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Preliminary budget in; work continues

The final budget worksession prior to adoption of the FY 2010-2011 Town of Highlands budget took place Wednesday and included department heads and supervisors.

Following possible revisions to the proposed budget presented by Town Manger Jim Fatland, a public hearing will be held June 23 at 7 p.m. before the budget is adopted.

There is no tax increase recommended this year - it stays at \$.135 per \$100 assessed valuation; nor is there a fire tax increase - it stays at \$.009 per \$100 assessed valuation.

There is no increase recommended for residential or commercial garbage rates, however the monthly minimum water charge will be increased by \$4 per month - the second increase in a three-

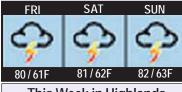
Congratulations Class of 2010!

year plan to reduce Electric Fund subsidies for water fund operations. Last year's rate was \$24.

Sewer rates will increase \$3.20 and there will a 4% increase in electric rates to offset Duke Power's wholesale increase to the town.

Like last year, there won't be a salary increase for town employees but they will get a 2% cost of

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This Week in Highlands Wed.-Sat., June 9-12 · HCP's Parallel Lives at PAC at 7:30 pm. Call 526-9047 for tickets. Thursday, June 10

 Grand Opening Celebration at Vivace Women, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Register for the drawing for free gift certificates: \$500, \$300, \$200

Fri. & Sat., June 11-12 Live Music at Downhill Grill in Scaly Mountain 7-10

Saturday, June 12 • At Cyprus Restaurant from 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 10 • At Hudson Library, 5:30-6:30 pm. Sue Gorski of RBC Bank - Personal

Budget & Savings. SOAR Silent/Live Auction at High-

lands Community Building. Tickets at the door.

Friday, June 11

• "Know Your Frogs" workshop at the Nature Center. 8:30-9:30 pm, Call 526-2623. Saturday, June 12

 The World Wide Knit in Public on the Terrace at the Bascom from 10 am to 4 pm. • The Literacy Council of Highlands "Family Literacy Fair" from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. Call 526-9938.

Sun. & Mon., June 13-14 Auditions for HCP's Production of Dearly Departed are Sun. from 3-5pm and

Mon. from 5:30-6:30pm. Call 526-4904. Monday, June 14 At H-C Hospital, noon -1 pm. "Co-

Ion Cancer" by Dr. Richard Carter. Suite 103, in the Jane Woodruff Clinic. Audubon Society pot luck dinner at 6

PM and program at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Call 787-1387. Tuesday, June 15

• H-C Land Trust Eco Tour. \$35 includes the guided hike, lunch and an HCLT membership. Call 526-1111.

• "Owl Pellets," at the Nature Center. 3 - 4 pm. Call 526-2623.

Wednesday, June 16 • "Owl Prowl" at the Highlands Nature Center. 8 pm. Call 526-2623. June 17-July 3 • At Highlands Playhouse, "Smokey





The class of 32 seniors and its two mascots – Garrison Chalker and Peyton Coppage – pose picture perfect for Cathy McIntyre-Ross. The graduation ceremony is Saturday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in the new gym. See the Graduation Pullout on page 10.

Six arrested in prescription drug round-up

Last week, the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation arrested six people in a joint investigation targeting prescription pills and other controlled substances.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office assisted in this investigation which began in 2009 at the conclusion of last year's Drug Round-

tigations also included a non-criminal component that collected thousands of outdated and unused prescription pills from the public.

As a result of multiple complaints from citizens and several overdose deaths, a particular residence was determined to be a priority by Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland. A search warrant was

executed at 15 Trimont Lake Road in Macon County, on June 4th utilizing the Sheriff's Office Special Response Team. The U.S. DEA also assisted in the execution of search and arrest warrants at this residence.

At the request of the Macon County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office initiated a civil for-• See DRUG page 24

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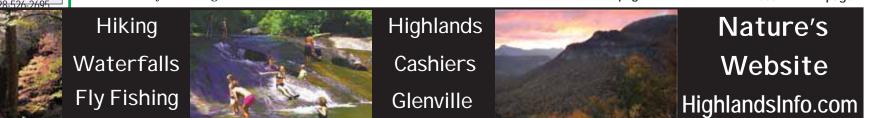
A recent incident concerning a dog assault on a child in Highlands, spurred the county to further delineate jurisdiction and specific guidelines concerning dangerous dogs.

First, the ordinance in place had to be amended to include jurisdiction in the county's municipalities

At the Monday, June 7, county commission meeting, County Attorney Chester Jones, recommended amending the ordinance to include Highlands and Franklin. Highlands and Franklin have been asked to sign a resolution accepting the amended ordinance and the county's authority concerning animal control.

Highlands had already signed such a resolution but a new one must be signed to correspond with the county's now amended ordinance, said Jones.

Now that the all-inclusive ordinance is in place, the Highlands Police Code concerning vicious animals, nuisance dogs and owner responsibility, which the town adopted before a county ordinance exist-• See ANIMAL page 2



Up in Macon County. Both inves-

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Leaving Literacy weighs heavy on her heart

Dear Editor,

After becoming the Executive Director of the Literacy Council last August, I have fallen in love with the community of Highlands and the worthy cause of literacy. Each day has brought me new friendships and fulfilling moments as I have worked with members of the town.

Because of this, I must tell you with a heavy heart that I will be stepping down from my position in early August to move to New Orleans, La., with my husband, Alan. After graduating from Western Carolina University this May, Alan was offered a full tuition waiver and a teaching stipend to earn his doctoral degree in BioMedical Sciences at Tulane University.

We struggled with our decision to accept Tulane's offer. Listening to me tell success stories from the Literacy Council, Alan knows how deep my respect and adoration for literacy runs. I have worked with the best board any Executive Director could ask for, and I know I will never find a more engaged, welcoming community of support than I have in Highlands.

With two months left as Executive Director of the Literacy Council, I plan to make the most of my time. With summer in full swing, I will continue planning the Literacy Council's fundraising efforts and implementing programs to benefit the community. In addition, I plan to play an active role in the search for the Literacy Council's next Executive Director, who I hope to train and introduce to the community.

I will always reflect on my time in Highlands as an enriching, enjoyable experience, and I have no doubt that the Literacy Council will only move onward and upward in years to come.

Please feel free to contact me at highlandsliteracy@live.com or stop by my office at the Peggy Crosby Center. Bessie Dietrich Goggins



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living increase. The Streets Department is the only department where an employee will be added.

The proposed General Fund budget which includes administration, planning and zoning, and police and streets is \$3.9 million. Last year, separate funds were set up for recreation, fire, sanitation and stormwater, so those are no longer represented in the General Fund.

The proposed General Fund total is \$3.9 million.

The Police Department will not fill Captain Ensley's position, so the force will have 10 full time officers rather than 11. It will keep three part-time auxiliary officers and one part-time office assistant.

The biggest decrease in the General Fund expenditures is slotted for the Police Department — \$415,740 less than last year. The 2009-2010 Police Department budget was \$1,381,895. The proposed budget for 2010-2011 is \$966,155.

Talk continues about eliminating the Take Home Car program which according to a report given by Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell last fall, per officer costs the town about \$128 per month in maintenance and fuel.

The Take Home Car Program has been called an employment incentive and matches what other law enforcement agencies in Franklin, Macon and Jackson counties offer.

The Administration budget will decrease \$123,416 from last year's; the Planning Department's budget is \$36,512 less than last year; however the Streets Department's budget is up \$49,108 over last year.

The 2010-2011 town scholarship disbursement will be \$35,000 down \$1,700 from this year.

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ed so the police department would have authority in such cases, is now null and void.

"By signing the resolution, we agree to abide by the county ordinance and defer to the county's Animal Control Department in all such matters," said Police Chief Bill Harrell.

Along those lines, the county also put Animal Control Director John Hook in charge of deciding when a dog is a "potentially dangerous dog" as it relates to State General Statute 67.41: "Potentially dangerous dog" means a dog that has: a. Inflicted a bite on a person that resulted in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations or required cosmetic surgery or hospitalization; or b. Killed or inflicted severe injury upon a domestic animal when not on the owner's real property; or c. Approached a person when not on the owner's property in a vicious or terrorizing manner in an apparent attitude of attack.

In addition, commissioners formed a "Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal Board" made up of Hook, Macon County Health Director Jim Bruckner and MC Commissioner Bob Simpson, to hear appeals of Hook's decisions – whether by pet owners or vicFire and Rescue's revenue and expenses are the same and are up \$33,800 from last year. Revenues come from the fire tax.

The Recreation Department's budget is down \$128,855 from last year; as is the Cemetery Fund — \$46,000 from 70,000.

The town's Enterprise Funds – water, sanitation, sewer and electric – are supposed to support themselves through their rates. That combined with a decrease in expenses enable them to net money.

The Water Plant/Dept. are lumped together and between the rate increase and a decrease in expenses the net is expected to come in at \$3,700. With the rate hike, revenues are expected to be \$1,556,000.

With the rate hike, Sewer Plant revenues are expected to increase to \$429,000 from last year's \$349,000 with a net of \$19,900.

Sanitation revenues are expected to come in at \$534,000 with expenses at \$521,100 and a net of \$12,900.

The Electric Fund should net \$97,315 with the rate hike and a slight decrease in expenses.

Ten nonprofits requested a total of \$109,000 in funding for 2010-2011. The finance committee suggested a total of \$34,600.

The Historical Society – \$3,000; HCCDC – \$8,100; the Highlands Emergency Council – \$4,000; the Highlands Playhouse – \$12,000; PAC – \$2,500; and the H-C Hospital Foundation – \$5,000.

Denied requests were the Hudson Library, the Peggy Crosby Center, the Literacy Council, and the Bascom.

The Town Manager's proposed budget is not the final word. It's possible Wednesday's budget worksession will affect certain aspects of the final budget.

– Kim Lewicki

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Recently a toddler in Highlands was injured when a neighbor's dog came onto her property and injured her face just below her nose.

Hook, who said he responded as a courtesy since the ordinance delineating jurisdiction was not yet in place, said it's unclear whether the "attack" was provoked or an accident.

"But regardless, anytime a dog causes injury that requires surgery it has to be deemed dangerous," he said.

The toddler received stitches for the laceration. Owners of the dog had the dog euthanized for the neighbor's peace of mind, but Hook said it's possible they acted prematurely and said he had suggested they wait for a decision from the Appeal Board, now in place.

