drop 150 francs, just for lunch, without batting an eyelash.

The American Cathedral was the site of

many fundraising events, both for the church itself, and for the many charities supported by its parishioners. The problem came when the admission prices to these events were set. What was a reasonable price for the Europeans was a pittance to most Americans. What was a reasonable price for the Americans was a week's grocery bill for many of us. Time

and time again, we fumed in silence as we were excluded from social events we would have loved to attend. We were the Little Match Girl with our runny noses pressed against the window panes as we watched our wealthy friends swirl around the dance floor in their Bulgari baubles and beautiful ball gowns.

This state of affairs continued until a

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group of us, tired at being summarily excluded from all these events lead what amounted to a peasants' revolt. We stormed the office of the Dean, and presented our grievances. And so was born a loophole in the whole system. The Cathedral, always looking for ways to save money, often scrambled to assure smooth, effective, (and let's be honest here), cheap service. That's where the Cinderella Clause came in. If a certain group of us would come in

early, cook the meals, set and clear the tables, we would be allowed to attend the events for free. Naturally, that meant coming to the church in casual clothes, with our party gear and make-up stashed away until our miraculous transformations from scullery maids to the belles of the ball. Of course, we missed eating the meals upstairs, but most of the time, we ate the same food. We just ate it in the kitchen.

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This brings me to summer in Highlands, the main season for charity and social events. Several locals have expressed their dismay to me that many events are priced beyond their means. In a community like ours, we don't always know who is well off, and who is struggling. We tend to assume that folks are just like us, or in the case of the wealthy, just like themselves. John and I are thrilled to receive all the invitations that come our way, but we do have to pick and choose. Some days our favorite charities have to be Freeman Gas, Haywood Electric, and Verizon

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3. I have figured out that adults are the ones who really need nap time.

4. How is it that we can give a 50 year old woman the forehead, lips, cheeks, breasts and buttocks of a 25 year old girl but we can't give a bald man realistic looking hair?

5. I was so excited the other night when the guy at the bar carded me, until he informed me that my license had expired and couldn't serve me. I guess it was my own fault...I wanted to feel like I was twenty again, and at that point I did!

5 things that have changed since I was a kid

1. Car phones have been replaced by cell phones

2. Hammer Pants...need I say more?

3. The internet revolution-Highlands isn't 2 years behind any trends anymore thanks to satellite TV and internet.

4. Family sitcom night

5. Mini Golf in HighlandsL I mentioned

South. It's upsetting when an acquaintance corners you at the Post Office, and demands to know why you're not attending the upcoming event for her pet cause. "It's for CHARITY!" she hisses, as if you're being mean-spirited at not shelling out several hundred dollars on the spot.

So, here's to all charity events, and the hard-working folks who devote so much of their time and energy to them. And here's to all the equally hard-working folks who'd love to feel like royalty for just one night, swirling around the dance floor in their best duds. And as for me, well, I'll do the best I can, even these days when I don't have to be a Cinderella and smell like onions.

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the fact that there used to be a course here to a customer the other day and they just stared at me blankly. Ugh

5 things that haven't changed

1. Main Street: still a great sense of community and family amongst those who work here year around.

2. The Spring Street bypass: used to avoid Main St. for as long as I can remember...just don't speed or the Dummy Cop will get you.

3. Highlands School: still one of the best in the state-I'm proud to continue to be a part of it.

4. Bridal Veil, Dry Falls and the like: you can add an observation tower or two, but it doesn't change the beauty of nature

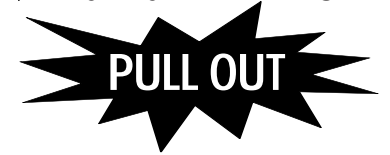
5. Slow drivers: I believe that this is the actual source of my hair loss. Engineers created over 20 pull off points on the Gorge Road, most of which have never been spoiled by a non-NC tag.

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- 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

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- 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. Monday & Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 10:4. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (7/30)

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- 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. Auxiliary meetings are held the 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 or visit www.thebascom.org.
- 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 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Tuesdays

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

**Mtn. music concerts
and dancing starts
Friday, July 2**

Mountain Faith of Sylva will perform at Highlands School on Friday, July 2 from 7:30-9:00 P.M. A new square dance team, Highlands Drifters, along with High Mountain Squares of Franklin, will demonstrate modern western square dance from 6:45-7:30 and invite the audience to participate. Sponsored by the Just for You team of Relay For Life of Highlands, the concert is free to locals, seasonal residents, and summer visitors.

- 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

- \$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. The new meeting place is 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 a.m.
- 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

• See EVENTS page 14

American Craft Today Juried Art Exhibition Entry Deadline is July 19

Craft artists are invited to submit digital images of their work by July 19 to be considered for inclusion in The Bascom's juried exhibition **American Craft Today**. This national competition and exhibition will feature original works in all craft media: ceramics, metal, wood, glass, fiber, book arts, etc. Cash awards will be made for various categories including best in show.

This year's juror, Carol Sauvion, will select some 40-50 handcrafted works for inclusion in the exhibition taking place from October 2-December 18 in The Bascom's main gallery.

Carol Sauvion is eminently qualified to serve as juror. She is executive producer of the Peabody Award-winning and Emmy-nominated "Craft in America" PBS television series, as well as creator and director of Craft in America Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to presenting the history, practitioners and techniques of craft in the United States and their impact on our nation's cultural heritage.

Guidelines for this call for artists' entries is available at www.thebascom.org/exhibitions.

Viewing of Bascom's exhibitions is free and the galleries are open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

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• 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 (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• 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 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• 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 (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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

• 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 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• 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 (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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

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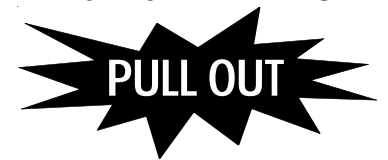
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Ongoing and Upcoming Events



Chamber music festival features great lineup



The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival is putting the final touches on its 29th season and its filled the schedule with returning favorite artists and some surprising new talents.

The season stretches from Friday, July 9, through Sunday, Aug. 15, culminating in a Gala Concert and Dinner Party. Concerts will be 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 will be staged at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

But a festival as storied as the HCCMF is bound to spill out from these venues – there're off-site celebrations scattered throughout the season. Every Friday during the festival, Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro will be hosting special celebrations. After each Friday performance will offer a prix fixe dinner. Guests will be joined by that evening's concert performers. Dinner will begin with a short cocktail hour with a glass of wine and passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at a cost of \$60/person. The wine list will be available at extra cost. A percentage of each dinner will benefit the festival.

Lakeside Restaurant will host an evening fundraiser for the Chamber Music Festival on Wednesday, July 7. When the festival's supporters make reservations to dine at Lakeside that evening, they should specify that they're associated with the festival. At the end of the evening, it'll receive 15 percent of the gross profits for the evening's receipts from its supporters.

