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This Week in Highlands

Town Hall on 4th St. now open

Thurs.-Sun., May 13-16
• HCP's "Rebecca" at the Performing Arts Center. 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Call 526-8084 for tickets.

Thursday, May 13
• Taize in Highlands is Thursday at 5:30 pm at the Highlands United Methodist Church.
• A reception to honor all cancer caregivers at Fressers Eatery at 7 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., May 14-15
• Barbara Zaretsky will teach a fiber art workshop, "Creating Pattern on Fabric: Block Printing," at The Bascom for all levels. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

Saturday, May 15
• 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.

• The Greenway Committee Workday begins at 9 a.m. in the Rec Park lot on Foreman Road. Training provided. Call 526-2385 or email hmquin@verizon.net.

• Celebration of Life - You are invited to celebrate the life of Mary Hair, wife of Jud Hair, at 11 a.m. at the Community Bible Church with lunch to follow.

• CLE presents Tae Kwon DOS: The Gentle Art of Computer Self-Defense from 10 a.m. to noon at PAC. Call the CLE office at 526-8811 for ticket information.

• Highlands Playhouse will hold auditions by appointment only on Saturday from 10 a.m. The following parts are available for Lettice and Lovage: The Surly Man, Bardoff, Ms. Farmer, Lettice. Applicants should bring resume, headshot and read for part and must have the ability to do an upper class British accent. Call Loretta Newton at 828-526-2695.

• Friends of Panthertown Trail Work Day. Meet at the Cold Mountain parking lot by the bulletin board at 9:30 am. For more information, go to www.j-mca.org.

Wednesday, May 19
• The Rotary Club of Highlands 21st annual Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday at Trillium Links and Lake Club, with a shotgun start at noon. Call Rotary member Brian Stiehler at (828) 787-2778 to sign up.

Town back in court for Bowery Road

After 10 years, the town and residents on Bowery Road are still dealing with the ramifications of the widening and paving of the road.

Monday, May 10, Town Attorney Bill Coward returned to court to represent the town in the case "The Town of Highlands vs. Mildred Johnson," who is one of

the 12 property owners on the first 7/10s of the road who originally opposed the widening and paving of the road.

Over the years, Johnson, as did others, dropped out of the "et al" case, and hired an attorney to represent her against the town.

For some along Bowery Road, "compensation" amounted to a

wider, paved road versus the rutted dirt and gravel road, but for several property owners, compensation could only come with money.

"There are still a couple of others who haven't settled," said Attorney Coward. "Basically, Johnson wants more money."

In North Carolina, the process

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Highlands, Franklin say 'no' to ABC Board changes

Gov. Perdue calls for tighter state control over ABC Boards if system is to state intact

With the state budget in a sorry state, Governor Bev Perdue and others are seeking to increase revenue streams, so the way the state disburses and sells alcohol is being scrutinized.

NC is a control state which means the state regulates the distribution of alcoholic beverages to consumers at state-operated retail stores or as wholesalers through retail establishments.

In Highlands, that means the country clubs and dining establishments that sell alcoholic beverages as well as citizens buy from the ABC Store in Highlands Plaza.

North Carolina's liquor monopoly plays an important role in the state's economy. Though local

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King & Queen for the night



Seniors Olen Schiffli and Beverly Nix were crowned King and Queen of the 2010 Prom held at OEI's The Farm Friday, May 7. For more photos see page 22.

Photos by Jim Lewicki

Finalization of county budget in the works

Finalization of the county's FY 2010-11 budget got off track when illness kept County Manager Jack Horton away from his desk an entire week, so adjustments were made to the schedule at Monday's MC Commission meeting.

Instead of being presented May 10 as planned, Horton asked for another two weeks to complete the document.

So on Monday May 24 at 6 p.m. the FY 2010-11 budget and message will be presented to the board. Horton said the county has received the school budget and the biggest thing the county has to discuss is the school's capital outlay budget which is about \$300,000 more than last year's \$500,000.

At the last School Board meeting, Chairman Jim Breedlove and the rest of the board agreed that the removal of and repairs to oil tanks and furnaces in several schools had to be done.

"I know we told you to keep it the same as last year," he said to Fi-

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• LETTERS •

What Highlands is this?

Dear Editor,

What on earth am I reading here about Erika Olvera taking a polygraph test to prove her innocence? What country are we in?

Not that he should, but I can't help but wonder if Chief Harrell was also submitted to this humiliation. I hope not, as two wrongs never make a right.

These are nice people. They have families, jobs, and in every way appear to be dedicated public servants.

This is ugly. Where and why did this ever get started?

While both Chief Harrell and Erica Olvera appear to be doing a good job for our community, why on earth would anyone wish to harm them?

I would like to know who started this, and why. Such a person is the one from whom I wish to be protected.

Christy Kelly
Highlands, NC

Collateral Damage?

Dear Editor,

Regarding the article "Ex-police officer files EEOC complaint" in the May 6 edition of Highlands' Newspaper, it occurred to me that perhaps Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell was the actual target of the false rumors and smear campaign being circulated and promulgated by the town officials. Perhaps Officer Erika Olvera and Captain Forrester were merely collateral damage in this scheme.

If so, it was a very elaborate scheme of deception. The more intriguing question raised by this supposition is who initiated the tawdry and salacious campaign against Chief Harrell and Officer Olvera and more importantly, why?

Is it because he is not doing his job well, or is it because he is doing his job well independent of the varying local political persuasions or influence?

The town of Highlands will probably pay out a lot of money to the Olvera family, as well it should, if allegations in the EEOC complaint are substantiated. We taxpayers will foot the bill for this embarrassing stain on the town, all apparently for someone's perceived political advantage or perverted ambitions.

The matter should be fully investigated by the law firm representing Officer Olvera and the EEOC and the real operatives who devised this scheme should be outed and held accountable.

Highlands' citizens are and should be

served by a police department that is allowed to function independently of undue political influence, or even worse, the ambitions of some strong-armed politician.

Since we all will be called upon to foot the bill, we all deserve the truthful answers. We citizens of Highlands should also be able to look forward to the day that racial, ethnic and gender discriminations are all relics of the past so we can move into the 21st century with basic decency and grace and not have to endure again what will be an agonizing process in the mitigation of the damage done to Officer Olvera's and Chief Harrell's families while in the employ of, and in service to, the Town of Highlands.

The well meaning people of Highlands

should rise to the occasion and unite to repudiate this shameful episode or chapter of the town's history.

Charles Dasher
Highlands

• THANKS •

Family grateful

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude to the wonderful people that make Highlands, NC a special place to live. For the past few weeks, my family and I have made many trips across Main Street as we moved our business to a new location. During many of

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• CLARIFICATION •

Captain Forrester not part of complaint against Town

Attorney Ed Buckley and Erika Olvera – the subject of the May 6 article "Ex-police officer files EEOC complaint" want it understood, that though Captain Forrester's name appears in the EEOC complaint as indicated in the following sentence – "Buckley said Olvera's is a Title 7 claim where only the employing entity is held responsible not individuals, though individuals' conduct is considered an issue in such cases. Individuals identified in the EEOC complaint are Town Manager Jim Fatland and Highlands Police Captain Forrester" – it is ONLY because he was the one who delivered the message from Town Manager Jim Fatland, as explained later in the article as indicated by the following sentence:

"According to Olvera's complaint statement, Captain Forrester then relayed a message to her from Town Manager Jim Fatland, saying she was no longer allowed to be in a car with a male officer."

Attorney Buckley said Ms. Olvera says Captain Forrester has been a big supporter of hers, and she believes in this situation he was only delivering the message of the Town Manager.

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... ABC BOARD from 1

Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) boards in NC are established and operated with no state funds, through the sale of spirituous liquor, approximately \$250 million in revenue is generated annually. Distributions benefit the state's General Fund and the cities and counties where alcohol sales are allowed. Total revenue distributions during fiscal year 2009 amounted to \$258,711,498.

But according to a recent study presented to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, North Carolina's ABC system is outdated and needs modernization.

With the possibility of the state garnering more control over the ABC system, the Macon County Commission, the Highlands Town Board and the Franklin Town Board recently signed resolutions in opposition to the possibility of change to the system.

"We hereby support the continuance of the ABC system and oppose any efforts to privatize the system, diminish local control or diminish the local government revenue stream afforded local ABC store profits," reads the resolution Highlands Town Board unanimously passed at the April 21 Town Board meeting.

ABC boards are accountable to the local government and profits go back into the local community and government but the study suggests that profits would increase with more oversight.

"Selling liquor in North Carolina is a \$692 million business enterprise, and a business of this size needs active management. Some boards are barely profitable, whereas others return is good," reads the report.

Based on profit margins calculated by the ABC Commission, local boards are divided into three profitability levels of less than 5%, profits between 5% and 9.9%, and profits of 10% or more.

Though the study shows that ABC Boards in tourist areas are more likely to have profit margins exceeding 10%, Highlands ABC Store's 2009 profit ratio was just 4.41% and Franklin's was 5.53%. The study suggests low profit percentages mean shifting retail patterns and other inefficiencies.

Total income for the Highlands ABC Store in 2009 was \$1,465,050. This includes liquor sales to the public at \$1,246,308; liquor sales to mixed beverage permittees at \$199,161; fortified wine to the public at \$13,703; and interest income at \$5,878.

Total expenses including cost of goods sold — \$797,512; operating expenses — \$304,832; and other expenses of \$5,091 was \$1,107,435.