The Highlands Police Department also responded to the "dog bite" call.

Now with the amended ordinance in place, with Hook designated the authority on "potentially dangerous dogs" and an appeal board set up, future incidents may be handled differently, said Hook.

• MILESTONES •



Wilson graduates from Western Carolina University

Alana Susanne Wilson, HS Class of 2004, graduated from Western Carolina University with a BS in Hospitality Tourism Management, Saturday, May 8, 2010. She is the daughter of Anna and Roger Lee Wilson, of Highlands.

Upon graduation, Alana assumed the role as General Manager for The Log Cabin Restaurant here in Highlands, which is under new management. See ad on page 5.

Reed graduates from UNC-Greensboro

Jackie Reed, HS Class of 2006, graduated May 14, 2010, from the UNC-Greensboro with a BS in Accounting and a minor in Political Science. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. Jackie is a recipient of the Bryan Achievement and Leadership Award, which recognizes graduating students for a combination of academic scholarship and leadership in the Bryan School of Business and Economics, the university and/or the community.

She also received the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. This award is presented to the student judged the most outstanding in the Bryan School of Business and Economics for the academic year.

One week prior to her graduation, Jackie received the Student Excellence Award, administered by Lloyd International Honors College and is UNC-Gs highest academic award to outstanding undergraduates. To be eligible for the award, students must be seniors, with an overall 3.7 GPA and must be nominated by an academic department or interdisciplinary major. She will attend Graduate School in the fall.



Highlands United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School is Sun., June 27

Highlands United Methodist Church invites all children to Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! Board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe – and our awesome God – in a whole new way. The fun begins Sunday, June 27 and ends Thursday, July 1 from 5:30-8 p.m. at HUMC – 315 Main Street in Highlands. The VBS program is free but children are welcome to come early for supper at 5 p.m.

each evening for \$2 per child.

Each galactic mission includes a Bible story with science activities at the Orbital Observatory, music at Moons & Tunes, art projects at Cosmic Crafts and games at Rocket Rec. Activities are designed for pre-school and elementary children who have finished preK-5th grades. Youth students are encouraged to volunteer. Call Allison Tate at 526-3376 to sign up.

Erika Olvera

Any of you have read or heard about the shameful way that one of Highlands' first policewomen appears to have been treated by some elected town officials and certain town employees. This is a serious loss for Highlands and a blow to civility and human rights. It's also unfortunate to lose an effective law enforcement officer, due to apparent political bickering and attempted tampering with law enforcement duties.

Why did this happen? What can we do to set things right by Erika and see that this won't happen again in our community?

Many local residents have joined to give their full support to Erika Olvera, one of Highlands' first women police officers and the first Latina officer. As an honors graduate of Highlands School and mother raising two daughters, she endeavors to clear her good name from the malicious rumors and harassing treatment by some elected town officials and employees.

An "ERIKA OLVERA LEGAL DEFENSE FUND"

has been established at Macon Bank in Highands. It will be used to assist her with her legal fees and with the costs associated with her EEOC complaint against the Town of Highlands.

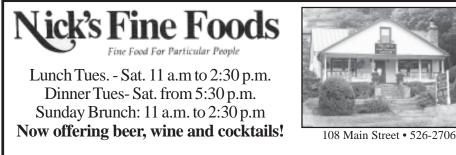
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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

The Catholic dilemma

Heaving been a b u n d a n t l y exposed to the uglier side of life, I've become hardened to every kind of person and situation. Way back when I actually worked for a living, the standing joke in the Juvenile Crimes Unit was, "Incest is a game the whole family can play."

That unsavory pun didn't mean juvenile officers approved of incest or even made light of the crime. It was an internal escape mechanism from a

grievous crime we couldn't do much about. It's how we coped. Parents who sexually molest their children are difficult to catch and almost impossible to prosecute.... but they exist.

In 1989, after an active life on the streets of Miami Beach, I retired from police work, took my criminal mind and headed for Highlands to rehabilitate myself and open a rappel business. There's nothing like a 300foot sheer cliff to clear your mind.

Getting away from the dregs of mankind, I slowly re-gained my faith in people. I realized I had forgotten there are many more honest, respectable, trustworthy people in the world than the criminals of Florida I struggled with daily. Highlands helped me renew my faith in mankind. Thank you.

But there's a category of human I cannot tolerate. Pedophiles are people who prey on children. In short, they sexually molest or even rape them, usually ruining their lives. Pedophiles are opportunists, extremely dangerous and, because of the heinous nature of their crime, remain hidden. Because they're mentally sick, some pedophiles even justify their behavior as normal. Having a sexual experience with a child is all they think about all the time. They can't be cured. They're even capable of murder and roam freely within our ultra liberal criminal justice system that's ill equipped to deal with them.

The Catholic Church is the perfect place for pedophiles to hide. My brain can't compute the existence of pedophile priests. I have put priests on such high pedestals that my mind tilts at the thought of a Catholic priest using his position of trust to molest or rape an unsuspecting child. Pedophiles who disguise themselves as priests are the worst kind of criminals on this planet. The visual disgusts me.

I never got over the scandal and the subsequent cover-up by the bishops in the United States. I never will. One of our most esteemed bishops is still living the good life, hidden away and protected at Vatican City. How many children's lives did that man ruin



Fred Wooldridge

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by ignoring or covering up the problem? So what does the church do? Hide him!

Because I know pedophiles well, have arrested them and understand their mindset, I'm driven to detest them whether they wear a collar or not. I have seen too much of life to be hoodwinked by the church or anyone else.

A priest once informed our congregation that pedophiles only represented a tiny portion of priests who otherwise do the good work of the Lord. Really? Well,

that's not good enough for me. How many pedophiles is the Catholic Church willing to tolerate? I'm still not sure. If Jesus returned to earth, would he tolerate priests raping or molesting His little children? I think not. Let's not forget Jesus was slow to anger but had a temper.

Now the scandal is exposed in Europe. They're experiencing the same cover-ups and the same transferred priests. Wouldn't you think the European Catholic hierarchy would have seen our scandal unfolding and wondered how many of their priests might be pedophiles? Ahhhh.... I'm so furious.

For me, it doesn't matter whether the Pope was complacent or not. It doesn't matter what he knew and when he knew it. It's time to clean house from top to bottom. It's time to remove people who made bad decisions that got children raped or sexually molested, regardless of their ranking, ignorance or good intentions. It's time to excommunicate, take pedophiles out of circulation and put them in jail. Common sense demands we do more than just continue to cover it up.... again.

Now that the Catholic hierarchy knows pedophiles can't be cured, what's it going to do, continue to hide them? So far, the church has only taken action after crimes are exposed. The church needs to be proactive and do better than that. The survival of the Catholic Church demands they take strong action.... and now.

I know this might befuddle my Protestant friends but I urge my fellow Catholics to stand and be counted. Quitting the church solves nothing and won't get rid of pedophiles; it only encourages them. With angry people like me gone from the church, pedophiles will have it easier. I refuse to give pedophiles and child molesters the power to make me alter my faith. I will not let them run me off. Anyway, Catholic faith is not about priests, it's about Jesus. I use the church as my path to Jesus. Stay with Christ but condemn the Catholic Church for its lack of

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The benefits of Angus

T must be a terrible time to be an Angus. Every body wants to eat Angus. At least it seems that way. Everybody wants to sell Angus. It started with Hardee's, or at least that's when I first heard about it.

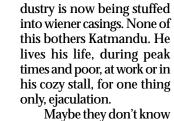
Hardee's introduced the Angus Burger, which I doubted contained much Angus. Maybe it was 100%. Whatever it was, it sold a lot of burgers. Using Angus had been uncommon in the fast food

segment, but McDonald's heard about it and jumped in. I don't know why I was surprised that McDonald's would know a good deal. They nearly invented the burger, and they did invent breakfast.

McDonald's started selling its version of the HardeeBurger and everybody was happy except for the Angus. Angus Moms started wishing their calves wouldn't be born, and praying they'd be girls. Growing up for a young male meant only one path; castration, following by life on a feed lot getting fat, and ripe. For the one tenth of one percent that was chosen for life as a stud, the situation was actually pretty satisfactory. After demand for Angus skyrocketed, the farmer went to the resident bull. "Listen, Katmandu," he'd begin, we can't satisfy the demand. I know I'm asking a lot, and you're doing so much already. It's not your fault. But I have to ask you to work even harder. You have to service more cows. All we could offer is a little more grain and fresh straw.²

What the farmer didn't realize was that Katmandu lived for his work, was his work. All he did from the time he got off until it was time to go back to the breeding stall, he could be in front of an old Elsie poster, reading heifer magazines. The point I'm making is that to every cloud has a silver lining. The lucky few had it made.

What had happened in the food industry was that supply had grown to meet demand. A balance had been reached. That was before Ball Park dazzled us with the Angus-Dog. It's come to this, a breed whose meat once commanded premium prices and set off a war between giants in the fast food in-



the deal. It seems it like it

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ens running off these days, and not coming back, he says. Been seeing it for years. No need to talk about it though. Better not to bring attention to it. What purpose would be served? The truth is; this is all you're good for. We bred you to be eating machines. Even if you could get out, you wouldn't. Where would you go? What could do? You should be more concerned with the price of beef than with thoughts of getting out of here alive. We know what the farmer is saying, so who is hurt if we say Junior went off to Clemson to study husbandry?

I'd never given much thought to Angus before. I was in Herrod's once, years ago. There was a piece of meat in the display case. It was as red as a desert sunset. I'd never seen anything like it. It could have had its own circulatory system. I thought there might have been a red light shining on it, but they weren't. It was Angus. It was my first encounter with an Angus, unless you include the little farm set I had when I was a kid. So I'd heard of Gurnseys, Jerseys, Herfords, Holsteins. I also owned a little plastic black Angus.

I didn't really think about subtle differences. Beef is beef, or so I thought. Then came a dark chapter in the history of the breed; The Price of Fame. It's sad what can happen if you're too well liked. I'd ignored it when Hardees brought us its burger. I was too busy, or too disinterested, so I looked the other way, and ordered a chicken fillet, when Mc-Donald got involved. When I was looking for Hillshire Farms and happened to see AngusFranks, something just snapped.

Thanks, for letting me get it off my chest.



