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This Week in Highlands

June 17-July 3

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

Thurs., June 17

- CLE presents Attorney Lenny Baer is presenting a free seminar, "Legacy to Children" 10 a.m. to noon at the Highlands Civic Center. Call 526-8811 to reserve a spot.

- Taize at 5:30 PM. at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

Fri. & Sat., June 18-19

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

Sat., June 19

- Highlands Knitting & Needlepoint Guild meets on the terrace at the Bascom. Questions? 526-1741.

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

- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m.

- CLE'S Computer Self-Defense from 10-12 at PAC. Call 586-5723, for reservations.

- The annual Reese reunion from 10 to 2 at Highlands Rec Park. Call Ann Wilson at 864-888-1111.

- Giant Flea Market at the Highlands Rec Park 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Greenway Trail work trip. Meet at the lower parking lot behind the Highlands Rec Park at 9 a.m. Call 526-2385.

Monday, June 21

- Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Class at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Call Town Hall at 526-2118.

Tuesday, June 22

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society field trip. Call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

Wednesday, June 23

- Public Hearing on Town of Highlands proposed FY11 budget. 7 p.m at the Community Building,

Shearl taking town to court over zoning

It's likely the town will be called to court over its recent decisions concerning the use and zoning of .95 acres owned by John Shearl on NC 28 south.

Shearl filed an appeal with the court after the Zoning Board of Adjustment ruled to uphold Highlands Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley's citation against him for using his property improperly. Cooley con-

tends that according to the town's zoning ordinance, Shearl was in violation for using the back .49 acres of his property, which is zoned R1 residential, for commercial purposes.

Shearl contends he bought the property believing he could use the entire tract commercially and only learned in the summer of 2009 that the plat of his property on file in

the MC courthouse shows it split-zoned — the front part B3 and the back part R1 — thereby rendering him in violation.

His neighbors, the Hedden family, say they bought the lot behind Shearl understanding that the portion bordering their property was R1 and would therefore act as a buffer to his business. As the years

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County budget passes 4-1

During the public comment period of the final MC Commission meeting prior to the adoption of the FY 2010-11 budget only a few people spoke out against its adoption.

Three retirees from Florida warned the commission that if it voted to raise taxes 1.5 cents they would do what they could to vote them out of office in November.

Vic Drummond told the commissioners to scrap the 1.5 cent tax hike and use the fund balance to make up the balance of whatever you need. "Voters will show their dissatisfaction in November if you don't," he said.

The 1.5 cent tax increase will not be put into the General Fund and will only be used to service the debt on low interest loans the county acquired for the remainder of its school construction and renovation program. Mainly the new K-4 school.

Commissioner Bobby Kupperts reminded the group that 1.5 cents per \$100 valuation amounts to \$30

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Hungry mama bears are prowling



A resident of The Cotswolds subdivision off Webbmont, snapped this shot of a mama bear going for the feeder she just brought down 10:30 a.m. June 3. Unabashed she returned two days later with three cubs in tow. Nursing and hungry, mama bears are everywhere this summer. The USFS says to keep garbage and birdfeeders out of sight.

MC citizens can now pay traffic tickets online

A new system, payNcticket, built by NC Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) allows citizens to make online payments via credit or debit card for most waivable traffic citations.

"While it provides a more

convenient payment option for citizens, payNcticket also allows for quicker disposition of cases due to automatic updates of case records," said Clerk of Superior

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Parking problems plague businesses

Some things return like clockwork to Highlands — hummingbirds, bears, summer residents, tourists, and parking problems.

At last week's Business Committee meeting, parking was a big issue — or rather the misuse of parking spaces in the downtown business district — and nothing flares tempers faster.

Every parking space taken up by an employee means less parking for customers, say business owners.

Though "Two-hour Parking" places on Main Street are now a thing of the past, employees on the clock are still not allowed to park on Main Street from Third to Fifth streets, nor on Church Street, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 15 through November 30.

They are required to park on outlying streets — Spring, South, Oak, and so on.

Business owners off Main Street

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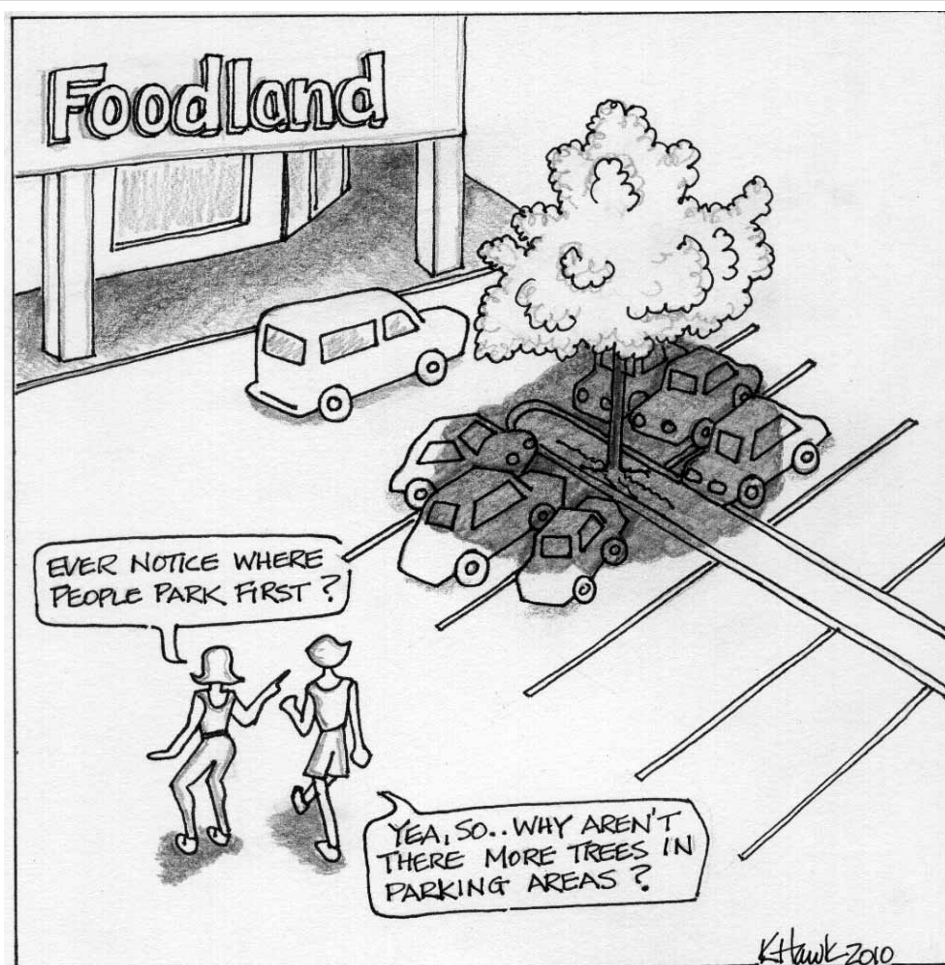
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• LETTER •

Enough liberal slant

Dear Editor,

I opened your paper to the first page. Racial profile! Tired of this liberal bull crap! I guess you haven't read the bill either. Wake up. 70% Arizona approves. 60% American's approve. So typically, 99% of papers are liberal.

When bush went out 1 1/2 years ago,

that's 72 weeks or 18 months, still running down Bush. Not a paper in USA runs a cartoon picture of Obama with rat ears. Not one picture. USA, Atlanta, Highlands, Tampa Times, etc., not one. Scared of NAACP!

Use to watch Jay Leno. 30 seconds into the monologue, Bash Bush - still bash Bush and Cheney. Don't watch anymore.

And President Bush went to Harvard! Got higher GPA then Carey. I guess the only way liberals can attack is not with facts but with slander.

A while back I read that police had set up a sting - stopped traffic to check for licenses, etc. they found eight or nine different Mexicans without driver's licenses. Took down information and let them drive away. Also did so in Clayton, GA.

I was pulled over for not signaling a turn, checked license and it was expired. Told I was lucky my sister was with me with a license to drive. Officer said it was police policy and couldn't let someone drive without licenses! I guess I should have told him I'm Mexican. I have very dark skin, but don't know Spanish.

One tidbit. Virginia passed similar law as Arizona three years ago. Not one case filed against the police in three years as racial profiling.

Thomas Martin
Dillard, GA

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progressed and Shearl's business grew, they notified the town that the residential portion was being used commercially which negated the "buffer."

Shearl's appeal was pending based on the Town Board's decision Wednesday night concerning his request to have the tract rezoned B3.

In preparation for tonight's decision, Shearl has hired the law firm Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis of Asheville. Attorney Craig Justus of that firm sent a letter to the board around 5:30 Wednesday night via fax requesting the public hearing to rezone the Shearl property be continued so he had time to gather facts and address the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

However, Commissioner Amy Patterson said the Zoning Board of Adjustment's decision and the subsequent appeal didn't have anything to do with the rezoning request or the public hearing which is required prior to any rezoning decision.

