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This Week in Highlands

Thurs.-Sun., May 20-23

- Highlands-Cashiers Players perform 'Rebecca' at PAC, 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets, call 526-8084.

Thurs.-Sat., May 20-22

- Collective Spirits wine festival at The Bascom. Call 526-4949 for tickets.

Thursday May 20

- At the Nature Center at 7 p.m., "What makes Highlands Salamander Central."

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

Friday, May 21

- Whiteside Mountain Café and Grill at H-C Hospital's midday cook-out Friday 11:15 a.m. through 1:30 pm. \$4.95 per person.

Saturday, May 22

- CLE presents Buddy Dean: Growing Dahlias in Highlands and Cashiers from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 526-8811 for tickets.

- The Literacy Council of Highlands hosts its "Family Literacy Fair" is 1-3 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. Call 526-9938

- At Cyprus, Johnathon O'Brien from O'Brien Entertainment playing the best in dance and top 40.

Fri.-Sat., May 21-22

- Relay for Life fundraising. Heather Mangum will be at Bryson's Market from 11am-2pm.

Sunday, May 23

- At First Presbyterian Church an old fashioned HymnSing at 5 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., May 24-28

- Town of Highlands Spring Cleanup. Simply deposit them outside your home for pickup.

Monday, May 24

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

- The Art League of Highlands meeting at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center Rec.

- At H-C Hospital, Lunch & Learn noon -1 pm "Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention."

Thursday, May 27

- Taize at 5:30 PM. at Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at the Nature Center. Photographer and author, James Valentine with "Southern Appalachian Celebration at 7 p.m. Free.

Town to construct dog park at Rec Park

A park just for dogs and their people will soon be incorporated on Rec Park property, but the vote didn't come easily nor was it unanimous.

At the May 19 Town Board meeting, commissioners heard a presentation by the Dog Park Committee, which worked with the town's Recreation Committee, to find a suitable place on town prop-

erty for a dog park, to design the park and to outline rules and regulations concerning the park.

With a 3 to 2 vote, the board agreed to supply the land, and pay to construct the park with town crews and some outside contract work for no more than \$17,000. The estimated cost to construct the park using town crews came in at \$17,339.

The dog park will be located at the back northwest corner of the Rec Park which is bordered by the Rec Park paved parking lot and the Rec Park gravel lot off Foreman Road and will include the picnic shelter area.

Entrance to the ½ acre park will be from the gravel parking lot off Foreman Road into a fenced,

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Victory claimed in latest Bowery Road case

Both sides claim victory at the latest Bowery Road trial which ended May 12.

In The Town of Highlands vs. Mildred Johnson the jury handed down a verdict of \$43,881 last week.

"She wanted \$149,000, so I guess the outcome was good for the town," said Town Attorney Bill Coward.

In addition to the verdict, the landowners in the Bowery Road condemnation cases get 6% interest per year from when the case was filed — which was in 2004 — on all amounts over the town's deposit per case, which was \$1,000.

"So the total amount Johnson gets is about \$65,000," said Coward. "If the verdict had been the \$149,000 she wanted, she would've gotten approximately \$224,000, so again, I think the town came out well."

Likewise, Johnson's attorney, Scott Jones with Cloninger, Barbour, Searson, Jones of Asheville, said he is pleased with the outcome.

"We did pretty well," said

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Highlands Schools Bevan Schiffli with Kate Stonich, Google Trainer and Lisa Landsman, Google Agency Relations Leader, in front of Bevan's Google Doodle that has placed her in the Top 40 finals in the "Doodle for Google" contest. Photo by Jim Lewicki

Schiffli's Google doodle puts Highlands on the map

When looking back, almost everyone traces inspiration to a teacher and it's likely Bevan Schiffli, a junior at Highlands School, will credit art teacher Sallie Taylor for urging her and her classmates to enter Google's "Doodle 4 Google" contest — an act that has made Bevan, well, a little famous.

"Mrs. Taylor actually made it a requirement for all of us in the Art III class to do a doodle," said Bevan. "I actually put off doing the project

until the day it was due, but I remembered that she told us to keep pushing ourselves forward and good things will eventually come. Then it took me two days to complete my piece."

Taylor submitted six entries and then everyone waited.

Last week, Taylor learned that of the 33,000 submissions from across the nation, Bevan's design entitled "Branch Out" was select-

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Resident loses ZBA appeal

The appeal of a decision made by the Highlands Zoning Administrator was lost by a resident on Holt Road who was cited for erecting an illegal building in the R1-ETJ district.

At the May 12 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, members heard the violations cited by the zoning department — placement of a manufactured home in the R1-ETJ and failure to get a zoning certificate from the town prior to construction, renovation, alteration, repair, moving or demolition of any existing building.

The town contends that WJ Peacock of 70 Holt Road set up a permanent park-model home on one of four pads in a RV park on Holt Road. The park's use was grandfathered as a non-conforming use because it was established prior to ETJ.

Peacock contended that the building is an RV and not a manufactured home, though the structure has been secured by a concrete curtain and utilities have been perma-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

I'm angry

Dear Editor,

I'm not angry that Officer Erika Olvera filed an EEOC complaint against the town of Highlands. And I'm not angry that life became so intolerable for her she had to quit her job. In time, she'll discover that was a wise decision and I wish her well. No, I'm angry because this is about to cost the taxpayers of Highlands and that includes me, a whole, whole bunch of money. Now that's a sound reason to be angry.

