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This Week in Highlands

Thurs., July 8

- The Armed Blood Center bloodmobile will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and at the First Citizens Bank from 12:30-6 p.m.

- At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture - at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Presented by Sue Gorski of RBC Bank - Retirement Planning.

- Rotary Bingo at the Community Building next to the ballpark 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$1 per card per game.

July 8-11

- The 12th annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival at The Bascom. Tickets are on sale now call 526-4949.

July 8-18

- At Highlands Playhouse, "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney. For tickets call 828-526-2695.

Fri., & Sat., July 9-10

- At Vivace on S. 4th St., a Paul Meyer Shoes Trunk Show. 10a-5p

- Live music at Downhill Grill from 7-9 pm with Zorki on Saturday.

Friday, July 9

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club annual Auction at 7 pm at Scaly Mountain Community Center on Buck Knob Road.

Saturday, July 10

- Mirror Lake Association Summer Outing, 5 p.m. Call Elaine at 526-9939.

- Installation of the Rev. Jim Murphy as rector of Christ Anglican Church at 5 p.m. at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers.

Mon. - Sat., July 12-17

- At the Village Commons on Frank Allen Road in Cashiers, A Festival of Outdoor Art and Sculpture.

Mon.-Wed., July 12-14

- Lady Highlanders Co-ed Basketball Summer Camp. Rising K-3, 9 a.m. to noon, and rising 4-8, 1-4 p.m. Call 526-2147.

Tues., July 13

- Workshop camps for all ages at Highlands Nature Center 10 am- 3pm. Call 526-2623 to register.

Wed., July 14

- Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Molly McKim, soprano.

Final school budget expected on July 26

The morning of Tuesday, June 30, the Macon County Board of Education met quickly to make budget amendments to the 2009-2010 budget to close out the fiscal year, but it's still waiting to finalize the 2010-2011 budget.

Due to the tight economy, money the BOE requested from the Macon County Commission was denied which will require the BOE

to take another stab at the budget during the July school board meeting.

"We do not have a final budget at this point," said School Finance Director Angie Cook. "The only thing that has happened at this point is the county will not be giving us any capital outlay money which was money we were going to use for furniture and equipment. We are

waiting on the state budget to see what we will receive from them."

At the county's final meeting prior to adoption of the budget, County Manager Jack Horton said the county can't give the school system anymore money.

In fact, at the last minute, the county voted to only fund half of the teacher supplement —

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Playhouse's second show 'Sylvia' opens July 8

By Joseph Litsch

As Highlands Playhouse Set Designer Dillon Nelson had one of the easiest jobs in the theater. "Smokey Joe's Cafe," first show of the 2010 season which closed last Saturday night, required three platforms for musicians and yards of curtains. That gave Nelson more time to devote to creating the set for A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia," which opens 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8.

However, when audiences see the sparse furnishing for "Sylvia," they may be wondering. "What did he do? THAT required three weeks?" Director Michael Meath offered some rather astute insight into the whole "Sylvia" production when he said, "It is deceptively simple. At first glance you think it's a simple script, but when you get into it, you realize that it is carefully crafted. Every word is carefully chosen."

That same analysis can be applied to the sets. It may be mini-



The title character of "Sylvia" is a dog, fetchingly played by Katie Hayes. The comedy by A.R. Gurney opens at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Highlands Playhouse and continues through July 18.

mal but what is there is the skeleton not just of an apartment but of a lifestyle. Gurney leaves it to the audience to fill in the details.

"I think this script lends itself to a minimal set," aid Nelson, who last Spring graduated from Pied-

mont College and returned to Highlands for a second season. "I think it keeps the audience more involved if things are left to their imagination. Making something that is versatile is more difficult

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Bio Station wins Audubon Bird Lore Award

The Highlands Biological Station's efforts in educating the public about birds and their habitats, and in promoting wildlife conservation in general, were recognized recently as the station was presented Audubon North Carolina's Bird Lore Conservation Education Award.

Patrick Brannon, education specialist at the HBS's nature center, accepted the award on behalf of the station's staff. The honor was presented by Chris Canfield, executive director of Audubon North Carolina, during that organization's annual meeting held in the town of Highlands.

Founded in 1927, the Highlands Biological Station is a year-round biological field station and inter-institutional facility of the University of North Carolina system that has worked closely with Western Carolina University since becoming a part of the UNC system in 1976. Located on a high plateau near Highlands, the sta-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

To clarify things further ...

Dear Editor,

First, I want to thank Jan Ianniello for pointing out my error. We are both concerned that your readers learn the truth about our country's history.

It is true that Columbus came in 1492 and the Mayflower Compact was written in 1620. The two did not belong in the same sentence. However, two of Columbus' goals were to bring glory to God and to advance the Christian faith. Columbus specifically states in his personal log that it was the Holy Spirit that prompted him to sail across the sea. He said his desire was to "bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the heathens [And] bring the Word of God to unknown coastlands."

As for John Jay's quote of 1777 — it is true he didn't become Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court until 1789. However, since we are on this side of history, anytime John Jay is mentioned in writings he is almost always identified as the first or the original Chief Justice.

Gladys Calloway
Highlands, N.C.

• THANKS •

EMS the best

Many thanks to the Highlands EMS (Terry Watson and partner) for coming to my aid at 1 a.m. June 27 when I fainted and fell and cut my head and needed to be transported to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Emergency Room.

Charlotte R. Wood

Fourth of July celebration one of the best

The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center offers our sincere thank you to the entire Highlands Community for making this year's Independence Day celebration especially festive.

From BBQ to the festively decorated business district to patriotic music Highlands was alive with the spirit of the holiday. Celebrants were out in great numbers as open parking spaces were at a premium and vacant only long enough to be filled

again and again.

Many visitors to the bustling Highlands Visitor Center expressed their gratitude for much cooler temperatures than those back home. All of us at the Chamber cannot overstate our gratitude to everyone who dedicated countless hours in preparing for the day's events.

To the Town of Highlands we wish to thank Mayor David Wilkes, the Commissioners and all the Department Heads and their crews for their support. We offer a special thank you to the Recreation Center Director Selwyn Chalker and his dedicated group for the many activities at the ball field. This year's fireworks display, larger than any previous year's display, was enjoyed by large crowds judging from the spectators reactions from viewing sites throughout the community. Synchronized patriotic music broadcast by WHLC was heard from many car radios during the fireworks.

Police Chief Bill Harrell and his Officers once again showed why Highlands is such a peaceful community by providing a safe environment throughout the day despite the massive crowds. We wish to thank our newspapers, radio station WHLC and, the Laurel Magazine for publicity and everyone who worked to promote the day's festivities. We are also very proud of our Chamber & Visitor Center Staff, and Volunteers who serve Highlands every day.

Independence Day in Highlands is a truly memorable event and we at the

Chamber and Visitor Center are proud to join with the community in celebration of our nation's birth.

Bob Kieltyka
Executive Director
Highlands Area Chamber
of Commerce

Support made Green Living Fair a success

Dear Editor,

The Green Living Fair, held June 25 and 26, both in Cashiers and Highlands, was a great success. The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance wants to thank all the people who attended, as well as the Highlands Civic Center, our sponsors, vendors, presenters, and volunteers who made this a fun and informative experience. We believe whatever your interest in environmental awareness and protection, from improving energy efficiency in your home, to eating healthier food, to protecting the environment, you found answers at the Fair. Because of your interest and support we fulfill our mission of "Addressing environmental issues affecting the Highlands-Cashiers area through education, advocacy, hands-on initiatives and collaboration with like-minded organizations."

We could not have done this without the support of our sponsors, so we especially thank: The Bascom, A Center for the Visual Arts; Body and Land Journal; the Cashiers Village Council; Cashiers Village Green; Green Mountain Builders and Realty Group; The Highlander; The Laurel Magazine; Highlands' Newspaper; Lola's of Highlands; Natural Awakenings; Natural Landscape and Woodcraft; Reeves Hardware; the Town of Highlands; WHLC FM 104.5; and the Whole Life Market. Our future events this season are the "Destination Cashiers" Murder Mystery Dinner Theater with the Highlands Cashiers Players on Friday July 30, 6:30 PM at the Sapphire Valley Resort Community Building, and An Evening with John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt on Oct 8 at the Highlands Playhouse. Please call our office at the Peggy Crosby Center, 526-9938 x 320 or visit our website at www.j-mca.org for more details and to order tickets.

Robert E. Smith
Board Chair

Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance

• MILESTONE •

Alpha Beta Gamma holds spring induction ceremony



Submitted photo

Southwestern Community College's Chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma held its Spring induction ceremony in April. Inducted were: Deborah Glance, Rebecca Royse, Marilou Beiger, Lena Woods, Sayward Thompson of Highlands, medical office administration and Mark Moore. Alpha Beta Gamma is an international business honor society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students in business and related programs of study. Sayward Thompson was also named to the Spring 2010 Dean's List at SCC. Those who achieve and maintain a 3.50-3.84 GPA are on the Dean's List.

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• OBITUARIES •

Victoria (Vicki) Jean Russell Whitacre

Victoria (Vicki) Jean Russell Whitacre of Franklin, formerly of Toccoa, GA died on Tuesday, July 6th in Asheville, NC. The daughter of the late Sydney King Russell and Jean Love Russell she is survived by two sons, Michael J. Vannucci of Jacksonville, FL; Richard Jeffrey Vannucci of Franklin, NC; two daughters, Rachel Buenavista and husband Clarence and Jennifer Zang both of Jacksonville, FL; two sisters, Melinda Russell Womack of Highlands, NC and Lorena Love Russell of Asheville, NC and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Larry Whitacre and a daughter, Sarah Zang.