"This is a simple rezoning request, not about where or when the zoning line appeared on the plat. His request is to have the property rezoned and that's what we are here to do — decide whether to allow the residential portion to become commercial. The other issues involved are quasi-judicial and it's not the purpose of this board to handle those issues."

The public hearing concerning the request had already been continued once at the town's request and the Hedden family who says they had hoped to settle the issue by summer requested the public hearing not be continued a second time.

In the end the board voted 3-2 against rezoning.

Commissioner Patterson said lots of businesses outgrow their situation and lots of people have unused portions of their property for various reasons — in Shearl's case it is

due to the residential zoning — "but that doesn't mean the property is worthless or that we need to grant you something to make it valuable," she said.

Commissioners Gary Drake and Larry Rogers voted no meaning the rezoning request should have been granted.

Commissioner Rogers said Shearl bought the land believing one thing but by the time it closed, the town had split zoned it so when the Heddens bought their property the zoning line was there. "Sometime between the down-payment and closing the line was put in," he said.

In other news the board voted unanimously to allow OEI to keep its two valet parking spaces on Main Street as long as the valet parking lot is used regularly.

"I encourage OEI to take full use of this gift from the town (of public parking for a private entity) and please make every effort to make full use of it," said Commissioner John Dotson.

He reported that from 2008 to 2009 he took 191 photos verifying that the valet parking lot was empty most of the time which meant OEI's patrons were parking on the streets. He said the reason the valet spots were granted in the first place was to keep spots on the street open for other businesses.

Richard Delany, president and director of OEI said that he had no control over the past but from now on the valet lot would be used.

Area businesses owners — Arthur Paoletti, Mindy Green, and Sabrina Hawkins spoke in favor of OEI being allowed to keep the valet spots saying it left spaces for their patrons to use.

The board also picked two new Planning Board members who will sit at the June 28 meeting. They are Highlands' residents Patrick Leonard and Alan Marsh.



FEASTS OF THE FESTIVAL 2010

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French Garden Party

Friday, June 25th — 6:30 PM

\$125/person — 8 Places

Hosts: Tim & Gail Hughes

Menu: Bourbon Glazed Salmon accompanied with fine wines. Champagne/cocktails overlooking the gardens

Gourmet Dinner

"On the (Abrams) Verandah"

Wednesday, July 21st — 7 PM

\$135/person — 20 Places

Hosts: Ann Abrams & ... On the Verandah

Menu: Passed hors d'oeuvres; gazpacho, 2 choices of entrée and dessert paired with specialty wines

Feasting with

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Sunday, July 25th — 7:15 PM

\$100/person — 25 Places

Hosts: Kay Kramer & Frank Cohen

Menu: Shrimp & Grits bar, passed seafood and seasonal vegetable specialties, "meat lovers" beef tenderloin

An Evening with Julia

Saturday, July 31st — 7 PM

\$125/person — 10 Places

Hosts: Minnie Bob & Michael Campbell

Menu: Beef Bourguignon, American Cabernet from Campbell's private wine cellar, and special additions

Maine Meets the Mountains — Lobster Fest at Continental Cliffs

Wednesday, August 4th — 6 PM

\$150/person — 4 Places

Hosts: David and Marsha Snyder

Menu: Lobster, scallops, steamed clams plus traditional seafood sides

Louisiana Feast with Cashiers Mountain Top View

Thursday, August 12th — 6:30 PM

\$150/person — 18 Places

Hosts: Judy & Louis Freeman/Ann & Dick Strub

Menu: Traditional Louisiana Fare



Country Feast at Frog Pond Farm

Wednesday, August 25th — 6:30 PM

\$125/person — 18 Places

Hosts: Paula & Barry Jones

Menu: Cocktails in Jones' famous flower garden, local trout and homegrown organics

Champagne Brunch in the Vineyard

Sunday, September 12th — 12:30 PM

\$100/person — 24 Places

Hosts: Carolyn & Rhett Tanner

Menu: Smoked Salmon, stuffed quail with truffled grits, tomato casserole, peach trifle and more!

Art, Food and Wine

Tuesday, September 14th — 6:30 PM

\$125/person — 20 Places

Hosts: John Collette Fine Art/Wolfgang's Restaurant

Menu: A Special Dinner from Wolfgang's private recipe book paired with his favorite wines

"A Few of Our Favorite Things"

Saturday, September 18th — 6:30 PM

\$125/person — 10 Places

Hosts: Sandy & John Barrow

Menu: Appetizers of shellfish, artichokes and cheeses; Saute De Boeuf A La Parisienne and accompaniments

Fall Plantation Feast:

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Sunday, September 19th — 6:30 PM

\$125/person — 14 Places

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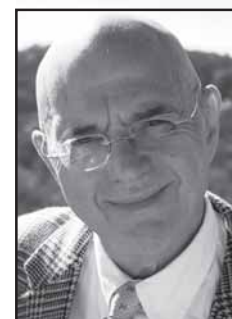
Remember when?

I didn't know drivers and their passengers still snuggled. The abundance of bucket seats has something to do with the decline in the practice. A change in dating habits may also contribute. Kids don't date anymore. They hang out, or travel in packs, resulting in overcrowding, even on a bench seat. Today, cup holders, shift levers, and hand breaks separate even the most ardent traditional couples. It had to be the ultimate example of distracted driving. The driver's right arm was draped over the passenger's shoulders, rendering it unavailable in emergency conditions. The driver, usually a teen-aged boy, would tug gently on his girl friend, or nod an invitation to slide closer. Once she was settled in, it was a case of necking at 60 miles per hour.

I saw it again today, and it evoked memories of the past. I wasn't a teenaged couple and they weren't in a shiny '57 Chevy with a bench seat. I actually mustered the courage to ask the guy, who left his mobile love nest long enough to pump gas. It took courage, because his rear bumper proclaimed, "Charleston Heston is my President." His answer was informative, if not cordial. He was driving a 1978 Ford F150, pickup, which suited him nicely. He was probably 40, although his unkempt beard and hair might have made him look older than his true age. His girlfriend, well his girlfriend was an even better match than his ride. I saw them later walking hand-in-hand in downtown, Banner Elk, unabashed traditionalists.

I don't remember what we called it, driving with your girlfriend pressed close. I'm sure there was a term, and I'm sure it was both cute and descriptive. I remember driving side saddle, a style in which the driver's side door, rather than the seat back, was used as a backrest. The guy sat at an angle to the car, and wore a nonchalant, if not bored, expression. These were the days before auto air conditioning, so the open window frame made a handy elbow rest. All of the steering was gently done with the left hand, the right hanging unused at the side, or embracing his girlfriend. Everything seemed to suggest profound indifference. I hope my gay readers don't feel excluded by my constant references to heterosexual couples, but no one in Indiana had come out, and everybody walked or rode bikes in the Castro.

The throw-back couple I saw today isn't all that unusual in western North



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Carolina, an extreme example, but far from unique. Despite rural electrification, paved roads, radio, Fox CNN, the Internet, and the inward migration of guys like me, much has remained unchanged here.

Toyotas and Hondas have largely replaced Fords and Chevys. Twenty-four hour network news has taken the place of scratchy AM broadcasts. Kids are as likely to listen to rap as country.

Citizens, whose parents voted a straight Democratic ticket, split their ballots to support candidates who support guns rights, human life, and family values. Democrats have learned that adherence to the party's national agenda costs votes. Ronald Reagan broke the stranglehold the Democrats had enjoyed in the South since the Reconstruction. It took a while to catch on, but conservative Democrats started sounding like Republicans, and returned to Washington. I doubt that they share the sincerity and dedication of the couple pressed against each other in the cab of the '78 pickup. As such, I find them much less charming.

... from the history guy

On this day ...

June 17, 1994

O J Simpson is arrested for the murder of his wife and Ronald Goldman, after a low speed, televised car chase

I'm sure we all remember the day and where we were when they busted O.J., that guy that went from football playing to a suspect in a multiple slaying.

Well, he went for a long, calm, ride, then was booked for a double homicide.

but even tho he was arrested,

he was innocent, he attested,

but there wasn't much indication

that he would find vindication.

but it seems he'd avoid the penitentiary cause of problems that were evidentiary,

so they couldn't tell fact from fiction,

therefore, he lacks conviction.

would have been better if he'd put all

his efforts into football

• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Hey, Hazcock, Get Outta my Seat!

No, no, no, this isn't another of my famous, tacky children's stories designed to warp your child's mind. This is the real deal — well, kinda. Hazcock is a handsome, living, breathing, pecking, butt-kicking rooster currently in charge of a firehouse in Palm Beach County, Florida.