Total paid in taxes including excise tax, mixed beverage tax to the Dept. of Revenue, mixed beverage tax to the Dept. of Human Services and Rehabilitation Contribution was \$293,274.

Highlands profit before distributions was \$64,341 – or 4.41%

Statutory Distributions included \$1,132

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• OBITUARY •

Rose Milling Monroe

Rose Milling Monroe, 95, long-time summer resident of Highlands, NC, died Friday April 30, 2010 at her home in New Orleans, LA. She was predeceased by her husband, J. Raburn Monroe and daughter Marcia Monroe Kelly Conery. She is survived by her daughters Linda Logan Monroe and Alice Monroe-Nelson, by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the New Orleans Town Gardeners, Garden Study Club or to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

• MILESTONES •

Lewicki and Rawlins graduate



Megan Hyatt Lewicki



Callie Rawlins

On Sunday, May 9, Megan Lewicki and Callie Rawlins, Highlands School Class of 2006, graduated with honors from Appalachian State University. Megan earned a BA in Theater with a minor in English. Callie earned a BA in Theater with a performance concentration.

Megan will spend the summer in Highlands before heading to Chicago. Callie is spending the summer in Boone performing in the "Horn in the West" before moving to Asheville.

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undergarments and socks, and gift cards for specific retailers and phone cards.

Drop-off locations for donations are Reeve's Ace Hardware, Whiskers, Highlands Pharmacy, Highlands Office Supply, High Country Photo, Dusty's, Highlands Paint & Decorating, Animal Wellness Hospital, Wholesale Down, The Dry Sink, Big D 240 (Old 64 Stop & Shop), Main Street Pharmacy, Farmer's Market, Whole Life.

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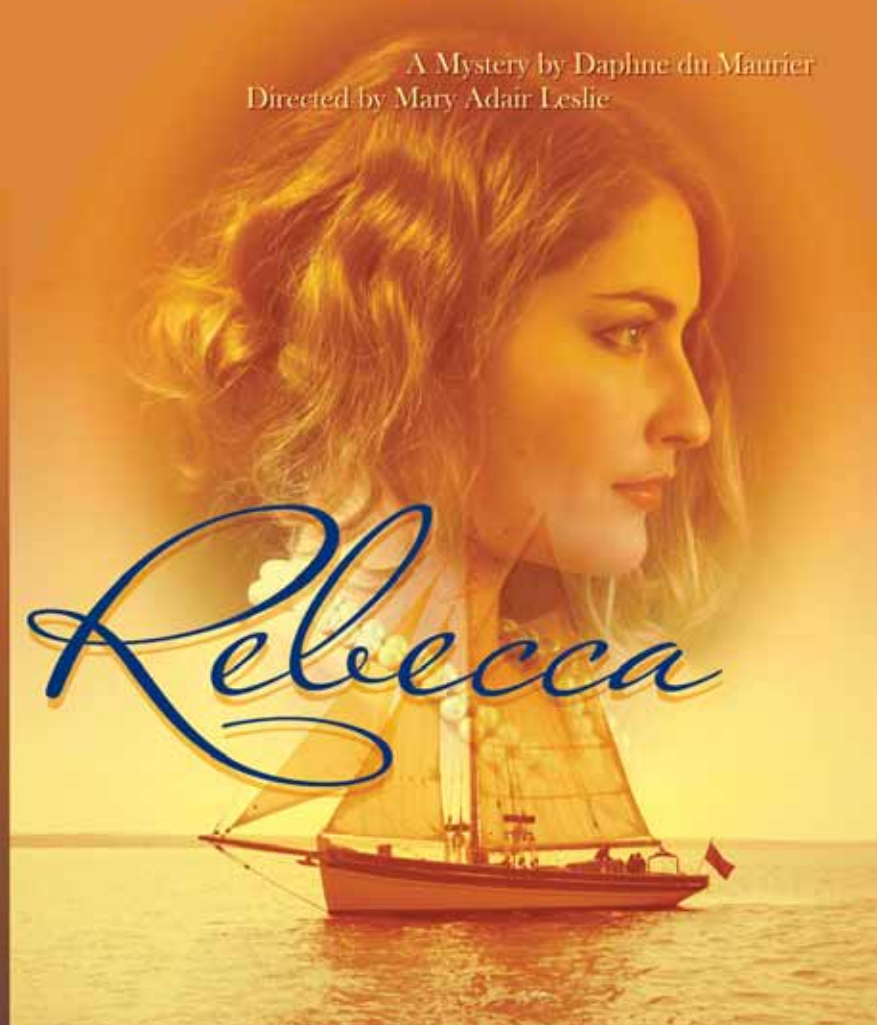
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Beware the census taker ... Is he a conspirator?

Because most of the political stuff I write is slightly right of center, my e-mail is always loaded with messages from the far right wing folks trying to get me to write about those dastardly left wing conspirators and their evil activities. I try to explain my position but they don't believe me. They ignore me when I make fun of George Bush and the massive corruption in the Republican Party. They simply don't believe I despise all politicians. They see what they want to see.

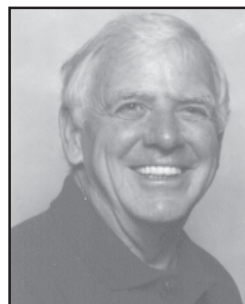
I will admit, because our country seems to be headed to the far left, I have nudged my feelings slightly more to the

right. So sue me. I never claimed to be fair and balanced.

And who anointed Snopes.com the last word in honesty? Supposedly, when one receives information that seems outrageous, they can go to Snopes for the truth. I do it, not knowing why. Duh!

Having said that, let's talk about the census, a national head count that shouldn't be a threat to anyone. Whoa, you should see my e-mail site. For example, are you aware our government is going to ask how many guns you own, along with the serial numbers? Then later, they can come to your house in the dead of night and confiscate them. They also want to know your nationality because they plan on rounding up all the people with European ancestry and locking them up. And do they really want to know how many teeth I have left in my mouth? Is it any of their business if I own a meat grinder? Why do they need to know if I ever owned a car that was recalled and was it foreign or American? This is a terrible invasion of my privacy.

I enjoy watching Glen Beck, known as Mr. Psycho Talk by the lefties. He smells a conspiracy in everything the government does. For me, that's a turnoff but he's a great history teacher. When he says something that seems outrageous, I race to Snopes to check him out. If its history related, he's always right. There's still so much I don't know about the first 100 years of America.



Fred Wooldridge

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Of course, Glen teaches with a strong right wing twist and is hated by the Democrats. I think he currently has five books on the best seller list. I'm impressed. I have a book that's been sitting in my computer for over a year I can't get published. Of course, I'm not Glen Beck or Hillary Clinton... thank God, I'm not Hillary Clinton. Anyway, I took his advice about the census form.

When our form finally arrived in the mail, none of the questions my right wing friends said would be on the form were there. Actually, my library required more information than was asked by the census.

Are we all getting a little nutsy here?

Still, I only answered questions one and two and mailed it in. They can call my library for the other stuff. The Constitution says I only have to answer questions one and two so I did. Of course, the Constitution also says all men are created equal (ha) and we know most of the guys who designed our Constitution owned slaves. Soooo, I don't get too worked up over what's in the Constitution.

I feel sorry for census takers. For starters, they only visit people who have thrown away their census form. As a rule, these are very angry people because our country is so polarized right now.

I'm guessing most Democrats answered all 10 questions and mailed the form back. Many of the others may be

waiting on their front porch with a shotgun between their legs waiting for the census taker to come and take away their God given rights to privacy.

True story. I was doing a "Meals on Wheels" run for a census taker friend of mine in Highlands and, as I approached the farmhouse in my car, I spotted a guy sitting on his front porch with a rifle between his legs. *Does he think I'm the census taker?* I thought to myself. When I got within shouting distance, I stuck my head out of my car window and shouted, "Don't shoot, I have food." The old guy waved me in. When I stepped onto his porch, I asked, "Did ya think I was the census taker?" He grinned and said, "Nah, they already know not to come here. I'm waitin' to shoot that dad-gum fox that's been eatin' my chickens."

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

... from the history guy

May 13, 1948
Ben-Gurion read the Israeli
Declaration of Independence:

Nu, you heard the news?
Now there's a country just for Hebrews.
The British, as they were required,
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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

What's in a name?

Three of our nurses have had babies in recent months. I'm happy for them, but, frankly, not about their choice of names for their offspring. They are Madison, Grayson, and Tatem. Spell check doesn't even recognize Tatem. It thought I meant Totem, which might not be that bad, especially for a child from British Columbia. I should offer a prize for any reader who can guess the sex of all three.

When I was a kid you could be confident Joan was a girl and Steve was a boy. My childhood playmates were Pete, Larry, David, Billy, and Chuck. Larry's younger brothers were Lonnie and Lannie. I didn't realize it at the time, but maybe that was the first hint of baby name games. By the way, spell check doesn't like Lannie any more than it liked Tatem. It suggested that I'd probably misspelled Lonnie. I didn't. Lonnie was the middle brother, but even Google would have no way of knowing that.

Except for George Foreman, who named each of his six sons, George, I've never known siblings with identical first names. In today's fluid society, identical last names aren't that common either. There are lots of good names. Duplicating them must cause considerable confusion at bedtime, especially if the Foreman's and anything like the Walton's. "Good night, George." "Good night, George." "Good night, George." "Goodnight, George." You get the idea. George either lacked imagination or suffered from utter arrogance.

