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Fri. & Sat.

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

Fri., July 23

- A prix fixe dinner at Wolfgang's for \$60/person with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. For reservations call the HCCMF's office at 526-9060

- Free Mountain Music Concert series with dance demonstrations and instruction from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. at Highlands School's old gym. The band performs from 7:30-9.

Sat., July 24

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

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

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

Thurs., July 22-Sun., Aug. 8

- At Highlands Playhouse, "The Andrews Brothers," a USO show in the South Pacific full of madcap adventures. For tickets call 526-2695.

Thurs., July 22

- At the Methodist church, "Taking Control of Your Health: The Relationship Between Nutrition & Disease." Reservations are required. Lunch \$7 Call 526-3376.

- At the Highlands Nature Center at 7 p.m., Dr Paula Robbins presents "The Man Behind the Laurel" about Peter Kalm.

Fri., July 23

- Reggae Night, at El Azteca Restaurant, 70 Highlands Plaza.

Sat., July 24

- Bob & Cathy Fisher garden tours. For tickets call 526-2968. Tour times of 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 or 3.

- The Dance for Life and Auction fundraiser for the Highlands Relay for Life is 7-11 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building. Admission cost - Donation.

Wed., July 28

- Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Mary Akerman, classical guitar

- \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca Restaurant, 70 Highlands Plaza.

Zoning Board OK's electronic gaming

In a rare move last week, the Zoning Board of Adjustment overruled the town's Zoning Department and approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) for an electronic sweepstakes gaming business to open in Wright Square.

The town's code enforcement officer Josh Ward presented the department's position since Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley was on

vacation.

"An Electric Sweepstakes Gaming business is considered a place of entertainment and is an allowed use in the B2 zoning district and it meets the parking requirements of the shopping center," said Ward. "However, because the NC Legislature voted to ban computer-based sweepstakes games effective Dec. 1, 2010 making them illegal, we sug-

gest denying the SUP request."

Bobby Smith, who owns a similar establishment on 441 South in Franklin said the bill is still on Governor Bev Perdue's desk.

"This type of business is legal now," said Smith. "The Governor hasn't signed the bill and come Dec. 1 there will probably be an injunction filed by the gaming in-

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Highlands could be One-Stop Voting spot

There are still numerous hoops to jump through, but Highlands may become another place in Macon County where One-Stop Voting can take place.

At Wednesday night's Town Board meeting, commissioners considered a request from the Macon County Board of Elections to designate a place in Highlands for One-Stop Voting - preferably the regular polling place which is the Highlands Civic Center. One-Stop Voting would be open the week prior to the Nov. 2 election.

Kim Bishop, Election Board director, said setting up One-Stop Voting at a regular polling precinct location cuts down on confusion and may even entice more people to vote in elections.

Currently, the only One-Stop Voting site is on the first floor of the Macon County Courthouse.

"During that one week, any citizen in Macon County would be able to vote at the site in Highlands," said Bishop.

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Still stunning at 100



Willard Hicks Allen celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday at Chestnut Hill surrounded by friends and family. She is pictured with her brother Ralph Hicks, 86, of the Coward, Hicks & Siler law firm in Cashiers. Willard moved to Chestnut Hill in 2000 from Tupelo, Mississippi to be near her brother and his family -- her only living relatives. Her husband died in 1988; he was 11 years her senior, they had no children. Willard says though she has done everything everyone else ever did all her life, she believes her long life and health are due to her state of mind. "I'm very outgoing and happy all the time and I'm told I have 'so much vitality,' she said. She loves fashion, golf, music and bridge. She said she can't play golf anymore, but she still plays bridge and she loves fashion!

Photo by Kim Lewicki

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MC part of ICE's new ID network

Last week, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) began using new biometric information sharing in eight more NC counties. This helps federal immigration officials identify aliens, both lawfully and unlawfully in the U.S., who are booked into local law enforcement's custody for a crime.

The new eight counties are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Macon, Madison, Swain and Yancey; they join 29 other NC counties.

ICE is using this capability in 448 jurisdictions in 25 states. It expects to make it available in jurisdictions nationwide by 2013.

This capability is part of Secure Communities - ICE's comprehensive strategy to improve and modernize the identification and removal of criminal aliens from the United States.

Now, through enhanced information sharing between the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), fingerprint information submitted through the state to the FBI

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Catholic legacy matters

Dear Editor,

Dr. Henry Salazarulo is exactly right. His column in the July 8 issue of Highlands' Newspaper entitled "Why abuses of the Catholic church matter." It is a well thought out and written article that should be required reading for every member of an organized religion.

Joe Jannach

Respite soiled by loud motorcycles

Dear Editor,

We were fortunate enough to escape the heat of Georgia over the 4th holiday weekend, and enjoy the hospitality of our friends in Highlands. A trip to Highlands is always great, but the July 4th weekend is something special. You folks always do it right.

While we were there, the serenity of every beautiful morning was broken up by, I assume, visitors coming into town on their NOISY, LOUD motorcycles. I would be willing to bet a drink or two that 96% of the homeowners and visitors do not come to Highlands to hear the noise of motorcycles rumbling through the mountains. When we went downtown so our wives could shop, we would sit on a bench, eating ice cream and observe the bikers. They would go into the ice cream and sandwich shops, the women would go into some of the other shops, but came out with very few packages as they had no way to carry much. Point being, they do not contribute much to the economy of Highlands (The same thing Mr. Scudder says about his bidders some nights).

I think there would great joy in the town, if the mayor and city council of Highlands would post billboards on the highways leading into town noting:

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I don't think the shop owners, hotels or restaurants would miss much business, and it might increase with the lack of the noise.

We enjoy Fred Wooldrige's column. The "Was it good for you" submission was very clever. Keep up the great work.

Haydn McLean
Georgia

Home state's reputation can be embarrassing

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to Fred Wooldrige's column, "Go back to Florida" in the July 15 issue of Highlands' Newspaper. I feel his pain!

I'll admit, I am a native of Floriduh. I cringe when eight out of 10 subjects on "America's most stupid, drunkest" etc., are from my home state.

But I have to say, at least Fred gets to deal with AMERICAN idiots. Down in south Floriduh we have to deal with, ugh, CANADIANS! Have you ever seen a 300-pound man in a speedo? Regretfully, I have and the image is forever seared into my brain And the MONEY! The CANADIAN money! Those Canadians can sneak a Canadian dime past an unsuspecting sales clerk in the blink of an eye!

Oh well, thankfully I get to come up to Highlands to experience some blessed coolness and civility for a couple of weeks a year.

Katie McG
Florida

Column about Floridians was rude

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Fred Wooldrige's column in the July 15 issue "Go back to Florida."

History has taught us that during tough

economic times instead of bringing out the best I people it has brought out the worst. After reading this column, I could not believe that this was written by a responsible, intelligent, caring, small town individual. All I hears was prejudiced, bigoted, jealous, racist, small minded person.

I was extremely disappointed. Is this the best example of an American person? Is this all we can be? I think we shuld all try harder to be better human beings.

I think Highlands' Newspaper should think before printing a column that is hurtful to your readers.

Lucky Douglas

Letters about Tea Party were wrong

Dear Editor,

The letter submitted recently by Justin Conley and Chad Simons in Highlands' Newspaper slamming the Tea Party held in Franklin and the movement in general is so full of erroneous conclusions that, to respond to each would waste space. Suffice to say, Obama's election margin, 53-46, is not a landslide, as they claim.

Poll after poll currently tells us the same people who elected him would not vote for him today. Rassmissen's daily Presidential Tracking Poll shows that 28% of the nation's voters strongly approve of the way that Barak Obama is performing his role as president. 43% strongly disapprove. 43-28; now that sounds like a landslide to me.

Public Policy Polling, normally Demo-

crat-sympathetic, tells us that Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee and Newt Gingrich would all beat Obama in an election held today. Sarah Palin is in a dead heat with the President. He may have been "fairly elected" in 2008, but comes up a loser in 2010.

Most importantly, to me, is their closing paragraph. "It would have looked better if the rally (Franklin's) had more local people in attendance, but I'm glad to know that most people in Franklin have some common sense."

I direct their attention to a recent poll appearing in a local newspaper that asked, "How do you feel about the TEA PARTY?" 59% Heartily Approved, 4% were Sympathetic, and 35% Disapproved. Now that's a landslide.

Don Swanson
Franklin

Please help!

Dear Editor,

As you learned last week, Colleen Fogle, of Meadows Mountain Realty found out that she has Infiltrated Ductile Carcinoma Breast Cancer. The tumor is 6cm in size; it is in Stage 3 and is very aggressive. Her fight involves three stages of treatment and tremendous expense. Even more than reported last week.

The first stage to fight this disease will require Colleen to receive chemo treatments every 2 weeks for 15 weeks, which she must start immediately. However, the chemo treatments are \$4,600 each and must be paid for in advance before they will be administered. She also needs an injection of Neulasta the day after the chemo treatment. Each shot costs \$6,000.

On top of this, her insurance has a \$5,000 annual deductible before they will cover 50% as coinsurance. However, her annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$20,000 before insurance will cover the treatments 100%.

The second stage of her treatment will be to have either a radical or the double mastectomy, which of course, will require the cost of surgery and staying in the hospital for a few days.

The third stage will consist of radiation every day for 12 weeks. Reconstruction surgery can be performed 6 months after the radiation is finished.

We are truly racing against the clock. Not only are we fighting an aggressive cancer here, but we are trying to get her treatments started so she can have her surgery before the end of the year. If the surgery takes place next year, Colleen will be responsible for up to an additional \$20,000 out of her pocket that she just does not have.

Colleen is a hard working single mom with two children ages 15 and 17 struggling.

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• OBITUARIES •

Katharine Gretchen Sweeney

Katherine Van Hoogen Sweeney was born Jan. 6 1936 in Brooklyn, NC and died July 12, 2010 at her home in Portland, Oregon. She studied at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she prepared for Christian service and where she met and married James F. Sweeney in 1957. Their life together led them from Florida to Kansas, to Washington and finally to Portland in 1963.



ily which included three daughters and seven grandchildren. She was the quintessential mother and grandmother, pouring her life into theirs.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; daughters, Carol Sweeney, Theresa MacMurray (John), and Pamela Hastings (Gregg) of Portland; granddaughters, Katie, Amelia, Trisha, Elle, and Caroline; grandsons, Nolan and Christopher; and

brother, Neil of Highlands, NC.