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• COACH'S CORNER •

Summer sports heat

We went through a slight dead period the last couple of weeks in the sports world, but this week has been one filled with events. From the Stanley Cup Finals to the French Open to the NBA Finals and now World Cup Fever – not to mention a dash of Stephen Strasburg mania and we've had a heat wave of excitement. Some random thoughts from the events of this week.

Top 3 pitchers in baseball 1. Ubaldo Jimenez. The guy is 11-1 right

now with a microscopic ERA. He's dominating guys and finally realizing the potential that many scouts identified with him back when

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Colorado made their World Series run a few years ago. 98mph heat, a deadly changeup and a nasty slider dominance. 2. Roy Halladay. Doc Halladay has been dealing for Philadelphia, and he has been dominant for the last several years. Barbaro

dealing for Philadelphia, and he has been dominant for the last several years. Perhaps the most outstanding statistic of all though is that Halladay, in his 12 starts, has gone the distance in 5 of them. In the days of modern pitch counts, etc. it is astounding that Halladay can be counted on to save the arms in the bullpen whenever he takes the hill. (By the way-3 of those 5 complete games are shutouts.)

3. Stephen Strasburg? OK, probably not-especially after one start. However, the guy's stuff is as good as Jimenez's and better than Halladay's. His first time through the National League lineups is going to look like Walter Johnson's (my favorite Walter Johnson story is when an exec questioned his scout about whether or not Johnson could control his fastball the scout simply said "if he couldn't there would be dead bodies all over Idaho.") or Doc Gooden's. Strasburg hit 100 mph on the radar gun several times against my Pirates and struck out the side twice. The most impressive thing to me about the kid was that when Delmon Young homered off of him (a 90mph? changeup... yikes -Young probably thought it was a fastball) it just pissed Strasburg off to the point that he mowed down the last ten batters he faced.

The NBA finals has been an entertaining one-especially thanks to the play of 87-yearold Derek Fisher. I really want the Celtics to win this series, mainly because my Phil Jackson hate has shifted into overdrive with his recent sniping to the media. The guy is a great coach, but he has always had the league's best player. If Jackson can win a title with a more middling team, then I will give him some more credit-but until then he's a decent coach who had the smarts to align himself squarely on the coattails of Jordan, Shaq and Kobe.

World Cup fever is officially upon us! On Friday we have Mexico opening up the World Cup and then the real main event (at least in America) is on Saturday with the US taking on the British in what we all hope will be a monumental upset. Both squads are a bit banged up, particularly because US striker Jozy Altidore went down with an ankle injury in practice the other day. England will be heavily favored, but their squad has yet to play an international match as a team and they are weak in goal.... so the US has a glimmer of hope. (my prediction 3-1 England – our defense is horrible and without a fit Altidore we can't take advantage of a weak keeper.)

• Coming next week: World Cup and NBA Finals analysis and perhaps...more Strasburg mania!



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• HEALTH MATTERS •

This week begins our weekly series on "Heath Matters." Each week area doctors from across the medical spectrum will write about their specialty. Dr. Robert Buchanan is the third contributor to our new weekly column.

Plastic surgury procedures have changed with the times

Te are living longer and are healthier than our parents and grandparents. Problems arise when we get to the age where we considered them old. We begin to look like them, and we see "old" in spite of not feeling so. Fortunately, Plastic surgery has kept up with our needs to look the way we feel. New procedure and treatments have kept pace with our busy lifestyles and the frantic economy.

Facial features are what generally reveal our age. Therefore, this is what we have concentrated on

rejuvenating. For years, the main method of facial rejuvenation was a face, neck, eye and brow lift (generally combined into what most people called a "complete facelift"). As we became more discerning, we desired procedures that left us looking more natural with less recovery. New developments took two directions. First was to reduce or eliminate down time. Second was development of procedures leaving us looking like ourselves, only younger and more rested. The results are two basic, though complementary methods of rejuvenation.

The first is surgery, the traditional method. Only there is nothing traditional with what we are doing now. My own practice is a perfect example. After moving to Highlands, I began seeing many people who had already had a traditional facelift. Thus, Istarted looking carefully at what we had accepted as "good results." The problems I. and others, discovered were accentuated by repeat procedures. These abnormalities included elevated sideburns, descending earlobes, hollow cheeks and a "windswept look." To avoid producing these problems, I began to modify my facelift method. I then discovered, met and learned from two Belgium plastic surgeons doing a similar procedure. This method reduces the amount of surgery and the length of the scar, replaces the tissues from where they came, and eliminates the problems of the older methods. It also speeds recovery to frequently less than a week. As I, and others around the world,



Dr. Robert Buchanan Center for Plastic Surgery

ery method of lower blepharoplasty from a midface lift, so it also gives some lift to the cheek. We do browlifts with an endoscope through small incisions with

have used and modified this

longevity of results. Though

method, we have found it

additionally extends the

originally conceived as a

individuals with no scar

behind the ear, we have

customized it now for use on

We have also modified

our other surgical procedures

similarly. I replace fat to its

normal position in eyelifts and suspend the lids to solid

anchors for longer lasting

results. I adapted my present

facelift for younger

anyone.

almost immediate recovery. Vitamins and other drugs that speed healing and reduce bruising or speed its resolution have also aided recovery. Since recovery is now faster than resolution of what bruising remains, make-up techniques have allowed return to normal activities almost immediately after surgery.

The second change has been development of nonsurgical procedures. These can frequently mimic surgery and are significantly less expensive. Some can even do things that surgery cannot do. For example, Latisse[®], a topical drug, can make your eyelashes longer, fuller and darker. Botox[®] can reduce facial wrinkles with a simple injection. Injectable fillers, some lasting for 1 ½ years or longer, can erase those age lines and disguise many of the other signs of aging. New lasers and skin care products can also eliminate other signs of aging and sun damage.

In short, we now have multiple means of turning back the clock, from simpler surgery with faster recovery and more natural results to injections and lasers that have no down time at all. There is something for everyone, no matter what you need or what your budget.

Cosmetic consultations are complementary at the Center for Plastic Surgery in Highlands. To learn more visit www.PlasticSurgeryToday.com, or www.TodaysFacelift.com. You can contact Dr. Buchanan at 828-526-3783.



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"Patient Appreciation" Craig C. Moore, MD, FACCP

Patient satisfaction has always served to inform organizations about their strengths and their weaknesses. At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH) we place great importance on ensuring that our patients regard their time with us as a positive experience. We listen to our patients and whenever we receive feedback it is greatly appreciated. When our patients or their family members write to us or come by and thank us personally, it is particularly rewarding. And, when we receive feedback that offers opportunity for improvement, we develop a course of action to arrive at a solution. Our continual commitment to evaluation and improvement has helped make HCH the first-class facility it is today.

At HCH our contribution to the recovery of a patient is paramount. This in itself is our reward. The numerous times we receive these expressions of gratitude; of how lives were saved, and how health was improved, our staff is very moved and encouraged. We are thankful for the relationship HCH has with the community it serves. We appreciate the trust our patients have in us, and the way they, in turn, frequently express their appreciation for what we do for them.



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Area Health Specialists



CONSERVATIVE POV •

his is a difficult time for Obama and his administration. The attempt to bribe Joe Sestak into not running against turncoat Sen. Arlen Specter has been thoroughly reported, at least by Fox News, and is starting to get sticky.



The story goes that snarky Rahm Emanuel asked the lovable Bill Clinton to dangle the prospect of a government job in front of Sestak if he would not

run in the PA primary. Evidently. Clinton couldn't sell the deal, Šestak ran and ended the political career of one of the least admirable politicians in my lifetime. Lots of clamor for documents involving the clever move and the noise is intensifying.

It is a criminal offense to offer a job to a potential candidate as an en-

couragement not to run. Apparently, once was not enough so they tried it again. The fact that the following quote comes from the Huffington Post proves that we are fair and balanced in our research: "One of President Barack Obama's top advisers suggested to a Colorado Democrat that he forgo a primary challenge to Sen. Michael

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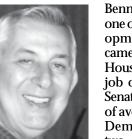
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including attempting to sell the U.S. Senate

Rod's lawyers subpoenaed the aforementioned snarky Rahm as well as Obama's old crony Valerie Jarrett as witnesses in the murky matter. Trouble just seems to follow theses

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one of three international development jobs. The disclosure came just days after the White House admitted orchestrating a job offer in the Pennsylvania Senate race with the similar goal of avoiding a messy or divisive Democratic primary." Strike two.

As if these back-to-back disclosures weren't enough, the trial of our favorite cartoon character, Rod Blagojevich, recently commenced. Rod faces charges

seat of then Senator Barack Obama.

folks around, doesn't it?

like his ardent followers are not so ardent

Bennett and instead apply for any more. Ultra-liberal Maureen Dowd, in an op-ed titled "A Storyteller Loses the Story Line" in the ultra-liberal New York Times, came out with the following excerpts: "It's not a good narrative: The man who walked on water is now ensnared by a crisis under water." "With as much as 34 million gallons of oil inking the Gulf of Mexico, 'Yes we can' has been downgraded to 'Will we ever?'

"Obama wanted to be a transformative president and now the presidency is transforming him." "The oil won't stop flowing, but the magic has." Oh my.

James Carville, prominent Democrat strategist, again from the way-out liberal Huffington Post: "The President of the United States could've come down here, he could've been involved with the families of these 11 people (killed in the original explosion). He could be commandeering tankers and making BP ring tankers in and clean this up. They could be deploying people to the coast right now. These people are crying, they're begging for something down here (Carville is a resident of New Orleans) and it looks like he's not involved in this." Sounds like Jim is no longer a fan.

This is the worst," a friend told David Broder over the phone the other day (referring to the gulf oil spill). Broder is a crusty old liberal columnist who writes for the Washington Post. "No, I told him. It's not yet the worst. They haven't built a popular new television program around it - yet. No one has created a new media franchise for himself out of it. There isn't a name for it that has become part of popular culture.

I was thinking back to when another Democrat president, Jimmy Carter, found himself stymied in another seemingly endless ordeal. Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 and held 52 officials and workers hostage for 444 days, while the United States was helpless to free them. Many of us recall the event by the name that became attached to it: 'America Held Hostage." That ABC nightly news update, anchored by Ted Koppel, became "Nightline."