The Inn at Half Mile Farm will host a glittering benefit on Wednesday, July 14. The celebration will be staged by Epting Events and will feature wines by Tiger Mountain

Vineyards and performances by The Vega String Trio.

Buck's Coffee House on Highlands' Main Street will host a free evening of chamber music at 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 11.

In addition to its nationally-recognized program of concerts, the festival is laced with a series of Feasts of the Festival. They're a chance to meet fascinating people and enjoy marvelous food and drink in some of the most breathtaking homes in Western North Carolina. Feasts continue through September 19th and will feature an irresistible series of locations and menus.

But at the heart of the festival is its amazing lineup of achingly beautiful performances of the world's finest chamber compositions by some of its most talented artists. This year will showcase the magnificent works of Frederic Chopin and Robert Schumann, both of whom were born 200 years ago this year. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth Samuel Barber, festival-goers will hear the haunting "String Quartet Op. 11."

Of course, scattered throughout the festival will be the works of Beethoven, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Ravel as well as violinists William Preucil and Kate Ransom, the Eroica Trio, the Vega String Quartet and cellists Chris Rex and Charae Krueger; and by welcoming new guest artists including the Albers Trio, virtuoso pianists Anton Nel and Victor Asuncion, the rising-star Attacca String Quartet, and Italian violinist Franco Mezzena among others.

The festival's season closes Aug. 15 with a gala concert and dinner that will feature Charles Wadsworth. For 50 years, For more information about the festival and its full lineup of performances and events, visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org or call (828) 526-9060.

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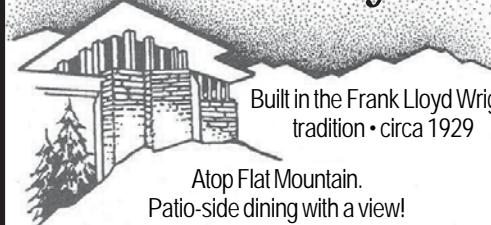
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526-9769

Fridays, July 9-Aug. 15

• A prix fixe dinner at Wolfgang's for \$60 per person with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

Reservations for the concert and dinner can be made by calling the HCCMF's office at (828) 526-9060.

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 Short-off Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. 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 828-526-9938 (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. Blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Funds raised at the Pancake Breakfasts go toward the club's Scholarship program and other charities in the community. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

• Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or 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 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.

Through Sun., Aug. 8

• At the Bascom, the recent works of North Carolina treasure Sid Luck, will be on display in the Balcony Gallery. The fifth generation of the Luck pottery tradition, Sid continues the ancient art of wheel-thrown pottery near Seagrove, the "Pottery Capitol" of North Carolina. Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

Through Sat., July 3

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Smokey Joe's Cafe," a musical, theater revue, featuring 40 of the greatest songs. For tickets call 828-526-2695 or go to www.highlandisplayhouse.org.

Thurs., July 1

• Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

• Franklin Community Blood Drive at the First Baptist Church (69 Lotla Street, Franklin). Type O negative donors are needed! 12:39 pm to 5:30 pm. Call 369-9559 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! *All presenting donors have a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card!*

Every Friday beginning July 2

• The eighth annual free Mountain Music Concert series kicks off with Mountain Faith of Sylva. This year's five Friday-night performances begin with dance demonstrations and instruction from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Highlands' brand new Western style square dance team called Highlands Drifters will debut with a demonstration and invitation to the audience for participation. The band will perform from 7:30-9 at Highlands School's old gym, on Pierson Drive. Parking is available in front of and behind the school.

near the gym entrance. While the concerts are free, those attending are encouraged to take one can of food for the food pantry sponsored by the International Friendship Center. During these difficult economic times, this is an opportunity to help others needing assistance.

Friday, July 2

• Live Jazz Music at El Azteca, 70 Highlands Plaza, across from Bryson's

Food Store.

• The Nature Center presents "Nature by Night". Learn about adaptations of nocturnal animals through a variety of fun games, activities, and observations along the garden trails. *Bring a flashlight!* **\$2 per person**, advanced registration requested. For more information, call the Highlands Biological Station at 828-526-2602.

Sat. & Sun., July 3-4

• The 21st Annual Mountain Artisans "Summertime" Arts & Crafts Show will be held inside and outside the Western Carolina University Ramsey Center in scenic Cullowhee, North Carolina. The big 18,000 square arena will be filled with authentic crafts from the hands of 100+ regional crafts and fine art. Hours are 10-5 each day. Admission is \$3 for adults ; children under 12 free. Free parking . Concessions in building. For information, call 838-424-3405 .

Saturday, July 3

• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present the annual patriotic Concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday before the fireworks. Featured will be Larry Black, trumpet, Dave Landis, bagpipes, Angie Jenkins, organist; and the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Male Chorus led by Orville Wike. Featured soloists will be Wayne Coleman, tenor; John Greene, tenor; and Stell Huie, baritone. The free concert has attracted capacity crowds in past years, so come early to get a good seat. Come dressed as you are. The concert will be held rain or shine, and will be over in plenty of time to view the town fireworks display. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Tues.-Sat., July 6-10

• At the Bascom, Mark Tomczak will guide participants through "From Stem to Vase." His instruction will focus on the form and function of the vase and explore a variety of shapes from thrown and altered to slab construction. He will discuss surface alteration using carving techniques along with glaze decoration for color and accents. Tuition: \$375 Bascom members/ \$400 non-members (includes basic materials). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Monday, July 4

• Live Jazz Music at El Azteca restaurant, 70 Highlands Plaza, across from Bryson's Food Store.

Tuesday, July 6

• The annual public meeting of the Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library will be held on Tuesday at 3 p. m. in the Library Meeting Room. The Friends' constitution and bylaws require that the election of officers be held at the annual public meeting. The agenda will include a vote on the annual budget and reports by the president and committee

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- The Mountain High Republican Women's Club July luncheon will be held on Tuesday, July 6th at the Mountain Top Club. Registration is at 11:30 AM; the lunch with speakers and the meeting begin at noon. The program will highlight America's celebration of independence and honor our troops who bravely serve each of us every day. After Posting of the Colors featured speakers will be local retired officers General Higginbotham, U.S. Marine Corp and Colonel Bathurst, U.S. Army followed by an Air Force video presentation and special singing of The Star Spangled Banner. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 and may be paid at the door. The MHRWC monthly luncheons and meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month April through September. For luncheon reservations and additional information, please call 828-200-0437 or email mtnrepublicanwomen@yahoo.com. Inquiries may also be mailed to MHRWA, P.O. Box 126, Cashiers, NC 28717.