During my career as a police manager, I experienced several EEOC complaints against my department. They all involved minorities. It was always ugly; we always lost and it always cost us a huge amount of money. Once, our police chief was fired because he knew of the allegations made against the department and chose to do nothing.

This complaint is about as ugly as they come. Officer Olvera is a Mexican born American who had a good record as a police officer. She chose to quit after passing a lie detector test, proving the allegations against her were false. The harassment must have been intolerable for her to give up such a good job. She was not allowed to have a male police officer in the car with her? Brilliant ... just brilliant. Cha ching, cha ching!

In every EEOC complaint my department experienced, white male officers with small brains had made life hard for a minority. Worse, this case involves sexual allegations about the chief of police which she and the chief deny. Then the Town Manager jumps in and asked for a lie detector examination. She takes it and passes. It can't get any worse for Highlands.

For the sake of my pocket book, will the town of Highlands do something about this ... and fast? Large police departments have an Internal Review Unit to investigate such allegations. Highlands cannot investigate this kind of complaint internally. It would be like asking the fox to find out who ate the chickens.

Before this matter comes before the EEOC for review, find a police agency with an Internal Review Unit who would be willing to come in and find out what went on here. Disciplinary action must be swift and severe. If the town can show it took fast and deliberate steps to have these allegations investigated, then maybe the possible six-figure settlement won't be as pricy.

Fred Wooldridge
Highlands

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



More on the Olvera story

This week Town Manager Jim Fatland confirmed that both Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell and Officer Erika Olvera submitted to a polygraph test to verify their denials of an affair, pregnancy and subsequent abortion.

He also confirmed that the Town of Highlands has hired Andrea Holland as a new police officer in the Police Department. Holland was an auxiliary police officer for the Town of Highlands and worked full time for the Macon County Sheriff's Department. Holland's starting date is May 31.

When asked if Holland would be allowed to ride in a police car with a male officer, Fatland said the town does not have a policy prohibiting male officers from riding with female officers.

However, in her EEOC complaint, (See story in the May 6 issue) Olvera states even after passing the polygraph she was later informed that she was no longer to be in a vehicle with a male officer. The complaint states that fellow Captain R.L. Forrester relayed that message to her from Town Manager Jim Fatland.

- Kim Lewicki
Publisher

• THANKS •

Thanks Dr. Amy

Dear Editor,

My name is Bandit O' Neil, my Mother & Dad are Dr. Bob & Jane O'Neil. March of last year I was diagnosed with liver and kidney problems and given three months to live by my doctor in Florida. I came to Highlands to spend my last (short) summer with my Mom and Dad and my Brother Lucky and Sister Zoey.

My Dad had to give me fluids every 3 days with an IV setup. I didn't like it at all but I was brave for my Mom. When Dad went back to Florida every other month he asked Dr. Amy Patterson to give my fluids, without this treatment I would have died within a few days. She took good care of me even though I was not very good with needles. I went back to Florida and died at my home there in November. Had it not been for Dr. Amy taking care of me when my Dad went home I would have never made it as long as I did.

I should have written sooner but I have been having such a good time playing with my Brother Tinker, and Sisters Buffy and Spunk. It's very nice here in Animal Heaven but I miss my Mom and Dad. Thank you Dr. Amy for helping me enjoy my last summer in Highlands.

Bandit

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• OBITUARIES •

Michelle Marie Cutshaw

Michelle Marie Cutshaw, 48, of Franklin, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

She was born May 5, 1962, in Toledo, Ohio. She was the devoted daughter of James "Gene" Cutshaw and Elaine and Mark Baldwin. Michelle loved to garden and enjoyed crafts and painting. She lived life to the fullest and was a caring friend and family member. She was a loving caregiver to her pets Petie and Baby.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother, Chris Cutshaw and wife Gerri of Highlands; her sisters, Kim Triebe of Highlands and April Metz and husband Carey of Houston, Texas. She was the favorite aunt of Krystal Durden, Ali and Hunter Cutshaw; Cole, Canon, Everett and Grady Metz.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Macon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society, PO Box 638, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at maconfuneralhome.co.

Sam Zachary

Sam Zachary, age 67, of Highlands, NC, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Bert and Callie Talley Zachary. He was a Property Manager for Sweetwater Farms, and was also a Building Contractor. He was a founding member of Dry Ridge Hunting Club, and was a retired member of Highlands Fire and Rescue after 25 years service. He was a US Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War, and was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. Sam was a loving husband, father and grandfather.



He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Frances Irene McCall Zachary; two daughters, Jennifer Zachary Buchanan and husband Chad of Clayton, GA and Priscilla Zachary Young and husband Greg of Franklin, NC; two sisters, Jessie Manley of Highlands, NC and Elizabeth "Tib" Swafford of Mountain Rest, SC; two

grandchildren, Hollis Meyer and McKayla Buchanan also survive.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles Zachary, Harley Zachary, Mike "Lard" Zachary, and George "Scrubby" Zachary.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 am at Pine Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. Greg Rogers and Rev. Walter Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Members of Dry Ridge Hunting Club will serve as pallbearers and members of Highlands Fire and Rescue will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Moriah Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Owens, 21 Pine Cone Drive, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Flood Victims of TN need HELP!

Now taking donations – Leaving Highlands June 6

A truck loaded with items destined for the flood victims of Tennessee is leaving Highlands June 6.

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specific retailers and phone cards, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, canned meat, fruit and vegetables.

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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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Mopey Dick (Maybe you know one?)

Here's another of my wonderful children's stories about a young, lazy, good for nothing overweight sperm whale that did nothing but float around all day and gorge himself on plankton. Mopey never exercised or did anything useful... kinda like Republicans. Do you have a Mopey Dick hangin' round your house? Even worse, are you a Mopey Dick yourself? If so, read this uninspiring story.