Madison ranks as the seventh most popular girl's name in 2009, according to the Social Security, which keeps track of such things. It's also the capital of

Wisconsin. "Son" at the end of a name used to mean, son of. Times have changed. Joining Madison among the most popular girl names are Brooklyn (37) and Savannah (40). I wonder how many honor the city of conception. I don't think my nurse has ever been to the upper Midwest. Sydney is in the top 100, which adds an international flavor. Sofia (36) and Victoria (48) get passes. I know Victoria was a queen before it was a Canadian city, and I suspect the same is true of Sofia. Peyton (37) and Payton (84) made the grade. I don't have strong feelings about Payton, except that if I saw it on an application, I wouldn't know if it was a man or woman. I'm less confused by "Peyton," which should be reserved for quarterbacks. Who's to say, we won't see girl quarterbacks in the future?

I don't understand the unisex name thing. Every few years some designer tries to persuade men that they should wear skirts, but the idea never catches on, except among silly, mostly older men of Scottish descent. Unisex names are the thing. Shannon Somebody was admitted to the Citadel several years ago. The school's intolerance of female students suggests that she wouldn't have been accepted if her name had been Kate.

Lizzie's brother was wed in a big wedding down at Pawley's Island. His bride had 14 attendants. I was in the wedding although I was well past time for such an honor. The truth is that Matt had to



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scramble to find 14 men to maintain balance. Hardly any of the maids had an easily identifiable "girl name." The maid of honor was Scott. Cross my heart, "Scott." Maybe it's a southern thing.

I failed to mention Ronnie, who was another of my childhood friends. His father was Marion, which one can argue is the masculine form of "Marian". OK. Try to explain Marion's brother,

Ronnie's uncle, Sharon. In those days, we all found the choices pretty odd. The

difference is that today, I seem to be the only one who notices.

A few years ago I was having lunch with a group of nurses, one of whom was pregnant. She revealed that she had chosen "Carson" for her unborn daughter's name. I don't think her middle name was "City," but I kind of hope it was. She asked me if I liked it. I answered, as tactfully as possible, that I preferred a name that didn't obscure a person's sex. She responded, somewhat indignantly, "You should criticize names. Your son is named Bull."

"Like it or not," I answered, "there's no doubt about his sex," and added as an afterthought, "even if he might be a farm animal."

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to law enforcement, \$1,585 to alcohol education, and \$2,400 to the town of Highlands – a total of \$5,117.

Total income for the Franklin ABC Store in 2009 was \$2,477,328. This includes liquor sales to the public at \$2,202,445; liquor sales to mixed beverage permittees at \$243,078; fortified wine to the public at \$25,997; and interest income at \$4,854; and other income at \$954.

Total expenses including cost of goods sold — \$1,355,380; operating expenses — \$486,999; was \$1,842,379. Zero was entered

in the "other expenses" category.

Total paid in taxes including excise tax, mixed beverage tax to the Dept. of Revenue, mixed beverage tax to the Dept. of Human Services and Rehabilitation Contribution was \$498,020.

Franklin's profit before distributions was \$136,929 – or 5.53 %.

Statutory Distributions included \$3,521 to law enforcement, \$4,929 to alcohol education, and \$55,369 to Franklin – a total of \$63,819.

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Burqa Mentality in the Blue Ridge

I read, and I write for, Highlands' Newspaper, a weekly paper with a modest circulation. The publisher/editor, also my editor, is Kim Lewicki. She ran an article in last week's issue that was excellently written and edited, and worthy of sharing with my national audience.

The week before, Erika Olvera, a former police officer in this town, filed an EEOC Complaint against the Town of Highlands. My family's experience with Officer Olvera was limited, but we found her to be diligent and capable. She worked for the town for 3 1/2 years. She is a naturalized American from Mexico, who has lived in this area for about 20 years.

About six months after she was employed by the Highlands Police Department, a nasty rumor circulated that she had had an affair with Police Chief Bill Harrell. (In a small town, everyone hears everything.)

I said at the time the rumor may have nothing to do with her, but may be an effort by one of the other officers to undermine the chief. Suffice to say, Chief Bill Harrell is married.

The rumor got worse. By November 2009, it claimed that she had gotten pregnant and had an abortion, paid for by Harrell. In January, 2010, she was called into Highlands Town Manager Jim Fatland and Town Attorney Bill Coward. She was questioned about the rumor, and denied all matters. Eleven days later and at the request of the Town Manager, she took and passed a polygraph exam on the same questions.

Talk on the street is that Chief Harrell was also subjected to and passed a polygraph, but this isn't his story and that issue has not been verified.

There is more to the article and the complaint, but stop there and ask yourself a few questions. Why was Officer Olvera the only person called in for questioning? Why were she (and possibly the Chief) the only ones asked (demanded, really, when keeping your job is on the line) to take a polygraph exam?

I was in a lunch shop several months ago. One of the other officers was there and we started a conversation. Out of the blue he told me the nasty rumor. (I know of some of his prior conduct, and think he should be fired like a shot for an entirely different situation he was involved in.) My point is, if I knew he was one of the rumor mongers, the Town Manager and Town Attorney should have known, and acted on that knowledge.

The last item was that Officer Olvera



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drove one of the other officers home during a rain storm at the end of their shifts. Five inches of rain or a foot of snow in one day is not unusual, here. And, as she said, "I have a four-wheel drive vehicle. He did not." The Town Manager then decided that she should "never ride in a patrol car with any male officer." Since all of the other officers are male,

that made her effectively unable to respond to serious situations in which two officers are required.

The thinking behind that prohibition is, of course, right out of the pages of fundamentalist Islam. It is, all men are dogs, and the mere presence of a woman in close proximity will drive them to think wild thoughts and do nasty things. He might as well have required her to wear a burqa on duty. "Oh, the woman in the bag is our new policewoman."

The Town of Highlands is, in my judgment, going to lose big in this case. It deserves it. It earned it. But if it does not identify and fire all who permitted, encouraged, and contributed to this outcome, it is doubly foolish.

If you pay a few hundred thousands of dollars to learn something, it is beyond stupid not to apply the knowledge you have gained.

As for Officer Olvera, I hope she finds a new job where the department appreciates a capable officer who is diligent, smart, and bilingual.

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... ABC BOARD from 5

The study also indicates that boards with limited profitability also have the highest operating margins: boards with profit margins less than 5% had an average operating margin of 23.7%; boards with profit margins ranging from 5% to 9.9% had an average operating margin of 18.1%; and boards with profit margins of 10% or more had an average operating margin of 14%.

Based on the data, the study says local boards with the lowest operating margins also are the most profitable because these boards are more efficient.

"Since existing statutes limit the ability

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• COACH'S CORNER •

My favorite sports movie quotes

OK, so this particular column requires some audience participation. I'm going to list my favorite sports movie quotes of all time, and you have to guess the movies. If you want to enter this little contest, just submit your answers in email form to writer1980@hotmail.com.



Ryan Potts
tryanpotts@hotmail.com

The winner of this here little contest will receive effusive praise in this column next week, as well as a "prize" that I can dig out of my extensive memorabilia collection (also known as the garage). Of course, you can always cheat by Googling these, but where's the fun in that?

1. "Believe me, as a bowler, I know that right about now, your bladder feels like an overstuffed vacuum cleaner bag and your butt is kinda like an about-to-explode bratwurst."
2. "It's in the hole!"
3. "Juuuust a bit outside"
4. "Well you're better than any player I ever had. And you're the best ***** hitter I ever saw. Suit up."
5. "Get him a body baaaaagg"
6. "You're gonna eat lightning, and you're gonna crap thunder!"
7. "I'll make it"
8. "Damn you people. Go back to your

shanties."

9. You're 5-foot nothin', 100-and-nothin', and you have just a speck of athletic ability. And you hung in there with the best college football team in the land for two years. And you're gonna walk outta here with a degree from the University of Notre Dame. In this life, you don't have to prove nothin' to nobody but yourself.

10. Don't try to strike everybody out. Strikeouts are boring! Besides that, they're fascist. Throw some ground balls — it's more democratic.

11. Larry's not white. Larry's clear.
12. My prediction...pain!
13. Pick me out a winner, Bobby.
14. If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball.
15. You're killin me Smalls.
16. Goldberg...you're the goalie, it's supposed to hit you.
17. Shake and Bake.
18. Captain Insano shows no mercy.
19. Hey Pop, the time you hit Hazen in the mouth, was it worth 30 years.
20. Uh, Lord, hallowed be Thy name. May our feet be swift; may our bats be mighty; may our balls... be plentiful.

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of the North Carolina ABC Commission to effectively and efficiently manage the ABC system, a change in legislation would be required for the North Carolina ABC Commission to enforce minimum standards for operation and profitability, and effectively help boards make changes to improve operations," it reads.

The study also contends that the state hasn't clearly defined the mission of local ABC boards which has affected profitability.

Proponents say modernizing the current ABC system by defining the mission of local boards, would provide the North Carolina ABC Commission with management tools for better oversight of the boards, as well as modify outdated statutes for ABC store elections and purchase-transportation permits.

Specifically, the report recommends optimizing profitability through efficient store operation, distributing revenue back to the community, providing access to conveniently located ABC stores, providing excellent customer service, and ensuring appropriate control of the sale of liquor.