- (CLE Lecture) Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour, PAC 1 - 3, cost \$20 CLE members, \$30 non-members

Wed.-Sat., July 7-10

- At the Bascom, find inspiration while studying "Flowers: In and Out of the Garden" with distinguished Atlanta artist Susan Knight Smith. Gain a greater understanding of this subject much favored by artists — flowers. Smith will guide students first in the studio, then on location, to an understanding of the anatomy, shape and massing of floral forms. Tuition: \$375 Bascom members/ \$400 non-members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Wed., July 7

- Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Gerald Carper, organ.

- Dinner to benefit the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to HCCMF. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.

- The High Mountain Squares will dance this Wednesday Night, July 7th at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 6:30-9 p.m. Jerry Biggerstaff from Marion NC will be the caller for our "ANNIVERSARY DANCE." We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a Plus workshop the first half

hour. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, 706-782-0943, or www.highmountainsquares.org

Thurs., July 8

- Taize in Highlands is every Thursday at 5:30 PM. at Highlands United Methodist Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

- At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture – at 5:30-6:30 pm. Presented by Sue Gorski

of RBC Bank — Retirement Planning.

- The Rotary Club of Highlands and the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley join to offer an evening of Bingo to benefit the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic/

Children's Dental Care. The games are 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building – next to

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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 – laugh, smile and have a great time. *Tooth Fairy Bingo II* is for the children of Macon and Jackson Counties who need to see the Tooth Fairy. The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed by North Carolina to operate Bingo games.

- Adance at the MC Community Center on Hwy, 441 S. in Franklin, NC, (across from "Whistle Stop Mall") from 6:30-9 pm with music by "Swingtime Band" for more information call (828) 369-9155 or (828) 586-6373.

- (CLE Lecture) Mexico and the United States, Highlands Community Building, 10-12, cost \$20 CLE members, \$30 non-members

- The July meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 7 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday.

July 8-11

- The 12th annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival is July 8-11 in Highlands, N.C. Events include tours of five majestic mountain gardens in the Bowery Road area of Highlands, a flower show and photography competition, a home and garden market, a flower-themed lecture and demonstration by Beverly Reese Church, and an exclusive Benefactors Party. Proceeds benefit exhibition and education programs of The Bascom, a nonprofit center for the visual arts. Tickets are on sale now at

www.mountainsinbloom.com or (828) 526-4949.

July 8-18

- At Highlands Playhouse, "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney. A comedy about a dog and the couple who adopts her. For tickets call 828-526-2695 or go to www.highlandspkayhouse.org.

Fri., & Sat., July 9-10

- At Vivace on S. 4th St., a Paul Meyer Shoes Trunk Show.

- Landowner Workshop to be held in Western North Carolina at the Cradle of Forestry in America in Pisgah Forest. Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills is the first in a series of four workshops in the Biltmore Forest School Mountains Woodland Steward Series. The series is designed to equip you with the tools and resources you need to manage your land, with information presented by experts from public and private agencies. Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The cost is \$40 per person per workshop, with spouse or other family member at \$20. Registration for this workshop will be accepted through July 2. Credit toward NC Environmental Education Certification is available, as well as forester CFE and educator CEU credits. Workshops also count as electives toward the Asheville Board of Realtors ECO Certification. Advance registration is required. For more information and registration materials contact Amy Garascia, Program Coordinator, at 828-884-5713 ex. 26.

Friday, July 9

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club is holding its annual Auction to benefit their Scholarship Fund.

The silent auction is at 7 pm including entertainment and the live auction (art, clothing, decorator items and great bargains) at Scaly Mountain Community Center.

- Angel Medical Blood Drive (120 Riverview Street, Franklin) Type O negative donors are needed! 8 am to 5 pm. Call 369-4166 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! *All presenting donors have a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card!*

- (CLE Lecture) Madison: A Classic Southern Town, PAC 10-12, cost \$20 CLE members, \$30 non-members

Saturday, July 10

- (CLE Lecture) The Great Romantics: Chopin and Schumann Bicentennial, PAC 10-12, cost \$25 CLE members, \$35 non-members

Monday, July 12

- The Black, White & Read Literacy Ball at OEI's The Farm at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person and include dinner, dancing and live auction. Call 526-9938 ext. 240 for tickets or more information.

Mon.-Wed., July 12-14

- Lady Highlanders Co-ed Basketball Summer Camp. Rising K-3, 9 a.m. to noon, and rising 4-8, 1-4 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of the game of basketball with the Lady Highlanders HS Basketball team. \$55 and \$30 for each additional sibling. Make checks out to Highlands School. Call 526-2147.

Tues.-Sat., July 13-17

- At the Bascom, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of The Bascom campus while learning color printmaking techniques from artist-in-residence Jean Gumpfer. "Transforming the Landscape through Reduction Woodcut" will explore connections between the subject of landscape and natural phenomena, and the physical processes of carving wood and printing layers of ink. Tuition: \$375 Bascom members/ \$400 non-members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Tues., July 13

- WOW! – a World of Wonder" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center begins. July 13-16, 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 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs for more information.

- Natural Dyes workshop at the Highlands Nature Center. 1-3 pm, all ages. Learn about certain plants and other natural items that can be used to dye fabrics, and how different substances can create various shades of color. Participants will have the opportunity to experiment with making colors. \$1 per person, advanced registration requested. Call 526-2623 to sign up.

Tuesday, July 13

- (CLE Lecture) Dreams: Guides to Increased Consciousness, PAC 10-12, cost \$20 CLE members, \$30 non-members

Wed. & Thurs., July 14-15

- (CLE Art Class) Artistic Expression Through Marbling, Civic Center, 10-4, cost \$55 CLE members, \$70 non-members (2 spaces available)

Wed., July 14

- Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Molly McKim, soprano

- Drake Enterprises Blood Drive (East Palmer Street, Franklin) Type O negative donors are needed! 9:30 am to 2 pm. Call 524-2922 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! *All presenting donors have a chance to win*

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Highlands, NC

July 8-11
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Ongoing and Upcoming Events



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• Dinner to benefit the Jackson Macon Conservative Alliance at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to HCCMF. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.

Thurs., July 15

• Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church.. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

• CLE's Joy of Baking from 9:30 - 2. Call 526-8811 or email clehighlands@yahoo.com to register.

Friday, July 16

• (CLE Lecture) The Adaptive Mind, PAC 10-12, cost \$20 CLE members, \$30 non-members

Sat. & Sun., July 17, 18

• Summer Colors Fine Art Show. Civic Center Rec Park gymnasium, Highlands. 10:00-5:00. Original work at reasonable prices. Children's Art Room. Free admission. 828-369-6552.

• At the Bascom, renowned photographer Greg Newington will teach "Light Writing: Using Light, Composition and Texture in Photography". Gain an understanding of the role of natural light when composing color or black and white photographs.