She loved books, writing, going to Church and being with her family. She will be remembered for her keen mind and sense of humor, but most of all for her enduring faith in God.

Graveside services will be held Friday, July 9 at 11 a.m. at Highlands Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 10 at 11 a. m. at New Beginnings Church of Toccoa in Toccoa, GA with Pastor Brad Crowe officiating.

Donations can be made to New Beginnings Church of Toccoa, GA. BryantGrant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

John Otto Nausbaum

John Otto Nausbaum, age 96, of Mayflower Drive, Highlands, NC, died Sunday, July 4, 2010 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from complications after a fall. He was a native of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and lived in Brecksville, Ohio for many years until they retired in a home that Otto designed and built.

He was a neighbor, playmate and schoolmate of Ruth Braun, whom he married in 1937. They were married for 71 years.

Otto had a very successful career at Standard Oil of Ohio (now BP) from about 1939 until he retired in 1975, interrupted by service in the US Army from 1943 to 1946. After retiring Otto and Ruth built and lived in several homes in Florida, North Carolina and Mexico.

Otto is predeceased by his wife Ruth Braun Nausbaum.

Memorial service will be held later at Chestnut Hill. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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I'm not a racist ... I just hate black people!

Wow, I'm bettin' that column's title got your attention. Before you call the race police, let me explain I'm not a racist nor do I hate black people. Actually, I don't think I hate anyone. I just needed to get your attention. Now let me finish this column and then you judge what I am. Then maybe you can judge what you are.

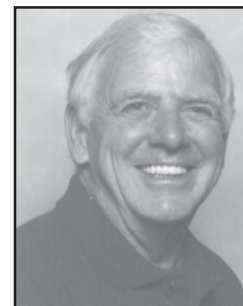
During my formative years of the forties, I was raised in Kentucky by two loving parents who owned restaurants. I ate most of my meals, cooked by blacks, at the lunch counter or in a booth. Black cooks stayed in the kitchen and were not allowed past the kitchen doors to the restaurant. Also, blacks were not allowed to eat in our restaurant. In my child's mind, all the blacks in the kitchen were good blacks but all the blacks not in the kitchen were bad blacks. And they were treated like.... well, furniture. They were chattel. That's how it was in Kentucky in 1941. So I was raised not to hate blacks but to use them.

Lucinda was our main cook for over 10 years. I loved that woman. Then she stabbed her husband to death while he was choking her out. My Pa fired her immediately. She went to jail. That's how it was in the forties. Oh how I missed that woman.

Since I was raised not hating blacks, my transition from treating black people like chattel and with no respect to accepting them as equals was easier for me than with dye-in-the-wool bigots who actually hated them.

Even when I joined the police department in 1961, I still hadn't been exposed to too many black people and my attitude toward them was indifferent. But the police department taught me to have a strong respect for black people. Policemen are exposed to the dregs of every race, including whites. But is that bigotry?

In 1958 the li'l missus and I bought our first house in an all white neighborhood. We raised our three children, sending them to an all white school. Are we racist? We moved 23 years later (yes, there were tears.) when the neighborhood started to change. That's a polite way of saying that black people were moving in. We moved to another all white neighborhood and put our kids in another all white school. Now are we racists?



Fred Wooldridge

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When I got my job in 1961 as a policeman on Miami Beach, blacks had to be out of our city by dark. I'm not making this up! Only live-in butlers, chauffeurs and maids were allowed in our town after dark. Therefore, I had few experiences with blacks the early part of my career. Later, when this ridiculous law was ruled unconstitutional, I changed.

Before that, I enforced the law and took black violators to the city limit and dumped them. If they were caught

twice, they went to jail. Does that make me a racist?

In 1968, we found Highlands, a mountain town that didn't have one single black person living there. But that had nothing to do with us falling in love with this beautiful place. As a part time visitor, it took years for us to realize no blacks lived here. Who cared? Does wanting to live in Highlands make us racist?

I'm convinced of this. It's easier to become a racist if you're a white person living in a bad section of Harlem than it is if you're living in all white Highlands. It's easy to champion the cause of minorities if you've never been exposed to the worst of that race. I've always found that the people who are the quickest to judge others or come to the aid of blacks or minorities are the same people who live the furthest from them.

I met Marie, a black woman who had moved to Highlands. Was Highlands ready for a black female? I befriended her, mostly because I was curious of how she was being treated. "Do you sense there is bigotry in Highlands?" I asked this intelligent lady.

"Most definitely there is racism in Highlands," she responded, "but it's so subtle and hidden, it took me a while to realize it."

Before I returned to Highlands the following spring, Marie was gone and Highlands was, once again, a pure, all white community. Is our town racist.

I once wrote a fairy tale about green people who assaulted blue people every time they saw them. In time, the blue people became bigoted against green people and hated them all. Is that racism or the nature of all living things?

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

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Why the abuses of the Catholic Church matter

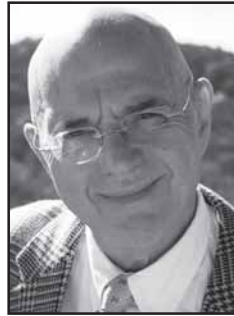
I've been asked why I focus on the abuses in the Catholic Church instead of acknowledging the good works done by the Church. Fair question.

It's also fair to ask why we focus on the terrorist activities of Hamas. Why can't I look past the evil of Hamas and recognize the good they've done — schools, charities, clinics. My answer will be, "Because Hamas is a terrorist organization.

Hamas was founded to destroy the State of Israel. They launch rockets at civilian targets. That's what they do. It is their reason for existence. The other stuff is window dressing, like the Mafia sending flowers to the funeral. And if you ask me to ignore the fact of Catholic clerical abuse of children, and focus instead on their good deeds, I will answer it is because the Roman Catholic Church failed in its most sacred and fundamental mission, and because of that should disband.

What is the mission of the shepherd if not to protect the flock? Not doing baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Not hearing confessions on Saturday and before nine o'clock mass on Sunday morning. It's not writing sonnets or learning to yodel. His is a single nature and a single purpose. He must protect the flock. Abusing the lambs is not part of the deal. Lying to parents, ignoring abuse, and shunting predators from parish to parish don't keep the wolves from the flock. The shepherd has become the wolf.

Not many people have bothered to deny that abuse has taken place, on a fairly regular basis, in a number of countries, for several decades with the ignorance, if not the complicity, and downright encouragement of the Church's hierarchy. The Pope may not know what's going on while he's pope, but he knew what was happening when he was a cardinal. Let's remember it was bishops who transferred pedophiles from parish to vulnerable parish. Even if he was never abused as an acolyte or seminarian, even if he hadn't seen anything with his own eyes, he must



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have heard rumors, and the shepherd must investigate every time a twig snaps in the dark.

The other reason you don't deny it is because as members of the American Church, you are a reform minded community. You'd like to see women priests, married priests. You'd like to feel good about taking birth control pills. You don't mind sticking it to

the man, if man is the pope, and the pope is an ancient European guy. You'd like to reform the Church, but you can't. You don't have the power.

Failure to nurture the flock is nothing new to the Church. For centuries amassing power and wealth, patronizing the arts, rooting out heretics, and building magnificent cathedrals took center stage. Consider that for a thousand years Catholicism had the Western World to itself.

Various other Christian sects, from the Reformation on, had a few more centuries, but little changed. We like to say we are a nation founded on Christian principles, but it wasn't until a bunch of Unitarians and humanists came along that a new order was born.

The beliefs set forth in the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution may represent the teachings of Christ, but don't represent the history of 1,800 years of Christianity. Our revered separation of church and State allowed freedom from religion as much as it permitted freedom of religion. The constitutional provision prevented religious tyranny by any favored sect.

Perhaps I framed my earlier thesis too narrowly. Much of what I have said of Catholicism is true in varying degrees of most organized religions. It is just that in the Catholic Church the offenses have been more egregious, more institutionalized, and more enduring.

Cradle Catholics, and I was one, were taught by the nuns to beware of guys like me. The stake and the rack are gone, effectively banished by separation of Church and State. For me that is ample reason to celebrate our nation's 234th birthday.

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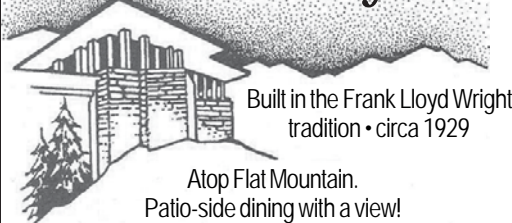
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• COACH'S CORNER •

Why I love sports

Every so often I have to wade through all of the steroids and horrible officiating and all of the other negative things about the sporting world to remind myself of all of the great things about sports that caused me to have a sports addiction in the first place. So...after about 29 seconds of deep thought, here are a few things that I came up with.

The names — sure we have plain old names like Joe Smith or Mark Sanchez in the sporting world, but this is the sport that brought us nicknames like "El Guapo," "Chocolate Thunder," "Breesus Christ," and perhaps the best one of all (and the only good thing to come out of the NFL) "He Hate Me."

Of course if you think the nicknames are good, the real names are even better.

Former college basketball players God Shammgod and Chief Kickingstallions are up there in the pantheon of all time great names, along with former baseball pitcher Bob Walk.