Broder continues, referring to the spill: "This saga, painful as it is, has not yet become the simple demonstration of monumental futility and incompetence that the hostage crisis became for Carter, who let his personal frustration become the nation's humiliation. When he finally mounted a rescue effort, and the helicopters crashed into each other in the desert before reaching the hostages, it was the final proof that he was cursed in anything he tried to do. That truly was the worst. Today, we're not there - yet."

The Democrats are right to be very nervous as this gulf incident drags on in its second month. Excuses and threats are falling on deaf ears.

It's lonely at the top

• INVESTING AT 4,118 FT. •

Advantages of holding a mortgage in today's economy

he Federal Reserve is currently keeping interest rates down in an attempt to boost the economy. Their theory is that lower rates will encourage people to make investments in real estate, businesses and consumer purchases. But what about those who depend on earning interest to make a living? This small, yet significant segment of society, are also the consumers who are likely to make larger purchases. In the mean-

time, these potential consumers are hanging on to their portfolios waiting for the market to improve. They are clinging to their cash assets, with little return, waiting for a sign that investing their money will become more secure as well as profitable.

For these folks I am suggesting a new perspective on a very old profession. Recession can be perfect timing for unparalleled opportunities, if we are properly advised. Holding mortgages can be one of the few tangible and solid investments during these times.

With regard to mortgages locally, real estate values in the Highlands-Cashiers area are holding better than most parts of the country. I believe this is because our typical property owner does not entirely depend on the economy for survival. Although our property values have decreased some, all indications point to leveling off. We are not seeing appreciation rates as of yet, but they will surely come in due time.

Mortgage loans have been the backbone of the banking industry since the foundation of our country. They have recently become problematic due to poor lending practices prior to the recession. Many lenders gave higher loan to value mortgages on properties with inflated values. In many cases these loans were made to unqualified buyers or to those depending entirely on their existing pre-recession income

Certificates of deposit (CDs) are the most secure investment, but they are currently earning an interest rate of .04% to 1.04% and money markets are at .01%. If you happen to own property free and clear of mortgages, you could sell and easily earn a 4 to 6% return by holding owner financing for a qualified buyer. If you want to consider a potentially higher profit margin, there are still some foreclosures and short sales available which can be purchased far below today's market value. By buying low and reselling these properties at their higher value, holding seller financing at 4 to 6%



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mortgage until they can sell an existing property or they may be awaiting a scheduled pay-off from another investment. A buyer in this category will most likely be a qualified and stable candidate to consider for holding owner fi-

balloon payoff in three to five

The typical Highlands-

Cashiers buyer is affluent and

cash for real estate. However,

in these times they may want a

nancing. My suggestion is to hold a mortgage substantially lower than the current market value of the property. In the remote case that foreclosure becomes necessary, you will be in a position to sell the property again, at the market value at that time, with the possibility of receiving even higher profits. Upon selling you could cash-out, reinvest or hold yet another mortgage on the property at the going interest rate at that

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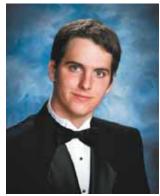


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What Our Patients Are Saying About Us.

"Last month, I had an occasion to use the hospital extensively and got to know some of the doctors for the first time. I just wanted you to know that I have been a patient in large hospitals in Jacksonville including The Mayo Clinic and have never been treated with more courtesy and personal attention than I received at your hospital. I'm afraid in Jacksonville too often the patient has become nothing but a name, date of birth and date of last visit. Your doctors are the very best." - Charlie Towers

"My husband just spent two weeks at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. The care, ----ring and a comfort

attention and serious concern of the staff was so wonderful, re to us both. We were so impressed with every facet of the host we gratefully thank everyone. We are full time residents in or seventies. What a relief to have such a facility so close to us – Mr. & Mrs. Omar Adams

"I know that we live in the best place on earth, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful hospital, staffed with expert Doctors, Nurses and Technicians. For me and my family, it has truly been a blessing to have such a facility here where I did not have to travel out of town for medical care. I know I would not have received the same care and attention anywhere else – Jim Nix

Once you read what our patients think of us, you can't help but be impressed with the broad range of things for which they are complimenting us. From our persona. attention, caring nurses, courteous support staff and Board Certified Physicians, all the way to our surgery competence and state-of-the-art equipment, each of these "care points" receive the highest grades. As one of our patients stated: "you are the gold standard of care."

We couldn't have said it better!

"This is an excellent and valuable facility. As more of us retire to Highlands, your hospital will be a place of much comfort and security. Your hospital and staff are the gold standard of care. We cannot thank you enough."

"Our local hospital deserves all our support to sustain the level of service that our healthcare professionals offer our community. My thanks to all who have helped me recover so quickly and whose attentiveness have made my hospital stay so comfortable."- Duncan Parham

"I had a double hernia operation at your hospital, spent the night and discharged to return to my home in Tryon. I have had an uneventful and full recovery and I wanted to thank all of you. I am deeply grateful for the fine professional care I received at your beautiful facility from surgeon and mind reader Dr. Gus Dozier and Anesthesiologist Dr. Mark Shoptaugh and the fine nursing team. I've been singing your praises to all my friends here in Tryon and just wanted you to know how much I appreciate each and every one of you who lovingly touched my life during this procedure." – Harry Goodheart III



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The \$5,000 pancake

🗖 aturday a week ago I had a \$5,000 blueber ry pancake. Actually, I had two of them. They were just as delicious as the ones I had last fall. All of them were courtesy of the Scaly Mountain Women's Club.

Scaly Mountain is an unincorporated community just down the Dillard Road from us, about 10 miles from the intersection of the North Carolina,

South Carolina, and Georgia borders.

In the summer, Scaly Mountain swells to several thousand people. In the winter, it shrinks to a few hundred. But, there is never a shortage of fine people who willingly give their time, efforts and treasure for the benefit of others.

A lady whom we've met before, Kay Steele, was kind enough to tell us the history of the Women's Club. It began 22 years ago with just 14 members. Now, it has grown to about 80 women. This is the seventh year they have run their Pancake Breakfast at the Community Center (which used to be a church, and before that was a



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newest goal.

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pancakes. These ladies with their various efforts have raised more than \$100,000 in the last 10 years. They have put all of that money into scholarships. Last year they were supporting 10 local children with college

scholarships. They have five more in the pipeline that they want to help next year. Under their current leaders, Karen Mans and Faye Bellwood, I'm sure they will make their

one-room school, but more

How cute, you say.

These nice ladies get together and cook up some

about that later).

Here's what to expect if you venture up, or down, the Dillard Road on the fourth Saturday morning of every summer month. The well-cared-for, white-painted, plain board church is small, just 10 tables fit in its space. Other tables are outside on its deck. The ladies serve excellent blueberry pancakes - plain ones if you prefer - plus local sausage cooked just right, and coffee and orange juice.

They also serve up a diverse menu of guests. Every single time that we've gone to the Scaly Breakfasts, we've met more people we've never seen before, from a variety of states and a variety of occupations, but all of whom enjoy good pancakes and worthy purposes.

I learned the history of the venerable building because Everett Miller was there. He and his father went to school in that building. And, they went there when they were too young to go inside. When the adults were busy putting in the crops, tending them, and harvesting them, there was no one to spare to mind the youngest children. They were brought to the outside of the school and asked to stay there and play quietly. Presumably, they would be allowed inside if it started to rain.

The ladies have a cook book and a silent auction in addition to the pancake breakfasts. The breakfasts cost just \$5.50 each, so you can imagine how many they have to sell to make up \$5,000. The cook book includes delicious old photographs and histories, as well as the recipes.

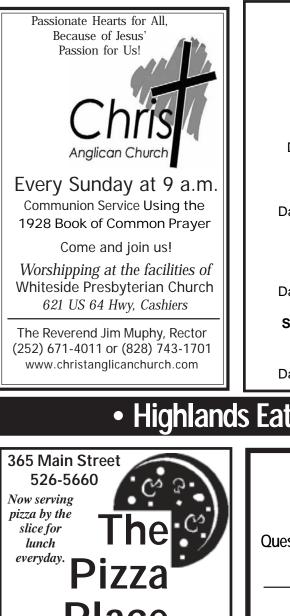
Is there a broader lesson in what these ladies are doing?

No bureaucrats are involved. No salaries are involved. The ladies even try to cover the costs of the food by having businesses put sponsor cards on each of the tables. The idea is to turn what is paid at the door into pure "profits," which is to say, pure scholarships for the young people.

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Ongoing and Upcoming Events





Ruby Cinema Hwy 441, Franklin, NC 524-2076

June 11- June 17

THE KARATE KID rated PG Daily: 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:40

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• Highlands Eateries •

Ongoing

· 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. Each Grand Rounds tour will provide area and seasonal community members "beside the scenes" insight into the everyday operations at HCH. Separate tours of the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center are also available by appointment. Those interested in attending the first tour June 2nd or the June 11th tour, should 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.

 Highlands Playhouse Theatre Lovers Tour XIII there are a few spaces available for this year's theatre tour to the Irish Republic. The tour leaves Atlanta on Nov. 4-18. The price of the tour includes the non-stop air fare and all transportation costs in Ireland. The tour will visit many sites near Dublin with the hotel, breakfast and all tips included in the price of \$2,925. A single room supplement is \$525. For more information or a brochure, please call Joanna Baumrucker, your guide, at 526-3605 or call the Highlands Playhouse box office at 526-2695 and leave a message. The Playhouse season and more information about the trip is available

on our website, www.highlandsplayhouse.org

• Registration is now open for the 2010 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered: "WOW! - a World of Wonder" (ages 4-6), "Amazing Animals" (ages 7-10), "NatureWorks" (ages 8-11), "Mountain Explorers" (ages 10-13), and "Junior Ecologists" (ages 11-14). Some camps are offered more than once during the summer. Sessions run from Tuesday to Friday each week. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/ hbs

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

• YOGA - at Moonrise Yoga Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Tues., 8 a.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 (6/24)

Through June

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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

side Presbyterian Church, highway 64, Cashiers. For further information, call 828-743-1701. Through June 16

· Applications are now being accepted by the Highlands Historical Society for membership in this year's class of Kelsey Kids. Membership is limited to 12 students, ages 9, 10 and 11 who are residents of Highlands. They may be students at any school or may be homeschooled. Kelsey Kids is named in honor of Highlands founder, Samuel Kelsey, who founded the Town in 1875. The "Kids" will meet once weekly from June 16 through mid-August. The program, made possible by a grant from the Eckerd Family Foundation, teaches Highlands history by means of field trips and demonstrations. For further information or to request an application form, telephone the Historical Societv at (828) 787-1050

Through Aug. 13

 Mountain Fresh Foods has Relay for Life Star Cards for sale

• "Healing Hands Team" Of Highlands/ Cashiers Hospital Relay for Life, will begin their annual raffle for "Specialty Themed Baskets."