To finance technical assistance, the study suggests authorizing the ABC Commission to levy a bailment surcharge up to 10 cents per case to create a non-reverting revolving loan fund to pay for technical and financial assistance for local boards that would result in increased efficiencies in store operation and improvement of the ABC system in North Carolina. The bailment surcharge

would be levied until the loan fund receives \$2 million.

Based on an average of four million cases a year, it would take five years for the proposed fund to reach \$2 million.

Furthermore, based on criteria established by the ABC Commission, a local board would select an agency store to sell liquor in its jurisdiction and monitor its operation. The suggested contract fee for the agency store is one-third of the current board mark-up, or 13%. The remaining board mark-up would be available for distribution to the community.

The agency store model allows local boards in rural areas with low populations to ensure their residents have access to liquor in an efficient and effective manner and the community receives revenue from the sale of liquor.

Program evaluators of the current system who made the presentation to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee said the governor's office continues to consider the recommendations of study committee, "but no decision has been made yet."

Questions asked of Mayor David Wilkes, who also sits on the local ABC board, about how suggested changes would affect both the town of Highlands (as mayor) and the way the local ABC store operates (as ABC board member) were not available by press time.

— Kim Lewicki

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for condemning property to improve roads and the subsequent compensation to property owners is a long one.

First the parcels of property along the road are appraised. Then it's condemned. Then work begins and once finished the parcels of property affected are appraised again.

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"We didn't want the road and its too bad its there," said Johnson. "I wish it could be put back the way it was. I feel sad over this whole thing. It's such a disaster - the time, effort and expense this has entailed over the past 10 years."

At the May 6 Town Board meeting, Commissioner Amy Patterson said it looked like the material used to "pave" the road - a chip and seal mixture used instead of asphalt to give a road more of a "country road" feel - isn't holding up to traffic.

Town Engineer Lamar Nix agreed but since it's a secondary state road it's up to DOT to maintain and repair it. He said every year or every other year, DOT spot repairs state secondary roads but eventually the entire road will need to be resealed.

As of press time, attorney Coward and Johnson's attorney Scott Jones of Asheville were still in court so the outcome of the trial is not known at this time.

- Kim Lewicki

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these trips, members of the community offered a helping hand to make our load a little lighter.

We are truly grateful to everyone for their help and to be a part of this great community.

Jerry Moore & Family, Kilwins

Junior Class says 'thanks'

The Class of 2011 wishes to thank all involved in the success of the 2010 Highlands School Junior/Senior Prom. Prom was hosted by the Juniors - Class of 2011 - at the Farm at OEI on Friday, May 7.. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Delany, Tracy Brandes, and the entire OEI staff who so generously allowed us to use their venue. Thank you to Johannes Klapdohr, executive chef at OEI, who provided us with a wonderful menu for our special occasion, it was an amazing meal. Thank you to David Sims at Highlands Lawn and Garden for the beautiful greenery and flowers. Thank you to David Bea for providing the music. Thank you to Ashly Coppage and the parents of the students in the Junior Class who have shown their support through years of fundraising. Thank you to the Junior Class sponsors: Sally Taylor, Carol Bowen, Chris Green, and Brett Lamb. Thank you to the Highlands community for its support during fundraising - your support was vital to make the prom one to remember forever. We appreciate all of you for making prom a night of dancing, smiling, laughing, and for the memories made.

- The Class of 2011

• CONSERVATIVE POV •

We have met the enemy... and it is us

POP QUIZ - What's the difference between the Eurozone and the European Union?

Time's up. I didn't have a clue either, so since the news is full of Euro this and Euro that, I thought I'd better look into the matter.

Basically, it's pretty simple. The Eurozone consists of 16 European counties that have adopted the euro currency as their legal tender. It mostly consists of Old Europe except for England (the pound Sterling, you know). On the other hand, the European Union is an economic and political union between 27 countries, located primarily in Europe.

You have heard much about the current administration pushing us towards a "European" form of Socialism. This essentially means that the tax rate is high and they are "nanny" states. Big Brother will manage your life from cradle to grave. Frankly, I was very surprised when the EU formed. I thought national pride would prevent the sacrifice of sovereignty necessary to form such a union.

In some respects, it made a great deal of sense. Going through closed borders every few hundred miles was a colossal pain to travelers. Changing currencies every other day was not only inconvenient but costly, since the money changers always took their piece. I obviously can't speak from the point of view of a European resident, but I'm sure there were real advantages.

The reason for the attention given to Europe currently is the deteriorating financial condition of Greece. What created the dilemma? The Prime Minister of Greece is George Papandreou, the president of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement Party. Other prominent parties include the Communist Party of Greece, the Coalition of the Radical Left and the Popular Orthodox Party.

As nearly as I can determine, Greece's problems resulted from the stranglehold that labor unions had on the government, which created unrealistic working conditions, broad and deep entitlement programs, inefficiency and corruption.

Now, when it becomes evident that Greece has borrowed and spent itself into bankruptcy, or close to it, they have to be bailed out by other members of the EU, principally Germany.

In trying to hold the Eurozone together, and to be assured the Greeks won't be back looking for more help down the road, the Germans are insisting that the



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Greeks take drastic measures to bring their liberal policies into reality. The labor force, which has been spoiled for decades, are rebelling in the streets, encouraged and enabled by labor leaders, protesting such draconian measures (wink, wink) as ending the policy of retiring at 45, for being paid for time not worked and many other absurdities. This is the inevitable result of labor and government

being in bed together for too long.

Let's see how our current situation compares to Greece's.

The election of 2008 was dramatically effected by the participation of the SEIU, many of whose members are employed by government and the health care industry. Thuggery and intimidation played some part in the result. Much of the bailout money went to shore up the domestic car makers. So, the country goes (further) in debt to the benefit of the labor unions.

From Conn Carroll of The Heritage Foundation. "Andrew Stern, President of Service Employees International Union, told The Las Vegas Sun last year, 'We spent a fortune to elect Barack Obama - \$60.7 million to be exact - and we're proud of it.' President Obama is well aware of his huge debt to the SEIU. That is why he admits in his autobiography, 'I owe those unions.' And it also explains why Stern is the most frequent Obama White House visitor, according to official visitor logs.

Stern's access to Preident Obama has already paid huge dividends including an \$862 billion stimulus that prevented states from having to cut back government union jobs or wages; \$2.5 trillion in new government health-care spending, much of which will go to unionized health-care providers; and the appointment of SEIU associate general counsel Craig Becker to the National Labor Relations Board."

Let's recap. Greece's government coddles labor, going into great debt to do so. They get to the point where they are on the precipice of defaulting on their debt.

The US coddles labor, going into great debt to do so. Interest on our debt takes more and more of our budget. Is the day far away when China demands that we reform our labor practices and get our financial house in order? How will the organized workers respond? Mayhem in the streets? Martial law imposed?

The fool says, "it will never happen here." It's the direction Obama is taking us, and it may not take long to get there.

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Patients are rarely seen prior to the day of surgery and, even if they are, time is not taken to get a detailed history, to explain the procedure, and to get to know the patient--personally and professionally. Often the initial visit is moments before beginning the surgery. Then, when the anesthetic begins, the anesthesiologist is supervising 3 or 4 nurse anesthetists and can't stay in one place very long. That is why I came to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital: we care for our patients one person at a time.



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David Bee
Prestige Realty

banks generally present a “counter-offer.” It may be at a higher price than you expect, but they have to demonstrate to investors, shareholders and auditors that they attempted to get the highest price possible. You should plan to counter the counter-offer.

Your offer or counter-offer will probably have to be reviewed and approved by several individuals and companies. Even once an offer is accepted, the bank

may insert wording like “..subject to corporate approval.”

Property Condition

Banks always want to sell a property in “as is” condition. They will allow you to get all the inspections you want (at your expense), but they may not agree to do any repairs. They want inspections to typically be between 7 and 14 days.

Your offer should include an inspection contingency period that allows you to terminate the sale if the inspections reveal unanticipated damages that the bank will not correct.

Even though you agreed to “as is,” always give the bank another opportunity to make repairs or give you a credit after you've completed your inspections. Sometimes they'll re-negotiate to save the transaction instead of putting the property back on the market, but don't take it for granted.

Most banks will not provide financing on their REOs but it doesn't hurt to ask. Especially if the property has extensive damage and you are purchasing it “as is.” However, realize that these are two different “areas” within the bank....loan department and REO department. Many times one has no connection with the other.

Making the Offer

Now you are ready to make an offer and buy this great investment. Here are some key things the bank will want. 1) Earnest money given at the time of the offer. 2) A short inspection period. 3) No contingencies or very few. 4) If a cash offer, proof of funds. 5) If contingent on a loan, a pre-approval letter. 5) A 30 to 45 day closing.

If your offer is accepted, you will then see an offer addendum that removes all liability from the seller such as mold, lead based paint, etc. This will need to be signed with NO changes in order to be accepted.

For more detailed information on dealing with foreclosures, REO's or short sales contact David Bee or Dennis Hall at Prestige Realty.

REO vs. Foreclosure

An REO (Real Estate Owned) is a property that goes back to the mortgage company after a foreclosure auction. If there was enough equity in the property to satisfy the loan the owner would have probably sold the property and paid off the bank. That is why the property ends up at a foreclosure or trustee sale.