Once upon a time in an ocean far, far away, there lived a lazy, young sperm whale named *Mopey Dick*. Actually his loving parents, Bart and Mabel Dick, named him after

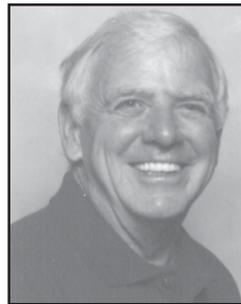
the famous legendary white whale, Moby Dick, of Captain Ahab fame.

Bart Dick could trace his bloodlines all the way back to the 1800s when the real Moby Dick swam the planet, probably when King Kong lived. If you believe any of this, I have valuable property in Florida's Everglades to sell you at a dramatically reduced price.

And for those who have been living on Mars... or worse, Otto, be aware that this horribly long, boring, drawn out novel I was forced to read my first year of high school for reasons I still don't understand, is about a wacko captain who became obsessed with capturing a giant white whale named Moby Dick.

For starters, who would name a whale Moby Dick? I'm sure there were Freudian reasons behind this. The novel was written by a scary guy named Herman Melville. Stop right there. Remember, children, never trust anyone named Herman. Do you remember "Pee-Wee Herman?" Now there's a squirrely guy who, if he had been born a sperm whale, would have been named "Weenie Whale" but that's another story.

Anyway, back to our story. Mopey's real name was, in fact, Moby, but when all the Dicks in the family saw how lazy and worthless Moby was, they nicknamed him Mopey. Is that fun, or what? Can you say Mopey Dick three times real fast? Listen carefully to my story, children, for there's a lesson to be learned here. It just might be very good to be



Fred Wooldridge

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a Dick.

One day, the Dick family decided to swim to the surface to slurp up some plankton, lie around and let birds pluck parasites off their skin. Is that disgusting, or what? I have never had a parasite plucked from my skin but I can only imagine it must be awesome. I think this is where the expression, "whale of a time," came to be.

Anyway, while hangin' out with other families of sperm whales, Mopey noticed a ship approaching

them at a fast rate of speed. But Mopey was too lazy to be concerned at what this might mean and continued to blob around on the surface, getting fatter and fatter on plankton.

As the ship got closer, Mopey noticed there were sailors scurrying about the ship in a frantic, frenzied manner, kinda like the Town Board does when Art Williams snaps his fingers.

Still, Mopey was too lazy to be bothered and continued to lay near the surface scarfing up plankton. One by one the whales left the surface, disappearing to the bottom of

the ocean, like summer people leaving Highlands in October. Poof, they're gone. Bart and Mabel called for Mopey but he was too busy getting plucked.

Then, without warning, the sailors fired their harpoon cannons at the Dicks, sending deadly spears into Mopey's side. Bart and Mabel saw this and dove for cover. Mopey didn't budge. He had so much blubber on him he didn't feel the harpoons strike him. The sailors were astonished to see their harpoons didn't get past his blubber. I know some people like that, don't you?

Mopey turned toward the ship and shot them a fin. At that instant, more harpoons were fired into Mopey's blubber. This time Mopey flipped his tail into the air, laughed at the sailors and dove to the bottom of the ocean with over a half dozen harpoons hanging on him. All the Dick family, including both white and sperm whales, gathered 'round Mopey to see such a sight. Mopey's blubber had saved him.

Soooo, little ones, repeat after me. "Blubber is good... more French fries, please." And remember this. When you get spanked, it doesn't hurt half as bad as when that boney little kid next door gets spanked. Also, if you do get spanked, call me for the Family Abuse Center hotline telephone number. Everyone who works there is a Mopey Dick.

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Its reputation precedes it

Mountain City, Georgia has a reputation as a speed trap. I drive through Mountain City twice a day several times a week. I've never been stopped, and I've seen relatively few cars being pulled. Mountain City is OK with me. I've seen two arrests in the last three weeks, but neither had anything to do with trapping speeders.

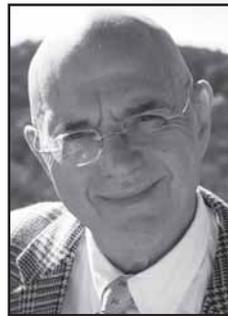
Bull and I entered Mountain City from the south. As we rounded the bend at the south end of town, we saw a State Trooper ahead of us. As I slowed to match his pace, an SUV sped past me then he passed the police car. He sped right past him without ever hitting the brakes. I told Bull that was the stupidest guy in the world, and for a minute, one of the luckiest. Maybe the Trooper was as startled as I by the brazen disregard for the law. It was disregard for the cop in front of him more than ignoring posted limits that astounded me.

A moment later the officer turned on his blue light and signaled the idiot to the side of the road. What did he expect? Maybe he thought the policeman would admire his courage so much that he'd ask him to be keynote speaker at the state convention, or ask him to be grand marshal at the Christmas parade. Of course not. He busted him. He had no choice. The honor of the force hung in the balance. Law enforcement depends more on our fear of apprehension than in our respect for law or safety. Its goal is to make the roads safer, but there are expenses, so what's the harm in givin' a guy 50 in a 40, when he's only doing 45, especially if he just disrespected you.

The second dumb driving leads to arrest story happened last Friday. I was

driving home when an approaching school bus stopped to discharge kids. Why do they discharge kids? Why don't they, "let them off"? Discharging sounds like something you should do with soldiers or gas. I stopped, as prescribed by law and good judgment. In my rear view mirror, I noticed a car approaching fast enough that I noticed. The car that passed was a black coupe, the kind of tin cans Detroit sold in the 70s, and passed off as economical. I couldn't describe the driver.