Raffle tickets will available for purchase at the Acute Nurses Station on the hospital campus. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This year's basket themes include: "HCH Physical Therapy and Health Tracks Services, "Coffee Break", "Picnic & Camping" and "Dinner for Two." Please contact Callie Calloway for more information: 828-526-1313 or cutz@hchospital.org 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. (4/29) 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. Tuesdays

 Tuesday After School Classes for grades K-6 are held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100

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

 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

•Wednesday Preschool Creativity Classes for Parent and Child (ages 21/2-5) are held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100

·A FREE After School Program at Highlands United Methodist Church. Children are picked up at school, taken to the church, have a snack, helped with homework time and supervised playing on the playground and participate in a music program. Children are dismissed at 5:30 pm in time for dinner in the fellowship hall. For information, call 526-3376.

· The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary

HCCMF kick's off with elegant feast lineup

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will celebrate new artists and welcome back proven favorites throughout its busy 29th season.

Supporting this ambitious schedule is a slate of Feasts of the Festival, an opportunity to meet interesting people and enjoy wonderful food and drink in the setting of some of the area's most beautiful and elegant private homes and restaurants. These feasts provide important and vital financial support to the Festival

The celebrations launch with a "French Garden Party" at the home of Tim and Gail Hughes, set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 25. The evening will begin with Champagne and cocktails overlooking the Hughes' magnificent gardens. It'll be followed with a menu of Bourbon Glazed Salmon accompanied by fine wines. Cost is \$125 per person.

On the (Abrams) Verandah" will be offered by Ann Abrams and ... on the Verandah at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. It'll feature passed hors d'oeuvres, gazpacho, two choices of entrée and dessert paired with specialty wines. Cost is \$135 per person.

The "All in the Family Feast," set for 7:15 p.m. Sunday, July 25, is a rare opportunity to share an evening with Festival musicians The Albers Trio, William Ransom and Kate Ransom at the home of Kay Kramer and Frank Cohen. Menu highlights are a shrimp and grits bar, passed seafood and seasonal vegetables and beef tenderloin. Cost is \$100 per person.

Minnie Bob and Michael

Campbell will host "An Evening with Julia" at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 31. An unforgettable celebration of the works of Julia Child, the menu will offer beef bourguignon and American cabernet from the Campbell's private wine cellar, and special additions. Cost is \$125 per person

"Maine Meets the Mountains Lobster Fest at Continental Cliffs" will be hosted by David and Mar-



sha Snyder at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4. Guests will be treated to lobster, scallops, steamed clams, and traditional seafood sides. Cost is \$150 per person.

"Louisiana Feast with Cashiers Mountain Top View," set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 12, offers traditional Louisiana fare. It'll be host by Judy and Louis Freeman, and Ann and Dick Strub. Cost is \$150 per person.

Paula and Barry Jones will host "Country Feast at Frog Pond Farm," 6:30 pm. Wednesday, August 25. The evening will start with cocktails amidst the Jones' famous flower

garden, followed by a dinner of local trout and homegrown organic sides. Cost is \$125 per person.

"Champagne Brunch in the Vineyard" is slated from 12:30 p.m., Sunday, September 12, and features Smoked Salmon, stuffed quail with truffled

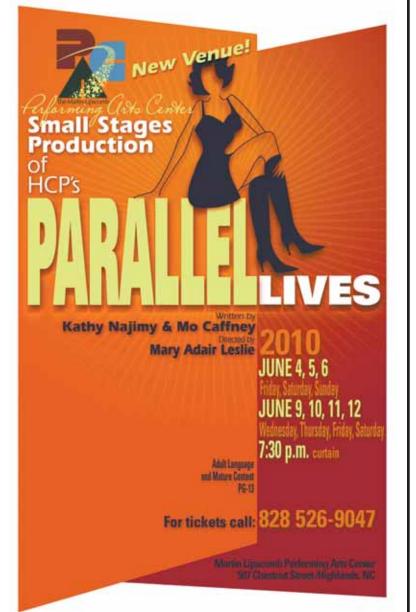
grits, tomato casserole, peach trifle and more. It'll be hosted by Carolyn and Rhett Tanner. Cost is \$100 per person.

"Art, Food and Wine" is a blending of John Collette Fine Art and Wolfgang's Restaurant, set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14. The evening will feature a special dinner selected from Wolfgang's private recipe book, paired with his favorite wines. Cost is \$125 per person.

John and Sandy Barrow will host "A Few of Our Favorite Things" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 18. The menu is still being planned, but you can count on the Barrows to deliver something unforgettable. Cost is \$125 per person.

"Fall Plantation Feast: Carolina Cuisine," set for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, September 19, closes out the season in spectacular style. Hosts Margo and Julian Franklin, and Carol and Norman Avinger will be serving chicken pilau, individual tomato pies, kudzu rolls, and other surprises.

To make reservations or to learn more about the feasts and the festival that they support, call the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival at (828) 526-9060 or email hccmf@verizon.net.



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meets at 7:30 a.m. The new meeting place will be 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. Come learn about Rotary and enjoy fellowship while listening to an interesting speaker. Meetings end at 8:30 am.

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

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

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

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 IIIness) support group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 486 W. Palmer St, Franklin at 7p.m. Join us in this safe, confidential environment to share concerns, gain insight, understanding and hope. Next meeting: May 20. For

more information call: Ann Nandrea 369-7385 or Carole Light 526-9769

Fridays, July 9-Aug. 15

A prix fixe dinner at Wolfgangs 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. Wolfgang's

Restaurant and Wine Bistro is located at 474 Main Street. Friday & Saturdays

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

Every Third Saturday

 The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 am. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Every Fourth Saturday

• Friends of Panthertown work days, are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

 The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will begin its monthly Pancake Breakfast this Memorial week-end on Saturday, May 29. Breakfast will be served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. Blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Funds raised at the Pancake Breakfasts go toward the club's Scholorship program and other charities in the community. After Memorial week-end the pancake breakfasts will be held every 4th Saturday through October. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

Parallel Lives at PAC June 10-12



Breta Stroud and Jenny King in Cabaret of Parallel Lives.

This is the Last Weekend for **Parallel Lives** at PAC. The uproariously funny Parallel Lives will be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week. In a joint project with the Performing Arts Center and the Highlands Cashiers Players, PAC has been set up like a cabaret. Last weekends audiences said it was "so cool and so much fun" to be able to watch the play in this relaxed atmosphere. The play is presented on the thrust stage with the audience seated around three sides of the stage...up close and personal. Parallel Lives is a series of vignettes about life and love, much like the Saturday Night Live format. Parallel Lives contains adult language and situation. For tickets call the PAC box office: 828.526.9047. Performances begin at 7:30pm.

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

Wed.-Sat...June 9-12

 PAC's Small Stages will present HCP's production of Parallel Lives. Parallel Lives originated as stand-up comedy skits performed by the writers. Similar in structure to "Saturday Night Live," it parodies life as we know it, which is why audiences are expected to identify with many of the characters and situations. All performances will begin at 7:30pm. Call the Performing Arts Center for tickets: 828.526.9047.

Thursday, June 10

•At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture at 5:30-6:30 pm. Presented by Sue Gorski of RBC Bank -Personal Budget & Savings

 State Employees Credit Union Blood Drive (245 Cunningham Road, Franklin) 10 am to 2:30 pm. Please call 369-3536 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Wolfgangs dinners to benefit HCCMF

It's one of those combinations that makes so much sense — like caviar and crepe blini, or the Soil Stradivarius and Itzhak Perlman.

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, which runs from July 9 through August 15, is offering a unique dining opportunity at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro.

Every Friday during the Festival's busy 29th season, lovers of elegant music and fine dining are invited to Wolfgang's after the evening's performance for a prix fixe dinner. Guests will be joined by that evening's concert performers. Dinner will begin with a short cocktail hour of a glass of wine and passed hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner at a cost of \$60/person. The wine list will be available at extra cost.

It's a marvelous opportunity to indulge in Wolfgang's storied menu and chat with musicians with world-spanning reputations. Each meal will be laced with the subtle playfulness that's the hallmark of both the Festival and Wolfgang's.

Reservations for the concert and dinner can be made by calling the HCCMF's office at (828) 526-9060. Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro is located at 474 Main Street in Highlands.

If those dinners at Wolfgang's whet



 Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate at a nearby donor center, call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

 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.

 Special Operations Warrior Foundation's Annual Silent/Live Auction at Highlands Community Building. Food donated by Cyprus Restaurant, Chef Nicholas Figel. Friday, June 11

• "Know Your Frogs" workshop at the Highlands Nature Center. 8:30 – 9:30 pm, ages 6 – adult. Learn about frog biology and how to identify regional species visually and by their calls. Bring a flashlight to search for frogs in the wild. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs for more information

Saturday, June 12

 The World Wide Knit in Public on the Terrace at the Bascom from 10 am to 4 pm. Last year it created a group of knitters, crocheters and needleworkers who continue to meet every Saturday at the Bascom. The Highlands Knitting and Needlework Guild is sponsoring this year's Knit in Public Day. In 2009, there were 751 official events held in more than 40 different countries, with numerous unofficial spin-offs.

Special Operations Warrior Foundation's Annual Spe-

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Free music/picnic festival set for Zachary-Tolbert House

A percentage of each dinner will benefit Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

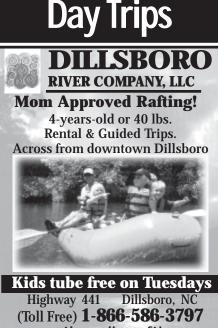
your appetite for exquisite menus and fascinating dinner companions, save room on your calendar for the Feasts of the Festival. The Feasts provide the opportunity to meet interesting people and enjoy wonderful food and drink in the setting of some of the area's most beautiful and elegant private homes and restaurants. In addition, they provide vital financial support to the Festival. You'll find a complete listing of the Feasts at h-cmusicfestival.org.