Central in her life was her church family which has been Hinson Memorial Baptist Church since 1986. A public memorial service was held there Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

Remembrances may go to the Gresham Relay for Life, c/o American Cancer Society, 0330 S.E. Curry Street, Portland, OR 97239.

Katharine was a kindergarten teacher for several years and then spent many years in various posts at Western Seminary in Portland, serving in the advancement, production and external studies departments from 1981 to 2002.

From 2002 to 2009, Katharine and her husband divided each year between homes in Portland and Highlands, NC.

Most dear to her heart was her own fam-

• MILESTONE •

Swansons celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Don and Min Swanson recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their two sons and daughters-in-law, who live in south Florida. They surprised them with a weekend at the Ritz-Carlton in Atlanta and shared in the fun with them. They also plan to celebrate further on a trip to Europe.

• The Swansons live in Franklin. Don is a weekly columnist in Highlands' Newspaper



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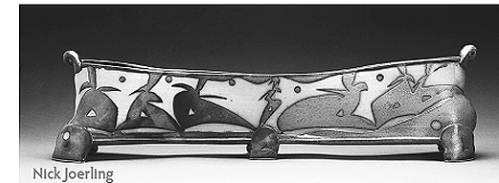
Tom Turner, Ceramics, Aug. 27-28

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Nick Joerling

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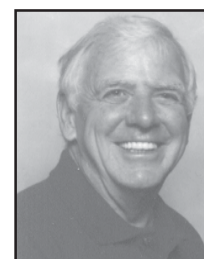


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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

The bridge director from hell

The first thing I remember was being escorted down this long milky white tunnel by two beautiful angels. There was a blinding white light at the end of the tunnel. As we walked, I looked at each angel and asked where I was going. There was no response. At the end of the tunnel, we walked into a large white room with an empty throne at one end. I was escorted to the front of the throne and pushed to my knees. I waited.



Fred Wooldridge

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Then God appeared carrying a large book. He sat and opened the book. Looking down at me, he said, "Fred Wooldridge, I sentence you to be a bridge director for eternity. Now get out of my sight."

I panicked. How could this be happening to me? I always put money in the collection basket. The angels lifted me to my feet and began to drag me back toward the tunnel which had darkened. I resisted and called out to God. "What did I do so terrible back on earth to deserve this horrible punishment?"

God frowned and said, "You played lousy bridge for 50 years and never got any better. Your poor partner, the li'l missus, will be ordained a saint for having to play with you for over a half century. Now get out of my sight."

As I was being dragged, I called out again, "Am I going to be a bridge director in heaven?"

God laughed, "You gotta be kidding. There are no bridge directors in heaven so you figure it out. ... and, by the way, there's no candy offered at any of your bridge games. Now get out of my sight."

I sat up in bed and screamed, "Ahhhh!" I had broken into a cold sweat but I was relieved it was only a dream. My li'l missus, now fully awake, knew what had happened. "Was it the same dream?" she asked, patting my back.

"No, worse this time," I responded. "There was no candy. I had to be bridge director for eternity and not just 100 years. Maybe I should take bridge lessons?"

"It won't help, honey. We tried that. You have the attention span of a five-year-old in a room full of new toys. We'll just make do," she replied. As usual, I didn't sleep the remainder of the night.

Looking back, I'm sorry I ever learned the game. I'm a bridge addict but not in a good sense. I'm like a junkie without veins; a sex fiend without a...., well, you know; an alcoholic with my throat sewn shut; a Town Board member without taxes to waste on stupid stuff, a.... well, you get the idea.

I love sitting down to play the game with friends. Then they trounce me with their talent and clever systems. I smile and pretend it doesn't matter that they're slicing me up.

The poor li'l missus, she's so competitive and dies a thousand deaths while I, like a bear raiding a bee's nest, attack the candy basket looking for dark chocolate morsels.

But what if I were really condemned to be a bridge director in the next life? Would I be the bridge director from hell? I think so, and here's how I would run things.

"Let me see, you led out of turn. Hmmm. For a price of \$10 I can make this go away.

If that's not acceptable, your opponents have 12 options, none of which are good for you. If I don't see two fins float from your hand to mine, you could have a fingernail removed. That's very painful."

My players would have to submit to having duct tape placed over their mouths before entering the room. Then players would be clamped to their chairs and not released until I call the round. Best of all, there are no autopsies. Who cares how you played it? Who cares where the queen of trump was? History!

When I call the round, your chair restraints are released and you have 21 seconds to use the bathroom and be seated at the next table. If you're late, you lose another fingernail. When a player calls for the director, the chair restraints tighten, further cutting off circulation to player's legs.

I wrote down my ideas and dashed off to show them to a living, breathing bridge director. He looked over my ideas, shook his head and said, "Get out of my sight."

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

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gling to make ends meet, and making sure her children are provided for.

We have opened up a medical expense account at Macon Bank for Colleen. We have all had our share of bad fortune in our lives, and we know that these are difficult financial times, but any amount you can donate to help Colleen out is truly appreciated. We are also working on a way to have contributions go through a church so they can be tax deductible.

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With Many Thanks,
Meadows Mountain Realty

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Birds of a feather

Humming birds are capitalists. Honey bees, and other pollinators, are communists. Honey bees, for sure. I don't know the economic system of yellow jackets. They work every bit as hard as a honey bee, but I don't know if they turn every grain over to the state, for redistribution. My guess is that they do; like bees. Otherwise they'd be bigger, like humming birds.

Both insects and humming birds visit my deck daily. The humming birds suck nectar, take what they need, feed the family. There's never enough, certainly no extra. Over time, that stubborn independence started to pay off, and you became what you are today — a hummingbird. Not even man, and all his technology, can match your effortless change of direction in mid-flight.

There are probably times when a humming bird wants to chuck it all and move to Costa Rico, with endless summer and unlimited nectar. The reason they don't is a mystery. Why didn't all the creatures who need flowers to exist, move to a place where flowers are grown, in abundance, year round?

My suspicion is that Mother Nature knows the value of pain, of hunger, and buried it in the substructure of DNA in life on earth. "Keep it going. It's up to you to preserve and expand your species. Don't let us down," she whispered down into the primal church, in which everything that would become life was the same, an ancestor that all life shares. From virus to its human host, from slime molds to the great apes, this is our first mother.

Based on that theory, most economists would agree that capitalism is a natural, and essential, component of evolution. They would deny knowledge of the underlying science, but "if," and if was the fulcrum, the science turns out to be correct, they would have no choice but to agree that capitalism is not only superior to every other economic system, but the solution each of them would reach, if given enough generations and a little good luck. It is natural!

So what, we wonder, is with the honey bee?

It is needless to say that at some point their path became their own. As each link of interdependency was forged, a measure of self reliance was lost. And for the bee, there is no choice but to remain unchanged or die. She left the wagon train of evolution too early, and wound up staring at the walls of a box canyon without food or water, 100 miles from the last water. Either that or she should search at once for the pain path of evolution, and hope she can find it. Maybe it's happening right now. Maybe that's the reason for the mysterious loss of honey bees, whole colo-



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nies ceasing to exist, as though some essential has been lost.

Maybe a couple of workers started thinking about a world outside the colony, talking about it, dreaming about it. They talked, they gathered, they whispered, and when they happened to meet workers from another colony, they passed it on. It's the way revolution spreads. It has always been, until the Internet changed everything. They can chat in cyberspaces, 10,000 miles apart, at untraceable terminals.

That is the opinion of the Tea Partiers. I don't share it. I think we stumble along until some genius among us happens to take the right step. Capitalism has been pretty good to me, but I don't think it's the final answer. It's like a prairie dog city compared to Manhattan. Life will grope along in the darkness, until someone finds the next turn, or in the rarest of evolutionary events, the next light switch.

I don't understand evolution any better than anybody else, but as I was admiring the honey bees and humming birds in the garden on my deck, I wondered about what made them different, and what common ground they shared.

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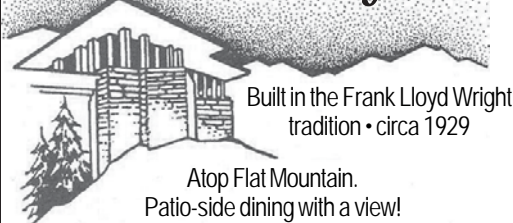
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• COACH'S CORNER •

Remembering the legacy of Dean Smith

Former North Carolina coach Dean Smith is regarded as one of the finest basketball coaches in the history of the game. His grace and demeanor was accentuated by stories about his disciplined manner and his impeccable memory.

Sadly, Dean Smith has Alzheimer's disease...or as his family states, a "progressive neurocognitive disorder." The cruel irony of a man whose otherworldly memory has now failed him is one straight out of a tragedy, and those who have known Coach Smith for years are deeply saddened by his current health.

As is often with society, Coach Smith has quietly faded into the background after his retirement in 1997. Despite his tremendous record and his many innovations, Smith has been largely forgotten by all but the eldest fans of the ACC, but with recent news of his failing health Coach Smith has been placed back on the radar for the saddest of reasons.

As a coach, there is no greater role model than Dean Smith. From his detailed practice plans to his innovative teambuilding activities, Smith provides a blueprint for young coaches to be successful. His book "Multiple Offenses and Defenses" is revered by every basketball coach who has taken the time to read it. From thanking the passer after an assist to signaling fatigue by showing a fist, Smith's footprint on the game can be seen to this day. While many people credit the invention of the "4 Corners" to Smith, he simply used an old high school tactic and perfected it to the point that a shot clock was necessary. Perhaps the greatest model that Coach Smith provides for a young coach is his legendary sideline temperament, he rarely showed much emotion on the sideline and was able to command the attention of his players without raising his voice.

In addition to the legacy that Smith has left on the game of basketball, his extended coaching family has carried on his legend. While people may recognize Roy Williams and Larry Brown as members of the UNC family, the list of people associated with Coach Smith extends to all areas of professional basketball. From Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak to High Point University coach Scott Cherry, Smith's influence can be seen at all levels of basketball, from high school to pro.