It's important to understand that from my vantage in the curb lane, I could see something behind the bus that was blocked from his view, a police car. As he passed the front of the bus, he was able to see the car behind. He slammed on his breaks, although by the time slowed, he was no longer a threat to the recently discharged



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children. I don't know how many points you get for passing a school bus, loading or unloading children, but he earned every one of them.

I'm sure it's seen as a pretty big deal in the capital. MADD, Mothers Against Dumb Drivers, and Father Flannigan's Boys Town instructed the legislature about how pleasant a dead kid can be for an incumbent in an election year. The trooper had to drive around the block to make the bust. The guy waited, weighing, I'm sure the chance of escape against the possibility of having his tires shot out in a high speed chase. Dumb guy, smart choice. I don't know what happened next. I was traveling north, heading home for the weekend, gambling that there wouldn't be two troopers in the neighborhood.

... from the history guy

May 20, 1873

Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patent the blue jean with copper rivets at the stress points

Though most of us would not choose to have ourselves a case of blues,

Mr. Davis and Mr. Strauss this cause would strongly espouse. And it was not done at all meanly, in fact, it was done most seamly.

They weren't the first, granted, to facilitate our being panted, but at the risk of being overly wordy I must praise them, because they made them very sturdy.

They had a vision, a plan, a dream, to make some clothes out of serge de Nimes,

and have a strong and lasting garment, so well made that nothing could harm it. but what they did different, and this is pivotal,

at critical junctions decided to rivet all. If you were these today and think you seem cool, thank these guys who improved the jean pool.

• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER •

Lady Highlanders end season with loss

By Ryan Potts

The Lady Highlanders hosted Hendersonville last Wednesday in the first round of the North Carolina state playoffs, losing 6-0.

Despite Hendersonville's high ranking, the Lady Highlanders looked poised to take an early lead as Sayne Feria was fouled and won a free kick in the opening minutes. A

perfectly placed free kick led to a great scoring chance, but Highlands could not find the back of the net and it became a missed opportunity.

Unfortunately for the Lady Highlanders, a team as good as Hendersonville will usually capitalize on opponent's misfortune and Wednesday was no different as the Lady Bear-

cats scored just five minutes later to take a 1-0 lead that they would not relinquish.

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• HIS & HERS •

Back in the USA

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

I got my ears pierced so that I could go on The Pill. Honestly, you can't make up this sort of thing. It was 1969 - April of my freshman year at Mary Washington. I was dating a senior at UVA. I don't mean to cast aspersions on that fine institution, but UVA seniors on dates generally don't content themselves to holding hands and looking longingly at the moon. Remember the Sixties? That was before the AIDS crisis, when the worst thing a good girl from a nice family could do was get pregnant. We even had an expression for it in high school. "She went to visit her aunt in Ohio," folks would whisper. Months later, the girl in question would return, sadder but wiser. No one ever asked what consequences - if any - befell the young man.



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Hanging around in my dorm, I'd overheard two conversations. I was in a dorm full of seniors, so the facts of life were delivered in pretty crude form. One girl had gone on The Pill, and had to go back two weeks later to make sure it wasn't making her sick. Another girl had just gotten her ears pierced, and had to go back in two weeks to make sure her ears weren't infected. "Ah-ha!" I thought, having a light bulb moment.

The next time I came home for a school break, I announced my intentions to Maman. "I'd like to get my ears pierced. All the other college girls are doing it!" My mother looked at me in stunned silence. First of all, the argument of "all the other kids are doing it" never worked in our house, since my parents thought the children of most other households were sluts, juvenile delinquents, or worse, disrespectful to their parents. Secondly, I had only recently decried the fad of pierced ears, stating that it made young women look like "Portuguese concierges," since up to then, most of the women with pierced ears I'd met were maids or housekeepers in Paris.

Despite her misgivings, Maman drove me to a local jeweler, where I picked out a pair of plain earrings. Then it was off to Dr. Anderson, our family doctor since I was a small girl. New in town in the early 1950s, we had picked out a doctor by looking in the Waynesboro phone book. Dr. Anderson, being an "A", was the first on the list. I wonder if we ever told him that!

My name was called, and I was

ushered in to see the doctor. He swabbed my ears with sterile solution, pierced my ears, and inserted the tiny gold studs. "I'd like to go on The Pill!" I blurted. "Excuse me?" he looked at me, puzzled. "I'd like to go on The Pill!" I wailed, bursting into tears. "You mean, you didn't want to get your ears pierced at all? You just got them done so you could see me?" he uttered, in amazement. I nodded miserably. He couldn't resist a chuckle. After all, it was a rather absurd situation. I explained to him that our family was not immune to shotgun weddings (not my parents, may I hasten to add!), and I did not want to bring shame and scandal to them.

Dr. Anderson patted my hand, and said the words I'll never forget. "I'd rather you come to me and be embarrassed, than come to me and be pregnant." He reached for his prescription pad, and wrote out a prescription for The Pill. He handed it over with a kindly look, completely lacking in any kind of judgment or disapproval. "Do you talk to your mother?" he asked. "Oh, not about sex!" I blurted. And in that, I don't think I was very different from many girls my age. Maman and I had never had "The Talk." In fact, the closest we'd ever come to it was one day when she said, "If you ever have any questions about sex, just ask me." I had replied that I didn't know enough to ask questions, and she'd left it at that.