Gamesmanship — we hate steroids because it gives us a terrible view of an athlete who is shooting up between games, etc. However, we used to love guys like Gaylord Perry, who put everything from Vaseline to Grecian formula to just plain old spit to make the ball move in every different direction. We love to hate the eurotrash soccer players who go down like they were shot after a stiff challenge on the pitch-but we admire the intelligence of players who stick around the pros with crafty behavior.

Great games and sporting events have a way of imprinting themselves into our memory. One of the best things about these games is that we can often remember where we were and what we were doing when great sporting events occurred. 20 years from now I will be able to remember (hopefully) Landon Donovan scoring against Algeria and the entire Rib Shack celebrating. 18 years ago I sat on the living room floor of my house watching Christian Laettner beat Kentucky at the buzzer, and I still enjoy that memory whenever I see that game on TV.

Arguments — over what other topic could guys argue for two hours over beers and not kill each other. (not to say fights haven't happened over sports, but still) It surely couldn't be politics or religion-but sports give us an outlet for discussion. Hatred is also acceptable in the sporting world, provided it is a healthy, irrational hate based solely on the color of the other



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And finally, we love to play sports because they drive us to compete and succeed. We follow sports because we can share in the success of our favorite teams/players-there is legitimate joy in the faces of fans whose team has just become champion. Sports can bring cities together, or

as the World Cup has shown us, bring countries together despite political and religious differences. It is great to live in a country where sports are celebrated and enjoyed by all. (except for Cubs fans...who are resigned to a life of misery)

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tion has a principal mission of promoting research and education in biodiversity studies in the region.

James T. Costa, WCU professor of biology and HBS executive director, said he and the station staff are "immensely pleased" by the accolade. Costa noted that the Highlands Plateau was named an "Important Bird Area" last year through Audubon's global effort to identify and conserve natural areas that are vital to birds and their habitats, and the station's nature center collaborated with the local Audubon group in developing an exhibit about that initiative. Also, in a related development, the HBS's botanical garden was approved for inclusion in the North Carolina Birding Trail.

Brannon said the station offers a wide variety of outreach programming through its nature center, and many of those programs deal with bird-related issues. In addition to providing educational programs for schools throughout Western North Carolina, the nature center sponsors summer day camps for children and lectures on various topics for adult audiences. In 2009, the nature center served more than 17,000 people, including more than 3,200 children through school outreach programming, Brannon said.

During presentation of the Bird Lore Award, Canfield said the honor is named after Bird-lore, a publication that was the precursor to the current AUDUBON magazine.

• FROM A STUDENT'S EYE •

Doctor Who?

"Fantastic!" "Brilliant!" "Ah-ha!" "Nobody dies today."

Those are just some of the many sayings uttered by my new favorite television hero. The Doctor from *Doctor Who* has been around since 1963 in the longest running sci-fi series ever. *Doctor Who*, introduced by the BBC in 1963, tells the stories of an alien who has two hearts in his chest and rides around in a blue 1950's police box that's bigger on the inside. New shows are still being taped today, in fact, and it's become my new favorite show of all time.

A show about an alien traveling around in a blue box trying to save the universe sounds just a little bit off, but trust me, this show is terrific. It's not just about an alien. It's about life, and the importance thereof. The show deals with loneliness, death and heartbreak, but still manages to be laugh-out-loud hilarious at times.

One of the reasons I love *Doctor Who* so much is because it combines so many genres of television into one show. The show combines horror, comedy, action and drama. Sometimes, all four appear in a single episode. And unlike many other shows, where you can just pick up in the middle and figure it out because there is no evolving plot line through the series, *Doctor Who* keeps the viewer interested with past seasons linking into present ones every two episodes.

Remember that I said earlier that the show deals with loneliness? Well, I wasn't kidding. The Doctor, the main character of the show, the double-hearted alien, is the last of his species. His entire race was destroyed in one gigantic war between the Time Lords (The Doctor's species) and the Daleks (mutations living in metal bodies). The Doctor was the only survivor of the war, or so he thought. As it turns out, the Daleks survived as well and return to terrorize him about once a season throughout the show.

Another thing I mentioned earlier, about the show starting in 1963 and still being on today, probably brought up the question in your mind "Who played The Doctor during that time?" I'll tell you; eleven different actors. The screenwriters of the show came up with an ingenious way to let one actors take another's place as The Doctor. Time Lords, The Doctor's species, have a way of cheating death. They "regenerate," and change their face, hair color, everything. In real world terms, another actor starts playing The Doctor. This leads avid fans to choose their favorite



Gardner Davis

Doctor. Some may enjoy the eighth reincarnation the best, while others love the tenth.

After all this alien and sci-fi talk, you're probably thinking I'm just a little bit crazy for knowing all these details about my favorite TV show. But trust me, once you're a *Doctor Who* fan, this stuff becomes part of your knowledge, your memory, your *inheritance*. There's no way you can watch this show

without wanting to know.

Well, if you ever want to embark into space and meet some aliens and get caught in ultra-dangerous situations, then you'd better hitch a ride with The Doctor, for his blue 1950's police box that's bigger on the inside can travel through space. You can reach the farthest star or save the universe. All you have to do is step in. And if you turn The Doctor down, he's okay with that. All he has to do is stick his cheeky little head out of the TARDIS's (blue police box) door and say, "Did I mention it travels in time?" And trust me, next thing you know, you'll be fighting aliens in the twenty fifth century. So I guess, if you're gonna hitch a ride around the universe, you'd better hitch a ride with The Doctor.

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heritage. Those wishing to participate in the service by carrying a tartan banner are also welcome. They should contact the church office at 526-3175 or Skip Taylor at

526-4280. Those participating as banner carriers are encouraged to wear at least some article of Highland dress.

Bagpiper for the service will be retired Navy Seal and Scottish-trained piper David Landis of Highlands. Rev. Buddy Ennis, Theologian In Residence at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA, will deliver the sermon. A reception in Coleman Hall will be held immediately following the worship service.

The Kirkin' O' The Tartan, which was started by the Rev. Peter Marshall at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, has spread widely across the country and Canada since its inception in 1941. Kirkings have been held at First Church in Highlands since the mid 1980s.

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~Karen Weihs Workshop, FREE, 11-1 pm

Thursday, July 15

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~Andy Peters Lecture, 7 pm. The Albert Carlton Community Library,
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Friday, July 16

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Another Voice...

A friend of mine, James F. Davis, is the President of Accuracy in Academia. He recently wrote an op-ed piece for their newsletter which I found worth passing along to you. Excerpts from his rather lengthy piece follow.

"Recently, I attended a lecture examining the 'Liberal Mind' by PhD. psychologist, Timothy C. Daughtry. He gave an explanation as to how such a minority (30%) in the United States has been able to impose its politics on the majority. When using the word Liberal below we are talking about the political Liberal.

Liberals dominate our institutions, i. e., the schools, universities, media, arts, cinema, nonprofits, government bureaucracies, etc. Anyone challenging their monolithic views is ruthlessly attacked to be silenced.

Daughtry stated there are two types of liberals. First, there are the hardliners. He suggested one is wasting his time to convince them of anything since they will not or cannot think about their underlying contradictory assumptions, for example, their contradictory belief in equality for all and affirmative action, i. e., special preferences for a favored group.

If you try to discuss facts, they generally respond with personal insults, try to marginalize you by getting a group of like-minded individuals to condemn you, demonize you by suggesting you have dark motives, make you a laughingstock, etc. Sarah Palin comes to mind. One can always tell who in the mainstream that Liberals are frightened of by the ferocity of their personal attacks.

The second type of liberal is the uninformed liberal. That person may listen and analyze factual information if you can get them away from their monolithic group. In his overview Daughtry explained that the liberal character is all about dominance and power. They use the rules and the goodness of their opposition against them.

For example, most people do not like conflict. So, the liberal lives on the offensive. They are intense; they demand, whine, blame, accuse, threaten, intimidate, escalate and have tantrums so there cannot be a discussion of the facts. In order to avoid conflict, the mainstream gives in a little at a time. The result has been an erosion of our liberties.

Liberal tactics are about breaking the rules, causing a ruckus, polarizing, playing the victim, playing one group against



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another, dividing and conquering. Arizona passed a law to address the overwhelming number of illegals in their state because the liberal-run federal government refuses to do it. Liberals responded by saying the law is racial profiling. And prohibiting racial profiling in this case is politically correct ridiculousness because over 90% of illegals in Arizona are Mexicans. It just makes the job harder.

Liberals use words that mean nothing; for example, hope, change, equality, diversity, unfair, racist, sexist, hater, greedy, etc. When you are called this it is because you make a liberal angry because he had no logical answer for your fact-based argument.

The judeo-Christian culture that made the United States the most powerful generous country in history believes in absolutes, reality, right and wrong, people who are responsible for their actions, and that the Golden Rule is a check against man's natural narcissism. For the liberal, reality is subjective. There are no absolutes, yet they are so dogmatic.

Liberals see God when they look in the mirror each morning. Remember when Barack Obama said we will be ready to 'RULE' on day one. He didn't say govern.

Liberals believe that if something goes wrong, someone else has to fix it. Therefore, we got Obamacare, even though high medical costs are directly attributed, in large part, to high administrative costs caused by government imposed regulations and mandates."

Lessons to be learned to be effective when debating a liberal: "Stay on point.

Do not let them change the subject. Stay calm, not always that easy when you've been attacked. Use irrefutable facts. Do not let them put you on the defensive, intimidate you or box you in. Do not let them bully you. This is especially difficult for men when the person bullying is a woman, because when you stand up to them, they will claim you are bullying them or they may get hysterical or change the subject by claiming to be a victim."