Foreclosure sales usually begin with a minimum bid by the lender that includes the loan balance, any accrued interest, plus attorney's fees and any costs associated with the foreclosure process. Foreclosure auctions vary from state to state and county to county, so make sure you understand the process where you are bidding before you actually bid. Since what is owed to the bank is almost always more than what the property is worth, very few foreclosure auctions result in a successful sale to someone other than the lender. Thus the property “reverts” to the bank. It becomes an REO, or “real estate owned” property.

REO Properties For Sale

The bank now owns the property and the mortgage loan no longer exists. The bank will handle the eviction, if necessary, and may do some repairs. They will negotiate with the IRS for removal of tax liens and pay off any homeowner's association dues. As a purchaser of an REO property, the buyer will receive a title insurance policy and the opportunity to investigate the property.

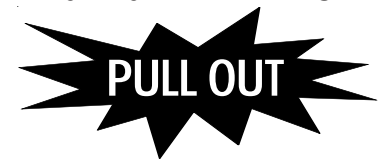
A bank owned property might not be a great bargain. Do your homework before making an offer. Make sure that the price you pay (if you're successful) is comparable to other homes in the neighborhood. Consider the costs of renovation, including time to complete them. Don't get caught up in a “bidding war” and pay over market value. It's an old myth that “foreclosures” are always a bargain.

How Banks Sell REO's

Each bank/lender works a little differently, but they all have similar goals. They want to get the best price possible and have no interest in “dumping” real estate cheaply. Generally, banks have an entire department set up to manage their REO inventory.

Once you make an offer to purchase,

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



Ongoing

• 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.

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• 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 (5/20)

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 home-schooled. 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 Society at (828) 787-1050.

Through Aug. 13

• Mountain Fresh Foods has Relay for Life Star Cards for sale.

Sundays

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

Mon. & Wed.

• Pilates Classes at the Jane Woodruff Clinic, 1st floor, at H-C Hospital taught by Sandie Trevathan at 4 p.m. Amat class for all levels. For info call 526-5852. (4/15)

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& Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 10:4. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (4/29)

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

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

First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays

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

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.

Wednesdays

• Wednesday Preschool Creativity

Classes for Parent and Child (ages 2 1/2-5) 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.

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Kelsey Kids camp starts 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 9-11 who are residents of Highlands. They may be students at any school or may be home-schooled. 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 Society at (828) 787-1050 or email highlandshistory@nctv.com.

PULL OUT

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary 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 a.m.

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

- The Homegrown Buds, a home-school 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

- NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will have a support group meeting the first and third Thursday of each month. For information contact Carole Light, Ph.D. at 828-526-9769 or Ann Nandea at 828-369-7385

Friday & Saturdays

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

Every Third Saturday

- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Short-off Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 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).

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.

Mon.-Thurs., through May 15

- The Macon County Senior Games hosted by the MC Recreation Department. Events are scheduled over a 4-week period. For more information, call 828-369-0832 or 838-349-2090. Registration deadline is April 20. Forms are available at the Highlands Rec Park.

Thurs., Sun., May 13-23

- Highlands-Cashiers Players to perform Rebecca at PAC, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, call 526-4084.

Thursday, May 13

- Taize in Highlands is Thursday at 5:30 PM. at the 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.

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

- A reception to honor all cancer caregivers at Fressers Eatery at 7 p.m. For more information about this year's Relay for Life of Highlands and for upcoming events go to www.relayforlife.org/highlands.

- The League of Women Voters of Macon County will feature a program about public transportation at Tartan Hall in the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin. Kim Angel, Director of Macon Transit, will talk about current and future public transportation issues in Macon County, the region, and the state. She will discuss services available, legislative priorities, and the outlook for increasing public transportation in the future. The program will begin at 12:15. The public is invited. Lunch will be served at noon by reservation. Lunch is \$6 at noon. 524-5192 or lwvmacon@wild-dog-mountain.info.

Fri. & Sat., May 14-15

- Barbara Zaretsky will teach a fiber art workshop, "Creating Pattern on Fabric: Block Printing," at The Bascom for all levels. Cost is \$175 Bascom members, \$195 nonmembers. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Saturday, May 15

- The Greenway Committee Workday begins at 9 a.m. in the Rec Park lot on Foreman Road. Needed are people to plant trees, lop and pull brush, operate the Canycom tracked wheelbarrow and the Yanmar mini-excavator. Training provided. Call 526-2385 or email hmquin@verizon.net.

- Celebration of Life – You are invited to celebrate the life of Mary Hair, wife of Jud Hair, at 11 a.m. at the Community Bible Church with lunch to follow.

- CLE presents Tae Kwon DOS: The Gentle Art of Computer Self-Defense from 10 a.m. to noon at PAC. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call the CLE office at 526-8811 for ticket information.

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- Highlands Playhouse will hold auditions by appointment only on Saturday from 10 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Loretta Newton at 828-526-2695. The following parts are available for Lettice and Lovage: The Surly Man, Bard-off, Ms. Farmer, Lettice. Applicants should be in the age range of 30-60 and must be available for a 10 day rehearsal period and a 10 day run of the performance from Aug. 2-Aug. 22.. Applicants should bring resume, headshot and read for part and must have the ability to do an upper class British accent.

- Friends of Panthertown Trail Work Day. Meet at the Cold Mountain parking lot by the bulletin board at 9:30 am. For more information, go to www.j-mca.org or contact us at 828-526-9938 (ext 258) or friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 16

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Park Creek Trail along the Nantahala River in the Standing Indian area. Meet at Westgate

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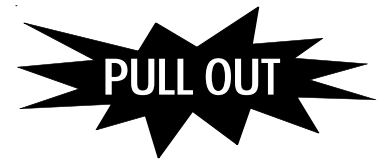
Martin Lippincott Performing Arts Center
507 Chestnut Street Highlands, NC

Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfasts begin Saturday, May 29



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 newly remodeled historical school house from 7:30 to 10:30. A delicious hot breakfast will include either plain or blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee for \$5.50 adults and \$3.50 for children. Weather permitting some dining will be outside on the decks. Funds raised at the Pancake Breakfasts go toward the club's Scholarship program and other charities in the community. After Memorial week-end the pancake breakfasts will be held every 4th Saturday through October. For more information, please call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors and children ten and over are welcome but no pets please.

Monday, May 17

• The Jackson County GOP will meet on Monday at 7 PM for a General Meeting at Ryan's in Sylva. Among the items of business to be discussed are final plans for the group's Red, White and Blue Gala to be held on May 22nd at the Balsam Mountain Inn and a discussion of the official primary election results. For additional information call Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County GOP Chair at Republican Headquarters, 828 586-9895 or at 828 743-6491.

Wednesday, May 19

• The Rotary Club of Highlands 21st annual Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday at Trillium Links and Lake Club, with a shotgun start at noon. Get together a foursome and sign up for an afternoon of golf and good fun. 100% of the money raised by this annual event is used to fund local Rotary projects and community needs. Registration for individual players is \$125, which includes golf, followed by an awards ceremony and a buffet supper. Call Rotary member Brian Stiehler at (828) 787-2778 to sign up.

Thurs.-Sun., May 20-22

• Elder G. Jones will teach a sculpture workshop, "Wet Carved Concrete - Planters for the Garden," at The Bascom for all levels. Cost is \$295 Bascom members, \$320 nonmember. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Thurs.-Sat., May 20-22

• Marc Chatov will teach an oil painting workshop, "Facial Features Workshop," at The Bascom for non-beginner to advanced students. Cost is \$450 Bascom members, \$475 nonmembers. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• Collective Spirits wine festival at The Bascom. Proceeds benefit art education and exhibition programs. Events include private wine dinners, grand wine tastings with both value wines and rare bottles, a gala dinner, live and silent auctions, a culinary sampling by local chefs, and symposiums conducted by leading wine specialists. Tickets are on sale now at www.collectivespirits.com or by calling (828) 526-4949.

• The Toxaway Falls Garden Club is hosting its first Native Plant Sale at Whistlin' Dixie Garden Center located on Hwy 64 in Sapphire. The proceeds of this sale will go to the Garden Club's scholarship fund which awards scholarships to worthy students of Rosman High for their college education. These students qualify for the scholarships by previously participating in the Tigers Junior Garden Club at T.C. Henderson Elementary School. Hard to find native plants not usually available from garden centers such as: Flame Azalea, Pinkshell Azalea, Southern Bush Honey-suckle, Iris Cristata, Echinacea 'Sundown' (Coneflower), Hepatica Americana, Heuchera Americana 'Dales' (Coral Bells), Phlox Stolonifera (Creeping Phlox), Tiarella Cordifolia (Foam Flower), Sedum Ternatum (Stonecrop), and Carex Pennsyl-

vania (Mounding Sedge) will be available. The sale is 8 am to 5 pm on Thursday and Friday, and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday. This is a cash or check sale only with first come, first serve. Come early for the best selection!

Thursday May 20

• At the Nature Center, Dr. Stephen Tilley will explain what makes Highlands Salamander Central Station. The Highlands Plateau has a wonderful diversity of salamander species. Learn why and what the salamanders can teach us about our environment. Lectures will be held at 7 PM each Thursday evening through Aug. 5 at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Road in Highlands. For a full schedule of lectures, as well as information on other programs and resources available at the Highlands Biological Station, please visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

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

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Susan Rebecca White will sign copies of her latest book, "A Soft Place to Land" at 5:30 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

• A movie at the Cashiers Library at 3 p.m. "Bright Star" is set in 18th century England and stars Abbie Cornish and Ben Whishaw. This film tells the true story of the love between the poet John Keats and his spirited muse, Fanny Graves. Rated PG. Movies are free, but donations are appreciated.