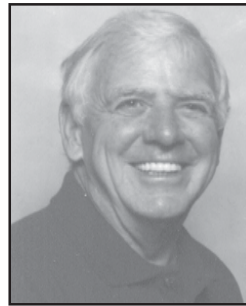
I know, I know, firefighters are supposed to have Dalmatians for mascots but that's been done already. BOR-ING! How many firehouses do you know where a rooster, sporting one-inch spurs, is ruling the roost? ZERO, I'm sure.

A few months ago, when my youngest son was visiting from Dubai, we all headed over to my oldest son's firehouse for a visit. He's a Fire Captain Paramedic Hazardous Material Special Operations and 20 other things guy for the Palm Beach County Fire Department. He does everything but play bridge. Write this down. He'll never play bridge. His game is putting the wet stuff on the red stuff.

Anyway, that's when we met Hazcock and learned how he came to be. One afternoon, all the firefighters were sitting around the firehouse driveway scratching their privates and doing what firefighters do best — nothing — when they watched a pickup truck stop at the wooded area adjacent to the firehouse. The driver got out, tossed a rooster into the woods and quickly roared off. Mind you, this happened right in the heart of the city. Could I make this up?

Shortly thereafter, the rooster showed up at the firehouse looking for a handout.... or should I say clawout? He was very hungry. First it was just a few scraps of bread and leftover fried chicken but soon this led to buying special rooster food. Now Hazcock has his own water and food bowl. He marches around the firehouse like he owns it and eats better than any rooster in Palm Beach County. I think they're fashioning a helmet for him and I wanna meet the firefighter who is elected to fasten it on his head.

Also, there's a stray cat that comes around for handouts. They call him Hazcat. Life's gotten pretty hard for Hazcat because Hazcock has decided this will be a one mascot firehouse. The poor



Fred Wooldridge

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cat has to sneak in the back, eat quickly and get out, otherwise he'll feel the pain of Hazcock's spurs.

Hazcock is very much into himself. It started when he spotted his reflection in the glass office doors. He stands for hours posing in every position. I know women like that, don't you? Anyway, Hazcock is so infatuated with himself, the firefighters gave him his

own mirror. When he's not trying to steal food from the kitchen, he's in front of his mirror checking out his bod. Sometimes Hazcock forgets it's his image he's looking at and physically attacks the mirror. I know some muscle-bound firefighters who are like that also. Because Hazcock is eating the best feed possible, he's now a bright shiny red, grey and brown.

Best of all, Hazcock loves to go on fire runs but his favorite ride is in the hazardous material truck, thus the name Hazcock. There have been problems training him. He loves to ride shotgun but that's where my son sits. There have been arguments and Hazcock can get real cocky at times. Recently, during a special operations run, Hazcock decided he

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Captain Hazcock loves to ride shotgun.

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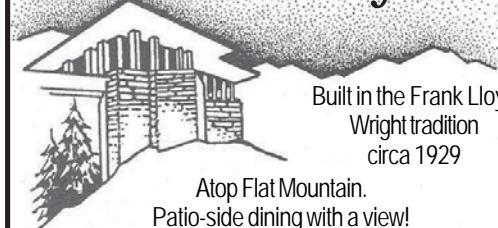
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wanted to drive the haz mat truck. He jumped in the driver's seat and grabbed the wheel. During the brief struggle, the driver bled. That's when everyone learned ole Hazcock can fight and bite. Still, he's loved by all... well, almost all. Oh, did I mention Hazcock doesn't do toilets?

When things are quiet, firefighters try to lure Hazcock into places he shouldn't be, like getting him to sleep on the Battalion Chief's bed. Actually, Hazcock is not big on sleeping indoors. He's a true

country rooster and refuses to sleep in the firehouse. During the day, he spends a lot of time pooping on the hood of the Chief's truck, reminding everyone he's in charge. It took the firefighters a long time to train Hazcock to do that.

Once, Hazcock disappeared for a whole two weeks. It was later learned he had gotten real friendly with a couple of ducks at a nearby pond. If it's wearing feathers, Hazcock is on it. I know some firefighters like that also.

Did I mention Hazcock doesn't do night runs? Each evening at sundown, he heads back to the woods and sleeps in a nest he built high in a tree. But at sunrise, he's standing tall at the firehouse driveway, waking everyone whether they need to be awake or not.

If you're interested in joining the Captain Hazcock fan club, you can do so by going to Hazcock's personal face book page. He already has many, many fans. There are videos and a special piece where he's waking everyone in the morning for roll call. Simply type in "captainhazcock rooster" in your face book search box and ask to become a member of his fan club. Even though he has a busy schedule, he'll get back to you soon.

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

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I'll quit whining and try to get cogent for a while.

We're all familiar with the strong-arm tactics of the SEIU and Acorn before and after the election. The "boot on the neck" threat, most recently used by Ken Salazar, Obama's embattled Sec. of Interior, in BP's direction. Obama's searching for whose a** to kick. Politics has taken on a rude, crude demeanor that may be a precursor of things to come.

I received an email recently that is food for thought. It was attributed to David Kaiser, a noted historian, which I thought a little strange since I thought I'd read the same opinion piece some time ago that was supposedly written by a woman. My personal fact checker (wife) Snopsed it and said the attribution was bogus but I don't care, the substance of the writing was reasonable.



Don Swanson
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Quoting the message, in part: "I thought I would never come to experience what the ordinary, moral German must have felt in the mid-1930s. In those times, the 'savior' was a former smooth-talking rabble-rouser from the streets, about whom the average German knew next to nothing. What they should have known was that he was associated with groups that shouted, shoved and pushed around people with whom they disagreed; he

edged his way onto the political stage through great oratory." Now I wasn't there, but the foregoing seems accurate based on what I know. Let's continue.

"And there were the promises. Economic times were tough, people were losing jobs, and he was a great speaker. And he smiled and frowned and waived a lot. And people, even newspapers, were afraid to

speak out for fear that his "brown shirts" would bully and beat them into submission. Which they did – regularly. And then, he was duly elected to office, while a full-throated economic crisis

bloomed at hand.

How did he get the people on his side? He did it by promising jobs to the jobless, money to the money-less, and rewards for the military-industrial complex. He did it by indoctrinating the children, advocating gun control, health care for all, better wages, better jobs. And he did this all in the name of justice and change. And the people surely got what they voted for." If we do not learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it.

That's the dark side of the picture. Here is another view of our future. Peter Ferrera is a columnist with a highly credible background including association with the Cato Institute, the Heritage Foundation, the Heartland Institute and as a Senior Policy advisor to the Bush Administration. The following are excerpts from a piece in The American Spectator titled The Coming Resignation of Barack Obama.

"Months ago, I predicted in this column that President Obama would so discredit himself in office that he wouldn't even be on the ballot in 2012, let alone having a prayer of being reelected. Like President Johnson in 1968, who had won a much bigger victory four years previously than Obama did in 2008, President Obama will be so politically defunct by 2012 he won't even run for reelection.

I am now ready to predict that President Obama won't even make it that far. I predict he will resign in discredited disgrace before the fall of 2012. Like my previous prediction, that is based not just on where we are now, but where we will be under his misleadership.

Watergate was supposed to have established that Presidents are not above the law. If that is so, President Obama may have to resign for breaking the law in the Sestak affair." We have discussed in past issues about the effort the administration made to get Sen. Sestak to forego running against Arlen Specter.

"As Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) has indicated, the White House is now engaged in a coverup that is only making matters worst. Former President Bill Clinton is now claiming that he carried the offer to Sestak of an appointment to an unpaid position on a Presidential Advisory Board in return for dropping out of the race.

Indirectly offering the job through Clinton still violates the statute, as does the offer of an unpaid position. We'll see how this one unravels in time.

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What's "In" in Highlands Real Estate

Virtually overnight the world has recalibrated. Moments of such change, crisis, and shifting priorities are often a great wake up call, beckoning us to examine more closely our values, our beliefs, and our thought structures. "What's In" in Highlands real estate has changed as well. And changed for the better.

We are all now reaching for something familiar to hold on to that connects us to a time and place where/when the ground beneath our feet felt solid, safe, and secure.

For those of us who have the great fortune of living and making our homes in Highlands, we enjoy that long sought-after security and feeling of connection that most seek at any time, but most especially in this uncertain climate.

So, how has this "new reality" impacted how we prefer enjoying our time in the mountains?

A national real estate advisor with over 30 years' experience, Charles Perry of Pine Street Partners, Inc., suggests the shift in the economy has fostered a similar shift in what we now demand in second homes/resort properties. I spoke with Chuck recently, and we both agree that the brave new world of real estate is so much smarter now.