Students will learn how to transform the most mundane or the most imposing of subjects by increasing their awareness and interpretation of texture, light and shadow. Tuition: \$150 members/ \$175 non-members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Sat., July 17

• Free health screening on level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on Saturday beginning at 7:15 a.m. For the Highlands Screening, priority will be given to residents in Highlands, Scaly Mountain and Sky Valley zip codes. To register call the hospital at 526-1435.

• Mountain Valley Fire Department Blood Drive. Type O negative donors are needed! (Echo Valley Road, Franklin) 10: am to 2:30 pm. Call 527-5765 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! *All presenting donors have a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card!*

Tues., July 20

• At Hudson Library, Health Lectures by Dr. Sue Aery of Mountain Air Wellness Center. "10 ways to prevent back injury."

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at 7 PM on at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers library. Our speaker is Kevin Howell, owner and operator of Davidson River Outfitters in Pisgah Forest since 2000. Kevin

won the 2008 Fly Fishing Masters Championship by outcasting and outfishing top competitors from throughout the U.S. His presentation will focus on fly fishing Western North Carolina in the summer months (avoiding trout kill) and fishing and travel opportunities in Northern Patagonia where he sponsors trips each winter. Following the presentation, a raffle will be held featuring an Orvis fly rod as the grand prize. Everyone is welcome. Call 828-885-7130 for information.

Wed., July 21

• Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring The Presbyterian Men's Choir from McDonough, GA.

• Dinner to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to HCCMF. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.

Tues.-Sat., July 20-24

• At the Bascom, "Color in Painting: History, Theory, Practice," Michael Pittari. Demystify the complexities of color mixing. Combining the study and utilization of color, students will work from a variety of sources including still life, interiors, portraiture and landscape. Gain a better understanding on the origins of color and its applications within art history. Tuition: \$375 Bascom members/ \$400 non-members. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Tues., July 20

• Macon County Library Blood Drive (149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin). Type O negative donors are needed. 10 am to 7 pm. Call 524-3600 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! *All presenting donors have a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card!*

• See EVENTS page 20

PUBLIC Open House

Saturday, July 3

12:30 until 3 p.m. • 85 Eagle Ridge Rd., Highlands



Enjoy your Sunday afternoon in the mountains. Visit this renovated home, featuring a chef's kitchen, a fabulous yard, and a superb view of Shortoff Mountain.

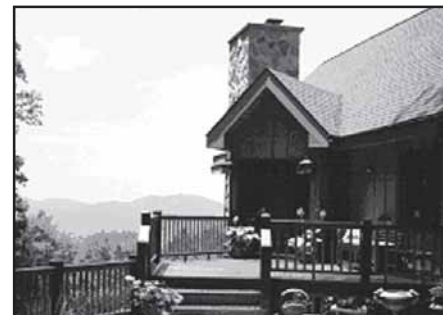
An easy drive: Hwy 64 from Highlands towards Cashiers. Left on Buck Creek (before hospital). Go about 3/4 of a mile to a right on Shortoff Road. Go about a mile to a right on Eagle Ridge. Look for signs.



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SUN. JULY 4

noon to 5 p.m.

3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH CREEKSIDE

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RELAY, What You Need To Know . . .



• Dine Out For More Birthdays! During July and August, you can dine out at different area restaurants, enjoy a wonderful meal, and contribute to Relay at the same time. Each of the restaurants below has scheduled a special Relay evening and will donate a percent of the evening's sales to Relay For Life of Highlands. The dates and restaurants are: July 2: The Bistro at Main Street Inn; July 20: Oak Street Café; July 21: Lakeside Restaurant - be sure to tell them you are there to support Relay; July 28: Fressers Eatery.

• You can sign up and show your support for this year's Relay For Life of Highlands, scheduled August 13 at the Highlands Rec Park. Join the fun and 'sign up' with a team, or enlist your friends and form a team to raise funds for Relay and the American Cancer Society. Go to www.relayforlife.org/Highlands to join or register a team.

• Local businesses can 'sign up' as a sponsor of Relay. Sponsorships range from \$200 to \$1,000 and include various forms of recognition. Sponsors have until July 23 to 'sign up' and be included in the event t-shirt. Contact Heather Mangum at ghilbert@verizon.net.

• Are you a cancer survivor? Then 'sign up' for the Survivor Dinner and join other survivors as honored guests. The dinner will be held Tuesday, August 3, at 6 p.m., at the Highlands Presbyterian Church. For more information on the Survivor Dinner, visit www.relayforlife.org/Highlands. Survivors also can 'sign up' to participate in the Survivor walk at Relay, leading the way around the path while friends and family cheer each survivor.

• 'Sign up' for the luminaria ceremony by purchasing a luminaria for \$10. Each luminaria represents the life of someone who has battled cancer. The candles that light the path honor survivors and remember loved ones lost to cancer. This year's Relay will include 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. Everyone can take part in this tribute even if they are unable to attend Relay.

• THE FLAMINGOS ARE BACK! 'Sign up' 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 the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

• Beginning Friday, July 2, a free Mountain Music Concert series every Friday, with Mountain Faith of Sylva on July 2. Performance begin with dance demonstrations and instruction from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The Highlands Drifters will debut with a demonstration. The band performs from 7:30-9 at Highlands School's old gym, past Peggy Crosby Center (S. Fifth St.) on Pierson Drive. Parking is in front of and behind the school near the gym entrance.

• Choose to support Relay - 'sign up' today and support the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives by helping people "stay well, get well, find cures and fight back." See you at Relay!

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

'Sylvia' next up at The Playhouse - July 8-18

By Joseph Litsch

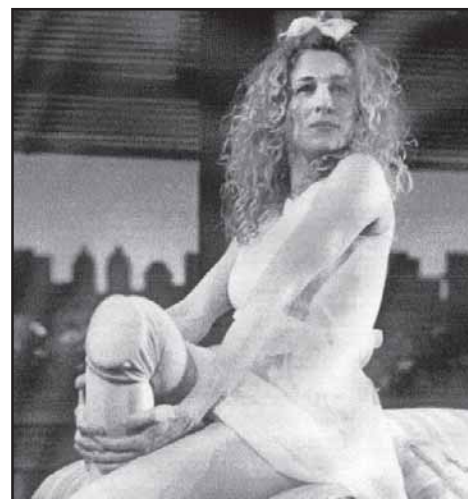
"Give a dog a woman's name and you'll begin to think of her as a woman." —A. R. Gurney

Obviously, with that in mind, Gurney, an established playwright who developed his craft writing shows for the troops during the Korean War, sat down to write "Sylvia," which opens Thursday, July 8, at Highlands Playhouse.

Greg, middle-aged husband and father and new resident of New York City, was out for a walk in the park when fate stepped in and turned a simple outing into a marital and personal crisis. She was a mutt. An adorable — at least to Greg — four-legged mixture of poodle and retriever and who knows what else. And the tag around her neck simply read: Sylvia, a woman's name.