While Smith is a legend from a basketball standpoint, he has also been a legend off the court due to his support of civil rights. Smith is widely credited with help-



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ing to integrate the ACC with his recruitment of Charles Scott. Additionally, Smith has been very active throughout the years with his support of nonviolence and his opposition to the death penalty. Despite his poor health, he is still an avid golfer and also enjoys watching his former players in various settings.

As Coach Smith enters into the final stages of his life, I feel that it is necessary that people take notice of his accomplishments and recognize him, much in the same way that John Wooden was celebrated towards the end of his life.

If there were a Mount Rushmore of college basketball, Smith's face would certainly be on the first ballot and yet due to his incredible humility he has been "off the radar" in recent years. It is my hope (even as a Duke fan) that everyone in Dean Smith's family, both his personal and his Carolina family, know how much this man has meant to the game of college basketball and the state of North Carolina.

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July 22, 1988

The first Pi Day celebration was held. The date written in the European date format as 22/7, is an approximate value of pi.

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• HIS & HERS •

The missing bone hunters of politics

By John Armor

On our way through eastern Tennessee on US 26 for the 40th time, give or take a few, we decided to visit the Gray Fossil Museum. It is one of the most extraordinary preserves of fossilized bones of long-extinct creatures ever found.

An excellent book describes how this sink hole that preserves thousands of whole skeletons of ancient creatures was discovered, preserved and exploited. The book is "The Bone Hunters" by Harry Moore.

In some cases, the scientists can identify a species from a single tooth. Compare paleontology to political science. We know more about the life and death of creatures which lived three million years ago, than we do about types of governments which have died within the memory of living people.

The first fact a tooth can give us about a long-dead creature is whether it is an herbivore, living on vegetation, or carnivore, living on animal flesh. There is a simple characteristic which divides governments into two, opposed categories.

When I taught American Political Theory in college, decades ago, I would begin the class opening night, before anyone had bought the books or begun the readings. I would ask a victim (excuse me, a student) to stand up and offer a definition of a government. Several students would offer descriptions based on justice, democracy, etc. Then I would ask them if the people who ran Nazi Germany, or Russia under the Bolsheviks, or Cambodia under Pol Pot, were "governments." They had to concede that these were both governments and blood-thirsty tyrannies.

In short, a government is a group of individuals who have the permanent power of life and death over the residents in an area large enough to be called a nation. Notions such as justice, democracy, etc., come later, if at all.

We did have political bone hunters at the highest level of government in the United States at one time. The books that Thomas Jefferson loaned to his friend James Madison to prepare for a certain meeting in Philadelphia in 1787 gave a history of failed republics. There were only a few dozen republics in the known history of the human race, when the Framers began their work at the Constitutional Convention.

The Framers were students of governmental failures. By studying the deaths of other republics they learned the principles which allowed them to create the longest surviving constitutional republic in human history.



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"For what is government but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?"

As James Madison continued this thought in The Federalist, No. 51, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies

in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself. A dependence on the people is, no doubt, the primary control on the government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions."

This is the exact opposite of a government which has, and uses, the capacity to drag any citizen into the street and shoot him, hack him to death with swords, or beat him to death with rocks, depending on the era and development of the nation, or tribe.

In the PhD program at American University we read and discussed a book which posed the question whether political science was really a science (like the hard sciences like physics and mathematics). The conclusion was that it was not, and could not be due to the difficulty of accurately quantifying the

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will be automatically checked against both the FBI criminal history records in IAFIS and the biometrics-based immigration records in DHS's Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT).

"The Secure Communities strategy provides ICE with an effective tool to identify criminal aliens in local custody," said Secure Communities Executive Director David Venturella. "Enhancing public safety is at the core

of ICE's mission. Our goal is to use biometric information sharing to remove criminal aliens, preventing them from being released back into the community, with little or no additional burden on our law enforcement partners."

If any fingerprints match those of someone in the DHS biometric system, the new automated process notifies ICE. ICE evaluates each case to determine the individual's immigration status and takes appropriate enforcement action. This includes aliens who are in lawful status and those who are present

without lawful authority. Once identified through fingerprint matching, ICE will respond with a priority placed on aliens convicted of the most serious offenses first - such as those with convictions for major drug offenses, murder, rape and kidnapping.

Since ICE began using this enhanced information sharing capability in October 2008, immigration officers have removed from the United States more than 8,500 criminal aliens convicted of Level 1 crimes, such as murder, rape and kidnapping. Additionally, ICE has removed more than 22,200 criminal aliens convicted of Level 2 and 3 crimes, including burglary and serious property crimes, which account for the majority of crimes committed by aliens.

Already in Florida, ICE has removed more than 1,800 convicted criminal aliens. ICE does not regard aliens charged with, but not yet convicted of crimes, as "criminal aliens." Instead, a "criminal alien" is an alien convicted of a crime. In accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act, ICE continues to take action on aliens subject to removal as resources permit.

The IDENT system is maintained by DHS's US-VISIT program and IAFIS is maintained by the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS).

Nine employees from the Macon County Sheriff's Office attended the training at Southwestern Community College's Public Safety Training Center last week with em-

ployees from seven other Sheriff's offices.

"I fully support the Secure Communities initiative and believe it is a proactive law enforcement tool that helps identify criminal aliens who have been charged with crimes," said Sheriff Robert Holland. "As required by State law, the Detention Center must determine if all inmates are legal residents of the United States and this enhanced information sharing will help Detention officers comply with this requirement."

Holland said the initiative does not involve any type of public or workplace "round-ups," instead it targets individuals who have been charged with a crime and have prior criminal convictions and/or immigration violations.

"Criminal aliens who are identified as a result of this initiative have self-reported themselves to ICE and local law enforcement and should suffer the consequences of their actions," said Holland.

At the candidate forum on Tuesday July 13, Sheriff Holland explained that his department doesn't look for illegal aliens, instead they "self-report."

"Self-reporting is when due to a traffic violation like driving left-of-center, or driving a car without a tail light, an officer pulls the vehicle over and discovers the driver doesn't have a driver's license or identification," he said. "Every citizen is treated the same way when that happens. They are cited and arrested and the detention center must by law find out if the person is a legal resident of the U.S."

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related variables.

The only hard numbers in poli-sci are election results. And examples as varied as Venezuela and Chicago demonstrate, these are also variables.

But this is no excuse for modern theoreticians in poli-sci, whether professors in ivory towers or politicians in elected office, to ignore, or worse to falsify, the examples of history. There are almost no programs or policies being considered in the US today that do not have a track record of prior use.

And, those records are mostly of failures, as were the examples the Framers had before them in Philadelphia. Sometimes failures are the best possible sources of guidance for the future. But this whole lesson is lost on entirely too many members of the Obama Administration, leaders in Congress, leaders in the American press, professors in college, etc.

We need bone hunters in politics today. That is the lesson I learned from a sinkhole full of fossils in Tennessee, this week.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Keep your eye on the ball, people

Shortly after my wife and I moved here 17 years ago, my wife heard stories about how the headquarters of the national white supremacy movement had been close to town and had just recently moved elsewhere. I've heard that the racist mentality is still alive and well to our north, west and southeast, and not far off.



Don Swanson
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For those of you who haven't noticed, I am fairly deeply involved with the Tea Party movement and proud of it. Evidently, we must be having an effect on the political landscape since everybody and their brother are taking shots at us, but that's another story. Here is the point.

We've held Tea Parties here, we've gone to Lavonia GA, Raleigh and Washington DC to attend them there, and I have yet to see the first sign of racism in the movement. You would think that, if it were to appear it would be a part of our agenda, it would show up here, or there, or somewhere. It hasn't. We have many African-Americans on board and they are as outspoken on the perils that our county faces as anyone.

I have heard, on network news, various critics making accusations of occasions where Tea Party people have made racist remarks, carried racist signs, etc., but when asked to back up their claims, they sputter, ignore the question and change the subject. With cameras everywhere, all the time, you'd think there would be mountains of evidence of rampant racism. I haven't seen it, either in person or in the media.

Are just plain God-fearing folks upset with the current ruling class? Absolutely.

They are furious. However, whatever vitriol I've seen expressed is at least equally aimed at Obama, Pelosi, Reid and, to a lesser extent, Barney Frank, who is as culpable as anyone. I have a hard time distinguishing between the mild invectives aimed at the latter three, who are white, and Obama, who isn't. Seems to me, if the alleged racist mobs are truly racist, their targets are more white than black.

How is it that the "racism" charges swing only one way? I know that I'm stating what should be the obvious, but it needs stating and re-stating. Obama and his house of horrors understand that the Dems are in serious danger of losing control of the House in November. The possibility must be real since Robert Gibbs, White House press secretary, said it was, and that's good enough for me. Barf.

The way the Obama Machine has chosen to try to retain their favorable margin is to play the race card, big-time.

If the Dems black constituency doesn't turn out in November, the House is gone. How better to stir them to action than to tell them that the nasty Tea Partiers hate their president and by extension, them.

Michelle Obama addressed the NAACP Leadership recently and took the opportunity to stir the racial pot. Certainly there are hoards of African-Americans who think for themselves and

won't be swayed by this tactic. Unfortunately, many will and the Dems know it.

Further, by supporting Jan Brewer and Arizona's effort to defend their borders, the Tea Party is now accused of being racist against — I'm not sure who (whom?). Mexican isn't a race, is it? Central American isn't a race that I know of.

I'm pretty sure that we are all members of the human race. I never gave it much of a thought beyond that. I always understood that I was a member of the White race. That's what I checked off on applications of one sort or another. It used to be a choice of Black or White.

Obviously not knowing precisely how race is defined, I looked it up. It seems that

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We're all guilty from time to time of confusing these names, but we all need to be careful not to lose the meaning behind the trademarks.

Here's one, "Membership has its privileges." No, that's not the Realtor trademark; that one belongs to American Express, BUT that statement also holds true to the Realtor association. There's strength in numbers, and the education factor alone is worth being a member.

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Highlands, Franklin & county have 'meet and eat'



The town of Franklin hosted the quarterly "meet and eat" between the two towns and the county Tuesday night at the Mill Creek Country Club. Members of each board updated the group on town and county projects following a dinner catered by Tim Lundy of Rosewood Market. Mayor David Wilkes reported on the completion of major projects in town – the Town Hall, renovations to the Civic Center, the construction of the Dog Park, plans to relocate the water intake valve, the fact that the Greenway Trail is now included in the National Trail system, the coming of radio-read meters, the hopeful funding of the Lake Sequoyah sewer project, the near completion of the Mirror Lake Sewer Project, the "green" Pine Street stormwater and sewer project, the pending renovation of the old ABC store to house the police department and the fact that town employees now understand the importance of being hospitable in the way they deal with residents and visitors as they carry out their daily tasks and schedule work. "Hospitality is the only commodity we have in Highlands," said the Mayor. "It's important that town employees understand that what they do affects business in town."