Saturday, May 22

• CLE presents Buddy Dean: Growing Dahlias in Highlands and Cashiers from 10 a.m. to noon. \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Call the CLE office at 526-8811 for ticket information.

• Jackson County GOP Red, White and Blue Gala Fundraiser. The Red, White and Blue Gala, a sit-down buffet dinner, Republican fundraiser celebrating U.S. patriotic traditions, will be held at 7 PM at the Balsam Mountain Inn. Entertainment includes reinactors of Abraham Lincoln, Ben Franklin, Teddy Roosevelt and Martha Washington as well as Uncle Sam, a grand raffle and patriotic auction featuring one of a kind items and other Americana collectables. Tickets are \$50 per person. For individual reservations or to reserve hosted tables for 6 or 8 call Carol Adams at 828 743.1658. For sponsorships call Melisa McKim, Sponsor Chair at 828-507-7900. Additional information can be found at www.jacksoncountygop.com or by calling GOP Headquarters at 828 586.9895, Ralph

• See EVENTS page 14

HCP veteran Zuch to perform in 'Rebecca'



The Highlands-Cashiers Players is proud to present Daphne du Maurier's classic mystery, *Rebecca*, running May 13-16 and May 20-23 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

Our Director, Mary Adair Leslie, is an HCP Board Member and has appeared in twelve plays, most recently *Dixie Swim Club*, *Accomplice* and *Crimes of the Heart*. Earlier, she performed in *The Octette Bridge Club*, *Dirty Works at the Crossroads*, *The Exact Center of the Universe*, *Proof*, *Stepping Out*, *Parallel Lives*, *Our Town* and *I Remember Mama*.

Making her directing debut in 2006 in *Plaza Suite* in HCP's production of *Simon Suites*, Mary Adair has since directed *Parallel Lives* in our 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 seasons, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* and *An American Daughter*. She has also served in the key position of stage manager for several HCP productions and is the owner of Summit One Gallery, located in "The Galleries" on South Second Street in Highlands.

One the most important tasks of directing any theatrical production is the casting. Mary Adair has assembled a wonderful group of talented actors, who each bring a diverse style to their character. The two lead characters are being played by Matt Eberz and Kathryn Cochran.

Matt, plays Maxim de Winter, the wealthy, aristocratic owner of Manderley. Matt acted on stage for the first time in HCP's

production of *The Dining Room*, in 2009. He has been living in Highlands for five years, having retired from extensive service with the military and from Corporate Computer Systems Development. Matt and his wife, Rebecca, own John Schiffli Real Estate in Highlands. Matt is also a talented author, having recently completed his third novel, "Honor for Sale," which is set in Highlands.

Kathryn (Katie) plays Mrs. de Winter, the new, young bride of Maxim de Winter. Katie recently co-directed, along with Kirk Howard, HCP's production of *The Dining Room*. She has performed in many HCP plays, including *Rumors*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (for which she also served as choreographer), *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, *How the Other Half Loves*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Second Time Around*, *The Dining Room*, *Dirty Work at the Crossroads* and has read several HCP holiday programs. With the Highlands Playhouse she has performed in *My Fair Lady* and *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, and has danced with the *Robert Ivey Ballet* in Charleston. Katie grew up in Highlands and attended The College of Charleston, where she majored in Anthropology and minored in dance. She currently works for the Highland Hiker.

The entire cast has brought their characters to fruition and will thoroughly entertain the audience. Call the box office: 828.526.8084 for tickets.

Church plans Hymn Sing



First Presbyterian Church will host an old fashioned Hymn Sing at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. Those attending may choose a hymn they wish to sing from the 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal. Songleader will be Stell Huie with Angie Jenkins at the piano. Also featured will be soloists Wayne Coleman and Bob Wright who will sing spirituals. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street. Please make plans to attend for an enjoyable hour of singing and Christian fellowship.



Ongoing and Upcoming Events

ph Slaughter, GOP Chair at 828 743.6491 or Jim Mueller, Fundraising Chair at 828 743.3057.

Fri.-Sat., May 21-22
• Relay for Life fundraising. Heather Mangum will be fundraising @ Bryson's

Parallel Lives lives again at PAC



Bretha Stroud and Jenny King as Mad & Syvie.

The Performing Arts Center announces "PAC Small Stages Productions," a joint venture with the Highlands Cashiers Players the two non-profit groups will produce plays with minimal sets, as the label "Small Stages" indicates.

In the Gershon-Cohen auditorium the thrust stage will be set up on the auditorium floor. Tables and chairs will be arranged cabaret style to achieve the more relaxed ambience of the intimate theater experience. Wine, beer and snacks will be available for purchase.

Celebrating the Performing Arts Center Tenth Anniversary PAC's Small Stages will present HCP's production of **Parallel Lives** on Friday, May 28th and then continues for the next two weeks in June.

Parallel Lives by Mo Cafney and Kathy Najimy was a HBO movie back in the '90s. Written by the two comedians, the play is a series of vignettes addressing women's issues, young and old. All of the parts are played by women... male and female parts!

The hilarity ensues as you meet Mad & Syvie, Candida & Mrs. Kenny Rogers, Hank & Karen Sue, the Disney Moms, and more.

"A smart, provocative show."—Variety; "Uproariously funny!"—Broadway World.

Parallel Lives contains adult

language and situations.

It begins with a pair of feisty Supreme Beings on stage discussing color choices for a brand new invention: life on earth. What follows is a series of vignettes that collectively form the play **Parallel Lives**.

The play intends for audiences to say to themselves, "I've been there" or "I know someone just like that."

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. (excerpts from a review by Scott Karlan for The Californian).

Many of the areas favorite actresses will be performing in **Parallel Lives**: Jenny King, Jennifer Royce, Ronnie Spilton, Carla Gates, Marlene Alvarez, Betsy Miller, Bretha Stroud (returning to recreate her roles), Laura Miller, Diane Rossaza, and new comer Melanie McKenna.

Parallel Lives will be presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 4, 5 & 6; and continuing Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 9, 10, 11, & 12. All performances will begin at 7:30pm. Call the Performing Arts Center for tickets: 828.526.9047.

Market from 11am-2pm selling Sun Stars & Feet Cards, Scratch & Donate Cards, Purple Bows, Luminaria & Tiki Torches.

Sunday, May 23

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Mon.-Fri., May 24-28

• Town of Highlands Spring Clean-up. The street and sanitation departments will pick up items you would like taken to the dump. Simply deposit them outside your home for pickup.

Monday, May 24

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its initial 2010 meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library. Speakers will be Walker Parrott and Landon Lipke of Davidson River Outfitters. Following the presentation, a raffle will be held featuring a full day, two person float trip on the French Broad River fishing for smallmouth, provided by Davidson River Outfitters. Everyone is welcome! Call 828-885-7130 for more information.

• Mirror Lake Association meeting at the Civic Center at 6 p.m.

Tues.-Fri., May 25-28

• Karen Weihs will teach an oil painting workshop, "Still Life: Out of the Garden," at The Bascom for all levels. Cost is \$400 Bascom members, \$425 nonmember. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• Joe Frank McKee will teach a ceramics workshop, "Advanced Throwing Techniques," at The Bascom for non-beginner to advanced students. Cost is \$375 Bascom members, \$400 nonmembers. Registration is going on now. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

Thursday, May 27

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Sat. & Sun., May 29 & 30

• Village Square Art & Craft Show at Highlands Rec Park, 10 - 5. Regional artisans, food, face painting, music, fun for the whole family. Free. (828) 787-2021 for info.

Saturday, May 29

• 7th Annual "Salamander Meander" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 pm, ages 7 – adult. Join herpetologists on a night search to observe some of the area's magnificent salamanders in the wild. Bring rain gear and a flashlight. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs for more information.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4-mile, moderate to strenuous work hike with the ATC Konnarock trail crew in the vicinity of Tellico Gap. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 8 a.m. Drive 60 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. No pets please.

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Sun., May 30

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate two-mile hike on Lake Chatuge trails at Jack Rabbit Mtn. near Hiawassee GA. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 55 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy shoes. Call Leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820 please.

Tues. - Sat., June 1-5

• Patchwork Folk & Fabric Festival *Traditional Folk Demonstrating Traditional Skills* in Cullowhee, NC at the Jackson County Recreation Center at 88 Cullowhee Mountain Road. Classes and festival. For more information, call 828-293-3053.

Container gardening tips from the Mountain Garden Club

By Emily Compost

There are many reasons to consider container gardening. Impaired mobility may keep you from traipsing around your yard. Condo/apartment living has limited your gardening space. Your soil isn't suitable. Or to some, the thought of tilling a little garden plot brings thoughts of plowing the back 40 and you just never get around to it.

Whatever the reason, container gardening can ease your way into gardening in a very rewarding way.

The first thing to consider is the amount of sun available. Full sun plants require six plus hours of direct sunlight while partial shade plants require three to six hours. Full shade plants still need up to three hours of sunlight. You will also need a convenient water source. Next consider combinations of plants. It is perfectly fine to have a tomato plant at your front door, but why not mix it up a bit and add a flower or two to

the same container?