Why do I feel that it is important that this information is put out at this time? Between now and the Election, there will be more political conversation than ever before. If you like the way things were, and would like to see them return, you must be prepared to defend your freedom. Someone is going to determine your quality of life going forward; make it a person of YOUR choice.

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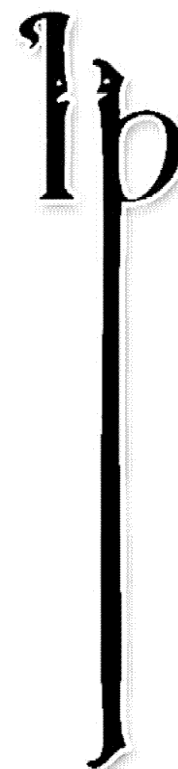
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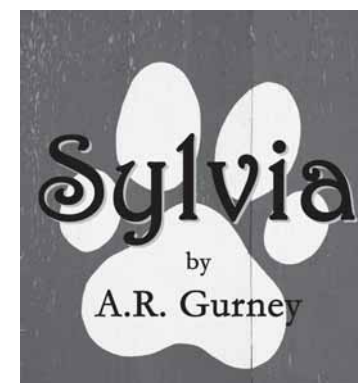
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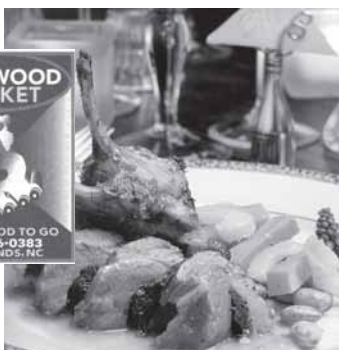
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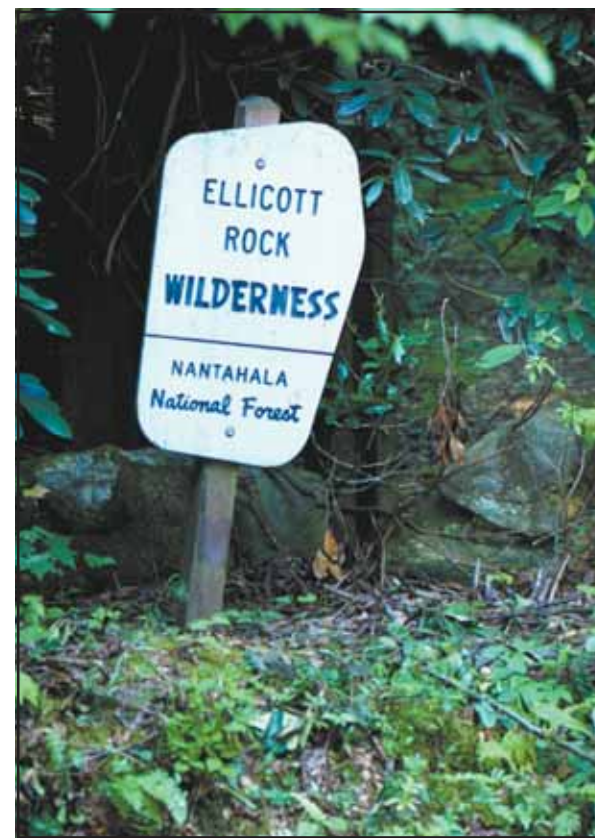
There is something therapeutic about being alone in nature. We can disconnect from computers and cell phones, and then re-connect with a simpler way of life. The beauty of the wilderness here is probably what brought many of you to the Highlands area in the first place. But did you know that there is a difference between "wilderness" and "Wilderness"?

Many visitors to Highlands, my family included, might consider a hike to Whiteside Mountain a wilderness experience. With a grueling trail, spectacular views, wildlife and plants galore, it is truly the type of experience that can help us feel connected to nature.

But Wilderness (with a capital "W") has a unique status among the areas where we might seek solitude in the outdoors. In 1964, Congress passed the Wilderness Act, designating over 50 Wilderness areas in the United States. The Wilderness Act describes Wilderness as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

The areas chosen to be Wilderness needed to be a large area where the impact of humans was minimal. It was intended to be a place where we could find "outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation." The original Wilderness Act, though, did not designate many Wilderness areas near Highlands, NC. Very few areas in the eastern United States were large enough and pristine enough to qualify under the original Wilderness Act. So in 1975, the Eastern Wilderness Areas Act was passed, and that is when our closest Wilderness area was designated: Ellicott Rock Wilderness.

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That means that visitors have a lot of responsibility to preserve Wilderness areas as "untrammelled by man." Each Wilderness area has regulations that need to be followed closely so that we can keep these areas in their natural state for generations to come. In Wilderness, you will find primitive footpaths, where machines and mechanized equipment are generally not allowed. So it is important to know the rules, be safe, and be prepared... in addition to having fun!

Fun in the Wilderness means no noisy car engines, separation from the world of email, and a calmness that can soothe the soul. When we visit a Wilderness area like Ellicott Rock, we can truly feel like we are guests in the great outdoors.

• Katie LaJeunesse is a former intern at the Highlands Nature Center. She currently has a fellowship working with a federal land management agency and enjoys any opportunity to spend time in wilderness.

• HIS & HERS •

“The Orator, with his Flood of Words....”

It's been a long time since I debated John Kerry's Liberal Party at Yale. (We, the Conservative Party, whopped 'em good.) Even longer since I debated in high school. Having listened to and analyzed President Obama's speech on immigration, I'm more convinced than ever that Obama is a one-trick pony, an increasingly unsuccessful one.

The war in Afghanistan is in trouble, and the Taliban might snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Therefore, Obama gives a speech. The American economy is in trouble and high unemployment persists. Obama gives a speech. Spewing oil in the Gulf is unchecked. Obama gives a speech. Drugs and criminals are running across the border into Arizona. Obama gives a speech. You get the idea.

When he gives a speech, he sounds like he is addressing the subject at hand. But that is only an illusion, an illusion that even his former supporters are beginning to recognize for what it is. Let's go straight to the heart of his immigration speech. He attacks the Arizona law as a law which cannot be enforced and cannot succeed.

Conveniently ignored is the fact that the Arizona law directly tracks the federal law, but adds one concept, “This time we mean it.”

He underestimates the number of illegal aliens who are in the US now as just 11 million people. But in saying that the existing, federal law cannot and should not be enforced, he is ignoring American history. Anyone who holds the office of President of the United States ought to know as much as possible about our history.

The last time we had a President who was serious about controlling the border with Mexico the man was Dwight Eisenhower. He assigned one of his former generals to lead the effort, and he did two things at the same time. He closed the border, and he cracked down on employers who hired illegal aliens.

Something very interesting happened sixty years ago nationally under Eisenhower that is now happening only in Arizona. It's called self-deportation. A majority of Mexicans who left the United States under President Eisenhower were not rounded up, held until they could have hearings, and then pushed across the border. No, a majority left on their own.

The same would happen in America today, if President Obama possessed both



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the understanding and commitment to enforcing the law that Eisenhower had then. Or, the same commitment that Arizona Governor Brewer displays today.

Obama cries crocodile tears over the local and state costs of enforcing immigration laws. Does he think that the states and local government are unaware of the skyrocketing costs

in schools, hospitals, prisons and welfare systems from illegal immigrants in their communities.

Obama cries crocodile tears over “splitting families apart.” He ignores the language of the 14th Amendment that people born here are automatically citizens if their parents are “subject to the jurisdiction” of the US. As the Amendment states, Congress has power “to enforce [it] with appropriate legislation.”

Congress could solve the problems of anchor babies and split families with a simple law which says children born here of Mexican parents are Mexican, not American. It has already done this with children of diplomats. If a pair of Japanese diplomats have a child born at Georgetown Medical Center, that child is Japanese at birth.

The mess that is the utter failure of the federal immigration system is a matter of denying the facts, lying about statistics, and lying about related politics. There are times when the American people are the leaders, and the so-called leaders are mere followers if they have the brains to do that.

The American people do want the border closed, with a fence that Congress approved years ago, but then failed to finance and build. Instead, we wasted more than a billion dollars on an invisible fence, an electric border that was worse than useless.

Less than a week after Obama's speech there was a shootout just twelve miles from the border. Two groups were fighting to control the illegal immigration routes through Arizona. Twenty-one people were killed in this fight between human smugglers and drug smugglers.

Parts of US parks in Arizona now have signs posted to warn Americans to stay away from these areas because of danger from armed, illegal aliens crossing those areas.

Yes, the illegal immigration problem is serious. But it cannot be solved until someone who faces the facts and tells the truth steps up to the plate. That person may be Governor Brewer. It certainly is not

President Obama.

The title quote is from Ben Franklin. Here's his whole quote, “Here comes the orator! With his flood of words, and his drop of reason.”

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when there is more than one location. It's difficult to portray that to an audience."

Act I takes place in the living room of Greg (Eric Rolland) and Kate's (Cheryl Chalmers) Manhattan apartment, simple but functional. With their children in college, they sold their suburban home and moved into the city to enjoy their golden years. Those well-laid plan are interrupted by a stray dog who adopts Greg in the park. Her name is Sylvia (Katie Hayes) and she is a mutt of poodle and retriever mixture, both sassy and lovable. Well, to Greg, Sylvia and Kate are more akin to oil and vinegar; they do not mix.