So, there I was - armed with my prescription, and too mortified to fill it at any of the local pharmacies. Fortunately, I had a male friend - just a friend - a nerdy guy from UVA who had a huge crush on me. Resigned as he was to permanent buddy status, we hung out a lot, when I wasn't dating The Senior. He offered to go up to the counter, and drop off the prescription for me. We lurked around the store, pretending to read greeting cards. It was all very cloak and dagger. Finally, the PA system boomed. "Mr. Mead to the Pharmacy. Mr. Mead to the Pharmacy." Good buddy picked up my prescription, joined me and the two of us raced out of the store as if we'd just held up the cash register. Supposedly, the pharmacist had smirked, knowing that my partner in crime was no more Mr. Mead than the man in the moon.

I got back to Mary Washington, and opened the bag from the pharmacy. Whew!

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• COACH'S CORNER •

Chicago Hope

Now that LeBron James and his merry band of under-achievers have been ousted from the NBA Playoffs, the big question for the summer has to do with where King James will play basketball next season.

Lebron's free agency is one of the biggest stories in sports, mainly because

Lebron is a once in a lifetime athlete and the current face of the NBA. (Meanwhile, all Kobe does is win-but that's another matter for a different column.)

Lebron's options for a destination are rumored to include New York, Los Angeles (Clippers) and staying in Cleveland. However, another option that has recently been rumored is the Windy City, where the Bulls will have the cap room to pay James the exorbitant salary that he commands.

While New York and LA must be intriguing for James -- particularly because of the limelight that the two largest US cities can bring — the fact is that both of those franchises would depend upon James to be what he is right now in Cleveland.

For years, the Cavs have been a one-man army good enough to dominate in the regular season but not good enough to win the playoff wars. The rosters of the Knicks and Clippers are very similar to the rosters in Cleveland — full of serviceable players but no Robin to Lebron's Batman. Chicago, on the other hand, comes tailor-made for James to step in and win a title immediately.

Chicago has the best PG in the east in Derrick Rose, and they have a warrior in the paint in Joakim Noah. If Chicago



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manages to sign Lebron and get a big body in the draft, they are looking at a long run of domination in the east.

The real question for James is whether or not he is looking to try and win titles or if he is trying to be a celebrity. It seems to me that Lebron loves performing particularly because he is capable of jaw-dropping

athletic feats. However, when the chips are down, he settles for jump shots or defers to his teammates because he is unwilling to force the issue.

While many people praise him for being unselfish, there is a certain killer instinct that superstars have to have in order to achieve greatness. If indeed Lebron does not have that killer instinct naturally, he can still become the champion that he wants to be if he can surround himself with teammates that will answer the bell when he defers to them.

James witnessed the leadership and finishing ability of Derrick Rose first hand this year in the playoffs against Chicago. Rose is the type of player who elevates his game when the spotlight shines brightest. Pair Rose with James and you have a combination that can be consistently excellent thanks to the dominance of Lebron as well as excellent in the playoffs thanks to the clutch ability of Rose.

One more thing about Chicago-it is likely not lost on all of us that Chicago is synonymous with Michael Jordan. If Lebron truly wants to stake a claim to being the greatest of all time-he needs to meet the challenge head on.

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What a lot of drama for such tiny pills. I began to take them religiously, putting on ten pounds in the process. At least, I didn't get pregnant. Two months later, my senior from UVA graduated, and dumped me like a hot potato. He moved back to Virginia Beach, and I never heard from him again. Oh, well. At least I'd spared the Mead family a shotgun wedding, and the deception that families do when they lie about wedding dates and birthdays, and then have to remember the lie. It was the first time I'd done something about my health that didn't involve my parents. It was an awkward start, but it was a start.

Years later, Maman would tell me about a conversation she'd had with Dr.

Anderson several months later. "Do you and Michie talk?" he'd inquired. Maman replied the way most mothers would. "Oh, Michie tells me a lot," she'd said. "The rest I just guess."

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ed as one of the 40 Regional Finalists.

In her design of two bare trees, Bevan used colored pencils to draw the limbs and branches which intertwined spell the word GOOGLE. She says the trees symbolizes both her life's yearning and the love she has for her hometown.

"I really enjoy drawing trees, so I wanted to come up with something that would work with the theme of the contest, which was 'If

I could do anything, I would...'" said Bevan. "I chose 'Branch Out' because I thought I could relate the trees to my interest in experiencing other cultures and ways of life, while not forgetting my hometown roots of Highlands, which I portrayed with the heart that the two trees form in my piece. The trees are the perfect representation of my desires and interests to 'branch out.'"

Now that Google has selected 10 regional winners from each school grade category - K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 - a total of 40 - the public is asked to vote online at <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/vote.html> through May 25 at 5 p.m. for the entry of its choice. Bevan's entry is in the grade 10-12 category and she represents Region 4.

After May 25, the votes will be tallied and four national finalists and the national winner will be announced at an awards ceremony in New York City on May 26. The national winner's doodle will appear on Google.com on May 27 and the winner gets a \$15,000 college scholarship, a laptop computer, a Wacom digital design tablet, and a t-shirt printed with his/her doodle on it. The winner's school also gets a \$25,000 grant towards the establishment/improvement of a computer lab.

Each of the other three National Finalists get a laptop computer, a Wacom digital design tablet and a t-shirt printed with his/her doodle on it.

Google representatives Kate Stonich, Google Trainer and Lisa Landsman, Agency Relations Leader, presented Bevan with stickers of her design and a T-shirt with her design on it at the Highlands School Assembly Tuesday, May 18.