Photo by Kim Lewicki

The Town Manager's report

Town Manger Jim Fatland submitted the following report prior in lieu of his attendance at the July 21 Town Board meeting. He was attending the NC Finance and Investment Officers Conference earning continuing education credits to maintain his certification as a Certified Government Finance Officer.

Pine Street Stormwater and Sewer Project

The Pine Street Stormwater Project has been completed. The Sewer project started this week and completion is expected early August.

Dog Park

The fence will be installed next week. Town crews have completed the clearing and mulching of the site.

Macon County Refund

The Town received a check for \$97,374 from Macon County as a refund of funds contributed toward the transfer station project.

Bowery Road Settlements

Town Attorney Bill Coward reported that the two Nelson cases have settled for \$53,000 and \$33,500. There is one remaining case still pending. Mildred Johnson is requesting the town to pay her legal expenses. A court date has been set for Monday, July 26 in Waynesville.

NC Main Street Program

Following a five-hour visit by state officials on July 6 during which they interviewed Mayor Wilkes, Historical Society representatives Ran Shaffner and Eric Nesmith, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bob Kieltyka, Town Planner Joe Cooley and Town

Manager Jim Fatland, Highlands was selected to participate in NC Small Town Main Street Program. Coordinators will suggest ways to plan town growth and ways to entice businesses to fill vacant storefronts.

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• Join us for lunch at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, where from May through October, you can enjoy an hour long *Lunch and Learn* educational seminar, on a variety of health topics, followed by a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided and seating is limited, so please call

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• Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30

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• 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.

• 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 am.

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

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

• At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: "Interactive Art Appreciation Part 1," Rosemary Stiefel. An understanding of art, one medium at a time, while experiencing each with a hands-on activity. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (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.

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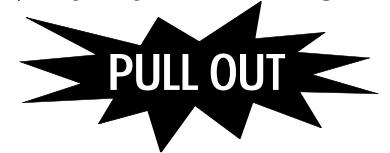
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• At the Bascom, 2-5 p.m.: "Creative Journaling," Betty Holt. Learn 16 different writing techniques to organize your thoughts and build self-confidence. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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 Fellow-

ship 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 526-9769

Fridays through 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. For reservations for the concert and dinner call the HCCMF's office at (828) 526-9060.

Fridays

• Free Mountain Music Concert series with dance demonstrations and instruction from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The band performs from 7:30-9 at Highlands School's old gym, on Pierson Drive.

Friday & Saturdays

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

Every Third Saturday

• The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American

Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 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. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Great values in wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. A variety of wines for every palate. Wines change weekly. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.

• Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

• At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan 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 call (828) 526-4949.

July 22-Aug. 8

• At Highlands Playhouse, "The Andrews Brothers," a USO show in the South Pacific full of mistaken identities and madcap adventures. For tickets call 828-526-2695 or go to www.highlandspkayhouse.org.

Thurs.-Sat., July 22-24

• At the Bascom, Pots - Possibilities," Nick Joerling, artist-in-residence. Push, cut, coax and stretch forms and discover various ways of making handles, lids and spouts amidst lively conversation about everything from making a living to making pots personal. Tuition: \$325 Bascom members/ \$350 non-members (all materials included). Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949.

Thurs., July 22

• At Highlands United Methodist Church, "Taking Control of Your Health: The Relationship Between Nutrition & Disease" led by Carol Johnson, a nutrition counselor, and Rebecca Cothran, a whole-grains supplier from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be mill demonstrations on grinding your own flour and a light, healthy lunch following the presentation. Reservations are required and there is a \$7 fee for lunch. Please call the church office at 526-3376.

• Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. 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.

Fri., July 23

• Reggae Night, at El Azteca, 70 Highlands Plaza, across from Bryson's Food Store.

• "Snakes of the Highlands Region" program at the

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Mountain music concerts and dancing continue Friday night at Highlands School



Mountain Top Bluegrass and Gospel will give a free performance on Friday, July 23 at Highlands School. The band consisting of Tony, Angie, and Justin Passmore, along with Wymer Bryson on banjo and a Georgia fiddler, will perform from 7:30-9 P.M. for the Just for You Relay for Life team. High Mountain Squares and Highlands Drifters will square dance from 6:45-7:30 with a demonstration of modern Western square dance and instruction by professional caller Jim Duncan for audience participation. Everyone is invited to attend!

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PULL OUT

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'The Andrews Brothers' opens Thursday night at The Playhouse

By Joseph Litsch

By now, it is obvious that Sam Dunaway can put together a musical revue. His track record at Highlands Playhouse underscores that clearly — "The Taffetas," "Always...Patsy Cline," "Smokey Joe's Café." But "The Andrews Brothers," opening Thursday night, hits closer to Sam's roots than any of others.

"The Andrews Brothers" is a takeoff on all those USO shows during World War II, when big-name entertainers flew right into combat zone to put on shows for the troops around the world. They were upbeat; they were fun; and they were proudly American.

So, since it is a USO show and you gotta have Old Glory. It represents a lot of things to a lot of people.

Dunaway spent six years working in the Six Flags Crystal Pistol shows where showmanship reigned. He learned from a master and now he is getting his shot at showing and sharing what he learned, and we all benefit from it.

"The Andrews Brothers" is filled with collection of 1940s songs, some hits, some not, and most associated with the most famous sister act ever: The Andrews Sisters,



who really were sisters. We don't see them; we don't even see real impersonators; but we feel and hear their influence.

The premise is simple: The Andrews Sisters are flying in for a USO show somewhere on a South Seas island. One comes down with chicken pox. Girls are quarantined. Show is canceled. Case closed, as Archie Bunker would say.

Not so fast says Peggy Jones, who posed for a pin-up and immediately became the reason American GIs were fighting. She was scheduled to sing with the famous sisters, thus proving that she was more than a photograph in a locker. And she has been rehearsing with what she initially thought were

three male back-up singers.

Peggy sees the writing on the wall. She also sees the brass ring and she's not about to let it slip away. With the craftiness of Lucy Ricardo, she recruits the boys, and the show goes on.

Now, Sam's recruits — Trey Butler, Josh Donahue and Brett Parker — are not only learning lines and songs; they are learning to walk and dance in high heels. "How do ladies walk in high heels without them hurting your feet," Josh asked.

"Oh, they hurt," assured Peggy, still wearing tennis shoes.

Stage manager Shannon Webber offered a solution, "I'll get some gel pads after rehearsal tonight."

So, when the cast begins Act II, they will not only be singing and dancing; they will be gelling, too. And, all three guys will have a new respect for women in heels. Remember, Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did; only, she did it backward and in high heels.

At rehearsal, it was back to work, learning to walk, dance and strike a pose in high heels. Now, rehearsals are over and it's time for the show to go on.

Highlands Nature Center. 7 pm, all ages. Come for an educational program about regional species featuring live snakes. Learn snake identification, natural histories, and common misconceptions about them. \$2 per person.

• At CLE, SOUTHERN STYLE, TOWN & COUNTRY, 10-noon at PAC. Presenter: Susan Sully. \$20 members, \$30 non-members.

• Mountain Top Bluegrass and Gospel will give a free performance on Friday at Highlands School from 7:30-9 p.m. High Mountain Squares and Highlands Drifters will square dance from 6:45-7:30 with a demonstration of modern Western square dance and instruction by professional caller Jim Duncan for audience participation.

Sat., July 24

• Bob & Cathy Fisher garden tours. 100% of the 2010 proceeds will support the Episcopal Church's school building in Haiti. Tickets are one sale at the Episcopal Church for \$30. Order over the phone 828-526-2968 (MasterCard or Visa) Tour times of 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 or 3 and purchase tickets from the church office.

• At CLE, ARMCHAIR BIRDING, 10-noon at PAC. Presenter: John Yow. \$20 members, \$30 non-members.

• The Dance for Life and Auction fundraiser for the Highlands Relay for Life is 7-11 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building. All donations received that night will go towards cancer patient services in Macon County. Even if you don't like to dance, please stop by, make a donation and/or bid on the auction items! Casual/Sock Hop Attire, DJ/Disco Lights/Song Requests. Snacks Provided and bring your own. Admission Cost — Donation. Mike Murphy at 526-1841.

Monday, July 26

• The Art League of Highlands monthly meeting featuring

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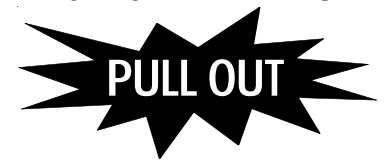


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photographer Diane Hughes. Beginning at 5 p.m. with a social half hour, then the program. Civic Center Rec Park in Highlands. Info: Dottie Bruce, President: 828-743-7673. Guests always welcome.

- The Jackson County GOP will meet on Monday at 7PM for a General Membership Meeting at Ryans in Sylva. Among the items of business to be discussed are plans for candidate support in the November elections and the August 23 Forum on Public Issues program featuring speaker Retired General Geoff Higginbotham. Call Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County GOP Chair at Republican Headquarters or 828 586-9895 and 828 743-6491 for more information.

Tues., July 27

- "Mountain Explorers" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center begins. 10 am – 4 pm daily. Develop teamwork and observe nature on a series of adventurous, all day hikes along various National Forest trails. Ages 10-13. \$55 per child, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623.

Wed., July 28

- The Village Nature Series features "The Mystery of George Masa" with local historian, Ran Shaffner, 6 p.m. on the Village Green in Cashiers. The program is free.

- Dinner to benefit the Highlands Playhouse at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to Play-

• See EVENTS page 16

Tickets are on sale now for the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary "Quickdraw" artists exhibition and auction. Sat., July 31, at the Executive Conference Center at Old Edwards Inn in Highlands for this annual Highlands Mountaintop Rotary fundraiser.

During the timed Quickdraw, artists work swiftly, drawing on their experience, their artistic instinct and their passion for art. Watch each artists technique as each brush stroke comes to life on the canvas right before your eyes.