For Greg, it might as well have read: trouble. How was he to know? It was love at first sight and it was totally reciprocal. Well, why not? Greg and his wife Kate had reared their children and sent them on to college. They sold the empty nest and moved from the New York suburbs into the city, ready for a more exciting lifestyle.

Then Greg met Sylvia and ...well, you've heard the one about the best-laid plans. Needless to say, things began to go awry, especially for Kate who immediately dislikes the new "woman" in their lives. And Sylvia feels the same about Kate. Fortunately, for the audience, Sylvia is played by two-legged actress Katie Hayes, who speaks as well as wag her tail and employ other canine mannerisms.



Gurney conceived and created "Sylvia" for actress Sarah Jessica Parker of "Sex in the City" fame on both the large and small screens. The original production opened a limited engagement at NYC's Manhattan Theater Club, May 2, 1995; then moved to the John Houseman Theatre that September. Ms. Parker was nominated for Drama Desk Award Best Actress.

Playing Kate and Greg are Cheryl Chalmers, who is returning to Highlands Playhouse, and Eric Rolland, making his debut here. Stuart Armor will alternately play three roles: Tom, Phyllis and Leslie.

As Greg's fascination with Sylvia escalates into an obsession, Kate becomes equally obsessed with her annoyance at her husband's involvement with "another woman." The whole situation could easily slip into a depressing, confusing mess, save for Gurney's masterful writing and ability to infuse humor into uncommon situations. He manages to keep the laughs coming. And with some unexpected moves, Gurney delivers a delightful evening of comedy.

Sarah Jessica Parker as the first "Sylvia."

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Whiteside Cove. Perched in the treetops and flanked by 2 babbling brooks, this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. The entire home is wheelchair accessible and there is even a mother-in-law suite! With nearly 4 acres, ponds, organic gardens, outdoor living spaces and decks, the home is priced to sell at \$298,500. MLS #70915. Adjacent 2.68 acres is also available for \$75,000.



This cute 3 bedroom, 3 bath log home is near town and sits on a great wooded lot with an extra lot with it. Living room has high ceilings and a great stone fireplace. The home has large outside decks. Highlands Hills residents have deeds to Apple Lake for fun fishing and boating. Offered at \$449,000. mls #68425



Cherokee Drive - Great Entry Level 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, charming cottage with wood floors, fireplace. Good storage. Large deck and great yard. Offered at \$ 329,000 mls #70204



Located in Mirror Lake Area, this 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has been updated in excellent taste, fireplaces in the living room and master bedroom. Wood floors in main areas, cute court yard and private sitting area in rear of house. Offered at \$475,000.



Wonderful renovation with lush landscaping and only a mile or so from downtown Highlands. Two master king suites and a guest room; two family rooms, an additional kitchen and wine tasting room on the lower level; decks, an office and two-car garage. Separate living spaces great for a two-family purchase! \$680,000 with the furniture package available.



Need to get away from it all? Return to the quiet life and nature's beauty! Completely restored and expanded 1930s McCall family log cabin on 1.2 acres with old barn; mountainside stream; garden spot; 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, claw footed tub, office or den, loft, great room, dining room, kitchen. Offered at \$499,000. mls #70823



COWEE RIDGE: Sweeping mountain range views. Large 3 acre lot, w/water features. Well-maintained 5BR/4Bath home. Built-in display, bookcase. Lower level has 2BR/1Bath w/small kitchen, and is Handicap Accessible. Art studio, workshop, wet bar. Priced to sell at \$850,000. mls #70237



4.11 acres on Whiteside Cove Rd.. Privacy on a knoll with view of Whiteside Mtn. Small cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths and two additional sleeping areas. Main level with kitchen, living/dining, stone fireplace and 1/2 bath. Offered at \$350,000. mls #70861



Artists Retreat Cabin in Horse Cove: Just 7 miles from town. 2 BR, 1.5 bath cabin, kitchen/DR/LR combo, studio below. Loft, sleeping porch, outdoor tiled shower and sauna. Light and bright 5' & 6' story glass on each level, brings the outdoors in. 9.06 acres w/waterfall on property. Great view of Fodderstack and Satulah. MLS #70551 Offered at \$329,000.



Estate with 5 acres, house and guesthouse. Master suite with a large master bath is on the main level, with an additional guest bedroom and bath. Guest wing has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, den. Large kitchen. Lower level has a family room with fireplace, office, bedroom, and bath. 2-car garage and guest house. Spectacular view Offered at \$3,400,000.



Sagee Woods. Excellent neighborhood and he most reasonable house in this area. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, sunroom, fireplace, fresh paint, Low maintenance roof. Two-car garage, large storage shed. Great privacy with possible additional building site. Offered at \$795,000 mls #69625 virtual tour



Incredible views over USFS from the highest point on Flat Mountain. Large home. Loft overlooks open living areas. Separate home office. Lower level has a rec room and home theater. Log exterior with natural landscaping. Offered at \$999,000 MLS# 69325



Sherwood Forest - Great charm with this Hewn log cabin that features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths plus a loft and sitting area off the master suite. Heavy beamed ceilings, rich wood floors and large stone fireplace in the living room. Custom kitchen with butlers pantry and laundry. 2 car garage. Offered at \$875,000.00 mls #71018



Sequoyah Lakefront - at end of a peninsula and next to a wooded park. 3 bedroom 3 bath home, plus a family room, den, 2-car garage, and workshop. Huge porch and open deck, with stairs to a boathouse with electric hoist. Offered at \$1,395,000.00. mls #70123



Cherokee Drive - Very nice Home with old Highlands Charm has extensive landscaping, privacy, and a flat approach. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Wood floors, updated kitchen and bathrooms. Offered at \$595,000. mls #70287



RIDGEWOODS - Attention all renovators, this lovely home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths plus a 2 car garage. Great floor plan with a cathedral living room, privacy and all paved road access. Offered at \$345,000. mls #59825

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Freedom

Pastor Sam Forrester
Whiteside Presbyterian
Church



We live in the greatest country on earth and the reason for that is freedom. I believe too many people fail to understand the real definition of freedom. John 8:32 tells what can make you free "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Freedom is found in truth. The truth the foundation of this nation is planted in, is that each person is better equipped to make decisions about his own life than government bureaucrats.

The founding fathers understood this and wrote a Constitution that was to be the basis of the truth that would govern our land. It was to control government not men. It was to keep government out of the everyday lives of the people. Thomas Jefferson said "The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first."

We have failed to follow the lead of our great fathers. We have allowed government to read many rights into the Constitution that were not a part of the truths our fathers set down. We have failed to follow that simple truth and have lost much of our freedom.

There is no right in the constitution to an abortion. There is no right in the constitution to homosexual marriage. There is no right in the constitution to freedom from religion. There is nothing in the Constitution that gives government the right to take over a business on the verge of failing. It is important to understand that once you begin to allow something that is forbidden in the Constitution the next thing is to prohibit something that is allowed (second amendment) and when that happens freedom is dead.