No longer interested solely in exclusive, wall-to-wall amenities, we are now seeking experiences that provide open spaces and passive amenities (like lake recreation, hiking, fishing, and even barefoot golf). We are also searching for lower density neighborhoods, a true sense of community, and a place for family and fellowship with friends.

In other words, we want our properties to enable us to spend our precious time doing activities that rejuvenate and restore us, as well as fill our internal reservoirs by improving our health, fitness, and wellness. We want properties and communities that inspire us to engage in outdoor and water sports, as well as deepen our creative expression through the arts, and promote a connection to our natural surroundings. And, perhaps most importantly, we want to reconnect to ourselves and to our loved ones.

We are also becoming much more interested in smart homes, often homes that have a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification. According to the US Green



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Building Council, "LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO₂ emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts."

Similarly, developments must be more innovative as they meet the demands of today's buyer. Through the use of conservation easements (offering perpetual protection to the land), requirements that all horizontal site work utilize best management practices, strategic placement of organic gardens, and perhaps even a Community Supported Agriculture program, developers are in a unique position to reshape our landscape and our thinking.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust defines conservation easement as "a written agreement between a landowner and a qualified conservation organization such as a Land Trust in which the landowner promises to keep the land in its natural condition and the land trust is granted the right to enforce the agreement and to monitor the property." Beyond the environmental and protection benefits, many are also discovering the tax benefits that conservation easements might offer if structured properly.

Another example of "What's In" involves the concept of what Chuck and I call a "Shared EstateSM," whereby a property can be shared/owned by more than one owner. The Shared EstateSM concept is a variation of what many refer to as interval ownership and offers a means to enjoy second home living without the cost, burden, and waste associated with sole ownership.

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• HIS & HERS •

They're baaaack!

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

“Why is it called the tourist season if we can't shoot at them?” was a favorite quote of the late George Carlin, the devastatingly witty comedian. I remember seeing that quote on the bumper sticker of a truck parked in town this winter, and wondering how it would go over during The Season.

Before I moved to Highlands, I'd lived in a number of cities – Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York - where tourism was a huge part of the local economy. This is the first time, however, that I've lived in a place where the population increases so dramatically with the arrival of tourists. According to the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, we go from a mere 3,200 in the off-season to 18,000 during the heart of the tourist season.

This doesn't just mean there are more people. This also means that the places which we locals frequent during the rest of the year are now mobbed. Don't get me wrong! The fact that we get so many visi-

tors means that many commercial enterprises can afford to stay open in the winter because of the money they make during the busy season. That's good for us year 'rounders. It just means that our way of life changes drastically during the summer, and some of those changes take some getting used to.

Parking places at Mountain Fresh or Bryson's? Good luck. Parking on Main Street? Even more luck. Getting your hands on the latest best seller at the library? Give the librarians your warmest smile, and ask to be put on the waiting list. Need packages weighed or run out of stamps? Get in line at the Post Office, folks, and when it's your turn, don't take your frustrations out on the postal workers, who have the patience of Job. There's a reason they call it “going postal.”

The majority of visitors I've met since I



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moved here permanently have been absolutely charming, and their presence is a great asset to the area. Repeat visitors are common, and we miss you when you fly (or drive) south for the winter. We don't get the same crowd in Highlands that they get in Vegas. People come here for the luscious scenery, the good food, and the relaxed way of life. The last thing we need is stress, so if

you're a carrier, please chill or consider vacationing elsewhere.

Around this time of year, we start getting Letters to the Editor about the driving habits of our guests, whom many refer to disparagingly as “flatlanders.” Personally I'd rather be behind someone with FL, GA, or LA plates obeying the speed limit on the Cullasaja Gorge Road than some local genius who thinks it's clever to tailgate you because he wants to drive 20 mph over the speed limit.

We've been pleasantly surprised to note more and more tourists are becoming savvy

to the local courtesy of pulling over and letting faster vehicles pass. If someone does this for you, try to acknowledge the effort. Personally, I blow kisses and wave, but you don't have to go to this extreme if it's not your style.

If people can learn about the passing places, maybe they can learn a few more things which would also make the lives of locals much more enjoyable. Please, please keep your voices down in public places! Didn't your Mama tell you it's rude to shout (and in most cases, unnecessary)? We cherish our calm. This goes for cell phones, too, especially in eating establishments. As I said to a particularly obnoxious woman the other day, the day I want to eat in a phone booth with her, I'll let her know. Long, loud phone conversations while other people are trying to have a pleasant meal are just plain rude. I was loathe to get a cell phone, and while they're great in some cases, their intrusion into daily life is a huge nail in the coffin of civility.

On Thursday, we had a real scare on the Gorge Road. While heading down the mountain, we had just rounded a sharp bend in the road when we had to slam on

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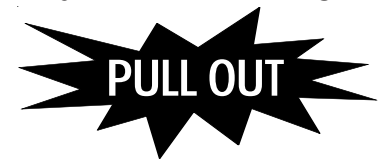
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Final Showing on

Tues., June 22

2:15, 4:25, 7:15, 9:25

Opening Wed. June 23

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Daily: 2:15, 4:25, 7:15, 9:25

• 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 move-

ment for 30-40 minutes. \$8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4959 to reserve a spot.

Wednesdays

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

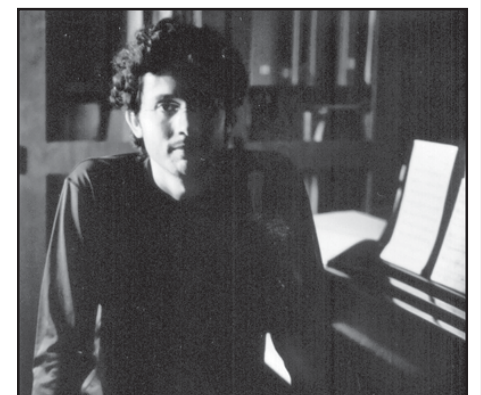
• Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at

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Interlude Concert Series starts June 30



At the Presbyterian Church the lineup is Gerald Carper, Men's Choir from McDonough, GA, Stell Huie and Angie Jenkins and Johnathan wilkes



The summer season of weekly Interlude Concerts will begin on June 30. The series is in its 12th season. The free concerts are presented by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Dress is casual.

"Interlude" concerts began when Rev. Hunter Coleman of First Presbyterian Church and Father Mike Jones of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, both former ministers, decided to create a new ministry for Highlands. The concerts provide a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life - a time to meditate, relax, and enjoy a variety of music. Visitors to Highlands are especially invited to join our members and friends at these mini concerts.

• June 30 at the Episcopal Church of

the Incarnation; Jesse Glass, piano

• July 7 at First Presbyterian Church; Gerald Carper, organ

• July 14 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation; Molly McKim, soprano

*• July 21 at First Presbyterian Church; McDonough (Ga.) Presbyterian Men's Chorus

• July 28 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation; Mary Akerman, classical guitar

• August 4 at First Presbyterian Church; Stell Huie, baritone accompanied by Angie Jenkins.

• August 11 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation; Charae Krueger, cello and Robert Henry, piano

• August 18 at First Presbyterian Church; Jonathan Wilkes, piano.



Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Fifth and Main streets.
Every 3rd Wednesday
 • Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-sup-

per 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 Na-

ture 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 Illness) support group meets on the first and third



2010 Green Living Fair

Friday, June 25 in Cashiers
Saturday, June 26 in Highlands
Adult tickets \$5
(Youth under 15 free)

Friday, June 25 – 4-7 p.m.

At the Village Green in Cashiers and will include food, music, and hikes on the town trails. The Zahners will do a program on gardening with native plants. The highlight of the day will be an eco-fashion show featuring "green" and vintage fashions by local businesses. Following that will be a presentation by the Cashiers Village Council and "Groovin' on the Green."

Saturday, June 26 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers, arts & crafts, greenway hike, tour of green homes and gardens 11-2 and food by Cyprus International Restaurant and Fressers Eatery

Speakers at Highlands Rec Park

10:30
Room A

ARRA Energy Funding in NC
 Reid Conway: State Energy Office/ Western Division

Room B

An Update on Recent Landslides and Landslide Hazard Mapping In Western North Carolina

Rick Wooten: North Carolina Geological Survey

11:30

Room A

Water Heating – Is Solar Thermal Right for You?

James Pader: Winter Sun Construction, LLC

Room B

"A Good Egg is Hard to Find"

Chad Garner & Rick HavronL
 Three Forks Farm

12:30

Room A

Wise Foodways: Traditional

Diets and Food Preparation
 Ashby Underwood Garner: Rolf Practitioner, creator of Body and Land Journal

1:30

Room A

Prioritizing Energy Efficiency Retrofit Choices

Charlie Headrick: Building Technology Services

Room B

Growing and Cooking with Herbs

Kathy Evans

2:30

Room A

Thinking Outside the Box- Building a Straw Bale House

Kurt Fisher

Room B

Tree Safety – Remove, Replace or Rehabilitate

Mike Kettles: Kettles' Environmental Services.