In addition to a great evening of delicious food, fellowship and the opportunity to meet the artists, guests have the chance to take home one of these carefully crafted pieces of art. At the end of the Quickdraw, each piece of artwork will be auctioned off during a live auction.

The artists scheduled to participate this year are Bonnie Adams, Chris Bell, Joann Chapman, Kaye Gorecki, Duncan Greenlee, Pam Hadock, Alexei Kazantsev, Susan

Mtn Top Rotary 'Quickdraw' July 31



Lingg, Mark Menendez, Karen Pait, Michael Polomic, Teresa Reuter, and Ken Umbach. Rotarian Dennis Hall of Hall Auction Services will again be donating his valuable services. The Quickdraw is an important fundraiser for the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary with all proceeds being used by the Mountaintop club for local area Rotary projects.

Advance purchase ticket price is \$45 per

person. Tickets at the door will be \$55. Ticket price includes the Quickdraw artist exhibition, a live auction, a silent auction and food catered by the Old Edwards Inn including hors d'oeuvres, salads, dinner, side dishes, dessert and a beverage station. A cash bar will also be provided. The doors open at 5:30 and the Quickdraw begins at 6.

Tickets may be purchased at Prestige Realty Group and Stanberry Insurance. For ticket information please call 526-9999 or contact davidkbee@aol.com.

The Old Edwards Inn will be providing special guest rates. Contact 866-526-8008 and be sure to mention "Quickdraw" when making your reservation.

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Visitors are invited to join us for Rotary fellowship.

H-C Chamber Music Festival 2010 is all about family this weekend

The Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival celebrates the remarkable bonds of familial harmony this weekend.

"All In The Family" parts I and II will feature performances by brother and sister Pianist William Ransom and Violinist Kate Ransom and the HCCMF debut of sisters The Albers Trio.

On Friday, July 23rd, the Ransoms will deliver Antonin Dvorak's brilliant "Sonatina in G Major, Op. 100." The Ransoms are no strangers to sharing the stage – every HCCMF season contains at least one duet by this dynamic team.

In addition to serving as the festival's artistic director, Will Ransom's schedule takes him around the world to perform in such venues as Carnegie Hall and the National Gallery, yet his heart brings him back every summer to the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. Born in Boston, he was a scholarship student of William Masselos at The Juilliard School in New York. When he's not performing at and overseeing the HCCMF, Ransom is the Mary L. Emerson Professor of Piano and Director of Piano Studies at Emory University. He's also the founder and artistic director of the Emory Chamber Music Society and has collaborated with cellists Yo-Yo Ma and Steven Isserlis, clarinetist Richard Stoltzman, and members of the Tokyo, Cleveland, St. Petersburg, American, Lark, Cavani, and Muir String Quartets.

Kate Ransom's performance calendar is equally storied. She's presented concerts throughout the United States, England, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Ms. Ransom is violinist with the Serafin String Quartet and was one of the founders of the Alexander String Quartet. Her brother isn't her only collaboration partner – she's performed with guitarist Eliot Fisk, cellist Sadao Harada, and frequent Festival performers the Lark, Ciompi, Blair, and Vega String Quartets.

The Ransoms' selection of Dvorak's "Sonatina in G Major" is a playful reference to the "All in the Family" theme. The composition is Dvorak's loving creation to foster the musical talents of his 15-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son. Written during his tour of America, which provided fodder for his "New World Symphony," "Sonatina" contains heartfelt tributes to Native American melodies and African American spirituals. It's also evidence of



Dvorak's unstoppable creativity – When he couldn't find paper during a rush of inspiration, he wrote the slow movement *Larghetto* on his shirt sleeve while on a visit to Minnehaha Falls, Minnesota.

The Ransoms will be followed by the Albers Trio's performance of Ernst von Dohnanyi's "Serenade in C Major for String Trio, Op. 10." The Albers sisters – Violinist Laura, Violist Rebecca, and Cellist Julie – have been beguiling audiences in such diverse venues as Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, Severance Hall, and Weill Recital Hall. They've also been heard on "Live from Lincoln Center," "Kennedy Center Honors," "Voice of America," and Japan's NHK and Bavarian Radio. The sisters began studying Suzuki Violin at age two, and though each enjoys

individual success, there's an undeniable magic when they share the stage together.

After Intermission, The Albers Trio returns with Ludwig van Beethoven's "String Trio in G Major, Op. No. 1." True to Beethoven's exacting personality, this incredibly tight composition is extremely demanding. It opens with an expansive adagio, which sets the stage for the remainder of the trio. Following the adagio, the opening allegro con brio moves broadly between a large-scaled theme and a lyrical second theme. The second movement is also large and lengthy, as Beethoven contrasts the extroverted opening movement with a slow movement of a pensive character. It features a lyrical cello solo about midway. The third movement is a brusque scherzo with another singing passage for the cello in the trio. The presto finale is a showcase for the sister's polished musicianship and the deep understanding that comes from growing up together.

On Sunday, July 25th, the Ransoms return with Bela Bartok's "Roumanian Folk Dances." This irresistible composition is tailor-made for the Ransoms – originally written, as a suite of six piano pieces, it's based on classical Transylvanian fiddle tunes.

The Albers Trio follows with Bohuslav Martinu's "String Trio No. 2."

Following Intermission, the Ransoms and The Albers Trio will team up for Dvorak's "Quintet in A major, op. 81. If the Ransoms' Bartok performance captured the romance of Romanian folk dances, this piece is a mixture of Dvorak's expressive lyricism and elements from Czech folk music. It's a potent combination that celebrates the full spectrum of rural Czech life – from deep melancholy to unabashed exuberance.

The Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival stretches through Sunday, August 15th, culminating in a Gala Concert and Dinner Party. Concerts are held at 6:00 p.m. Fridays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturdays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers. Sunday concerts are staged at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.



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house. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.

- Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Mary Akerman, classical guitar **Thursday, July 29**

- Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM. Place to be announced. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken.

- The Cashiers Library the free family cookout at 5.

Friday, July 30

- A murder mystery Dinner Theater 6:30 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Resort Community Center. Wine, dine and solve the crime! Tickets are \$75 per person, \$80 after July 26. Available at SVR Community Center or by calling 526-9938 ext. 320 or www.j-mca.org. Proceeds will benefit the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance. The show will be performed by the Highlands-Cashiers Players.

Fri. & Sat., July 30-31

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

Saturday, July 31

- Highlands Mountain Top Rotary's Annual Quickdraw at the Executive Conference Center at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa. To purchase tickets call David Bee at 828-421-6607. Tickets are \$45 prior to the event or \$55 at the door.

Beginning Aug. 2

- At the Bascom, The Art Academy, classes for non-

artist, beginners and continuing students, begins Summer Session III on August 2. Grow your interest in art and join an amazing talent pool of highly qualified, local, professional instructors as they guide you through courses in Outdoor Drawing, Life Drawing, Interactive Art Appreciation, Painting: Oil or Acrylic, Watercolor Basics: Design, Pastels: Studies in the Landscape and/or Botanical Watercolor.. The cost per course (four classes per course) is \$120 Bascom members/\$125 non-members.

Tues., Aug. 3

"NatureWorks" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center begins. August 3 - 6, 10 am - 2 pm daily. Learn about the workings of "mother nature" through nature activities and field observations. Ages 8-11. \$45 per child, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623.

Wed., Aug. 4

- Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Stell Huie, baritone accompanied by Angie Jenkins, piano.

Thurs., Aug. 5

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

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 6-7

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

Diverse exhibitions at The Bascom



With the opening last Friday of *Heroes of Horticulture*, The Bascom is showcasing six exhibitions throughout its six-building, six-acre campus. Exhibitions are free and 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. The Do Tell environmental sculpture, by Patrick Dougherty, pictured above, will be on view at The Bascom over the next two years. The exhibition is generously supported by Mary Ann and Knox Massey and media sponsor Our State magazine.

Historical Society's annual 'Tour of Homes' is Aug. 7



"Apple Hill" home of Cason and Nancy Callaway.

Highlands Historical Society will once again host Highlands Annual Tour of Historic Homes on Saturday, Aug. 7. Homes featured on this year's tour are located in the Highlands Country Club area, including Cobb Road and North Cobb Road.

A highlight of this year's tour is the "Apple Hill" home of Cason and Nancy Callaway.

According to Ran Shaffner's book, "Heart of the Blue Ridge," the Callaway's home is one of only five known dwellings constructed before the March arrival of Highlands' founders Samuel Kelsey and C.C. Hutchinson in 1875. Because the Cherokees are said to have never lived in teepees, legend claims that the home was constructed around 1850 as an old Cherokee cabin. Its front door was assembled with wooden pegs, and the walls were constructed using hand-hewn poplar logs. In 1887, Judson Cobb purchased the home, enlarged it and called it "Altadona," meaning fine lady.

Throughout the years, the Callaway's "Apple Hill" home has been enlarged and modernized, but you can still see the origi-

nal log walls, fire place and front door as you tour the home.

This is only one of four great homes featured on this year's tour. Invite your friends to come for the weekend and revel in Highlands' past. The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shuttles will leave from the Highlands Community Building (next to the Ball Field) on the Cashiers Road. Tickets are \$40 each and may be purchased at The Highlander Newspaper or Cyrano's Bookshop before the event. Tickets may also be purchased when you catch the shuttle at the Community Building on the day of the event.

Funds raised by this event support the ongoing maintenance of the Historic Village, which includes the original Hudson Library and the Prince House (Highlands' oldest home within the town limits). Please come tour the Museum and the Prince House any Friday or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the season. For more information, visit the Historical Society's Web site, www.highlandshistory.com or call (828)-787-1050.

RELAY, What You Need To Know . . .



You're invited to a big party Aug. 13, Highlands Rec Park, 6 p.m. Plan to spend the night! It's the Relay For Life of Highlands and the community is intent on raising funds to reach the \$75,000 goal. To date, teams have raised over half of this goal and they are all planning many fun events from now until Aug. 13. If you are a cancer survivor, please plan on coming to the Survivor Dinner at the Presbyterian Church on Aug. 3. Visit www.relayforlife.org/Highlands for details.