In this opening setting, we see a coffee table that reappears as a park bench. "And there is wallpaper that isn't wallpaper," said Nelson. "When they're in the apartment, it's wallpaper. But when they're outside, it breaks away and becomes the foliage for the trees." Deceptively simple, yet very effective.

In summer stock productions prep time is very limited and theater crews learn to work more quickly and carefully than in usual productions. "When you've got two weeks to build everything and three days to put it up, you don't get to be as methodical about the process," said Nelson, who has learned to work without "all my drafting stuff. Here, I have a sketch book."

Nelson also has the beginnings of an

impressive resume and book. He designed his first show when he was a senior at White County High School, Cleveland, GA. Two years later, as a sophomore at Piedmont College (Demorest, GA), he began designing routinely for college production and at Highlands Playhouse, he has put together an impressive string of shows: "Talley's Folly," "Inherit the Wind," "On Golden Pond," "Pump Boys and Dinettes," and now "Sylvia." He is also designing the season closer, "Lettice and Lovage."

Beyond that, Nelson isn't sure. "I like to perform and I like to design, so as long as I can do theater and enjoy it....." That's not to say that he doesn't think of his future and even allow himself to dream. He does. "Little Shop (of Horrors)....I'd like to do that one. And Shakespeare is always fun. I'd like to do 'Midsummer Night's Dream.' Actually, I'd like to do an opera. Something that is really grandiose, so I could let my imagination go wild."

But with "Sylvia" the unseen is just as vital as the seen, which was carefully chosen and designed to stimulate audience's imaginations.

"Sylvia" continues through July 18 with shows at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Reserved seating. \$25. 828-526-2695



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Ongoing

- Looking for Maj Jong players for a weekly game. Call Cindy at 828-787-1441. (6/24)

- Hospital Tours: "Grand Rounds" at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be providing small group tours to interested area residents. Tours will be held periodically each month, May through October. Tours begin at 7:30 a.m. and will include breakfast with HCH's doctors and a meet and greet with the new CEO, Craig James. Call the Foundation Office at 526-1435 as space is limited. Or RVSP by email at info@hchospital.org.

- Join us for lunch at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, where from May through October, you can enjoy an hour long *Lunch and Learn* educational seminar, on a variety of health topics, followed by a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided and seating is limited, so please call (828) 526-1313 or (828) 526-1250 today to make your reservation.

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

- Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.
- YOGA – at Moonrise Yoga Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at www.yogahighlands.com (7/22)

Sundays

- Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God at 6201 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC. Contact youth ministers Seth & Sarha Henegar at 828 369-7540 ext 203.

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

Mon. & Wed.

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

Mon., Wed., & Thurs.

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

Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

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

First Mondays

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. 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.

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Mountain music concerts and dancing continue Friday night at Highlands School



The Dendy Family will perform Friday night at Highlands School gymnasium from 7:30-9 P.M. They will be preceded by square dancing by the High Mountain Squares and Highlands Drifters beginning at 6:45 P.M. Sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team, the concert will benefit the fight for the cure of cancer. Everyone is welcomed to attend this free event.

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Bascom educational programs feature workshops

Karen Beall, whose work is pictured left, will instruct "Sculpture of Life Forms" at The Bascom in Highlands for all levels. Pre-registration is required for the workshops. Call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Mountains in Bloom 2010 GARDEN FESTIVAL

"Heroes of Horticulture" exhibition, the 2010 Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival and artists' talks take center stage at The Bascom

Beginning July 8 and running through September 5, The Bascom will showcase a special exhibition of 24 large-format photographs featuring special places in America. Some of the landscapes and gardens featured in these images are hundreds of years old. To preserve these treasures, George Eastman House, in conjunction with TCLF, has commissioned 12 celebrated photographers: Mark Klett, John Pfahl, Eli Reed, Louviere+Vanessa, John Divola, Eric Baden, Jodean Bifoss, George Blakely, Roger Bruce, Matthew Keefe, Fredrik Marsh, and James Via, to make a visual interpretation of each of the twelve sites. The resulting images have been organized into a traveling exhibition called "Heroes of Horticulture".

The photographs will be on loan from the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY, one of this nation's most important repositories of photography, and also from The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) in Washington, DC.

The 14th annual Mountains in Bloom is a multi-day garden festival from July 8-11, 2010. Attendees of this year's festival will enjoy several exciting attractions, including an extensive garden tour and lunch in the Bowery area of Highlands, N.C.; and a flower show to include horticultural, artistic and

photography divisions.

Also featured this year, Beverly Reese Church presents an "Over the Top and Down to Earth" flower-themed lecture and demonstration on Thursday, July 8. Two sessions (10 am and 2 pm) will be held at Highlands Falls Country Club. The New Orleans author, designer and magazine editor's presentation will focus on all facets of entertaining creatively elegantly and affordably. The cost for this event is \$65 per person.

In addition, attendees can enjoy a home and garden market in which one can browse and purchase the best in live plant materials and unusual and distinctive items for the garden, porch, patio and home.

The 2010 Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival is sponsored by platinum sponsor Northern Trust; gold sponsor Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Magazine; silver sponsor Bank of New York-Mellon; bronze sponsors Franklin Ford, The Highlander Newspaper, The Laurel Magazine, Lupoli Construction, The Outdoor Lights Inc., Moss Robertson Cadillac and WNC Magazine and premier hospitality sponsor Old Edwards Inn & Spa. The festival benefits The Bascom, a center for the visual arts.

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

Wednesdays

• \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryson's Food Store.

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. The new meeting place is in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 a.m.

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

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on 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.

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

Wednesdays & Fridays

• Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal

Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Every 3rd Wednesday

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

Thursdays

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

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series every Thursday at 7 pm at the Highlands Nature Center May 13 through Aug. 5 It's free.

• At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: "Watercolor Basics: Shapes," Robin Swaby. Discover the importance of negative and positive shapes. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• At the Bascom 1-3 p.m.: "Pastels: Skies, Clouds, Water, Mist," Robin Swaby. Learn to handle the soft edges of various clouds and soft atmospheric effects. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

• If you are suffering from a mental illness or have a relative with a diagnosis such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, PTSD, etc, you are not alone. NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group meets on the 526-9769

Fridays, July 9-Aug. 15

• A prix fixe dinner at Wolfgang's for \$60 per person with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. Reservations for the concert and dinner can be made by calling the HCCMF's office at (828) 526-9060.

Friday & Saturdays

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

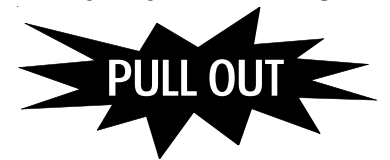
• The eighth annual free Mountain Music Con-

Art League's 'Summer Colors Fine Art Show is July 17 & 18



Burns Griffiths demonstrates techniques of painting during the Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show. The gymnasium at the Civic Center Rec Park in Highlands will be filled with affordable, original fine art July 17 and 18. The Children's Art Room is well-staffed and offers great art projects for kids. Hours are 10-5 and admission is free.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



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

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 p.m. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

• Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

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

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

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

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

Through Sun., Aug. 8

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

Through Sat., July 10

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

Tuesday, July 6

Thurs., July 8

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the Anmed Blood Center will hold their annual summer blood drive July 8th in Highlands. The bloodmobile will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital on Thursday July 8, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then at the Highlands First Citizens Bank on us 64 East later that day from 12:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Donating blood typically takes only 30-45 minutes. It's a safe and easy way to help your community. Summer months are a critical time for blood donations, please support the hospital's effort and give the gift of life.

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

• At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture – at 5:30-6:30 pm. Presented by Sue Gorski of RBC Bank — Retirement Planning.

• The Rotary Club of Highlands and the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley join to offer an evening of

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Tickets still available for H-C Chamber Music Festival 2010 lineup

When the Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival stages its Grand Opening Concerts and Receptions this Friday and Saturday, they'll be a blending of the old and the new.

The old part of the equation is the season-long celebration of the bicentennial of the birth of composers Frederic Chopin and Robert Schumann.

The first half of the opening will feature Chopin's "Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, op. 23," performed on the piano by Festival Artistic Director Will Ransom.

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 Julliard 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.

The second half of the program, Schumann's "Quintet in E-flat major, op. 44" brings us to the new part of the concert – the HCCMF debut of the Attaca String Quartet. This remarkable ensemble is the winner of the Alice Coleman Grand Prize at the 2006 Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition and the resident quartet at the 2005 Festival of Two Worlds in Spole-

to, Italy. They've been featured ensemble at both the Amherst Symphony Orchestra in Buffalo, New York, and the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Music Festival in South Carolina.

The Attaca String Quartet is composed of violinists Amy Schroeder and Keiko Tokunaga, violist Luke Fleming, and cellist Andrew Yee.

They'll be joined at their HCCMF debut



by pianist Ransom and guest violinist Molly Carr. Ms. Carr made her New York solo debut with the Julliard Orchestra in Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in April. A recent graduate of the Julliard School, she was a top prize winner of the 2008 Primrose International Viola Competition.

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

The Inn at Half Mile Farm will host a stunning gala to benefit the Highlands-Cashiers (North Carolina) Chamber Music Festival's 29th Season.

The Gala Period Dinner is slated for Wednesday, July 14th, at the Inn at Half Mile Farm in Highlands. It'll be staged by Epting Events and will feature wines by Tiger Mountain Vineyards and performances by The Vega String Trio.