Finally, if you like the blending of food and music but prefer a less formal setting, consider the HCCMF's picnic concert at the Zachary-Tolbert House in Cashiers, slated for 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 26th.

Festival favorites The Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet will perform in an outdoor event that's as irresistible as, well, a languid Cashiers afternoon. The quintet has performed throughout the US in venues like Carnegie Hall, and across the globe in Great Britain, Russia and China, yet its roots remain just down the road at Western Carolina University. That makes for a performance that can run the gamut from Early Renaissance to Pop, leavened with gentle good humor and an infectious enthusiasm. It's the recipe for an unforgettable evening.

Everyone's invited to bring a picnic and blanket. Cost is free, but donations are cheerfully accepted.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events PULL OUT <



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cial Operations Adventure Race.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a five-mile moderate hike to the lower falls on Whitewater River from the Bad Creek Reservoir parking area, with a side trip to a natural area of virgin forest with huge trees. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 22 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

 The Literacy Council of Highlands "Family Literacy Fair" continues from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. The first in a series of three workshops, families of children ages four through eight will learn fun and easy strategies to help promote literacy in the home. The workshop will have a Dr. Seuss-theme and end with an ice cream social. The workshop is the second in a three-part series. For more information, contact Bessie Goggins at highlandsliteracy@live.com or 828-526-9938.

 A special sports physical clinic for 7th-12 grade students at the Macon County Public Health Center in Franklin. Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County Public Health Center by calling 349-2081. There will be a charge of \$10 for the physical and shot. Sun. & Mon., June 13-14

 Auditons for HCP's Production of Dearly Departed are Sunday from 3-5pm and Monday from 5:30-6:30pm. Scripts are available for reading at the libraries in Highlands and Cashiers, Performance dates are: August 18-22 and August 24-27. Call Virginia Talbot, director, for more information: 526-4904

Sunday, June 13

 Special Olympics of Macon County will be hosting a cookout from 1-4pm at Wesley's Playground Shelter on the Greenway. Come out and get a hotdog, chips, cookie and a drink for a minimum donation of \$4!

All proceeds will benefit Special Olympics of Macon County. For more information please contact Jennifer Garrett, Local Coordinator at 349-2428.

Monday, June 14

• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, noon -1 pm. "Colon Cancer" by Dr. Richard Carter, MD, FACP, Board Certified

Gastroenterologist. Learn how regular screening and early detection is one of the most important aspects of preventing colon cancer. Find out when to have a colonoscopy screening and why they are so critical one's health. These and other aspects of Dr. Carter's Lunch and Learn presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Suite 103, in the Jane Woodruff Clinic, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

 The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a pot luck dinner at 6 PM and a program featuring members' nature pictures and adventure stories beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. There is no charge to participate

Tuesday, June 15

• Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Eco Tour. \$35 includes the guided hike, lunch and an HCLT membership. Cost is \$5 for HCLT members. Call 526-1111 to reserve a spot or email Julie at julie.hitrust@earthlink.net.

• "Owl Pellets," a special family nature activity at the Highlands Nature Center, 3 – 4 pm. Learn what owls eat by examining the skulls and bones of prey animals contained within an owl pellet. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/ hbs for more information.

 At Hudson Library, Health Lectures by Dr. Sue Aery of Mountain Air Wellness Center. "How to know if you need orthotics to correct posture?"

Wednesday, June 16

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

June 17-July 3

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

Thurs., June 17

Attorney Lenny Baer is presenting a free seminar,

Historical Society's Walk in the Park is June 24-27

Glenda Bell will portray Mary Amanda Davis at this year's "Walk in the Park" sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. In the early days of Highlands Ms. Davis operated a boarding house on Main Street, then the hotel now known as Highlands Inn, and later the elegant Davis House owned by Henry Bascom. "Walk in the Park" will be performed June 25 and 26 at Highlands' Memorial Park with shuttles leaving the Community Building every 15 minutes from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The June 27 show will start at 4:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Admission for adults is \$15.00; students are admitted free. Tickets will be available at Cyrano's Book Shop on Main St. as well as at the Community Building on the day of the event.

"Legacy to Children" 10 a.m. to noon at the Highlands Civic Center as part of CLE's ongoing program. Call 526-8811 to reserve a spot.

 Taize in Highlands is every Thursday at 5:30 PM. at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

Tuesday, June 22

 Relay for Life Cashiers hosting a Survivors Celebrate Life celebration. Call 828-254-6931 to register.

 The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to birding hot spots around Highlands to look for summer resident birds. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:30 a.m. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. There is no charge to participate.

RELAY, What You Need To Know . .

RELAY BREAKFAST:

Relay For Life Catholic Women of Highlands team # 11 invite all to a Relay For Life Breakfast on June 13, 10 a.m. until the food runs out! Breakfast Includes, coffee, tea, French Toast, Cheese Stratam Bacon, Sausage, or Ham, Sweet Rolls, Rosemary's Bread Pudding, Lauries Fried Potatoes, Pancakes and more The ladies ask that you donate 500 -1,000 pennies with all proceeds going to Relay For Life Of Highlands. Yes ,their motto is "Pennies can help." Questions? Contact Rosemary Burney@ 526-9367.

FLEAMARKET:

Relay For Life of Highlands Teams invite the public to to a "Treasure Hunt" on June 19Th at the Highlands Recreation Park from 9 am -3 pm Rain or Shine. Yes, we are sure you will find a treasure or two at our first "Relay Flea Market." Admission is free and 100% of all sales will go to Relay For life Of Highlands. If you have any treasure donations or need more information you may contact any Relay Team at www.relayforlife.org/highlands or Betty Fisher @ 787-2324 or 226-3382.

BARK FOR LIFE

It's not to late to volunteer or becone a sponsor for this years "Bark For Life" event, July 24,2010 at Highlands Rec. Park. Please contact Tricia Cox @ tricia@meadowsmtnrealty.com or call 828-526-1717. Team up with your dog and help TAKE A BITE OUT OF CANCER!Registration begins at 8am with the actual walk starting at 9am. Don't miss out on this fun filled dog walk sponsored by Relay For Life Of Highlands Meadows Mountain Realty team. Please visit our website for more information about The American Cancer Society and Relay For Life of Highlands. Join a team, make a donation, sign up as a survivor, or volunteer your time to help us celebrate more birthdays! www.relayforlife.org/ highlands

BRIDGE GAMES

Go to the Rec Park, July 29 at 1 p.m. and play bridge for a Relay for Life donation of \$10. You and your partner can play in a sanctioned duplicate game or in a recreational party bridge game. There will be prizes and refreshments. Make a reservation to play. Call Gladys Calloway at 526-4021 or Meeter at 787-2174.

Keep reading to see more about the fundraising events to come.



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Highlands & Cashiers hiking, fly fishing, camping & waterfalls listed below.

Waterfall Videos: Bridal Veil Falls, Dry Falls, Bust Your Butt Falls, Cullasaja Falls, Glen Falls, Sequoyah Falls, Ranger Falls, Iron Bridge, Sliding Rock Cashiers, Silver Run Falls, Whitewater Falls, Rainbow Falls, Bear Wallow Falls, Looking Glass Falls, Sliding Rock Brevard, Tallulah Gorge, Lake Toxaway Falls, Holcomb Falls, Ammons Falls, Overflow Creek Falls, 3 Forks Overflow Creek Falls, Rock House Falls, King Creek Falls, Spoonauger Falls, W. Chattooga Headwater, Chattooga at Iron Bridge & Burrell's Ford Fly Fishing.
Fly Fishing: High Altitude Cullasaja River west of Highlands, Chattooga River Iron Bridge & Burrell's Ford, Lake Glenville boat access & fishing hotspot locations.
Hiking Trails: Sunset Rocks, Satulah Mtn., Whiteside Mtn., Devil's Courthouse, Horse Cove Poplar Tree, Glen Falls / Blue Valley Trail, Chinquapin Mtn. / Glen Falls Trail, Skitty Creek Trail, Chattooga Loop, Chattooga Trail from Iron Bridge to Whiteside Cove, Ranger Falls Trail, Highlands Nature Center, Rabun Bald Tower, Bartram Trail, Scaly Mtn., Hickory Knut Gap, Jones Knob, Yellow Mtn., Ellicott's Rock

Camping: Van Hook Glade at Cliffside Lake, Ammons Branch , Blue Valley, Burrell's Ford, Overflow Rd., Ralph J. Andrews County Park, Ellicott's Rock Wilderness Area

All of the above --- as well as EVERY subdivision in the Highlands-Cashiers area -- are Google mapped with pictures, video links & lat. / Ion. coordinates on HighlandsInfo.com

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

The Mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ



Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church

There once was a mission priest who found himself in a small North Carolina town called Boonville. He was the only Catholic priest in the entire county and did not receive much of a welcome. Instead, someone had written to the local newspaper that the Catholics were invading their town, bringing their idol worship, and that these people weren't even Christians. Well, in this predicament he hardly knew what to do.

But something wonderful began to happen. Local ministers of other churches came to visit him to give him a kind welcome. Others wrote to the local paper in support of him. One, not even a Catholic, came for the celebration of Mass and wrote to the newspaper that all anyone need do is attend one mass and you would know that Catholics are Christians, that they believe in Jesus and pray to him. All you had to do was pay attention and you would know what Catholics believe. Another wrote that they knew God was present as they knelt during the mass.

Last weekend Catholics celebrated a special annual feast day – the Body and Blood of Christ. For Catholics, this Eucharist is at the very center of our beliefs.

At this celebration we heard the passage from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus feeds 5,000. Catholics see this as an expression of the Eucharist. Jesus, becoming one of us and experiencing the wants of needs common to humanity, responds with compassion to the hungry thousands, but not without the help of his followers. They present him with what they must have considered meager for so large a crowd. But Jesus accepts what they offer, prays and multiplies what they have given so much that there is more left over after everyone has been satisfied than they had to start with. Thus the disciples participate in this compassionate act. They rely on the power of Jesus to transform what is given. Then meager resources become the superabundance of life in the love of God. As theologians have said, grace builds on nature.