Dine Out for More Birthdays - enjoy a fantastic meal at local area restaurants and a percentage of the evening goes to Relay For Life of Highlands. Coming up: July 21 - Lakeside Restaurant - tell them you're there for Relay; July 28 - Fressers Eatery; Aug. 7 - The Kitchen & Carry Away, August 12 - Wild Thyme. August 18 - Nick's. Relay For Life silent auction being held in lobby of RBC Bank, 225 Franklin Rd., Highlands. Seven great auction items were donated by the following businesses: The Toy Store, The Hen House, Reeves Hardware, Wholesale Down Comforters, Colonel Mustard, Gold-n-Clipper & Bryant Art Glass. Bidding will end Aug. 2 at 5 pm when the lobby closes. Hurry & get your bids in.

Mountain Music Concert Series, Presented by the "Just For You Team" Friday Nights at Highlands School-Old Gym, Square Dancing & Clogging! Dancing Begins at 6:45, Concerts, 7:30-9. Concerts are free & open to the public. Raffle items will be available at the concerts (\$100 + value) with the drawing to be held Aug. 13.. All donations will go to Relay For Life of Highlands. "Bark For Life Event", July 24 at the Highlands Rec. Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the actual walk starting at 9 a.m. This fun-filled dog walk is part of the fundraising efforts of Relay For Life Team "Meadows Mountain Realty." Volunteer or be a sponsor for this event. Please contact Tricia Cox @ 526-1717. Visit

relayforlife.org/highlands & click on the Bark For Life link for more details.

"Dance For Life" (and silent auction). Come out and dance the night away to help fight cancer. Sponsored by the Highlands Scouts. Sat. July 24, 7-11 PM, (7-9 pm all ages, 9-11 pm 16 & older please). Highlands Community Bldg., \$10 Donation/Person, Dress: Casual/Sock Hop Attire. DJ, Disco, Lights, Song Request, Silent Auction, Light Snacks. Contact Mike Murphy at 526-1841.

Relay For Life Bridge Games: How can you have fun and help find a cure for cancer at the same time? Come to the Recreation Park on July 29 at 1 p.m. and play bridge for a donation of \$10 to The American Cancer Society. You and your partner can play in a sanctioned duplicate game, (call M. Meeter at 787-2174) or in a recreational party bridge game (call G. Calloway at 526-4021). There will be prizes and refreshments. You must make a reservation if you want to play.

Madison's Miracle Team's Benefit, all bikes welcome, Event Date: Saturday July 31st at Highlands, N.C. - Rec. Park on HWY 64, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Take a scenic ride through beautiful mountains roads. \$20. We will finish the run at the Highlands Rec. Park on HWY 64 with a cookout for all participants, raffle & prizes. Contact Kristie at 526-5793.

Have you seen the Flamingos? Would you like to "Flock" someone? Call 828-526-1717. "Flock your friends" ONLY \$15! "De-Flocking" - only \$10! The flamingos will be here through Aug. 13. All proceeds benefit Relay For Life of Highlands

Benefit Auction, Aug/15 at Scudders Auction House, 3:15 - 5 p.m. Exciting auction items!

Survivor Dinner, Tuesday, Aug. 3, Coleman Hall First Presbyterian Church, Highlands.

Madison's Miracle Team Chili Cook-Off, Scaly Mtn. Aug. 7.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Saying goodbye to the rich soil of Highlands

Rev. Brian Sullivan

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation



Planting seeds is one of the hardest thing to do. We have a small garden. As an experiment this year we decided to plant a few seeds of various vegetables. Being an experiment we did not do all the necessary preparations to ensure that the seeds were cared for properly in something like a heavy rain. The day after planting these seeds, what do you think happened? A heavy rain. As I looked at the garden just after the rain let up, the beautiful mounds with the seeds in them were flattened. And in the far corner of the garden was a pool of water. So much for the experiment, or so I thought. Just the other day, in that far corner of the garden I saw what I thought were weeds, but I soon realized they might just be the seeds sprouting. If they are indeed vegetables, I give all the credit to the soil.

As I am beginning a new journey in a new start-up church in Atlanta (St. Benedict's, Smyrna/Vinnings area), I will be curious about this garden. The small tomato plants that we planted along with the seeds will be ripe in a few weeks. Soon the mysterious plants growing the corner will reveal whether they are weeds or squash or beans. Since the house has yet to sell, I plan to be back to keep up with the lawn and reap some of the rewards of the garden.

Of course this garden is a good metaphor for ministry and life. In the past six years, I have made small mounds and left seeds in them. I also have some plants, like the tomatoes, that have produced my favorite "fruit" of life - friendship. The hardest thing to leave is the incredibly rich network of friends. I realize that my Highlands friends are closer than many of the friends I have had since childhood. I am not sure I knew our friendships would grow the way they did when I first met them.

A few sentences to someone at Buck's has blossomed into a friend I turn to for advice about life, cooking, gardening and she is the Godparent for my youngest child. A simple call for help moving into our house when we first arrived in Highlands has turned into a family with whom we will continue to spend time. A call to a local plumber to fix a leak in our toilet, has blossomed into a friend and family who would drop anything to be there. A little time volunteering for the SOARS race, has turned into a lifelong discussion and participation with religion, spirituality, health, and amazing ping-pong matches. Working side-by-side with a friend has developed into amazingly close friendships for the whole family (and possibly a husband or two for my daughters). Going on a trip to Haiti has begun a friendship with a local pastor who still understands ministry as a vocation that is filled with mystery, lightness, and a good sense of humor (he even lets me win in softball games and still owes me a fly-fishing trip). And I have not even touched on the friends I have made through the church.

I have learned that these friendships grow for the same reason that my garden grows - the soil. Highlands has some of the richest soil in the world to grow the greatest garden humanity can cultivate - a place filled with friends. I am not sure if it is the close proximity, the closeness to God's creation, the good coffee, the cold winters, or what - but I know that each one of us plants seeds every day in this garden we call Highlands. And as I leave, I hope you remain diligent in this endeavor. Every word from your mouth is a seed that will grow into a plant. The question I leave you with is, what kind of seeds are you planting? I can't wait to find out what has happened not only to the seeds I have planted, but to the seeds you are planting even as you read this article.

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

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Tues.: 9:30 am: Women's Bible Study.
Wed.: 5 pm: Dinner. 6pm: Children's Program

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

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)

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Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
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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.

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Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
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Tuesdays: Bible Study - 5 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Choir - 7

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Sixth Street

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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p.m. Youth

Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 - children, youth, & adults
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For more information call 526-3212.

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When You Have an Emergency ... Time is Really What Matters



Time will either be your friend or your enemy depending upon what your problem is, but let's face it, we all want time on our side if something happens to us while we're here on the Highlands-Cashiers plateau. **So why is it when some people have a medical emergency that their first reaction is "I want to go home to my doctor" even if that doctor is hundreds of miles away?**

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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •



H-C Hospital's health forum on skin cancer draws crowd

More than 40 community residents attended a physician forum at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital presented by Dr. Paul S. Cabiran, Board Certified Dermatologist. He addressed the importance of early detection and prevention of skin cancer.

After reviewing the key factors of prevention, Dr. Cabiran incorporated a slide show with photos to illustrate the various forms of skin cancer. Many attendees wanted to know what actions they could take to lower the risk of developing skin cancer.

In answer, Dr. Cabiran said "Using the right type of sunscreen and making sure that ALL sun exposed areas are treated can greatly decrease ones risk." Dr. Cabiran said to "make sure that your sunscreen of choice contains ingredients protecting against UVA and UVB radiation. UVA and UVB rays can be absorbed through the skin during daily activities like walking to and from the grocery store and even through glass and clouds. He advises that "Women should use a sunscreen with at least SPF 30 as their daily moisturizer; men should use a sunscreen as their daily after shave cream. Also higher SPF sunscreens now available, do offer more protection."

Several attendees posed the question, "How often should I see my dermatologist in efforts to minimize the risk over developing skin cancers? Dr. Cabiran answered by explaining the various stages and appearances of possible skin cancers and how early detection of these will decrease that risk.

"Basal Cell Carcinoma is the most common form of skin cancer but it's unlikely to spread if treated properly," he said. "Mostly, it is found on the skin exposed areas such as hands, arms, face and scalp. The prognosis is excellent if the cancer is removed, most commonly through surgical excision."

The second most common form of skin cancer is Squamous Cell Carcinoma. Like

Basal Cell, Squamous Cell is also found on sun exposed areas and areas such as the face and arms. Unlike Basal Cell, it can spread. Squamous Cell can manifest as a new growth, skin ulcer or skin discoloration.

Lastly, Melanoma is one of the least common types of skin cancer, but spreads aggressively and makes up 75% of skin cancer related deaths. Melanoma normally presents in the skin with dark pigmentation or variation of pigmentation and irregular shape. Multiple sun burns, especially severe, before puberty can also increase ones risk of Melanoma. "A benign mole will be perfectly round and flesh colored," said Dr. Cabiran. "If there is a change in appearance, the individual should make an appointment with their dermatologist."

Dr. Cabiran closed the discussion with some helpful tips for prevention. "Regularly checking your skin for moles or any skin discolorations is the first step," he said. "Also wearing a "sport" sunscreen, that is water and sweat proof, will help to keep areas safe from sun damage and developing cancers. Individuals should see their dermatologist at least once a year if they have personal history of skin cancer or a first degree relative (parent, child or sibling) with a history of Melanoma. If a new mole arises after the age of 40, see your dermatologist soon as possible.

Throughout the summer, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be hosting additional Physician Forums with their own board certified physicians. Dr. Robert Buchanan, Board Certified Plastic Surgeon, is next on the schedule presenting "Nip, Tuck and Fill" August 9th from 12 noon to 1pm at the Jane Woodruff Medical Clinic. For more information regarding Physician Forums or to RSVP, please call (828) 526-1313.