One of the hallmarks of an Epting Event is the remarkable level of detail lavished upon each facet – the exquisite menu, the evocative lighting, floral arrangements that range from exquisite miniature creations to stunning centerpieces, and, always, a supremely confident staff. Epting Events has staged occasions for former Presidents, Secretaries of State, Supreme Court Justices and major Art Institutions – they're all testimony to a tireless devotion to this most demanding of crafts.

The vintages of Tiger Mountain Vineyards have a fiercely partisan band of devotees. The vineyard is set on a hillside high up in Rabun County, Georgia, on the rocky, sunny slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The vineyard is small, the vines individually tended and the grapes hand-picked for quality. Its wine is the perfect complement to the gala's blend of elegance and undeniable playfulness.

At the heart of the evening is The Vega String Trio. Based at Emory University, the Vega has performed around the world – Paris, New York, Aspen, Tokyo, and, of course Highlands-Cashiers. The trio has won numerous international competitions including four of the top six prizes at the 1999 Bordeaux String Quartet Competition (including the international music critics' prize), the Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition, the Carmel Chamber Music Competition, and the National Society of Arts and Letters String Quartet Competition.

The setting for the gala evening, the Inn at Half Mile Farm, is a jewel nestled on 14 wooded acres, bound by streams and a sleepy lake. The Inn features a converted 19th century farmhouse imbued with a beguiling mixture of elegant comfort and down-home casualness.

The Inn at Half Mile Farm agreed to stage this unforgettable evening as a fundraiser for Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. It's a tribute to the inn's commitment to the festival and the place that it represents on Highlands' rich calendar of events.

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



Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Bingo to benefit the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic/Children's Dental Care. The games are 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being an extra money game. The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed by North Carolina to operate Bingo games.

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

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

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

July 8-11

- The 12th annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival is July 8-11 in Highlands, N.C. Events include tours of five majestic mountain gardens in the Bowery

Road area of Highlands, a flower show and photography competition, a home and garden market, a flower-themed lecture and demonstration by Beverly Reese Church, and an exclusive Benefactors Party. Proceeds benefit exhibition and education programs of The Bascom, a nonprofit center for the visual arts. Tickets are on sale now at www.mountainsinbloom.com. or (828) 526-4949.

July 8-18

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

Fri., & Sat., July 9-10

- The annual Scaly Mountain Women's Club Auction, 7-9 p.m. at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on NC 106 and Buck Knob Road. Also available for sale both evenings will be the Club's new Cookbook "Second Helping."

- At Vivace on S. 4th St., a Paul Meyer Shoes Trunk Show. 10-5.

Friday, July 9

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club is holding its annual Auction to benefit their Scholarship Fund. The silent auction is at 7 pm including entertainment and the live auction (art, clothing, decorator items and great bargains) at Scaly Mountain Community Center.

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

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

Saturday, July 10

- Mirror Lake Association Summer Outing, 5 p.m. at the home of Liz and Bill Daughtrey at 267 Riverwalk Drive. Call Elaine at 526-9939 with questions.

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

- Installation of the Rev. Jim Murphy as rector of Christ Anglican Church by the Most Rev. Walter Gruntdorf. The service will be at 5 p.m. at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, 621 US Hwy 64, just west of Cashiers. A reception follows. All are invited.

Monday, July 12

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

Mon. - Sat., July 12-17

- At the Village Commons on Frank Allen Road in Cashiers, A Festival of Outdoor Art and Sculpture. For more information visit www.villagegreencashiers.com.

Mon.-Wed., July 12-14

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

Tues.-Sat., July 13-17

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

Tues., July 13

- WOW! – a World of Wonder" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center begins. July 13-16, 10 am – noon daily. Have fun playing nature games, exploring various habitats, and searching for critters. Ages 4-6. \$35 per child, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs for more information.

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

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

Wed. & Thurs., July 14-15

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

Wed., July 14

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

- Drake Enterprises Blood Drive (East Palmer Street, Franklin) Type O negative donors are needed! 9:30 am to 2 pm. Call 524-2922 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! *All presenting donors have a chance to win a \$1,000 gift card!*

RELAY, What You Need To Know . . .



Relay Teams in Highlands have put together a number of fun filled fund raising events for the Highlands Community. We urge all Highlanders and surrounding communities to come out and participate and help Relay For Life Of Highlands raise money so we can Celebrate More Birthdays!

- "Healing Hands Of HCH Launches it's second round of "Specialty Themed Baskets" raffle. Beginning Monday June 28TH, tickets will be available for purchase at the Acute Nurses Station on the hospital campus. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$ 5. This round of baskets themes include: Memory/Scrap Booking, Snack Attack, Pet Basket, The Great Outdoors, Gardening & Summertime. Deadline for ticket purchase is July 9TH. Please contact Callie Calloway at: cutz@hchospital.org 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. 15 big raffle items will be available at the concerts (\$100 +) with the drawing to be held August 13. All donations will go to Relay For Life of Highlands, Concert dates are: July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30. Contact Betty Fisher @ 828-226-3382

- Pamper Your best Friend, Saturday, July 10TH, First Citizens Bank-Highlands, NC, 10 AM -3:30 PM. "Madison's Miracle Team". Washing dogs to raise money for Relay For Life of Highlands. Baked Goods will also be on sale. Donations accepted and will be donated to Relay For Life of Highlands. PLEASE LEASH YOUR DOG, contact Kristie @ 526-5793

- SANTA "PAWS" PICTURES, Bring your favorite furry friend to sit with Santa and have a picture taken. Sponsored by "MADISON'S MIRACLE TEAM". Sunday, July 18TH, 1 pm – 6 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 530 Mains St. Highlands, NC. Various "SANTA PAWS" packages will be available for purchase. Special animal treats will be furnished. Our own Buck Trot will be here for the event. All donations will go to Relay For Life Of Highlands. Contact Kristie @ 526-5793. PLEASE LEASH YOUR DOG

- "Bark For Life Event", July 24TH at the Highlands Rec. Park. Registration begins at *am with the actual walk starting at 9am. This fun filled dog walk is part of the fund raising efforts of Relay For Life Team "Meadows Mountain Realty. Volunteers & Sponsors are still needed for this event. Please contact Tricia Cox @ 828-526-1717. Please visit www.relayforlife.org/highlands and click on the "BARK FOR LIFE" link for participating guidelines.

- "Dance For Life" (& silent auction) Come out & dance the night away to help fight cancer. Sponsored by the Highlands Scouts. Saturday July 24TH, 7-11 PM, (7-9pm all ages, 9-11pm 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 @ 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 29TH at 1:00pm 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 @ 787-2174 or in a recreational party bridge game (call G. Calloway @ 526-4021. There will be prizes and refreshments. You must make a reservation if you want to play.

- "Madison's Miracle Team" S Benefit Poker Run, all bikes welcome, Event Date: Saturday July 31ST. Where: Highlands, N.C. - Rec. Park on HWY 64, Time: 10 1M-2 PM, Route: Scenic ride through beautiful mountains roads. Cost: \$20 PER HAND,

- We will finish the run at the Highlands Rec. Park on HWY 64 with a cookout for all participants, raffle & a prize for the winning hand. Contact Kristie @ 526-5793

- The Flamingos Are Back! Are You ready to "Flock" someone? call 828-526-1717. "Flock your friends. "ONLY \$15! "De-Flocking." Only \$10! The flamingos will be here through August 13TH. All proceeds benefit Relay For Life of Highlands.

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

- Fressers Eatery sponsors benefit auction August 15TH at Scudders Gallery. SURVIVOR DINNER, Tuesday, August 3RD, Coleman Hall First Presbyterian Church, Highlands,

- ADISON'S MIRACLE TEAM CHILI COOK-OFF, SCALY MTN, AUGUST 7TH. Out main event takes place August 13TH at Highlands Rec. Park at 6pm. For more information, to sign up, or to support your neighbors and the American Cancer Society in the effort to end cancer in our lifetime, please visit relayforlife.org/highlands

'Sylvia opens Thursday, July 8 at The Playhouse



Dillon Nelson, Highlands Playhouse Set Designer, reviews set layout for "Sylvia" before he and crew set the stage for the second 2010 production which opens Thursday, July 8 at 8 p.m. Call 828-526-2695 for tickets.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Look to God; embrace change



Pastor Paul Christy
Highlands United Methodist Church

We got a rescue dog several years ago whose name is Addie. Now Addie is a good dog and most of the time she is in our good graces, but occasionally she gets loose and runs the neighborhood and comes back all muddy and we have to give her a bath before she can enter the house. Other than jumping up on people when they come to our house, she is a happy addition to our family and a good dog.

On Saturday night when the fireworks started in town, Addie and I were at home and at the crack of the first firework, Addie jumped on the couch with me and did not leave my side as the noise of the celebration continued. Addie normally wants us to think that she is not scared of anything, but she was shaking and crying at the sound of the fireworks.

You may ask why I begin my article this week by talking about my dog who is scared of a firecracker, but hang on with me because I hope I am coming to a point here. You see, Addie is fine when things are normal, but throw in a change in her life or her routine and she is scared. And I think that Addie reminded me of how all of us don't really like when things disrupt of normal lives. I don't know if we are scared when disruptions happen, but I know that we tend to like things to remain calm, don't we?

When we are young and things don't go our way we can cuddle up to our parents, when we get married we rely on a spouse for comfort, and as people of faith we can remember that God can bring us comfort. The point is that we have the creator of the universe that we can bring all our hurts, all our cares and fears and we can find comfort in God's grace and care. So when your routine is altered, when your path is changed for a reason you had no control over, or when you feel scared because some fireworks have happened in your life, remember that the God who created you can hold you.