"We are here to honor Bevan's accomplishment on her amazing doodle," they said.

Bevan said this experience has set the precedent that anyone, even someone from the small town of Highlands, can pursue their dreams and go far.

"I really hope this inspires more people from my school and community to just keep shooting for what they want and continue to do what they enjoy, because they will see good things come to them," said Bevan.

At the assembly Tuesday, Bevan said "she felt famous right now!" "Thanks you guys, for all your support," she said to her school and home family.

"People go their whole lives without getting opportunities such as this one and I feel unbelievably lucky to get to savor this experience," said Bevan. "I never thought anything like this would ever happen to me, but here I am now, experiencing exactly the thing that Mrs. Taylor was talking about."

So, next week, Bevan and her dad Johnny Schiffli are heading to New York City.

"Believe it or not, I think my dad is even more excited than I am!" she said.

Google's mission is to organize world information and make it universally accessible and useful, but it might be opening the world and all it has to offer to students like Bevan.

- Kim Lewicki

• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Baseball, bullroar and beyond

If this isn't as good as it gets, I don't know what is. This weekend (last weekend when you read this), my beloved #13 ranked Miami Hurricanes take on #16 ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in a three-game series in Atlanta. If that isn't enough, my wonderful sons, in recognition of my "historic" (their description) 75th birthday, are putting up wifey and me in the Atlanta Ritz-Carlton for the weekend. If it doesn't rain frogs, or if the locusts don't invade, it's going to be fun. If the Canes prevail, I'll surely let you know. If they don't, I won't.

The other day, Obama addressed the graduating class from Hampton University, and, according to AFP.com, he told them: "You're coming of age in a 24/7 media environment that bombards us with all kinds of content and exposes us to all kinds of arguments, some of which don't always rank all that high on the truth meter" (he ought to know). "...information becomes a distraction, a diversion, a form of entertainment, rather than a tool of empowerment, rather than a means of emancipation."

This is the President of the United States telling college students to ignore incoming information? Well, if information isn't a tool of empowerment (I hate that word), what does he propose is? Sometimes I wonder if he gets enough sleep, or if he gets any at all. He warned the students that the world was at a moment of "breath-taking change". Man, if that doesn't send shivers up your skivvies, what will? What does he know that we don't?

Now, I have been accused of living in a state of confusion, and I won't deny that sometimes things are a little fuzzy, but will someone straighten me out on something? The liberals spend the first year of Obama's administration putting together a monstrosity of a health-care bill that nobody wants or understands, that will put our health care on par with the other losers in the medical world. They do this in the midst of a deep recession.

The unemployment rolls swell and the "beneficent" Democrat regime ignores the misery so they can get what they want. Once the deed is done, they turn their attention to job creation, which had been nonexistent. Their idea of dealing with the unemployment issue is to extend unemployment benefits, pay people not to work,



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expand the food stamp program, and then direct their attention to reforming the finance industry.

On the subject of financial reform, did you notice that Fannie and Freddie were excluded from the proposed controls? Fannie Mae recently asked for an additional \$8.4 billion, bringing it's handout total to \$84.6 billion, and Freddie Mac needs an additional \$10 billion to stay solvent, making a total of \$61.3 billion

of your money they've required to stay alive. So far. This shows that government-controlled business not only fail, but do so dramatically. If and when these two bottomless pits ever get investigated, the level of corruption buried therein will stagger the most callous of us skeptics.

At this point, I hit the save button and hit the sack. Waking up to CNBC, as usual, I was met with the prospect of looking at Congressman Paul Kanjorski (D-PA) for two hours. Just an aside, I must admit that CNBC, even though it's in the NBC stable, does a pretty balanced job of melding politics into business news. Kanjorski, in addition of being a prototypical politician, has a face that looks like a Halloween jack-o-lantern going bad.

Putting that aside, as fate would have it, a vigorous on-air debate ensued between Rick Santelli, floor reporter from the Chicago Board of Trade, and Kanjorski, over the cause and effect of Fannie and Freddie. As you may recall, Santelli was the instigator of the Tea Party movement, when he ranted over the injustice of you paying your neighbor's mortgage through the stimulus package. Santelli is a very savvy observer of economic activity and tells it like it is, in contrast to Kanjorski, who spews the political line.

Without getting into the details of the debate, Santelli showed up Kanjorski to be the ultimate "fudger of the truth" as the Congressman tried to explain why F & F are excluded from current financial reform legislation, which emanated from Kanjorski's subcommittee. The cover up was clear for all to see, and the j-0-1 sagged even further.

And there is another "historic" event to mention. Wifey and I are celebrating our 50th year of fun and frivolity as Mr. and Mrs. Young men, a little advice. "Marry up." I did, and I'm thankful that I did.

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



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

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

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“How is the market?” That is a question I get asked a lot these days. For many of my almost 30 years of brokering real estate in Highlands, that question most often had an easy answer. Property in Highlands has always had a good history of appreciating over time because the Highlands real estate market usually is sheltered and insulated from the norm you read about in the national news. However this time, the dip in the economy was large and deep enough to affect us — even in Highlands.

I remember my Dad talking of the hard times in the 1930s when he was a child growing up in Highlands — there was a crash similar to the one we are experiencing at this time. It was always interesting to hear his stories of how much of a struggle it was for most people to make ends meet, yet I have come to realize many of the very fine estates built in Highlands were constructed during that time period, so even though times were hard, it was still a good time to build or invest if you could afford to do it.