Smokey Joe's Cafe at the Playhouse through July 3

By Joseph Litsch

All the rehearsals done. The dress rehearsal, too. The pieces have been carefully assembled and polished. It's time for the show to go on, and this time when the director says, "Let's rock 'n' roll," he really means it.

"Smokey Joe's Café," a musical revue chocked full of vintage rock 'n' roll songs, opens tonight, 8 p.m., at Highlands Playhouse with a stage overflowing with talent and a musical lineup custom-made for those of us who long for "real" rock 'n' roll. There are 39 songs, most of which enjoyed lofty spots on the hit charts back in the day. And they were all written by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller.

The pair teamed up back in 1950 and had a rather auspicious beginning with a little ditty called "Hound Dog." It's one thing to start at the top – many have enjoyed that – but it's unbelievably difficult to stay there. These guys did it, writing for the Coasters, the Dixie Cups, the Clovers, the Drifters and — check this one out – the King himself, Elvis Presley. In fact, Leiber and Stoller were instrumental in his ascent



Sam Dunaway, director watching rehearsal for "Smokey Joe's Cafe," opening Thursday, June 17 at Highlands Playhouse. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

to the rock 'n' roll throne.

"Smokey Joe's Café" made it to Broadway, March 2, 1995, where is set up shop at the Virginia Theatre, where it ran for 2,036 performances and, appropriately, focused attention on the songwriters.

"We're not trying to recreate the Broadway show," said director Sam Dunaway. "We're not using '50s clothes. We're doing the songs our way."

Dunaway, back for a sixth sea-

son at Highlands Playhouse, recognizes the songs for what they are: standards, much the same as works by Gershwin, Porter or Kern. They have stood the test of time and earned their places in people's minds and lives.

Dunaway's first hurdle was finding a group of nine singers who could handle the demanding pace of "Smokey Joe's." There is no break...well, except for intermission. No storytelling. No scripted attempts at humor. No talk at all.


Working with Dunaway again are musical director daMon Goff and choreographer-co-director Ricardo Aponte, both of whom were amazed at the nine-member cast. "We got so much done the first week...the whole first act," said Goff. "They all knew what they were doing."

Aponte echoed Goff's praise. "I've never seen a cast as prepared as this one was. We were able to move very fast."


Now, there's nothing left to do but — as Dick Clark, rock 'n' roll's No. 1 chronicler said in his book: "Rock, Roll and Remember."

Call 526-2695 for tickets.

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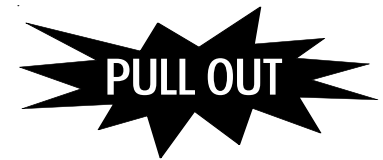
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Ongoing and Upcoming Events



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 Wolfgang's for \$60 per person with a percentage of proceeds benefiting the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. Reservations for the concert and dinner can be made by calling the HCCMF's office at (828) 526-9060. 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 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Every Fourth Saturday

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

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. Blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee is \$5.50 for

adults and \$3.50 for children. Funds raised at the Pancake Breakfasts go toward the club's Scholarship program and other charities in the community. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

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

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

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

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

June 17-July 3

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

Thurs., June 17

• Attorney Lenny Baer is presenting a free seminar, "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 is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

Sat., June 19

• CLE'S Computer Self-Defense from 10-12 at PAC. Instructor Lizz Russell is a degreed, CompTIAA+ certified technician with over 30 years experience in computer service and repair. (\$20 members, \$30 non-members). Call 526-8811 or email clehighlands@yahoo.com to register

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 15 mile hike with an elevation change of 3300 feet on the Gregory Bald loop trail from 20 Mile Ranger Station. Meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 7 a.m. Drive 100 miles round trip. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations.

• The annual Reese reunion from 10 to 2 at Highlands Rec Park. For more information call Ann Wilson at 864-888-1111.

• Giant Flea Market at the Highlands Rec Park 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring everything from A-Z. With SOME proceeds benefit the Ready for Life of Highlands. For more information call Betty at 787-2324.

• Greenway Trail work trip. Meet at the lower parking lot behind the Highlands Rec Park at 9 a.m. Call Hillrie Quin at 526-2385.

Sun., June 20

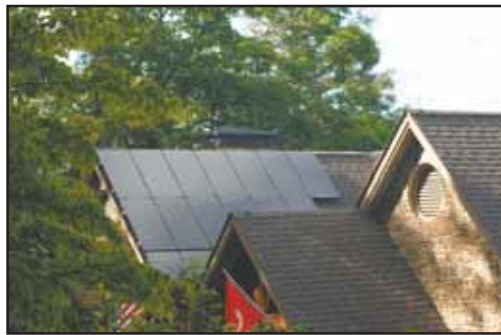
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3-mile hike on the Cliffside Vista Trail with a steep ascent to a viewpoint, then descending to loop around Cliffside Lake. Meet in the Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 2 p.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for

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2010 Green Living Fair

Friday events in Cashiers – Saturday events in Highlands

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance is very excited to announce its expanded 2010 "Green Living Fair" schedule. Events are planned for Friday June 25th in Cashiers, and Saturday June 26th in Highlands, and include many new vendors and special events. This year's fair



Solar panels on the Trevathan home.

promises to be the best one yet, with entertainment, crafts, green home & garden tours, hikes, classes, kids' projects, and a host of other options for the whole family!

Friday's event will be held from 4 to 7 at the Village Green in Cashiers and will include food, music, and hikes on the town trails. The Zahners will do a program on gardening with native plants. The highlight of the day will be an eco-fashion show featuring "green" and vintage fashions by local businesses. Following that will be a presentation by the Cashiers Village Council and "Groovin' on the Green."

Saturday's event will be held at the Highlands Rec. Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 and will present a great lineup of vendors showcasing their environmental wares and services, and talented artisans with earth-friendly crafts and jewelry, a Bascom-led

hike on the city's greenway trail, raffle items, and art projects for kids

New this year are tours of "green" homes and gardens, including features such as solar panels, living roof, rainwater collection system with a rainwater garden, clay walls with non-VOC paints, and organic gardens. Tours run at 11

a.m. and 2 p.m. and last about 2 hours each. Food includes Cyprus chef Nick Figel (Mtn. Cook-off winner) showing off his healthy cooking skills and selling international wraps, as well as food by Fressers and Whole Life Supply's smoothies.

Class offerings include: building a straw bale house, energy efficiency retrofits for homeowners, growing and cooking with herbs, solar hot water heating, and raising chickens.

Mark your calendar today! An adult ticket is only \$5 (15 and under free), which covers admission for BOTH days and includes the home and garden tours. For more info contact J-MCA at (828) 526-9938, ext. 320 or www.j-mca.org. Your attendance helps put our community on the map as a leader of the "Green Living" movement in N.C.

CLE presents: Middle East expert Sandra Mackey



**"The Persian Gulf Link
Between Louisiana and Iran"**
Saturday, June 26
10-12
at the
Performing Arts Center

From the viewpoint of a recent trip through the Persian Gulf, Sandra Mackey will discuss the crucial role the Persian Gulf plays in American energy needs which help drive the exploration for oil in U.S. waters. With Iran occupying the entire eastern coast of the Gulf, she will explore the threat of Iran's nuclear program, the on going political unrest in Iran, and American options in containing Iranian ambitions.

**To register and for ticket
information,
Call 526-8811**

HCCMF Gala set at Half Mile Farm

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

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

Epting Events is the most storied event planner in the Southeast. Based in Athens, Georgia, it was founded by Lee Epting and is a perfect reflection of his energy and limitless creativity. One of the hallmarks of an Epting Event is the remarkable level of detail lavished upon each facet – the exquisite menu, the evocative lighting, floral arrangements that range from exquisite miniature creations to showstopping centerpieces, and, always, a supremely confident staff.

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

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

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

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

For more information about the July 14th Inn at Half Mile Farm Gala or to purchase tickets, please call the HCCMF office at (828) 526-9060 or email hccmf@verizon.net.

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Monday, June 21

- Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Class at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Practice begins at 7:30 a.m. and lunch buffet, cocktails and award recognition begins at 1:30 p.m. Sign up by June 9. Call Town Hall at 526-2118.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club presents David Joy with "The Thrill Ride of Your Life" where and how to catch monster 20lb carp. 7 p.m. at the Cashiers Library. Call 828-885-7130.

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.

- Lowe's of Franklin Blood Drive. 11:30 am to 4 pm. Please call 349-4654 for more information or to schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-276 or visit redcrossblood.org.