Now if I may have a personal point of privilege this week, I want to write about a change that will be happening in our community. My good friend and fellow minister in our community Brian Sullivan will be leaving our community to go serve a church outside of Atlanta. I personally will miss him as I know our whole community will because Brian and his family have been a part of the landscape of Highlands for many years. Brian has reminded us as a community that there is more to Highlands than just our little town by bringing focus on

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• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, GA

Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship

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Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

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

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

Monday: Evening Bible Study at Whiteside

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

283 Spring Street

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

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

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer

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

Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

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

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Pastor Gary Hewins

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

10:30am: Children's Program (Pre-K - 5th Grade), Merge for 6th Graders. 10:45am: Worship Service. 5 pm Student Arts Group, The River Middle & High School Student Ministries.

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

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

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968

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

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

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

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

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

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

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

10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King

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

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

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by childrens

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

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

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

Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.; Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor

Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175

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

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

Tuesdays: Bible Study - 5 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Choir - 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376

Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.; 5 p.m. Youth Group

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

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

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

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290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore

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

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

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

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •



Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Re-accredited For Digital Mammography Imaging

Digital Mammography imaging at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has been awarded full, three year re-accreditation by the American College of Radiology (ACR), the designated accrediting organization for medical imaging by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The ACR headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice.

"Since installing the new Digital Mammography machine our radiology department had to complete the process again, to maintain our accreditation. We are delighted to have received such great survey results," said Radiologist Dr. Stinnett.

Changing from film to the state-of-the-art digital mammography screenings meant the hospital's radiology department was required to meet certain educational and training standards to earn ACR's accreditation. Qualifications of personnel, policies and procedures, equipment specifications, and patient safety measures were included in the review to assure high quality standards in the new digital exams.

"During the evaluation process, our department submits an extensive application, including credentials of our Radiologist, technologists and physicists," said Radiology Director Laura Ammons. "We also submit samples of our 'doses,' the amount of radiation released, and breast exams of both dense and fatty breast tissue," she added.

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ACR's evaluation is conducted by physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of the facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more the 32,000 diagnostic and interventional radiologist, radiation oncologist, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health-care services.

"The accreditation demonstrates our commitment to quality patient care," said Craig James, President and CEO. "We are proud of our staff for taking the necessary steps to achieve this certification."

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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's Foundation Board welcomes new member

HCH's Foundation is proud to announce the appointment of Lawrence E. Goldman, DO, to its Board of Directors. Dr. Goldman and his wife, Carol, reside in Sapphire as seasonal residents as well as in Naples, FL.

Prior to his retirement in 2000, Dr. Goldman practiced over 40 years as a Doctor of Osteopathy and Surgeon, specializing in orthopedics and pain management. He was board certified in three areas including General Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine.

Dr. Goldman has held the position of President of the Physicians Rehabilitation Service Company, later known as Nova Health and subsequently Health South, Inc. He was the Founder of Nautilus Fitness Centers of Florida and was of member of the American Spine Society, American College of Orthopedic Surgery, American Society of Pain Management, American College of Sports Medicine, and American Academy of



Dr. Lawrence Goldman

Orthopedic Medicine.

Playing football in college, Dr. Goldman holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. In 1956 he became member of the National Football League, playing for the Detroit Lions as a defensive back. After two years in the league, Goldman returned to school and received his medical degree from Des Moines University. He again joined the Lions, this time as the team physician from 1963-1967.

Robin T. Taylor, Foundation Executive Director said "The addition of Dr. Goldman not only brings increased community representation to the Foundation, he also brings a depth of medical knowledge and experience, and this is helpful to understanding the complexities involved in today's health-care world." Dr. Goldman joins the 14 member HCH Foundation Board of Directors.

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Hospital to conduct blood drive Thursday, July 8

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the Anmed Blood Center will hold their annual summer blood drive July 8th in Highlands.

The bloodmobile will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital on Thursday July 8th, from 9 a.m to 11:30 a.m and then at the Highlands First Citizens Bank on us 64 East later that day from 12:30 p.m until 6 p.m.

Donating blood typically takes only 30-45 minutes. It's a safe and easy way to help your community. Summer months are a critical time for blood donations, please support the hospital's effort and give the gift of life on July 8th.

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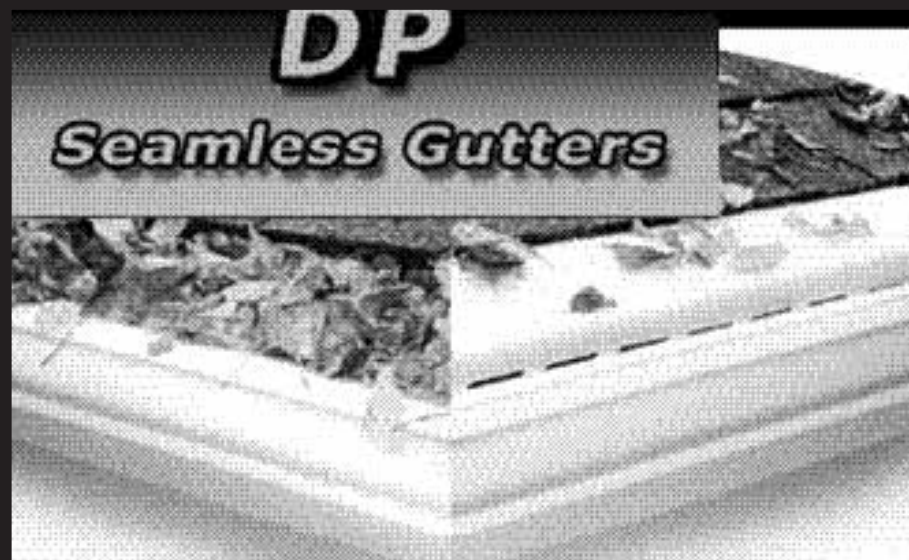
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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Auxiliary to raffle quilt



Tickets are now on sale for this year's edition of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary Wildflower Quilt. As in previous years, the quilt is the combined handiwork of local quilter Hazel Miller and many local embroiders who stitch the wildflowers onto each of the 36 panels. The drawing for the local heirloom will take place at the Highlands Own Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Highlands Recreation Park. This year's quilt is currently on display in the lobby of Bank of America in Highlands. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and can be purchased from auxiliary members in Highlands, Cashiers, Scaly Mountain, and Sky Valley, or at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's gift shop, Bank of America or at the booth in front of Bryson's Food Store on most Saturdays. Tickets will also be on sale at the craft show itself.



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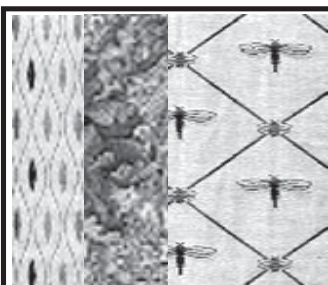
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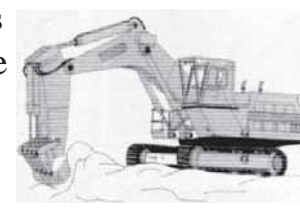
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FRI. & SAT., JULY 9-10 — Porch Sale, 855 Franklin Road corner of Mirror Lake Road. 9 am. until.. Antiques and stuff.

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peace with the "Children for Peace Program." This is where he brings children from Israel to Highlands who are of the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths together because if we are ever going to have peace, it will begin with our children.

Brian has reminded us of the plight of Haiti, has brought people from Haiti here, and has lead teams of youth and adults to Cange Haiti for many years. He has reminded us all, not just Episcopal Churchgoers, that God is bigger than our individual churches, and He loves the world.

Brian has been the leader in inviting area churches to worship and learn from each other and he has been PTO president this past year. Brian saw this whole community as his faith community and I hope that we all appreciated his care and love for Highlands. So change is coming for us as a community, and I hope we all remember lessons from a dog and an Episcopal Priest, that when change happens seek comfort from one another, but always remember, to seek comfort from God.

... BUDGET continued from page 1

\$205,000 – rather than the entire amount.

Macon County Schools had also requested \$895,000 in capital outlay to fund well replacements at various schools but the \$200,000 the county had originally agreed to fund for that project was also cut.

Superintendent Dan Brigman said an agreement has been reached on the state budget and the House and Senate voted on a compromise package last week.

"Although our projected cuts are not as bad as we originally anticipated, we are still expected to see a reduction in K-12 education around 1.7%," he said. At this time I do not

know exactly how the reductions will impact Macon County. We will clearly be forced to encumber additional dollars from our undesignated fund balance to address additional reductions in our local and state budgets."

He said everyone will know more in time for the next regular Board of Education meeting set for Monday, July 26 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building in Franklin.

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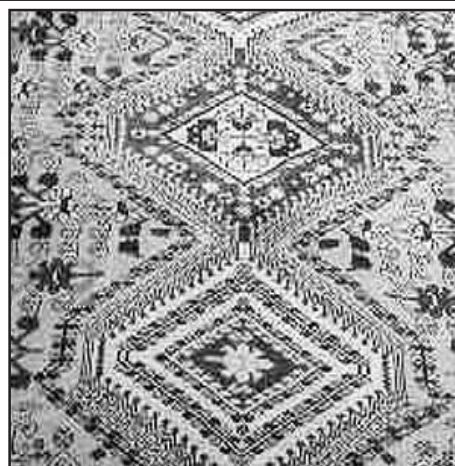


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Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 30. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 30

- At 10:40 a.m., officers responded to a one vehicle accident Holt Knob Road.
- A little past midnight, officers were called about a verbal argument outside the Dirty Dog Public House on N. 4th. Street.