No where in the Constitution or any other document is our nation expressly set down as a Christian nation but it was built on Christian principles. The very form of our government was taken from Presbyterianism. There can be no doubt but that many of our founding fathers were Christian. They stood on the Bible as their foundation. They laid down the truth about government and man's inalienable rights, held apart from government, as they learned them from God's Word.

Truth and truth alone is the foundation of freedom. The prophet declared to the people of Judah in Jeremiah 7:28 "Truth has perished; it has vanished from their lips." Because of its loss Judah was destroyed. Unless we return to the truth as our foundation and take our stand on the truths of God's Word, we totter on the brink of a darkness that threatens to destroy every good thing this nation has ever represented.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

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Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday: Adult Forum - 10:30, Bucks Coffee Cafe, Cashiers

Monday: Evening Bible Study at Whiteside

Presbyterian - 5 p.m.; Bible Study & Supper at members' homes - 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Men's Bible Study - 8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Highlands

Thursday: Women's Prayer Group - 10 a.m., Whiteside Presbyterian Church

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

283 Spring Street

Sunday: Service - 11 a.m.; School up to age 20 - 11 a.m.

3rd Wed. of month: Testimonial Service - 5 p.m.

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.

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Pastor Gary Hewins

3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands

Sun.: 9:30 am: Adult Sunday School, Prayer Group.

10:30am: Children's Program (Pre-K - 5th Grade), Merge for 6th Graders. 10:45am: Worship Service. 5

pm Student Arts Group, The River Middle & High School Student Ministries.

Tues.: 9:30 am: Women's Bible Study.

Wed.: 5 pm: Dinner. 6:00pm: Children's Program, Adult Teaching.

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.

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Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by childrens Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

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Small groups available throughout the week.

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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 - 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.; Sun. School - 9:30 & 9:45.

Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast
Tuesdays: Bible Study - 5 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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 8:30 & 11 a.m.; 5 p.m. Youth Group

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

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

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Pictured from left: Polly Touzalin, Patty Hutchins, Jolene Niblack, Sally Maloney, Jean Shields, Elaine Reynolds, Ann Emerson, and Kittie Barber.

Auxiliary keeps hospital running

Members of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary demonstrated dedication and diligence by spending nearly two full days preparing a mailing for more than 9,000 letters to encourage support for the HCH Foundation's 2010 Annual Fund. Foundation Director, Robin Taylor expressed her appreciation, "This mailing is a large project, and could not be accomplished without our wonderful volunteers. It would be too expensive otherwise. We are extremely thankful for their many hours of perseverance. They stuck with it until the last

envelope was stuffed." Donor's to this year's Foundation Annual Fund can direct their gifts to three key areas to help the hospital: 1. Physician and Hospital Support fund, an unrestricted fund to assure HCH can provide the best physicians and the best patient care possible; 2. Medical Technology and Capital Fund, a special fund to sustain our state-of-the-art medical equipment and facilities; 3. Heritage for Health Endowment Fund, an endowment fund to assure health and life for our communities now and in the future.

'Skin Cancer' Physician Forum offered at Hospital

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be offering a lecture entitled "Skin Cancer", presented by Board Certified Dermatologist, Paul S. Cabiran, MD, July 12th at noon in the Jane Woodruff Medical Clinic. This complimentary *lunch and learn* educational session, is part of the Hospital's Physician Forum series of monthly lectures on current health issues.


Participants will learn the latest information regarding skin cancers including Basal Cell Carcinoma, Squamous Cell Carcinoma and Melanoma. Dr. Cabiran will discuss how use of sunscreens and photo protection including: UVA and UVB sun blocks, combined with proper sun safety, can help fight skin cancers.

"Community participation and involvement at our first two physician forums has been outstanding", said Robin T.

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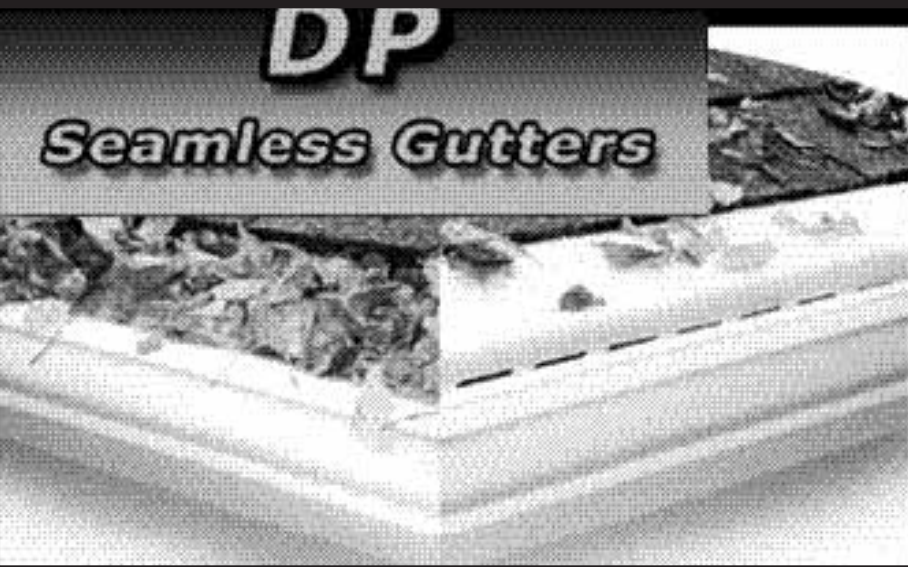
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Attendees will be served a light boxed lunch followed by a half hour educational seminar and ending with a question and answer session. Those interested in attending are asked to please RSVP (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org, as space is limited.

About Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

“HCH is a community hospital that provides diagnostic, surgical and acute patient care to the public through on-site professional services, or as a referral to regional support providers. Our emergency care facility is Physician staffed 24/7 and treats patients promptly, monitoring their visit

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purchasing a luminaria in honor of a loved one.

I hope to see you at the Rec Park August 13th — I promise I'll be doing a victory lap in honor of you!

Christy Kelly
Highlands

It would be a good thing if ...

Dear Editor,

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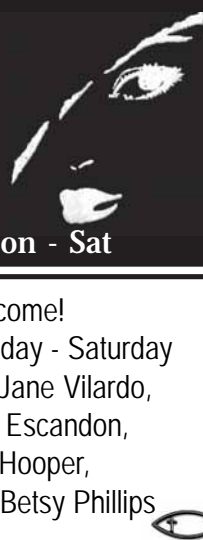
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How about taking back to the store those shopping carts and not using open parking spaces as diagonal shortcuts;

Taking your litter to a trash can;

Moving a little faster when you walk across the street;

Using inside voices and private spots for cell phone conversations;

We could all try a little harder to be kind.