- CLE presents Ronnie Spilton at PAC. "Enriching Your Theater Experience." For tickets call 526-8811.

Wednesday, June 23

- The Village Nature Series features "Wonders of Wildlife" with wildlife photographer, Bill Lea. Children and kids at heart will be sure to learn something new while getting a chance to discover more about these creatures up close and personal with Highlands Nature Center Director, Patrick Brannon. The program will be followed by an ice cream social and is free to everyone in the community. No reservations are required. For more information contact HCLT at 828.526.1111.

- CLE presents Dr. Roger Rollin with "A Humanist's View of Religion." To be discussed religion's struggle against the advance of science and rational thought. Dr. Rollin received his doctorate from Yale University and is the William James Lemon Professor of Literature Emeritus at Clemson University where he taught for 25 years. Register for any of these classes by calling 526-8811.

Thursday, June 24

- Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at the Episcopal

Church of the Incarnation. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

- An American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED and First Aid Basics course will be conducted by the Macon County Public Health Center. The course will be held on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 pm at the Macon County Public Health Center at 1830 Lakeside Drive. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay at the Macon County Public Health Center before Monday, June 21, 2010. Call Jennifer at 349-2439.

- The Annual Meeting of the Greater's Cashier's Area Merchant's Association will be held on Thursday June 24th, 8:30 AM at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. The agenda is the election of the GCAMA Board of Directors. For additional information call 828 743-1630 or email greatercashiersmerchantsassoc@yahoo.com

Fri.-Sun., June 25-27

- The Highlands Historical Society's annual Walk in the Park is Friday and Saturday, at Highlands Memorial Park and on Sunday at the Highlands Community Building. Every 15 minutes beginning at 4 p.m. and running until 7:30 p.m., there will be a shuttle leaving from the Highlands Community Building next to the ballfield. Sunday's performance at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street is a 4 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 and students are free. Tickets are available at Cyrano's Book Shop and at the Community Building the days of the event.

Friday, June 25

- GREEN LIVING FAIR at Cashiers Village Green with green home tours, hikes, eco-fashion show, food, music. Hosted by Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (828) 526-9938 ext. 320. \$5 ticket is good for all Fri. and Sat. events. www.j-mca.org.

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

Saturday, June 26

- CLE presents Sandra Mackey with a viewpoint of a recent trip through the Persian Gulf. She will discuss the crucial role the Persian Gulf plays in American energy needs which help drive the exploration for oil in U.S. waters. With

Iran occupying the entire eastern coast of the Gulf, she will explore the threat of Iran's nuclear program, the on going political unrest in Iran, and American options in containing Iranian ambitions. \$25 for members. \$35 for nonmembers. For tickets call 526-8811.

- HCCMF's FREE picnic festival concert at the Zachary-Tolbert House in Cashiers at 5 p.m. bring a picnic and blanket. Donations accepted.

- GREEN LIVING FAIR at Highlands Rec Park. Vendors, artisans, green home tours, classes, cooking demos, food, kids projects. Hosted by Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (828) 526-9938 ext. 320. \$5 ticket is good for all Fri. and Sat. events. www.j-mca.org

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Long Branch loop in the Standing Indian area, criss-crossing the stream several times. Meet at NHC clubhouse at 1 p.m. Drive 20 miles round trip. Call leader Chris Shaw, 371-0183, for reservations.

RELAY, What You Need To Know . . .



HUGE FLEA MARKET AT REC PARK:

Relay For Life of Highlands Teams invite the public to to a "Treasure Hunt" on June 19 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 a portion of 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 become a sponsor for this years "Bark For Life" event, July 24 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.

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.

ON GOING AT RBC BANK

Two fundraisers in the lobby of the bank. Relay Roast coffee in a variety of flavors in Relay-themed purple foiled bags. Also, a used book sale through Aug. 13.

So we invited the Highlands community to come out and support these fundraising events and help us celebrate, remember and fight back. Please visit www.relayforlife.org/highlands to join a team, register or make a donation.

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



The first woman admitted to Emory Law School was Eleonore Raoul who will be portrayed by Sandie Trevathan at this year's "Walk in the Park" sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. Mrs. Trevathan is shown with the sign marking a street named by the Town of Highlands in honor of the Raoul family. June 25 and 26 performances of "Walk in the Park" will be at the Highlands' Memory Park with shuttles leaving the Community Building every 15 minutes from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The June 27 show will start at 4:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Adult admission is \$15.00; students are admitted free. Tickets will be available at Cyrano's Book Shop on Main St.

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a year on a home valued at \$200,000; \$2.50 a month or 83 cents a day.

Gail Chapman, a retiree from the Florida education system, said she didn't want the county to cut the Sheriff's budget any further because "it is there to protect us, but more fat needs to be cut from the budget."

She suggested looking hard at the teacher supplement. "In Florida there were a lot of extraordinary teachers who were underpaid and a lot of ordinary teachers who were overpaid. I certainly hope you don't have any overpaid teachers in Macon County.

After the public comment session, viewers learned that in one week's time, between

the June 7 public hearing on the budget and the June 14 regular commission meeting another 1% or \$821,208 was cut. This came from across the board cuts and the decision to only fund half of the teacher supplement — \$205,000. The school system will be required to fund the other half.

Monday night, the FY 2010-2011 budget for \$41,950,938 passed with Commissioner Jim Davis voting no.

"I am voting against this budget but not because of the 1.5 cent tax hike — I'm in fa-

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—specifically North and South 4th Street, asked the town to consider making that street off limits to employees, too, since the limited parking on that street is currently being used by employees of 4th Street businesses as well as employees of Main Street businesses.

Mayor David Wilkes said he would take the message to the Town Board and perhaps 4th Street will be made off limits to employees, too, he said.

Employees of real estate companies on Main Street and their agents are still exempt from the policy.

Police Chief Bill Harrell reminded members that employees off the clock are allowed as citizens to park on Main and Church streets, and said not knowing employees' schedules makes enforcing parking restrictions a difficult affair.

He said communication is key and encouraged business owners and citizens in general to contact him or his office as needed. The number is 526-9431 or email at chief.harrell@highlandscnc.org.

Employees found parking on streets designated off limits will be ticketed \$50 each time.

Christian Science Services Resume

Christian Science services, conducted by the Highlands Christian Science Society in the church at the corner of Spring and 3rd streets in Highlands, have resumed for the June to October season. Whatever the illness, disability, or problem, there's a specific answer that can bring healing — not just coping or managing, but health and wholeness. Healing is a natural effect of the spiritual transformation that comes with the study of Christian Science.

• Sunday Services are at 11 a.m. as is Sunday School for those up to the age of 20.

• Wednesday Testimonial Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

• Members have no restraints or church laws forbidding them to seek medical help if they so choose, but many who have experienced spiritual healings choose to work out their challenges with metaphysics.

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Many 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 Highlands. 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.

Those interested in more information, or interested in making a donation, please email defensefund@yahoo.com or phone Darren Whatley at 828-526-2954.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Our school should get only what it deserves!

Pastor Gary Hewins
Community Bible Church



This community has had its fair share of ceremonies in recent weeks. Ceremonies are typically engaging and meaningful especially when you love the participants. By definition, a ceremony is an observance of some kind that is usually formal in nature. Ceremonies often take place on designated occasions in observance of previous accomplishments. Graduations make for great ceremonies. I have been to some great graduations this year for people I have grown to love.

The Highlands School athletes had a great award ceremony at the Recreation Center a few weeks ago. Many of those same athletes received academic awards at another ceremony at the school. All of these occasions impressed me. I like ceremonies because they remind me to honor and recognize people for their hard work and accomplishments. The Bible is pretty clear about this issue. We are to give respect to those who are worthy of respect and honor to those worthy of honor (Romans 13:7). It feels good doesn't it?

I was driving down the road one day behind a car with an interesting bumper sticker. It expressed how proud the driver/parent was of their honor roll student at some school in the area. Not many days later I saw an even more intriguing bumper sticker. I liked it a lot more. This particular sticker expressed the pride that the driver/parent had for their child who made C's and D's at a local school. Their child probably tried just as hard.

It's easy to focus on those who achieve the most based on the standards that society puts in place. We should definitely honor one another for reaching and exceeding those worthy goals. But, you know, there too, is the student or athlete that put forth even more effort than the top students and high scorers and still came up short. There names aren't mentioned in the ceremony much, if at all. They generally sit quietly and listen. They are the ones that watch their peers receive recognition and applause. Statistically, most of the people reading this article fall into that category. You too are worthy of honor. Good job! God sees your effort and loves it and loves you. I like this quote from President Theodore Roosevelt. He emphasized the importance of simply being in the arena.

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

•See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 26

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

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

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

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

Wed.: 5 pm: Dinner. 6:00pm: Childrens Program, Adult Teaching.