Tomatoes produce the best yield when planted in pots at least 20" wide and with soil 24" deep. When adding flowers, consider a slightly wider container. Good flower companions for tomatoes are marigolds and cosmos.

Herbs are excellent in vegetable container gardens. Basil repels insects while garlic repels red spider mites. Parsley, sage and mints add beautiful foliage around the base of other plants.

Another beautiful container garden is a hosta paired with ferns and a shade loving flower such as astilbe, foam flower, or coral bells. Assorted containers grouped with different varieties of hostas make a nice addition to a deck or entryway.

There will be many plants great for your containers at the annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale, Saturday, May 29, 9 am to 1 pm at the town ball field on the corner of Hwy #64 and Hickory Street.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Live the four C's



Pastor Paul Christy
Highlands United Methodist Church

As I ponder some thoughts for the paper this week, I was reminded of a funeral I attended several weeks ago. Now doesn't that grab your attention? What a way to start an article for the paper by talking about a funeral, right? But this funeral was for my sister's father-in-law. He lived in Ashe County and he had been an old timey mountain doctor for about 50 years in and around the town of Jefferson, NC. In fact, he had been my doctor for a few years when I lived in Ashe County.

He was one of those larger than life figures that we meet sometimes in life. He was from the Mennonite Church there and while I have a stereotype for most Mennonite persons, Dr. Kurtz did not fit that stereotype. He rode a motor cycle for most of his life, but several years ago when he had some heart problems, he began riding a bike. He didn't do anything half-hearted because when he began riding his bike, he became the first person to ride his bike up Mt. Jefferson 1,000 times. He was good doctor, a good dad to his kids and a good community member. I give that little bit of back ground because at his funeral many people spoke of what a difference he had made in their lives.

The funeral lasted two hours and five minutes, and yes I timed the funeral. They had three preachers who each preached. Dr. Kurtz had four children and each one of them spoke, and there was music. He was a good man, but two hours and five minutes? Now I hope you know I am just kidding about the length of the service, but I wanted to write a couple of things about my good friend Elam Kurtz.

At the service his children spoke of the influence their dad had given their lives. One of his daughters, an attorney in Atlanta said this; "Dad always told us as his children that we were to help others out, regardless of their situation in life and one of his best quotes was this, poverty is not an option, it is a lack of opportunities." I love that quote because if you think about it is true. All too often people say that those who live in poverty choose to be there. But what if we began to realize that it may not be a choice, it may be a lack of opportunities one has been given. That struck me as a pretty profound statement and I wanted to share with you this week.

The other memory I have of Dr. Kurtz was this. When I was preparing to get married to my wife, I went to Dr. Kurtz for a pre-wedding physical. (You used to have to do that before you got married) He gave me the physical and then he said, "Paul before you get married, I want you to remember the four 'C's' of marriage. I thought, "Here we go with someone else giving me advice," but listen to what he said.

See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 17

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
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Wednesday: Men's Bible Study - 8:30 a.m., First
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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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Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6
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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Hospital's Wellness Center, HealthTracks, is set to celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day May 26th.



Walter Bankston, of Cashiers, is the newest Member of HealthTracks Heart Disease Prevention Program

In honor of the National Senior Health and Fitness Day celebration, HealthTracks has added a new heart disease prevention program to their array of medically based programs.

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States for both men and women. Major risk factors for cardiovascular disease are age, smoking, high blood pressure, high serum cholesterol, diabetes and obesity. “As most of us know, we are experiencing an epidemic of obesity and diabetes in this country,” said Director of HealthTracks, Yvonne Smith (MHS, RD, CDE).

“Instead of being focused on only treating diseases, we need to see an increased emphasis on prevention, specifically in the form of lifestyle interventions. These interventions primarily include: consuming a heart healthy diet, weight control, increases physical activity and abstinence from use of all tobacco products.”

Prevention not only refers to the development of disease but to the development of heart disease risk factors. Prevention is also aimed at those with diagnosed risk factors who have not yet developed any manifestations of cardiovascular disease.

The Heart Disease Prevention Program is physician supervised and individually cus-

tomized to each participant. The plans include nutrition counseling from a registered dietitian and diabetes educator, personal training sessions and an exercise regimen. “Regular physical activity has been shown to help decrease, lower LDL cholesterol and Triglycerides, raise HDL cholesterol, improve insulin sensitivity, and reduce the risk for coronary heart disease and stroke. It can also aid in weight loss maintenance and may prevent weight gain,” said Smith.

The largest gains in reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and promoting good health to our community are confirmed with education and action, said Smith. “All of our Wellness Programs and Healthy Life Style classes are medically based and monitored by health professionals.”

“Yvonne Smith and her staff of nurses and exercise specialists work in close conjunction with board certified physicians, nurses specializing in cardiac care, dieticians, counselors, physical therapists and other medical professionals to make sure all programs are safe, as well as effective. Our goal is provide our community with the tools needed to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle,” said Frank Leslie, VP of Operations.

For more information about joining The Heart Disease Prevention Program, please contact (828) 526-1FIT or 526-1469.

• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital scores high on patient satisfaction surveys

Patient satisfaction survey findings for the first quarter of 2010 show Highlands-Cashiers Hospital scoring in the 96th percentile for the 4th quarter in a row. The survey was comprised of numerous elements of patient needs, based upon nationally accepted benchmarks for patient care, including a timely and smooth admission process, quality care, communication from patient to care giver and physician expertise.

"The core measures addressed in our survey are based upon the Joint Commission standards, which is the nations' leading organization that accredits hospitals and other healthcare providers. Each patient is mailed a survey after they are treated at our hospital. Every aspect of the returned surveys are documented precisely," said Linda Suther, the hospital's Director of Nursing.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (or JCAHO) is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care. JCAHO sets national patient safety goals and during the accreditation process, officials review: the accuracy of patient information, effectiveness of communication among caregivers, safe use of medications, the reduction of health care associated infections, accuracy of patient identification, and the reduction of patients resulting from patient falls, amongst others.

HCH also fares well during each follow-up validation survey by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). By federal law, CMS is required to perform its own survey of at least five percent of those hospitals that elect to undergo Joint Commission review to recheck that private organization's findings. Hospitals that wish to accept Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement must be periodically reviewed by either The Joint Commission or CMS.

"Participating in the patient satisfaction surveys and the accreditation processes of both JCAHO and CMS, assures that although we are a small community hospital we meet the same criteria as the large city hospitals. It is not mandatory that we undergo the

accreditation process, or conduct surveys, but we do because we want to be the best facility possible," said Frank Leslie, VP of Operations. "It's an important part of our continued commitment to provide our community with the best possible care."

Since 1976, The Joint Commission has awarded HCH the prestigious accreditation to the hospital, its nursing center, and Highlands-Cashiers Hospice. The commission, which employs more than 600 physicians, nurses, administrators and other experts as surveyors, evaluates and accredits more than 12,000 hospitals and more than 7,000 other health care organizations throughout the country. Accreditation is voluntary and must be renewed every three years.

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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

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The four "C's" are this: Christ — always keep your faith as part of your relationship. Commitment — you show your commitment everyday to your mate. Communication — you should always talk and share your dreams with your mate, and Compassion — you need to always have a heart for compassion with your mate and with others.

Dr. Kurtz was a good doctor, a good community man but more importantly he

was a good man, who had a heart for loving and caring for all people. Wouldn't it be great if that could be said of each of us, that we had a heart for loving and caring for others?

As you venture through this week I just encourage you as I do myself to have a heart of compassion for others. Because when we have a heart of compassion for others we began to change the world, and isn't that what Christ did?

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Drafting students learn firsthand at The Bascom



David Cashion's drafting class from Highlands School visited The Bascom April 30. Bascom instructor Patrick Taylor told the students about the construction of the art center's covered bridge entrance, as well as the repairs that are being made to a corn crib on-site. They toured the Studio Barn, used for pottery and other three-dimensional art education, and saw some of the work of their fellow students from Highlands Schools art class. Taylor showed the students blueprints used in construction of The Bascom, explaining what a valuable asset it is to be able to read and follow blueprints. The class also walked through the three levels of The Bascom's main building to see how the old barns combined with the required modern construction material to form today's structure. From left are Cashion; students Chris St. Germain, Ricky Reyes, Spencer Ferlita, Cord Strawn, Temba Lama, Harrison Hall and Cody Houser; and Taylor. For more information about The Bascom, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Rotary Bingo benefits Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society



The Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society to sponsor Bingo on May 6 and raised over \$1,400, all of which goes to support our local humane society. Jeannie MacLeod won \$300 in the Super Bingo game. She is shown with CHHS executive director Cassie Welsh, Rotary President Paul Schmitt and Rotary President-Elect Jodie Cook.

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nance Officer Angie Cook, “but I don’t see how we can overlook these items.”

The board agreed to ask the county for help on some of the capital outlay expenses which is what Horton was referring to Monday night.

After the budget is presented May 24, a budget worksession will be held on Thursday, May 27 and if needed more worksessions will be scheduled depending on how far the commissioners get Thursday night.

Board members hope to have the budget available to the public on the county website and in hard copy at the county’s libraries and at the courthouse a couple of weeks before the public hearing on the budget.

As required by General Statute, the public hearing has been set for Monday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners’ board room.

Chairman Ronnie Beale said it will be moved to a courtroom if more space is needed.

Following the public hearing, the board will likely further tweak the document which by law must be adopted by June 30, 2010.

Horton said the plan is to adopt it at the June 28 meeting at the latest.