It is the same with Christ's body and blood. At each mass, bread and wine are brought forward. It is a great privilege to be selected to participate in this ritual. Through the prayer of the church, led by its priest who stands in the place of Christ and says the words of Christ, the gifts are multiplied, not numerically but certainly in value. What was just bread becomes Christ's body and the wine becomes his blood. These gifts are returned to us and an even more miraculous thing occurs – we become Christ's body as his grace builds on our human nature.

Last weekend was a reminder of the great treasure we have in the Eucharist. Contained within the bread and wine we offer, transformed by the words Jesus himself spoke, we are given his true presence. There can be no better proof of our faith in Jesus than participation in this mystery of faith.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965 Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11 Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m. BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 **Chapel of Sky Valley** Sky Valley, GA Church: 706-746-2999 Pastors residence: 706-746-5770 Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS** NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329 Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627 CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011 Worshipping at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers 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: Mens Bible Study -8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Highlands Thursday: Women's Prayer Group - 10 a.m., Whiteside Presbyterian Church **CLEAR CREÉK BAPTIST CHURCH** Pastor Everett Brewer Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 Prayer - 6:30 p.m. Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday - 7 p.m. COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685 Pastor Gary Hewins 3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands Sun.: 9:30 am: Adult Sunday School, Prayer Group. 10:30am: Childrens 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: Childrens 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. Womens Cursillo Group Tuesday: 8 a.m. Mens Cursillo Group 4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King • Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m. FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977 Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m. (nursery provided) Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m. Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by 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. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153 Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School - 9:30 a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7:15 Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175 Sun.: Worship - 11 a.m.; Sun. School - 9:30 & 9:45. Mondays: 8 a.m. - Mens Bible Discussion & Breakfast Wednesdays - Choir - 7 HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sixth Street Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7 HIGHLANDS ÚNITED 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 (nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities) Thurs:12:30 – Women's Bible Study (nursery) HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA Chaplain Margaret Howell 2152 Dillard Road - 526-9741 Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion – 10:30 HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month. LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WILDWOOD Kay Ward – 743-5009 Sundays: 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day Old Fashioned Hymn-Šing MACEDONIA BAPTÍST CHUŘCH 8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah Pastor Matt Shuler, (828) 526-8425 Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 Choir - 6 p.m. Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m. MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE St. Cyprians Episcopal Church, Franklin 828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

Parish office, 526-2418 Saturday Mass - 4 pm Sun., Thurs., & Fri., Mass – 9 a.m. **SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Clifford Willis** Sundays: School -10 a.m.; Worship -11 a.m. & 7 Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m. SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD 290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m. For more information call 526-3212. SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer. Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7 UNITARIAN ÚNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP 85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777 Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Child Care 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second Sunday of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122 Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

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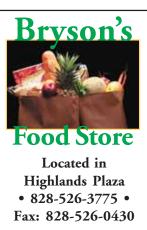
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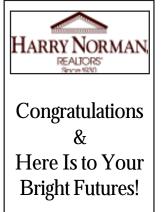






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H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

New president takes helm at hospital

Craig Bowen James, FACHE, not only re-

ceives a warm welcome, but also in-depth

look into the hospital, its operations and

initial assessment of HCH. Over the next sev-

eral weeks, he has scheduled meetings with

individual department managers, members

of the Boards of Directors and Medical Staff,

James said he is looking forward to the

community involvement.

The new Chief Executive Officer at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital says he is thrilled to be back in the mountains of Western North Carolina and to continue his 25plus-year career in health care management at a hospital that has such strong community support.

During his first week as CEO and President of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH)



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as well as key community organizations.

"Communication at every level is top priority. Assessing the operations of the facility begins from the ground up. I intend to continually stay in close communications with every department, our medical staff and boards and be easily accessible for feedback." A meet and greet reception was held for all HCH employees on Thursday afternoon.

James's initial months at HCH will be comprised of examining the hospital's and c o m m u n i t y 's

needs, evaluating its operational performance, reviewing the existing financial trends and strategic plans, and budget preparation for the fiscal year. "I'll be looking HCH's into strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and then, developing initiatives and goals to better each," he added. "I believe the success of small

community hospitals like ours begins by finding our niche, defining the services that we can do best, then continue to focus on doing that well. Identifying our weaknesses will also help to make HCH successful," said James.

"In addition we have to recognize our role in the community and build our relationships. We play a large part in our community; as a major employer and the only healthcare provider we have a responsibility to stay connected with our citizens and vari-• See page 21



New CEO Craig James greets 15-year hospital veteran, Pharmacist Jim Cothran.

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ous agencies. I like to be involved in the community and see our staff do the same."

Day two on the job, James participated in his first Grand Rounds Tour. "I saw firsthand, the level of support the hospital has from its medical staff and members in the community," said James.

Sixteen residents from the area toured the hospital, acquainting themselves with services provided by HCH, meeting many members of the Medical and Administration staff and learning about the latest state-ofthe-art equipment on the hospital's campus.

"The large turnout shows the sense of community ownership and pride," said James. "Having the medical staff participate and interact also shows their level of commitment and dedication to our hospital. If that's any indication to what the hospital and community holds for me, I've made the right move."

James and Wife, Sheryl, have lived in Norton, Virginia since October 2007, where James has been the CEO in charge of two hospitals within the Mountain States Health Alliance Hospital system: Norton Community Hospital, a 110-bed facility, and Dickenson Community Hospital, a critical access hospital in Clintwood, Virginia. His responsibilities included all operations, 650 employees and the integration of both hospitals to the operational and financial systems of Mountain States Health Alliance.

James prior experience includes the

CEO position at Person Memorial Hospital, an affiliate Duke University Health System in Roxboro, North Carolina 2001-2007 and the President and CEO of Tazewell Community Hospital (Carilion Health System) in Tazewell, Virginia November 1996-2001. In addition, he was the vice president of operations at Caldwell Memorial Hospital in Lenoir, North Carolina and has worked in other hospital management positions since 1982. Mr. James is a graduate of The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a Masters Degree in Public Health – Policy and Administration. He also has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration from Appalachian State University.

Colon Cancer Physician Forum offered at Hospital

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital continues its series of physicians forums on June 14th, which is presented in the form of complimentary *lunch & learn* education sessions held at the hospital throughout the next six months.

The forum entitled "Colon Cancer" will be presented by Dr. Richard Carter, MD, FACP, and Board Certified Gastroenterologist. Participants will learn how regular screening and early detection is one of the most important aspects of preventing colon cancer. They will find out when to have a colonoscopy screening and why they are so critical one's health. In addition, the latest information colon cancer will be covered.

Attendees will be served a light boxed lunch followed by a half-hour educational seminar and ending with a question and answer session. *Lunch and Learn* "Colon Cancer" will be held in the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Suite 103, Monday, June 14 from 12 noon-1 p.m. Those interested in attending are asked to please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org. "The physician forums are intended to be a resource opportunity for our community citizens to gain up to date knowledge about personal health issues." This is an important part of our hospitals role in building our relationship with the community. We are also thankful to our physicians for preparing these learning sessions, which shows their commitment and support," said Craig James, President and CEO.

Dr. Richard Carter graduated Phi Beta Kappa with his MD from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, in 1972. Dr. Carter first served his Internship in Internal Medicine followed by his Residency in Gastroenterology. Dr. Carter is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology) and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

About Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

• "HCH is a community hospital that provides diagnostic, surgical and acute patient care to the public through on-site professional services, or as a referral to regional support providers. Our emergency care facility is Physician staffed 24/7 and treats patients promptly, monitoring their visit with personal care and attention. We make the extra effort to assure that you get "best of class care", and feel "special" every time you pass through our doors. HCH also provides Physician Clinics, a skilled Nursing Facility, Hospice Care, Skilled Rehabilitation, and Medically-Based Wellness Programs allowing individuals and families nearby access to professional care in these critical areas. The hospital continues to expand its programs to provide the public the broadest possible range of quality healthcare. Our Board-Certified Physician Staff continues to grow to better serve you, as do our medical specialties now covering 14 areas of healthcare, specialties usually only found in much larger facilities. We continually update our range of diagnostic procedures by adding new state-of-the-art equipment.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LITERACY COUNCIL OF HIGHLANDS. Possess interpersonal and organizational skills. Coordinate multiple projects, meet all deadlines, supervise staff and interns, and collaborate with board, donors and community. Writing grants and fundraising experience preferred. Send inquiries/resumes to highlandsliteracy@live.com.

<u>BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS</u> <u>HIGHLANDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR:</u> Mentoring Works! –transforming the lives of children and volunteers. Rewarding position responsible for coordinating the one-on-one mentoring relationships and community development. Flexible schedule of 10 hours per week. A Bachelor's degree, strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to travel within the Highlands area are required. Highlands resident is strongly preferred. Send resume and cover letter, by June 25th to Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC, 50 S. French Broad, Room 213, Asheville, NC 28801. (6/24)

HIGHLANDS INN & KELSEY PLACE Restaurant Looking for Busser. Tuesday thru Saturday Lunch. Visit us at 420 Main Street for application and interview. No phone calls. (6/24)

HAMPTON INN HIGHLANDS Now hiring Housekeeper. Must speak English. Visit us at 96 Log Cabin Lane for application or interview. No phone calls. (6/24)

HAMPTON INN now hiring Seasonal 3-11 Front desk shift. Must be a multi tasker. Must Work weekends. Visit us at 96 Log Cabin lane for application or interview. No phone calls. (6/24)

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MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY IN HIGHLANDS is hiring for a deli/grill position in our open kitchen. Must have previous experience. Email jobs@MFGro.com or call 828.526.2400 (6/3)

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29) <u>LINE COOK AT DOWNHILL GRILL</u> at Scaly Mountain. Must be energetic and speak English. Call Cindy at See 526-1663. (st. 4/22)

<u>RN's</u> at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Experienced Med-Surg and ER Nurses needed. Strong leadership skills is a must. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at <u>www.hchospital.org</u>

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<u>RESPIRATORY THERAPIST</u> at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. PRN position working 12 hour shifts. Must be on call at night and be within 20 minutes of the hospital. Intubation experience a must. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at <u>www.hchospital.org</u>

<u>COOK</u> at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Fulltime position requiring experience and knowledge of specialized diets. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at <u>www.hchospital.org</u>

YARD SALES

<u>MULTI-FAMILY</u> -- Saturday, June 12, 8:30-2. 8106 Dillard Road, Scaly Mountain. Collectibles, wooden mantle and miscellaneous items.