July 2

- At 7:30 p.m., the dept. was called to watch for a armed robbery suspect traveling through Highlands from Oconee County. The vehicle never came through.
- At 8:35 p.m., officers were called to assist motorist on NC 28 south.
- At 10:25 p.m., officers were called to assist a motorist on N. 4th St.
- At 12:05 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident on Foreman Road.

July 3

- At 3:20 p.m., officers called in a noise complaint on Satulah Road due to power tools.
- A little past midnight, officers were called about drinking on the sidewalk outside the Dirty Dog Public House on N. 4th St.
- At 11:30 p.m., Nicholas Shane Thomas, 24, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI when he was pulled over on Hickory Street due to a dead tail light.

July 4

- At 3 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Spring Street.
- At 4:05 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Spring and U.S. 64.

July 5

- A little past midnight, Herlinda, Mendoza Garcia, 31, of Highlands, was arrested for driving left of center and without a license.
- At 6:25 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint coming from the Highlands Smokehouse on U.S. 64 west.
- At 7:30 p.m. officers responded to a noise complaint coming from the Highlands Smokehouse on U.S. 64 west.
- At 8:37 p.m., officers responded to a bear complaint on Hickory Hill Road.
- At 7:10 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint from Highlands Smokehouse on U.S. 64 west.

July 6

- At 9:30 a.m., officers assisted another agency at a home on Cook Road.
- At 7:40 p.m., a purse was found on the side of NC 106. It was returned to the owner.
- At 10 a.m., Emilliano Hernandez Chavez, 27, of Highlands, was arrested for simple physical assault.

• During the week, police officers responded to 1 alarms and issued 16 citations.

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

June 30

- At 3:44 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call where a 67-year-old female fell and hit her head. There was no transport.

July 1

- At 1:03 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Flat Mountain Estates. The victim was taken to the hospital.
- At 11:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Upper Divide. The victim was taken to the hospital.

July 2

- At 4:31 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a roll-over on Buck Creek Road. There were no injuries.

July 4

- At 11:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. The victim was taken to the hospital.

July 5

- At 6:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Blackberry Lane. The victim was taken to the hospital.


July 6

- At 8:42 a.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle fire on S. 4th Street. It was extinguished. There were no injuries.

July 7

- At 7:46 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Holt Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

NOTE: New member Mark Smolarsky, 41, joined the dept. There is room for three more members.



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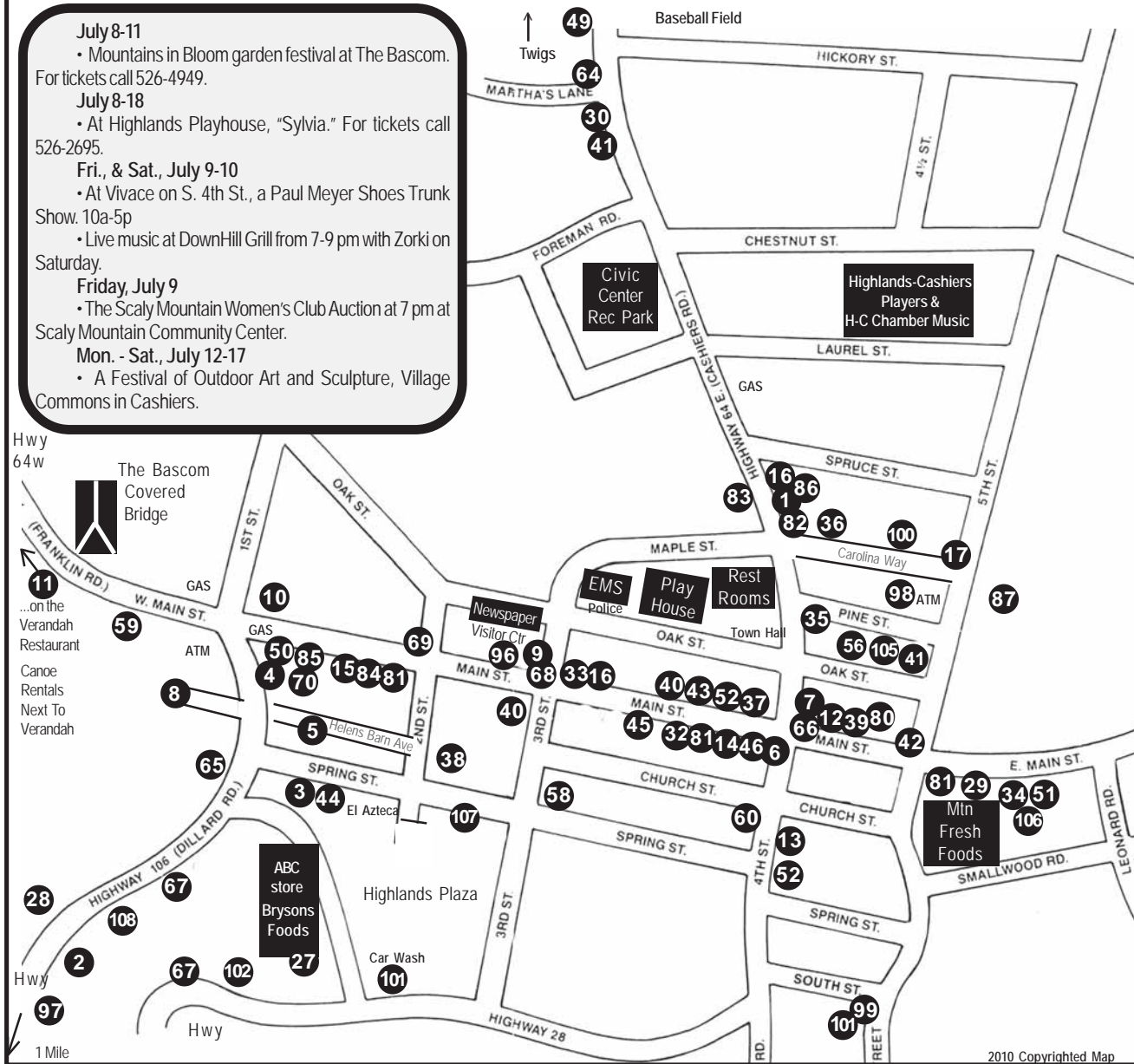
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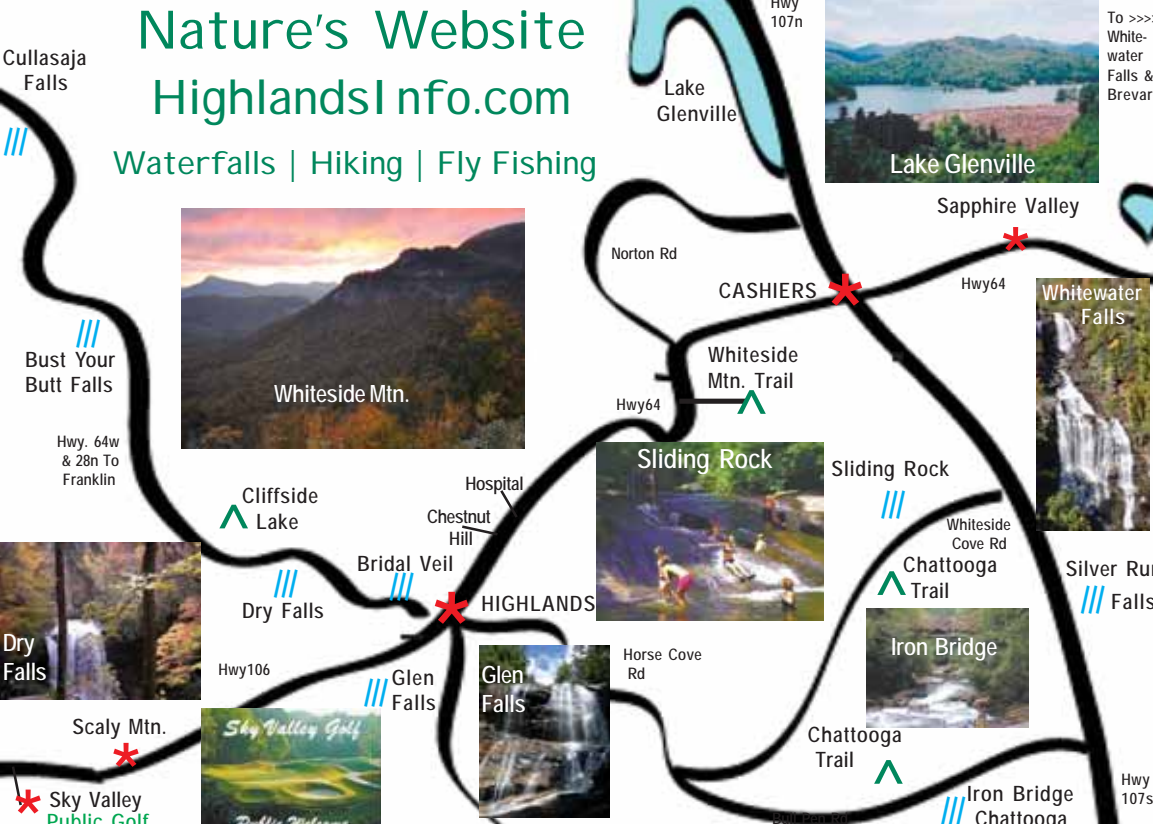



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