Investing your money in any parameter has always had some factor of risk no matter what the return. If you talk to most investment advisors, they want you to balance your investments in many different sectors to cover all aspects of business, and hopefully lessen your risks in the event a sector has a major setback, such as the tech sector did before the major meltdown across the whole market. Anyone who had money in that market is still recovering from those huge paper losses, but if they were able to hang on, history has shown that the market will recover and stabilize when the economy gets back on track.

Real estate investment in Highlands is usually immune from the general market trends nationwide as our area is predominately second homes. Most of these homes are owned by people who can afford to hold on to their properties until things get back to normal in the day-to-day sector; even in a rough economy.

One exception to this scenario was the speculative sector of investors and builders who were buying and then selling to turn a quick profit. When buyers are taking a wait-and-see approach, the profit margin, and sometimes the principal (loan proceeds to the bank) have to be reduced below the loan amount (Short sale) to procure a buyer, or if the payments are not made and an approved buyer found, the bank is forced to



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foreclose on the mortgage.

Many of the foreclosures or stagnant properties occurring in our area are on homes that aren't selling due to location or outdated plans or decor.

A few exceptions, as I mentioned above, are the builder and or investor who are walking away rather than holding on to the property for an extended period of time. These bank-owned properties are a hot topic with buyers at this time because many banks want to get these properties off their books and are willing, in many cases, to heavily discount below the actual value of the property so as not have the responsibility of the upkeep on the property.

The amenity of these properties is usually an excellent price and these heavily discounted properties are affecting the overall market even in Highlands at this time.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION and amenities (mountain views, water, golf, close to downtown) still apply today just as they always have. The good news is that now is a good time to buy real property in Highlands because prices are as affordable, as they have been in several years.

Your investment in real property in Highlands is something that does not evaporate into thin air like some stocks. Real property in Highlands is something you can enjoy personally, or if desired, can become even more affordable by renting occasionally to help pay taxes and some expenses; and if history shows to be true, will be an exceptional investment in the years to come!

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



Ongoing

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

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

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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.

• "Healing Hands Team" Of Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Relay for Life, will begin their annual raffle for "Specialty Themed Baskets", starting May 14th. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Acute Nurses Station on the

hospital campus. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This year's basket themes include: "HCH Physical Therapy and Health Tracks Services, "Coffee Break", "Picnic & Camping" and "Dinner for Two." Please contact Callie Calloway for more information: 828-526-1313 or cutz@hchospital.org

Sundays

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

Mon. & Wed.

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

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• On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. Upper Level Jones Hall. Monday & Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 10:4. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (4/29)

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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.

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

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• 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.

• 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

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Please reserve your seat by contacting

the CLE office at:

Phone: 526-8811

E-mail:

clehighlands@yahoo.com

Highlands Nature Center Summer Season starts Saturday, May 22

The Highlands Nature Center is about to start its summer season. Regular hours of Monday – Saturday, 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. will begin on May 22. The adjacent Botanical Garden trails are open every day until sunset. Admission for both is free.

Highlands Nature Center features many interactive exhibits that interpret

the native flora and fauna of the southern Appalachians, including a recently upgraded live animal display. Additional exhibits include ones on the biological diversity of the region, the Highlands Plateau as an important bird area, invasive species, a working honeybee hive, and examples of local wildlife.

The 11-acre Botanical Garden features more than 500 species of native plants with labels, interpretive gardens including the Cherokee Garden, and numerous short trails to various habitats including old-growth hemlock forest, streams, a mountain bog, and Lindenwood Lake.

The Nature Center offers many fun



HIGHLANDS NATURE CENTER

and educational programs for children and adults every day throughout the summer including Botanical Garden tours, animal programs, family nature activities, storybook science programs, and the Thursday evening Zahner Conservation Lecture series.

Five different nature day camps are also offered each year and feature fun, hands-on learning experiences in natural outdoor settings. A total of nine sessions rotate throughout the summer and are available for children ages 4 to 14, depending on the camp week.

In addition, there will be several special events this summer – the first being the annual "Salamander Meander" program scheduled for Saturday, May 29 at 9 pm.

For more information about the Nature Center and this summer's weekly public programs, special events, and children's day camps, please visit www.wcu.edu/hbs or call 828-526-2623.

Ruby Cinema

Hwy 441, Franklin, NC

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May 21-27

SHREK FOREVER AFTER in 3D
rated PG

Friday: 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

Saturday: 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

Sunday: 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

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Tues + Thurs: 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

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Saturday: 1, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

Sunday: 1, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

Mon + Wed: 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

Tues + Thurs: 1, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

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rated PG-13

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Saturday: 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

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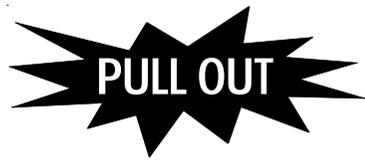
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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

fellowship while listening to an interesting speaker. Meetings end at 8:30 am.

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

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

Wednesdays & Fridays

- Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Every 3rd Wednesday

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

Thursdays

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

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays

- If you are suffering from a mental illness or have a relative with a diagnosis such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, PTSD, etc, you are not alone.

NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) support group meets on the first

and third Thursdays of each month at 486 W. Palmer St, Franklin at 7 p.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

Friday & Saturdays

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

Every Third Saturday

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

Every Fourth Saturday

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

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will begin its monthly Pancake Breakfast this Memorial week-end on Saturday, May 29. Breakfast will be served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. Blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Funds raised at the Pancake Breakfasts go toward the club's Scholarship program and other

charities in the community. After Memorial week-end the pancake breakfasts will be held every 4th Saturday through October. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

- 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.