<u>SAT. & SUN</u>. – 9-3, Hold Road, off NC 106, Highlands. Antiques, collectibles, CDs, records, jewelry and much more!

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LOOKING FOR CARPENTRY WORK. Have tools. Please call Alferdo: 524-9304 or 371-2976. LOOKING FOR LANDSCAPING, yardwork and housecleaning. Call 828-200-1038 or 5261025.

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Notice of Budget Hearing

Take notice that the proposed Budget for the Town of Highlands for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, has been presented to the Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the Town Hall from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Take further notice that there will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on June 23, 2010 at the Community Building for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget and amending the Budget for the year ending June 30, 2010.

Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on June 23, 2010, following the Budget Hearing, to adopt the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011 Budget, and to amend the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 Budget.

> Jim Fatland, Town Clerk 6/10/10, 6/17/10

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<u>APARTMENT FOR RENT</u> – partly furnished. 1BR/1BA, 6 mi. from Highlands. No dogs, no smoking. \$425/mth. includes power, water. Negotiable. 828-787-1515.

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<u>ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN TOWN</u> – 535 N. 4th Street. \$600 a month. Call 770-827-0450. (St. 11/5)

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<u>APARTMENT FOR RENT</u> – newly furnished one bed/one bath. AC/Heat. Deck. Fantastic view. 5 min from Highlands. Adults only. No smokers, no pets. Utilities included. \$795. Call 526-2694. (st. 7/ 30)

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<u>1996 JEEP COUNTRY CHEROKEE</u> – Loaded with all options. Good Rubber. Must see. MUST SELL. \$2,300. Call 526-2694.(st. 4/15)

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feiture proceeding in U.S. District Court involving 15 Trimont Lake Road and the U.S. Marshals Service served the property owner, Dorothy J. Lequire with the Complaint on June 4.

Arrested on state charges were:

• Malcolm Lynn Adams of Clayton, GA, 20, charged with four Counts of Trafficking in MDA/MDMA, released on a \$50,000 bond;

• Sarah Taylor Adams of Clayton, GA, 19, charged with one count of Conspiracy to Deliver a Schedule I Controlled Substance, released on an \$8,000 bond;

• Cagney Nowel Singleton of Clayton, GA, 24, charged with one count of Conspiracy to Deliver a Schedule I Controlled Substance, released on an \$8,000 bond;

• Peter Civitello of Franklin, NC, 67, charged with one count of Possession With Intent to Sell or Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance, one count of Sell or Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance, one count of Sell or Deliver a Counterfeit Controlled Substance, two counts of Felony Maintaining a Vehicle for Selling a Controlled Substance, two counts of Simple Possession, \$19,000 bond;

• Daniel Furman Gibson of Franklin, NC, 47, charged with one count of Possession of Methamphetamine, one count of Selling Methamphetamine, and one count of Possession With Intent to Sell or Deliver Methamphetamine, bond \$15,000;

• Dorothy J. Lequire of Franklin, NC, 68, charged with two counts of Possession With Intent to Sell or Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance, two counts of Sell or Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance, two counts of Felony Maintaining a Dwelling for Selling a Controlled Substance, two counts of Simple Possession, and one count of Conspiracy to Sell a Schedule II Controlled Substance, bond unavailable.

Successes like this make budget woes at the state level which have trickled down to

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the county hard to swallow – particularly elimination of the grant that funded an officer in the Sheriff Office's Narcotics Unit.

"Unfortunately, the current budget crisis resulted in the Governor's Office eliminating a grant for the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit after five years of funding," said Sheriff Holland. "If the county hadn't jumped in, the state's action could have resulted in the loss of a detective position and other assets necessary to conduct these types of investigations."

After explaining the situation to the county commission at the May 25 meeting, an arrangement was worked out whereby the county agreed to fund 75% of the position usually funded by the state grant if the Sheriff's Department funds 25% – as well as funding a School Resource Officer at the new 5-6 school from its existing budget.

"I believe illegal drugs remain the major cause of crime in Macon County and I could not allow the existing Narcotics Unit to be eliminated or reduced. The only option available would have been to decrease other services and reassign personnel to maintain the current Narcotics Unit," said Holland.

Holland said the investigation confirms that the county can't allow a lack of funding to slow down the Sheriff Department's efforts in fighting drugs and other crimes associated with drugs.

Holland said the investigation also provided multiple leads in other cases in the county, other counties in the state, and in other states. Those investigations continue.

"The investigation resulted in a fully automatic rifle being seized. This is an ongoing investigation and my officers are looking for other suspects and witnesses," said Holland.

Anyone with information regarding these matters is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (828) 349-2104 or Crime Stoppers at (828) 349-2600 or (866) 374-8477. Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 2. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used. June 2

 At 6:30 p.m., officers assisted in the detouring of a tractor-trailer headed down US 64 – a non-designated truck route.

At 3 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

• At 7 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint on Raoul Road.

• At 2 a.m., officers on patrol found an open door at a business on S. 4th Street. There was no trouble. June 5

At 8 a.m., officers responded to a landowner/ tenant dispute at a residence on Lower Lake Road.
At 10:30 a.m., Alan Contrerby, 25, was arrest-

ed for a traffic violation. • At 11:15 a.m., Efren Alejandro Zapien-Her-

nandez, 31, of Highlands, was arrested for driving without a license.

• At 11:55 a.m., officers were responded to an illegal discharge of a .38 firearm when a real estate agent showing a home found a spent bullet on the kitchen floor that had come through a kitchen window.

• At 8:19 p.m., officers responded to an assault on a female at a residence on Arnold Road where the victim was slapped and punched in the stomach.

June 6

 At 11:30 p.m., officers assisted another agency serve a warrant at a residence on Arnold Road. June 7

• At 6 a.m., officers responded to a call about a bear in the garbage at a residence on Chestnut Street.

 At 6:55 a.m, officers responded to a call about two bear cubs in a tree at a residence on Chestnut Street.

• At 2:10 p.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked on Split Rail Road.

• During the week, police officers responded to 6 alarms and issued 20 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 3:

June 3

• At 10:52 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hemlock Farms. The victim was taken to the hospital.

June 8

• At 12:12 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street where an 82-year-old man fell and hit his head. He was taken to the hospital.

At 2:09 p.m., the dept. responded to a possible electric fire in Cashiers, but the call was canceled en route.

June 9

• At 9:03 a.m., the dept. responded to "smoke in the area" of Wilson Road but it was a due to a controlled burn.

<u>NOTE:</u> Highlands Fire & Rescue reminds citizens and visitors to heed warnings at area waterfalls and rivers.



This sign is at Bust Your Butt on US 64.

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proper conduct and ignorance. Stay and fight. It's always easier to quit and I'm not a quitter. It's time for tough love.

I also want you to know I'm not a cradle Catholic. I think that's important. Years ago, as an adult, I made a choice to be a Catholic. That was a good choice. Now I choose again. Next Sunday, you'll find me at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. Oh, I'll be angry.... very angry, but I'll be there. I've been a Catholic for 53 years and will be until I die.

Unlike some of my Protestant friends, God love them, I won't choose to change religion when I disapprove of the preacher or don't like what's going on internally. That's a luxury I reject. And I certainly can't allow low life pedophile priests to keep me from receiving the Holy Eucharist, something I can only get as a Catholic. We believe the Holy Eucharist is the body of Jesus.... because Jesus says it is. That's the backbone of our faith. It's the Holy Eucharist and the strength of the Holy Spirit that allows Catholics to endure. So regardless of what Christian faith you practice, don't let a bunch of child molesters chase you from your religion. Keep your faith; stand and be counted.

I apologize for my preaching and I'll try to be more humorous next week.... Amen!

If you would like to know if there are any known pedophiles or sexual predators living in your neighborhood, go to: http:// www.registeredoffenderslist.org/ and type in your zip code. You may be surprised. If you come up empty, it could mean they haven't been caught yet. Pedophiles are very clever.



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Anyone anywhere in the United States can do exactly what the ladies of Scaly Mountain have done. I don't mean just pancakes, but if you do that, be sure to include blueberries. What it takes is organization around a worthy purpose, and then the gumption to see it through until it becomes successful.

That is not complicated. It's not difficult, if you are willing to put one step after another toward your goal. And, it is very, very satisfying to all people concerned. As the saying goes, "Try it. You'll like it." I guarantee it.

• About the Author: John Armor practiced before the Supreme Court for 33 years. John_Armor@aya,yale.edu His latest book, to appear in September, is on Thomas Paine. www.TheseAreTheTimes.us

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time.

This may be the time to consider a fresh prospective on a conservative, yet traditionally profitable venture. Holding a mortgage is a sensible and practical approach to investment in today's economy. A professional agent with experience in owner financing and knowledge of the local real estate market is essential. It is also advisable to obtain advice from a legal and financial advisor. preciate the opportunity to apply for the position as your Realtor. Serving Highlands and Cashiers for over 25 years, Signature agents have well over 150 years combined experience. For further information, you are invited to contact Lynn Kimball at Signature Properties at 828-526-4101, email lynnkimball@aol.com or visit our office located on HWY 64 East, 2 miles from downtown Highlands, across from Highlands Falls Country Club.



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Cyprus introduces our World Chophouse Menu, six great cuts, perfectly seasoned, and cooked over smoldering hardwood. This menu reflects an absolute dedication to excellence: We have selected the best cuts, from the best cattlemen. If you settle for nothing less than superior quality, you will love our new Steaks and Chops. World-Class Chops in Highlands! Try One Tonight!

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Espresso Bar and Coffee Roaster now open at Mountain Fresh Grocery



Don Reynolds of Mountain Fresh Grocery on Main Street with the new coffee roaster in action. About three times a week he roasts organic coffee beans that are then crafted into coffee drink favorites -- espresso, latte, cappuccino, coffee shakes or just a great cup of coffee. Stop by for a free coffee, today!

Photo by Jim Lewicki

Highlands and Greenway Board recognized trailway as a National Recreaton Trail



Five hardy souls planted 32 native plants to protect the trail environment. Dr. Anya Hinkle – Highlands Plateau Greenway Board of Directors presented a plaque from the Department of Interior and National Park Service to Mayor David Wilkes and Commissioner Dennis DeWolf that recognizes the Highlands Plateau Greenway as a National Recreation Trail.