Chairman Beale said he and accompanying commissioners were going to discuss proposed state budget cuts that will affect Kids Place, the Methodist Home and mental health services in Macon County at a meeting in Raleigh on May 12.

“Kids Place and the Methodist Home are important facilities,” he said. “If we can rescue teens and make them productive citizens it’s money in the bank for Macon County.”

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The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from May 7. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

May 7

- At 8:03 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Oak Street where four bears were in the garden.
- At 8:46 p.m., officers were called about multiple dogs barking in the vicinity of Paul Walden Way.

May 8

- At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 28 and 3rd Street.
- At 2:16 p.m., officers assisted another agency concerning a carbon monoxide alarm.
- At 4:50 p.m., Silver Eagle reported a necklace valued at \$2,000 missing.
- At 9:55 p.m., officers responded to a disabled vehicle at Buttermilk and NC 106.
- At 4:14 p.m., officers assisted the fire department at Whiskers where a fire had started on the railing of the back porch. It was put out with an extinguisher.

May 11

- Officers were called to Brushy Face about an unknown vehicle in the area.
- At 3 p.m., a resident on Sagee Drive called about receiving harassing phone calls.
- During the week, police officers responded to 1 alarm and issued 10 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from May 5:

May 5

- At 10:52 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm that went off due to burning food at a residence on Dixon Drive.

May 6

- At 9:44 a.m., the dept. was first-responders at a residence on NC 106. The victim was taken to the hospital.
- At 11:01 a.m., the dept. was first-responders at a residence on Wahoo Trail. The victim was taken to the hospital.

May 7

- At 9:07 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on White Clover Lane. The victim was transported.

May 8

- At 9:59 p.m., the dept. responded to call about a strange smell in a crawl space at a residence on Hummingbird Circle. A gas can had turned over.

May 9

- At 3:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire on a railing of a porch behind Whiskers. It was put out with an extinguisher.

- At 3:53 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Pine Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

May 10

- At 8:57 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Rainbow Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

- At 12:11 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a home on Hemlock Circle. It was false.

May 11

- At 5:09 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a home on Hemlock Circle. It was false.

- At 9:57 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a home on Mountain Shadows Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

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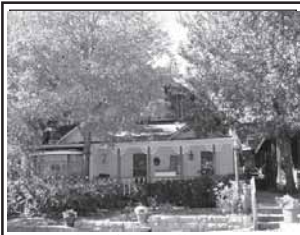


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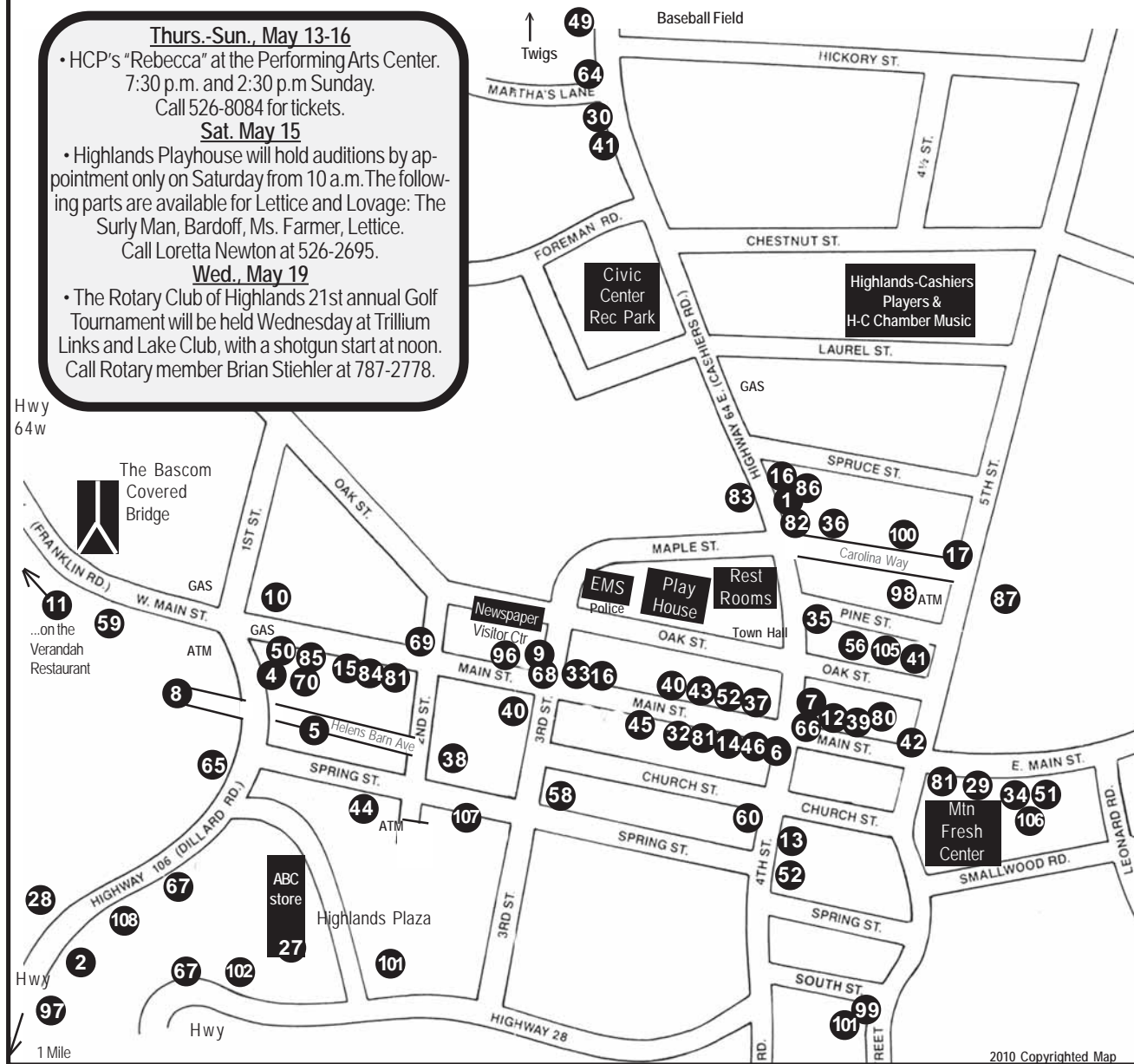
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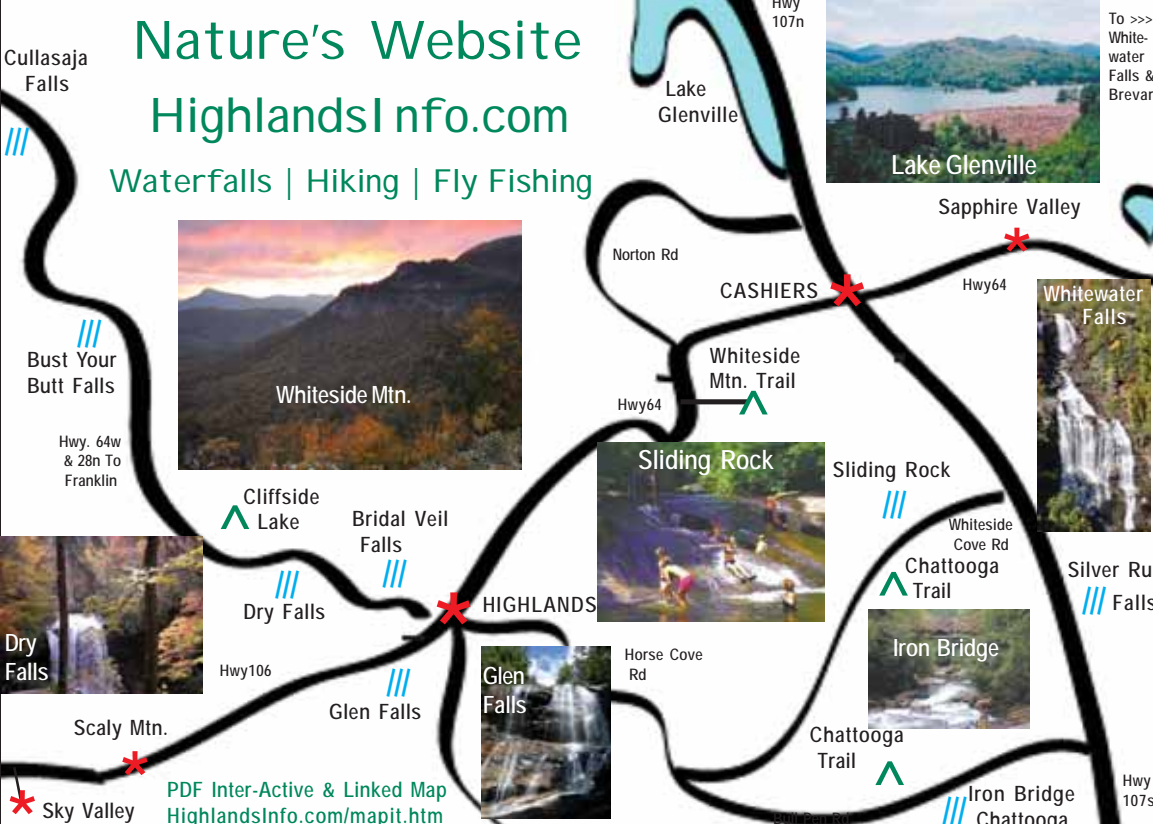


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