Glenda Bell
Highlands

Thank You
Highlands Police
Department!

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Chief Harrell and the entire Highlands Police Department for enforcing the state of North Carolina's DWI (driving while intoxicated) laws in Highlands both fairly and without prejudice. No individual or neighborhood in Highlands should feel entitled to be exempt from having to comply with state of North Carolina highway safety laws.

Many citizens in Highlands appreciate


the fact that the Highlands Police Department makes every effort to apply these and other laws evenly and fairly and without selectivity depending on what neighborhood one may live in, or on what station in life one may enjoy, and in spite of the fact that some local officials and others have tried to interfere or tamper with their duties as sworn officers of the law.

The Highlands Police Department, as any police department, should always remain completely independent of the any political influence or pressure, and should never be used as a tool by the power elite or their political cronies to selectively, or with prejudice, apply state or federal laws. To do so would be discriminatory and in violation of federal law.

There are only three or four major highways leading into Highlands and it only makes sense that police officers would patrol and intercept drunk drivers on those highways. It would only take one tragedy having someone's loved one seriously injured or killed in any particular neighborhood by a drunk driver before the citizens of Highlands would cry loudly to the police department for not enforcing the laws in their neighborhood.


Thank you again to the Highlands Police Department for keeping our streets and highways as safe as possible from drunk drivers.

Charles Dasher
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that are currently going on. While Obama has the gavel when it comes to the choosing members of the Supreme Court, and no one blames him for picking a liberal, this choice is likely not to have a very good grasp on real life. Born and raised in New York city, and while a student at Princeton, took a strong interest in Socialism. While Dean at Harvard, she hired Cass Sunstein, a Marxist of the first dimension, to the faculty. It doesn't look good.

Well, the oil spill continues to pollute

the oceans while Obama, who took charge of the disaster, does little or nothing to remedy the matter. He and his administration are too busy beating on Arizona for trying to do the job the Federal government is charged with in cleansing their state of undocumented (illegal) aliens. Thirty-something states are contemplating the same approach, which should keep Holder busy for quite a while. While he seems to be advancing to the rear in closing Guantanamo, suing most of the country should

keep him from other mischief for a while.

Depending upon your news source, you may or not be aware of the impact that Constitutional activists, otherwise known as the Tea Party, are having on the political outlook of the country. Dems are running away from anymore spending programs for fear of losing their jobs to TP backed candidates who are ready to pull the string on spending.

Meanwhile, our Keynesian-infected President is in Canada trying to convince Europe's leaders to borrow and spend more

and more while they are staring reality in the face and are preaching austerity on steroids to try to pull their economies out of the junk pile.

If all these problems are pulling you down, how about starting off your Independence Day festivities by joining hundreds of your friends and neighbors at the Franklin gazebo at the Courthouse Square Friday the 2nd at 11:30 for a good old Tea Party. The theme is "Let Freedom Ring" and several speakers and entertainers will lift your spirits.

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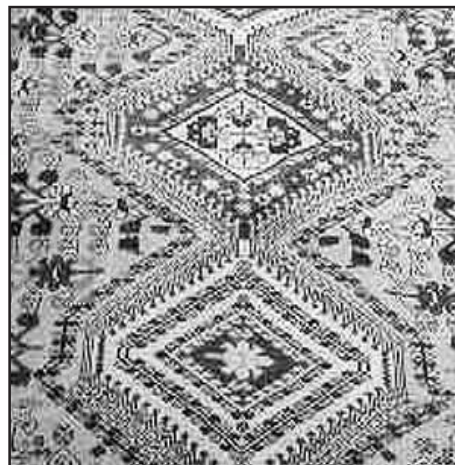


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Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 23. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 23

• At 4:45 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident at US 64 and Foreman Road.

June 24

• At 1:31 p.m., officers were called to assist EMS with a patient on Oak Lane.

June 25

• At 11:45 a.m., Arturo Mundo-Mundez, 21 of Rosman, NC, was arrested at Cherokee and NC 28 for driving with a revoked license.

• At 3:55 p.m., officers were called about a vehicle blocking a driveway.

• At 7:45 a.m., officers assisted a stranded motorist on Lower Lake Road.

June 26

• At 1:57 a.m., officers were called about loud music coming from August Produce. It was determined a radio was left on when the business closed for the day.

June 28

• At 11:45 a.m., officers were called about a vehicle blocking Oak and US 64.

• At 12:30 p.m., a merchant on Main Street was issued a parking violation for parking in front of his store.

• At 3:30 p.m., Patce Thorton of Highlands, was arrested for communicating threats. She was released on a \$500 secured bond.

June 29

• At 8 a.m., the manager of the Highlands Moun-

tain Club reported boulders valued at \$250 were stolen from the entrance of the subdivision.

• At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 64 and 2nd Street.

• At 11:25 p.m., Alba Delia Garcia-Santos, 22, of Franklin, was arrested for driving without a license when cited for driving left of center on Main Street.

• At 11:30 p.m., officers on foot patrol found an open door at a business on Main Street.

• During the week, police officers responded to 3 alarms and issued 10 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 19:

June 23

• At 12:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call where an 80-year-old man fell. He was taken to the hospital.

• At 3:04 p.m., the dept. responded to structure fire on Rock Gap Road. The structure was completely destroyed. No one was home. It's believed lightning caused the fire.

• At 6:12 p.m., the dept. was called to Bust Your Butt Falls where a 14-year-old boy was stranded on the other side of the river. Hard rains caused the river to rise. He climbed out of the river but couldn't get across to the road. Rescuers hiked to him via the Goldmine Bridge.

• At 12:57 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Oak Lane. The victim was taken to the hospital.

June 24

• At 1:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Highlands Plaza. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 3:15 p.m., the dept. responded to the structure fire on Rock Gap Road which had reignited.

• At 8:39 p.m., the dept. responded to the structure fire on Rock Gap Road which had reignited.

June 25

• At 5:48 p.m., the dept. responded to the structure fire on Rock Gap Road which had reignited.

• 11:17 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of smoke in the basement of a home on Apple Mountain Road. It was due to a chimney fire.

• At 12:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a kitchen fire due to grease in the hood system of a home on Charlestone Drive.

June 27

• At 1:03 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Center Drive. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 2:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road. The victim was transported.

• At 3:58 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid the Cashiers and stood by while that dept. fought a structure fire.

• At 8:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Dillard Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.


• At 9:34 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident on Buck Creek Road. One vehicle was over the embankment. The victim was taken to the hospital.

June 29

• At 4:07 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street that was set off by steam.

• At 4:28 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident at Main and Second streets. There were no injuries.