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

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

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

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a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.;

Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

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Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175

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

Wednesdays - Choir - 7

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p.m. Youth Group

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Court Vic Perry. "This new system also is expected to decrease courthouse traffic as well as wait times for citizens who still wish to pay their fees in person because it will free up our staff from answering questions about and processing payments made by mail or in person. This gives them more time to devote to other duties, thereby benefiting everyone who uses the office."

Overall, North Carolina courts handle the payment of more than half a million waivable offense citations (including traffic) per year.

In fiscal years 2008-2009, more than 644,000 of waivable offense citations were paid in the state, 3,049 of which were in Macon County. Prior to payNCTicket, Macon county citizens had to pay fines and related court costs at the courthouse or by mail.

PayNCTicket is being rolled out county by county throughout the state. All counties are expected to be using the system by late summer 2010.

Payments made using the online system will be processed by NIC, a company that provides eGovernment services that lead to increased efficiencies and reduced costs for governments and their constituents.

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"But the Sestak affair is just the early breeze of the gathering storm that threatens to envelop President Obama." His ineptitude in handling the Gulf spill issue is exposing him as the untried, untrue incom-

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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Last chance to register for free health screenings

Spots still remain for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's free health screening of the summer for residents of the Cashiers, Glenville, and Sapphire communities

Support 'Living Center' flooring fundraiser



Front row, Left to Right: Anna Strickland, Francis Palmer, Hugh Phillips, Flora Warren, Charlotte Carmen Back Row, Left to Right: Joyce Wilburn, Helen Tunnel, Gene Maxwell.

Thanks to an anonymous donor who generously donated \$25,000 to provide the residents at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center critically needed new flooring, the HCH Foundation has launched a special fundraising effort to raise the additional \$19,000 needed to complete the project. The new laminated flooring will replace the existing carpet at the center and will provide residents improved wheelchair mobility as

well as significant sanitary advantages over carpeting. Plus, the warm wood tones of the new surface will enhance quality of life for each resident and create a homelike ambiance in their environment. Each contribution to the FELC Flooring fund will make a difference in the lives of the residents. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Foundation office at (828) 526-1435.

coming up Saturday, June 26th at Blue Ridge School.

The screening, beginning at 7:15am, held for residents of the Cashiers, Glenville, Sapphire and surrounding communities, is completely free, but preregistration is required. There is still time to sign up, and those interested in taking advantage of the event can call (828) 526-1435 during regular business hours, or sign up on the hospital's website at www.highlandscashiershospital.org.

Participants will be checked for height and weight, BMI (body mass index), blood pressure, blood oxygen saturation level,

cholesterol and triglyceride levels, glucose (blood sugar) levels, and white and red blood cell counts (to detect anemia and infection). Men over the age of 45 will also receive a blood test to detect prostate cancer (PSA).

In addition to the various tests, a dietitian/nutritionist will be on hand to discuss healthy eating and exercise habits, and a physical therapist will be available to evaluate balance and strength. Hearing tests and ear examinations will also be conducted at the screening. Participants will also have the chance to talk with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's board certified physicians on a variety of health topics.

New Internal Medicine physician to open practice in Highlands July 1

New Internal Medicine physician, Richard M. Stewart, MD joins Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Richard M. Stewart, MD, who is board certified in Internal Medicine with 30 years in private practice, will join family physician Richard S. Matthews, MD, in suite 303 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

"I'm really looking forward to his arrival. He's going



Dr. Richard Stewart

to be a great addition to the practice, and to our community," said Matthews. "We have similar backgrounds and we share very similar philosophies when it comes to giving our patients very thorough, personal health-care."

Stewart, a native of Greensboro, GA, was until recently in a group practice in San Luis Obispo, CA. From 1979 until 2005, Stewart was in private practice in Gainesville GA. He

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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Club takes part in hospital's 2010 Health Challenge

and his family vacationed in Highlands many times during his years in private practice.

"Dr. Stewart's decision to relocate to our area is very welcome news here at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital," said Craig James, President and CEO at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. "Bringing an internist to our area will meet a critical need here, and we are very pleased that Dr. Stewart has agreed to come to Highlands and become part of the hospital's outstanding medical staff. Matthews says the addition of Stewart to his practice will help improve access to primary care for area patients, as well as bringing some additional expertise.

A graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Stewart earned his medical degree from Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, LA, where he also completed his residency and internship. As part of his agreement with the hospital, Stewart will join the hospital's team of emergency room physicians.

"When my wife Dixie and I lived in Gainesville, GA, we would visit Highlands once or twice a year to vacation and attend the Highlands Playhouse. We can think of no place we had rather relocate than Highlands, and look forward to becoming members of the community," said Stewart. "We have enjoyed meeting Dr. Matthews and his wife Cathy, and look forward to a long relationship with the hospital and with the people of Highlands. I'm excited to get started!"

June 2010 marks the second year for Cedar Creek Racquet Club's "Health Challenge Month" designed to increase the overall health of its members, while giving back to the community. Club members get involved by joining teams, participating in various health related challenges, and attending a charity night fund raiser for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. "I look forward to the challenge each year now. Not only do I become healthier, I enjoy the friendly competition and involvement with other members," said Karen Connery "Healthy Choice" team member.

Points are given to team members as they complete specific tasks deemed in the guidelines of the challenge. Members can exercise; walking, running, biking, playing tennis, etc, as well as eat heart healthy meals and attend health related events; hospital tours, physician forums, health lectures and CCRC's health trivia charity night contest. The team with the highest number of points wins.

Captain of the "No-Fat Alberts" team, Michael Albert said "Having the Health Challenge encourages our members to focus and become aware of what they are eating and how they are treating their bodies. Although we have a very active club, the challenge also boosts other members to increase their physical activity and adopt nutritious eating habits, in turn, living a healthier life," said Michael.

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As a part of CCRC's 2010 Health Challenge, board certified doctors, John Baumrucker, MD and David Wheeler, MD, entertained and educated club members during a special Health Lecture Night. Questions quickly arose concerning cholesterol and high blood pressure. "The majority of cholesterol is found in our bodies and the levels are mostly determined by our genetics," said Dr. Wheeler. "But the small percentage of cholesterol absorbed in our system from the foods we eat can make a big difference," he added.

Both physicians stressed the attendees follow heart healthy eating plans and get plenty of exercise. There are also some over the counter supplements one can take to lower

the risk of developing high cholesterol and high blood pressure. In recent studies, Niacin, has been found to reduce the LDL (bad) cholesterol levels and increase the HDL (good) levels. Dr. Baumrucker stated the benefits of taking niacin and urged individuals to begin taking the supplement in small doses, building ones tolerance, being that niacin has a flushing side effect.

"Having the local doctors come to our club and share valuable medical information was absolutely wonderful. With such a laid back setting, I not only gained knowledge, but a closer connection with Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Baumrucker," said Karen Connery, CCRC Club member and challenge participant.



Cedar Creek Racquet Club members: from left, Bev Seinsheimer, Connie Dyleski, Peter Carlin and Michael Albert are team captains in the Cedar Creek Racquet Club "Health Challenge Month"

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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
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vor of that. It's for the schools; we need to do that; it's the right thing to do. But I believe we need to do more. The private sector is hurting and I think it's insulting to these folks when government employees are immune to what's happening in this county," he said.

"We could have suspended 401K contributions this year and we could have suspended the teacher supplement. We haven't fired or reduced salaries of any county employee or teacher. I'm all for sharing the pain. I also believe we could have taken more money from the fund balance — it's at about 30% with this budget."

Davis wanted it known, however, that he held his fellow commissioners in the highest regard and respects all their opinions, "we just disagree," he said.

Macon County Schools had requested about \$895,000 in capital outlay to fund well replacements at various schools but Monday night Horton said the \$200,000 the county had agreed to fund for that project, was cut. "They aren't getting any of it and they have to pay half of the teacher supplement which we usually fund."

Commissioner Bob Simpson said even with the 1.5 cent increase Macon County still has the lowest taxes in the state at 27.9

cents.

Commissioner Beale said if the 1.5 cent tax hike will "get our children out of trailers into a safe and up-to-date learning environment so they have every chance for success, I'm for it."

He also said that the many county employees earn 2% above current poverty guidelines that qualifies them for food stamps. He said he's proud that the budget includes the 401K contribution, an important benefit for county employees, he said. "County employees aren't immune to the economic situation because many of their spouses have been laid off and so they rely on their salaries."

McClellan said one reason the teacher supplement is important is because it's an attempt to offset the higher salaries offered by the neighboring states of Georgia and South Carolina. "We have to be more competitive so we don't lose good teachers."

He said the reason the county qualifies for 1% loans is due to its healthy fund balance and good credit rating. "Now is the time to build and renovate schools with low interest loans low construction bids. The federal grants and loans won't be available three years from now."