• AREA HEALTH SPECIALISTS •

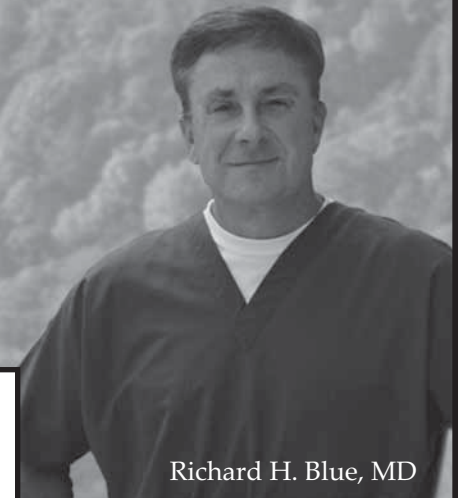
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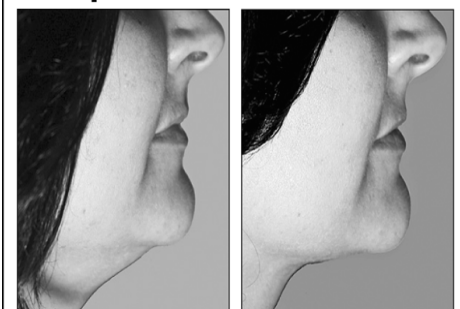


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Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., with over one million people suffering from heart attacks annually. For many people, this life-changing event may begin with a crushing pain starting in the center of the chest. It might spread to the shoulders, neck or arms and may be mild to intense. However, not all attacks involve such symptoms and might be more gradual. Whether someone is experiencing the above or other unusual symptoms, it is vital that they seek medical attention as soon as possible.

At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital the Emergency Room is ready 24/7, to provide emergency care for someone who may be experiencing a heart attack. "Time is muscle," said Dr. Baumrucker. "The longer a coronary artery remains partially or totally blocked the greater the chance of damage to the heart muscle. We identify possible symptoms of a heart attack, and then make a diagnosis using an electrocardiogram (EKG)." Speed in such circumstances is essential, and from the time the patient enters the Emergency Room at HCH to receiving an EKG, is usually less than 5 minutes. Clot-busting medication can be administered and the patient is then transported to the nearest catheterization center.

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Hospital to offer 'Grand Rounds' tour

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will offer "Ground Rounds" Tour next Wednesday, July 28th. Open to the public, the morning session will begin at 7:30 a.m. and includes a complimentary breakfast. In addition to getting an in-depth look at hospital facilities, the events provide participants with a chance to meet and chat with new CEO, Craig James and some of the hospital's board certified physicians before touring the facility.

"The tours offer excellent insight to our hospital. The aim of the "Grand Rounds" is for people to understand who we are and

what we are about," said Robin T. Taylor, Executive Director of the Foundation. "People can better understand the scope of what is involved in patient care from the perspective of relaxed discussion and insightful tour rather than from the perspective of a patient when you're preoccupied with the dilemma of your own illness."

Additional tours are scheduled for August 18th, September 29th, and October 13th. For more information about the Grand Rounds Tour series or to RSVP, please call (828) 526-1434.

HCH on track to meet Federal government's "Meaningful Use" regulations for Electronic Health Records

In January, HCH began a comprehensive proactive program to transition 100% of its medical records system from paper to Electronic Health Records (EHR). The program is part of the Duke Endowment's advisory initiative to help hospitals plan for meeting the Federal Government's requirements of implementing this new technology by 2015.

As a part of the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act, legislation will provide the funding, for hospitals who implement EHR's within specified guidelines in a defined time frame. The Act authorizes the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to provide a reimbursement incentive for physician and hospital providers who are successful in achieving "meaningful use" of an EHR system. The ultimate goal of the legislation is for every hospital and healthcare provider in the U.S. to have an electronic health record system. Currently, the HCH Foundation is underwriting all of the costs to implement the program, which to date total \$200,000, and it looks as though the hospital will meet the guidelines for the federal reimbursement which is estimated to begin by second quarter of 2011.

Last Tuesday the Federal Government released the "Meaningful Use" regulations for EHR's. "After reviewing the extensive list of regulations, I feel HCH is right on track," said Kris Keen, Information Technology Director. "We have just installed a Web Portal enabling our physicians to view patient records via internet access. We are currently in the process of training each member of our physician staff with the new software. Once put into practice, it will not only serve to reduce human error, but as a convenience for physicians to have access to each patient record at any given point of time."

The "Meaningful Use" initiative involves many specified mandates throughout several phases over a 5 year plan. Each step made will enhance patient safety and help our hospital meet the federal healthcare informatics goal," said Keen. "This will be a wonderful advancement for HCH and the healthcare industry. It's a journey that all hospitals, patients, and physicians will take together. Ultimately, when this goal is met, medical records can be accessed quickly, from almost any location securely, for either the patient's or physician's use."

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• BIZ/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Tooth Fairy Rotary Bingo II



The three winners of the cash rich final Bingo game are surrounded by the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic Tooth Fairies. The Rotary Clubs of Highlands and Cashiers Valley sponsored Tooth Fairy Bingo to benefit the Free Dental Clinic's children's programs and were assisted by Boy Scout Troop 207.

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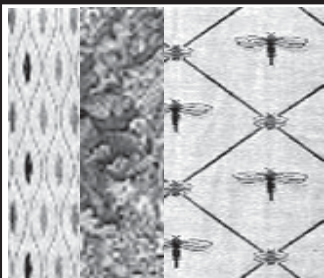
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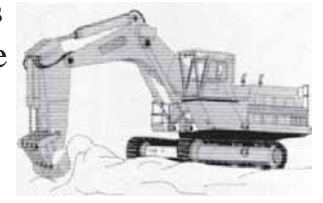
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dusty, so we wouldn't be shut down right away anyway."

The gaming industry in NC reportedly provides 10,000 jobs.

Smith said customers buy a \$10 phone card to enter the sweepstakes game and then use the card to play on terminals with card games like Pot of Gold, Keno and 8-liner. He said the business will stay open as long as there are customers. "If we have someone playing until 2 in the morning, we stay until they leave," said Smith.

He proposes up to 30 machines in the 1,500 sq. ft. space whose windows will be darkened.

"If you miss this opportunity, people will keep going to Cherokee and will spend their money there," he said. "Studies show this is good for business."

However, Highlands' resident Alice Nelson was sworn in to give testimony against the idea.

"I don't think Highlands needs this and the fact that the Legislature has passed a bill against it, regardless of the Governor's signature, indicates the Legislature said 'no' and that's how it should be," said Nelson. "This is the edge of the wedge. The next thing we will be deciding is if we want a casino in Highlands."

Smith contends that sweepstake-type machines already exist in Highlands at a few gas stations and said saying the NC Lottery is OK but electronic gaming isn't, is contradictory.

Though the board wasn't ecstatic about the idea, they OK'd the SUP on the grounds that there isn't a town ordinance against such businesses; that the owner is taking the risk of being shut down in four months; that it's not the board's job to regulate how people spend their money; and finally because the zoning department hadn't received any letters from nearby businesses or residents opposing the idea.

In other Zoning Board business, the board OK'd an SUP for Highlands Automotive Services owned by Russell Marling at the site of the old Good Year Tire business to include three service bays in 1,200 sq. ft. of the building also occupied by Mountain Hardscapes.

The board also OK'd an SUP to allow the U-Haul inventory at Duncan Oil at Laurel and N. 4th St. as long as the inventory is kept out of sight from Laurel, N. 4th St., and the alley behind the business with opaque screening which is to be OK'd by the Appearance Commission.

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Highlands Writers' Group welcomes new members

Each Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street, the conference room often rocks with laughter, as members of the Highlands Writers Group first read their short exercises written on the spot. The final two hours are spent reading and making helpful suggestions about each other's work, which all find beneficial to the writing process. This year, as the group welcomes back its summer members, they also choose a short assignment for the next week which they may read in lieu of an ongoing project. One member uses the group's exercises and assignments for writing new scenes for her novel.

Active for more than a decade, the Highlands group has members who write in many fields and at every level of experience from published writers to beginners. Three members write ongoing columns in this newspaper.

Over the years, the group has grown to include novelists, poets, nature writers, journalists, historians, humorists, and more. Others write material strictly for their own enjoyment or memoirs mainly for family consumption. The informal structure of the group allows members to come and go as their writing projects demand.

Highlands is a place that inspires writing, and regularly meeting in a mutually supportive group atmosphere lends incentive to the solitary nature of the writing routine. One member who writes children's books says: "Without our writers group I don't produce nearly as much until I reach Highlands in the summer."

The group welcomes new members.

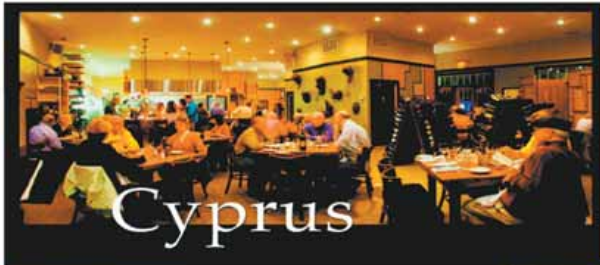
Glenville residents launch 'Glenville Area History Project'

"What we know now is that Glenville goes way back" says Woody Haynes the leader of the Glenville Area History Project. "In 1827 the state of North Carolina recorded 11 families in this area and by 1854 nine more homesteading families were added."

With such a historical past it is no wonder that in fall of 2009 Haynes became concerned that much of the history of Glenville would be lost if experiences and recollections from old-time residents were not recorded and preserved. Haynes, whose wife Carolyn is member of the family that owns Kenwood on Lake Glenville, organized a meeting last October of Glenville residents. Each was ask to offer ideas on how to proceed and accomplish a history project for the area.

Haynes himself is has extensive

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experience in historical organizations having been a member and past president of the Clarendon County South Carolina Historical Society.

The core committee for the Glenville Project is equally knowledgeable with members hailing from prominent area families, descendants of original settlers, and a variety of local organizations like Friends of Lake Glenville and The Glenville Community Development Club as well as long-standing seasonal residents.

The committee members are Carol Adams, Nancy Burnette, John Cassidy, Chad

and Midge Drake, Phil and Malina Fowler, Bill Hutchinson, Pearl Krepps, Doug Odell, Jim Ryan and Marvin Smith.

While several key residents have already been interviewed and the recordings are transcribed, the group has a long laundry list of names to contact for their recollections, photos, drawings and documents. "In fact, we are requesting that persons having any historical items please contact us," urged Haynes.

If you have historical information to share please call Woody Haynes at 803 225-0327 or Carol Adams at 828 743-1658.

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the definition is pretty much whatever suits your social, cultural or political needs. At this point, it seems the Dems need to distract folks from thinking about an odious healthcare program, a totally ineffective response to the spill, impending tax increases, and a perverse and unpopular stance on Illegal immigration.