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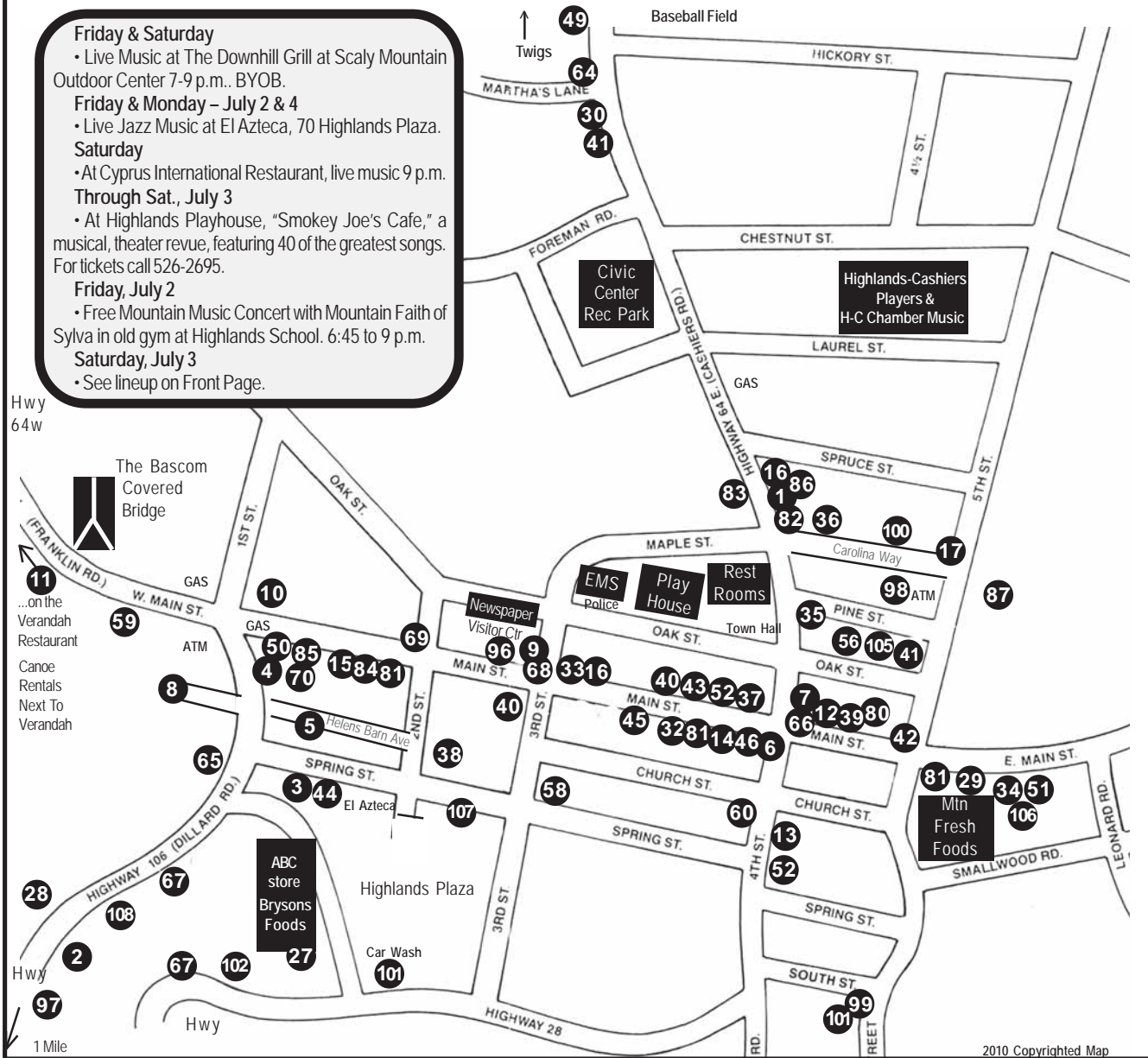
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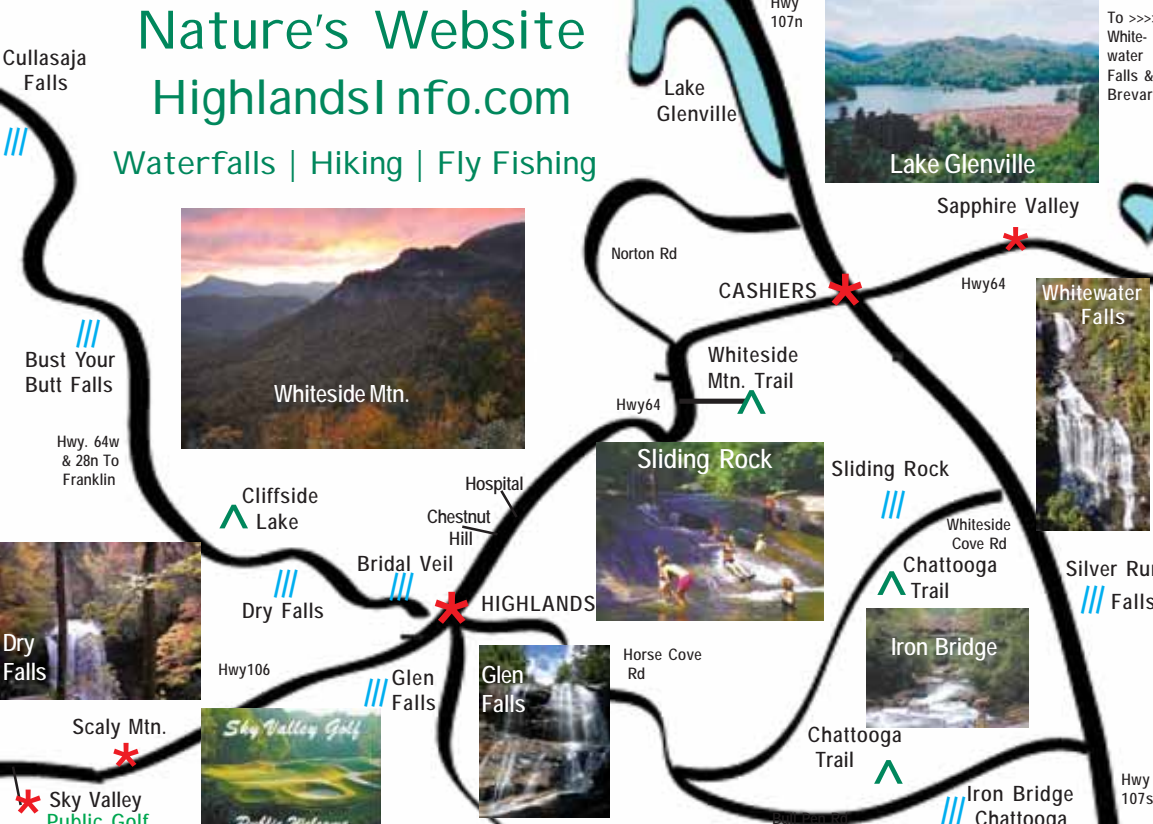



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