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our brakes, and pull hard to the right. A small white terrier dog with a blue bandana was racing up the road in utter terror, with at least 6 vehicles behind, driving slowly to avoid running over him. In all likelihood, someone had probably let their pet out of the car, and the poor dog just took off. This happens even with well-behaved dogs, since the sounds and smells of nature are irresistible. Alas, this is the fourth dog we've dodged in the past few months.

A tiny Pomeranian shot out in front of us at night in the fog last week, and we al-

most wound up in a ditch to avoid it. Two dogs regularly hang out on the bend in the road between Barney Road and Spotted Bear, often in the road. Folks tend to think of nuisance dogs as the ones who bark and bite, but even cute dogs can be a dangerous. Not only would it be devastating to injure or kill someone's family pet, it's not much fun having a potentially fatal accident, either.

Lastly, please don't make any assumptions about the intellectual level of the locals, just because we are an unassuming lot when we're running errands. We really

don't spend our winters huddled in caves, carving small wooden objects by candlelight to sell to tourists. I have to chuckle, remembering an encounter with a woman at the grocery store recently. She came up to me, and began to speak very, very slowly, just in case I wasn't too bright. "I'm looking for The Bascom," she said. "The Bascom. Would you happen to know where that is?" I replied in the affirmative, and drew a map for her on the back on an envelope. "That's very good," she said, the way you would praise a clever child. "Where did you learn to draw like that?" "My grandfather was an

architect," I replied. "From Paris." She shook her head so hard that her mascara flaked, and her costume jewelry rattled. "Kentucky?" she asked.

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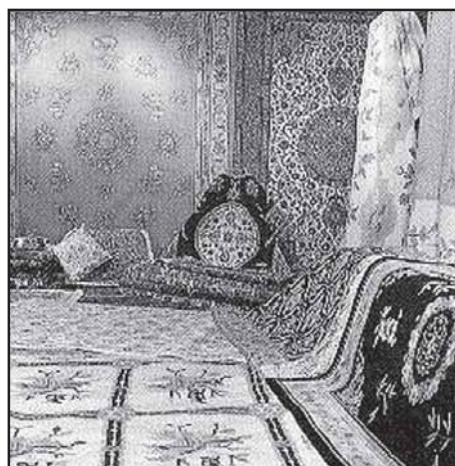
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Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 9. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 9

- At 1:30 p.m., officers received a call about nuisance dogs living above a restaurant on Carolina Way.

- At 3:25 p.m., a suspicious person was reported on NC 106. He was hitching a ride to Dillard, GA.

June 11

- At 1 p.m., a diner at a restaurant reported glass in her food. It was also reported to the MC Health Dept.

- At 1:30 p.m., Eric Massingill, of Lawrenceville, GA, was arrested for DWI on Flat Mountain Road.

- At 2:50 p.m., a mother reported her child missing. She was found safe at home.

June 12

- At 1:59 a.m., Carlos Gaona, 23, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI on Mt. Lori Drive.

June 14

- At 7:30 a.m., officers found an open door at a business on S. 4th Street. Everything was OK.

June 15

- At 6:59 p.m., officers were called to assist a RV motorist in Wright Square.

- At 2:30 a.m., Richard Errington, 37, of Scaly Mountain, was arrested for DWI on NC 106.

- During the week, police officers responded to 4 alarms and issued 8 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 10:

June 10

- At 12:02 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on the Franklin Road. A 65-year-old man was deceased.

June 11

- At 7:07 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Deuce Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

June 12

- At 11:31 a.m., the dept. searched for a missing SOAR participant near Buck Creek Road. The person was found.

- At 5:18 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on NC 28 south. The victim was taken to the hospital.

- At 7:58 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Jenkins Lane. There was no transport.

June 13

- At 1:18 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a vehicle accident on Mt. Lori Road. The vehicle was found. No one was injured.

- At 2:47 a.m., officers were call to NC 106 about an accident. Truck had left the scene.

- At 5:22 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street where an elderly woman had fallen. She was taken to the hospital.

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

June 14

- At 6:51 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hicks Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

- At 11:42 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident at US 64 west and Lake Sequoyah. The victim was taken to the hospital.

June 15

- At 4:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle roll-over on NC 28 south. There were no injuries. Directed traffic.

June 16

- At 8:42 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at N. 4th Street. The victim was taken to the hospital.

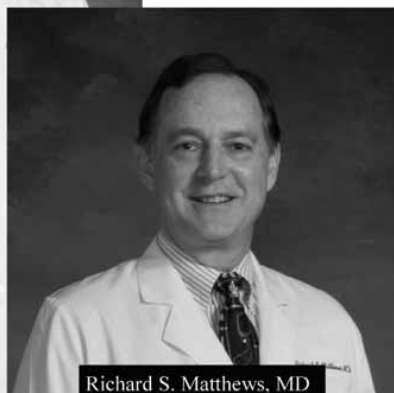
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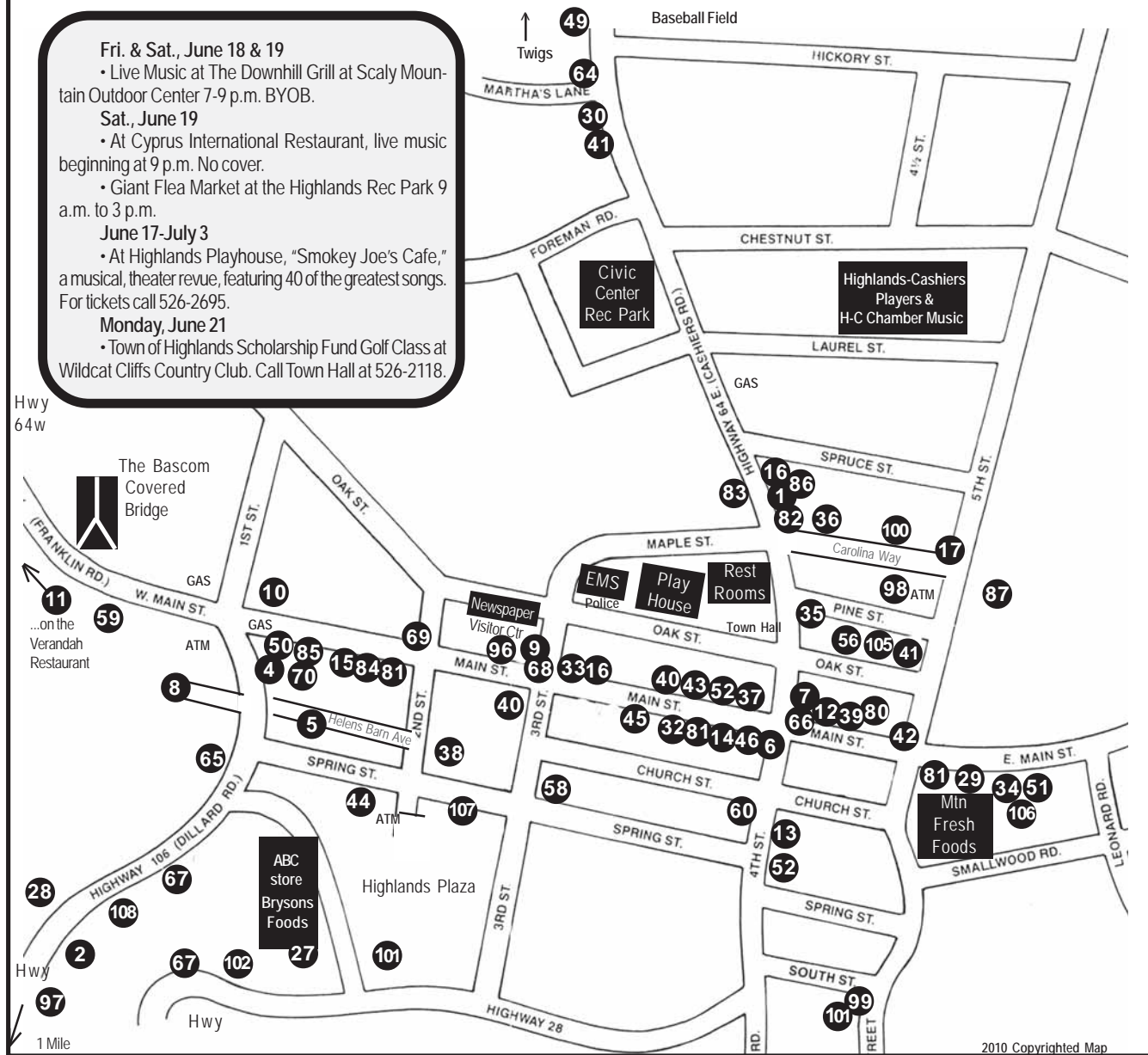
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