As if on some sort of cosmic schedule, the NAACP just passed a resolution condemning the alleged racism that they claim pervades the Tea Party movement.

This, of course, was met with vigorous denials from the leadership of various Tea Party organizations. Unfortunately, the strategy of deflection is already working, taking eyes off real issues and focusing attention on a straw man fallacy.

Hopefully, the race card was injected too early and will go away by election time.

Also hopefully, Tea Party people will realize they've been suckered in and will shift their attention to real issues.

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However, as usual, on Election Day, Highlands polling place – the Highlands Civic Center – will only be available for those who live in the Highlands precinct.

Besides needing permission from the state to set up additional polling places, Bishop said a reliable Internet connection is also necessary.

In addition, the room must be secure, ADA compliant, and the county election board must comply with guidelines outlined by the state.

Selwyn Chalker, Recreation Director who oversees activities in the civic center is on vacation so couldn't answer questions, but employees said the Internet connection at

the civic center is reliable.

Bishop said in preparation for a go-ahead both from Highlands and the state her department has been working on the concept for some time.

She said three people would be needed to man two laptops, two printers, and the polling booth.

"We'd like to do this on a trial basis to see what the response is," she said. "Whether this becomes a permanent situation will depend on that."

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Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from July 13. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 13

• At 2:10 p.m., an officer on foot patrol found an open door at an apartment on Main Street.

• At 9:32 p.m., officers responded to a call involving a patron who couldn't pay for gas at the Farmer's Market. Upon arrival the subject had paid.

July 14

• At 6:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at NC 28 and NC 106.

• At 7:52 p.m., officers responded to a call of drunk and disorderly conduct during a domestic disturbance at a residence on Wahoo Trail.

• At 10:09 p.m., Anita Lynn Pistolis, 44, of Highlands, was arrested for simple assault at a residence on Wahoo Trail. A secured bond for \$1,000 was issued and a court date set for Aug. 19 by the magistrate.

July 16

• At 7:45 p.m., officers responded to a call of a gas-drive off valued at \$35.83 at Duncan Oil Company on N. 4th St.

July 18

• At midnight, an officer on patrol found broken glass on S. 4th St. outside the Ugly Dog Public House and witnessed people carrying bottles of beer and drinks in glasses on the sidewalk. He noted the pub appeared to be over capacity with numerous intoxicated people. He talked to the owner and told him the next time citations will be issued.

• During the week, police officers responded to 13 alarms and issued 10 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 30:

July 16

• At 11:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at Log Cabin Lane. It was set off by accident.

July 17

• At 11:05 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hapoldt Drive. It was false.

• At 11:46 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Franklin Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 9:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Flat Mountain Road. It was cancelled en route by the alarm company.

July 18

• At 5:55 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street. It was cancelled en route by the alarm company.

July 19

• At 11:43 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive. It was set off by workers.

• At 11:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on NC 28 south. There were no injuries. The call was cancelled by EMS.

July 20

• At 9:22 p.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east and Flat Mountain Road. There were no injuries.

July 21

• At 12:37 a.m., the dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106. There was one injury and the person was transported to the hospital.

Note: The annual Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House is Saturday, Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be fire truck rides and free hot dog lunches.

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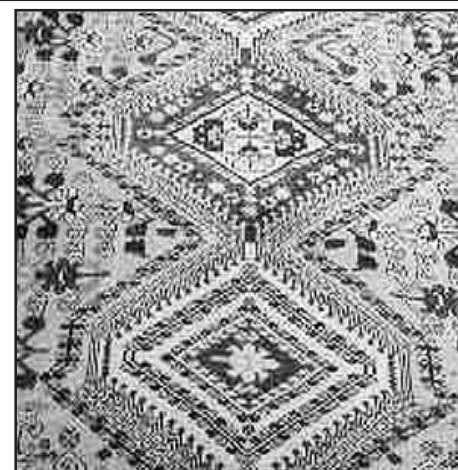
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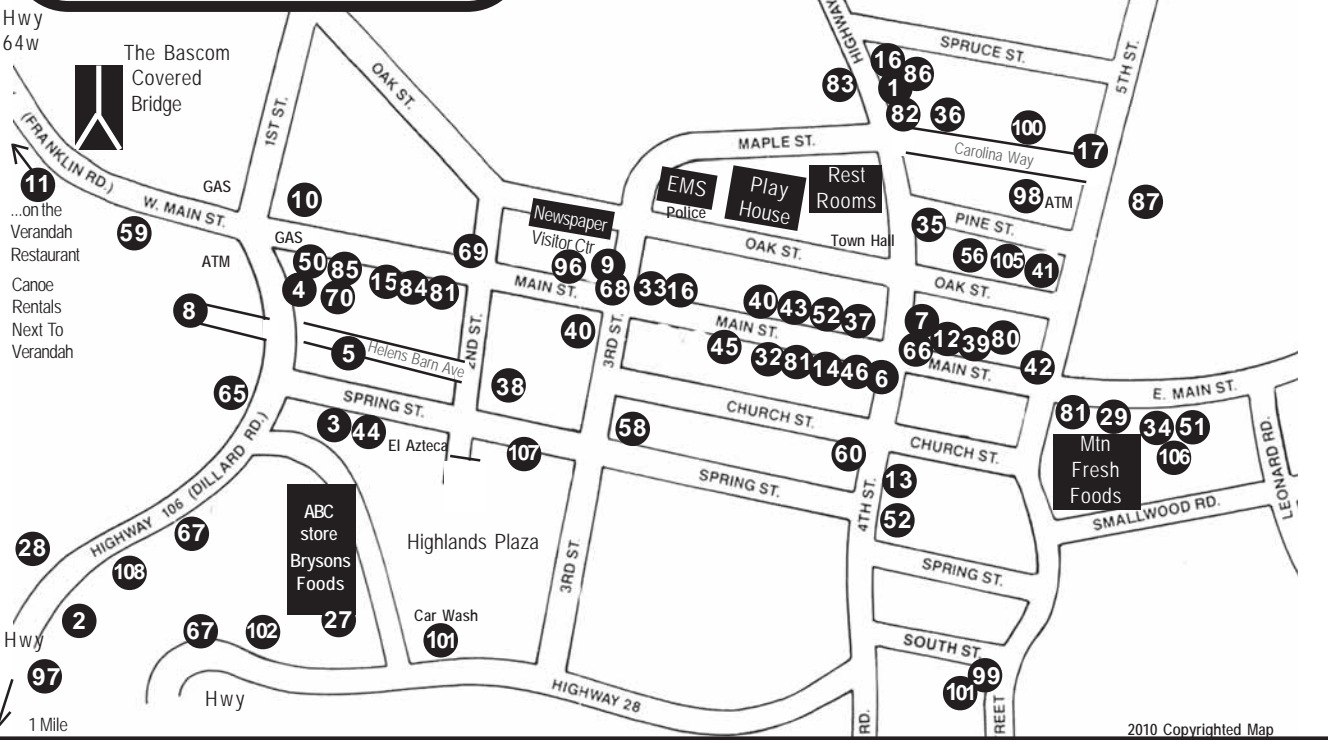
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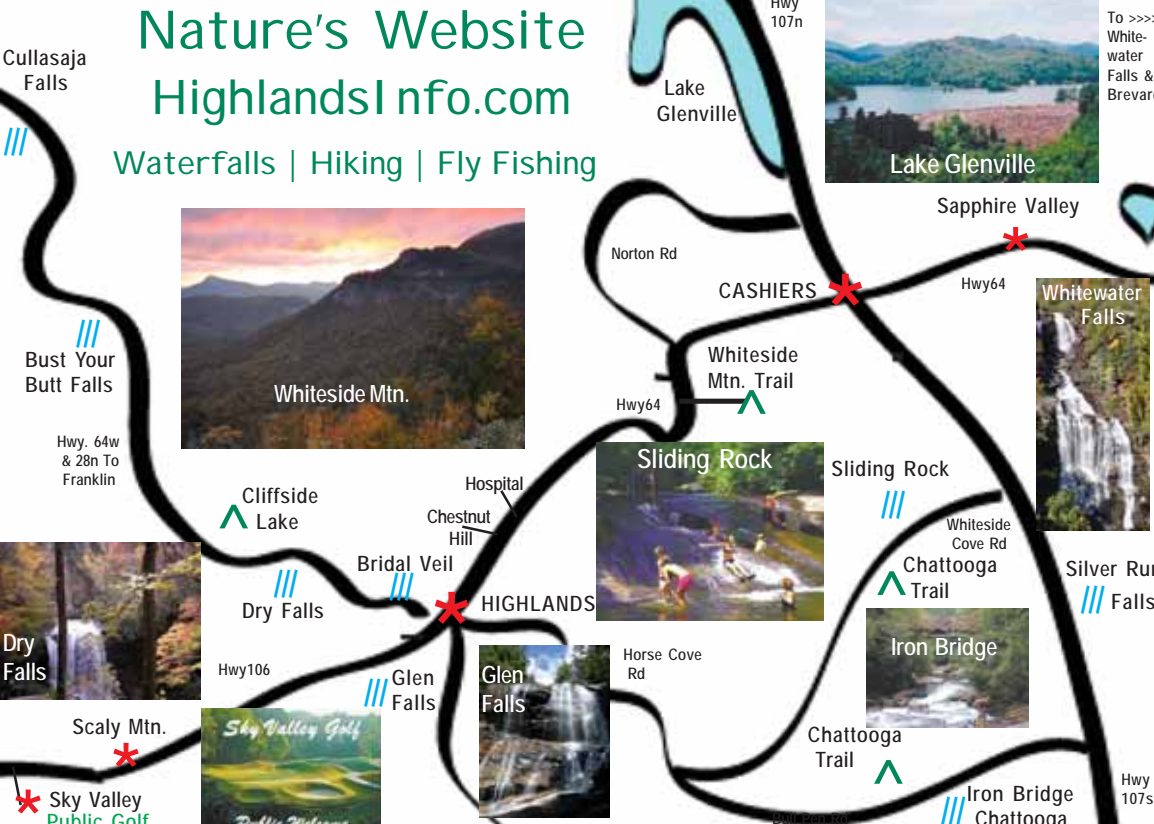



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