Thurs., -Sun., May 20-23

- Highlands-Cashiers Players to perform Rebecca at PAC, 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m on Sundays. For tickets, call 526-8084.

- 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 non-member. 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 non-members. 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 Honeysuckle, 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 Pennsylvania (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.

New Interactive Art opportunities at The Bascom



One of four new Interactive Art Opportunities at The Bascom is the "Bowers" Public Art Project, inspired by the amazing art of the bower bird who builds a bower, pictured above, then decorates with color-coordinated found objects, synthetic and natural. The Bowers project runs May 26 through June 26.

Art lovers have our new ways to create through The Bascom's just-begun Interactive Art Opportunities program.

First, join other knitters for the free World Wide Knit-In, set for Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the terrace at The Bascom. Bring your knitting to celebrate this event with other enthusiasts. Instructors will be on hand. Just show up.

Second, throughout the month of June, all are encouraged to volunteer to help internationally acclaimed artist Patrick Dougherty (www.stickwork.net) create a massive, site-specific sapling sculpture on The Bascom's campus. To get involved, contact Bascom Artistic Director Kaye Gorecki at kgorecki@thebascom.org or (828) 526-4949.

Third, participate in the "Bowers" Public Art Project, inspired by the amazing art of the bower bird who builds a bower, then decorates with color-coordinated found objects, synthetic and natural. Brochures detailing the project and optional workshop are at The Bascom, The Highlands Biological Station, or the Highlands Visitor Station. You may also get details at education@thebascom.org for

more information. Bowers opportunities include:

- Wednesday, May 26, 6 pm, Highlands Nature Center: Slide Lecture: "Bower Birds," Jim Costa, executive director, Highlands Nature Center and "Community Art and The Bowers Public Art Project Overview," Norma Hendrix, director of education, The Bascom

- Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8-9, Bower Building Workshop, The Bascom and on location

- June 12-25; Public invited to decorate the bowers (directions posted at each location)

- June 26, 2 pm, Walk the Bower Trail: begin at The Bascom and walk from The Bascom's Nature Trail to the Highlands Plateau Greenway, to the Highlands Nature Center

- And fourth, paint in the International Plein Air Paint Out at The Bascom, Saturday, Sept. 11.

Join other artists to paint on The Bascom campus all day. The day will conclude with an informal (on the easel) exhibition and wine reception in The Bascom's Dave Drake Studio Barn at 4 p.m.

For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

New Venue!

Performing Arts Center
Small Stages
Production
of
HCP's

PARALLEL LIVES

Written by
Kathy Najimy & Mo Caffney
Directed by
Mary Adair Leslie

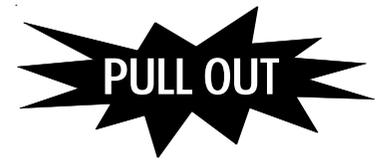
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JUNE 4, 5, 6
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
JUNE 9, 10, 11, 12
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
7:30 p.m. curtain

Adult Language
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For tickets call: **828 526-9047**

Mountain Lakes Performing Arts Center
107 Chestnut Street Highlands, NC

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



• 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.

Friday, May 21

• Whiteside Mountain Café and Grill at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be holding a midday cook-out featuring BBQ Chicken, Cole-slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, biscuits, and much more open to the community, on Friday May 21st. The cookout will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will continue through 1:30 pm. Fare is only \$4.95 per person for one entrée, two sides, des-

sert and a drink. The Whiteside Mountain Café and Grill is located in the hospital's cafeteria. Please call ahead for large parties or orders 828-526-1419.

• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night at the Macon County Community Building from 6:30 to 9 PM. Richard Smith from Gainsville, NC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. They will be teaching Plus Level from 6:30 to 7:00. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, 706-782-0943

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 reser-

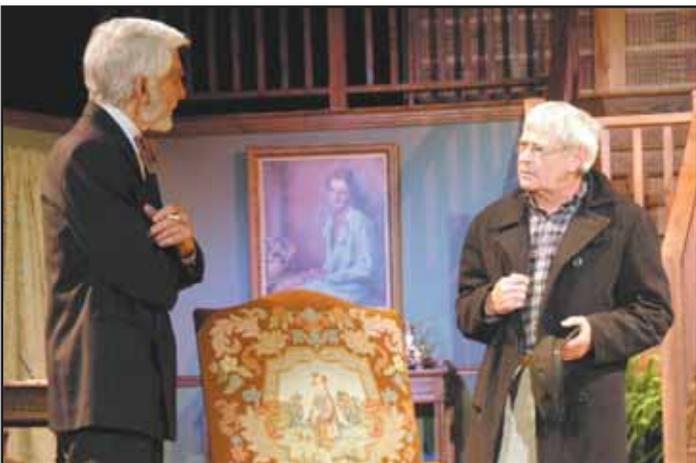
vations or to reserve hosted tables for 6 or 8 call Carol Adams at 828 743.1658. For sponsorships call Melisa McKim, Sponsor Chair at 828-507-7900. Additional information can be found at www.jacksoncountygop.com or by calling GOP Headquarters at 828 586.9895, Ralph Slaughter, GOP Chair at 828 743.6491 or Jim Mueller, Fundraising Chair at 828 743.3057.

• The Literacy Council of Highlands hosts

its "Family Literacy Fair" to take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. In this first in a series of three workshops, families of children ages four through eight will learn fun and easy strategies to help promote literacy in the home. The workshop will have a Dr. Seuss-theme and end with an ice cream social. For more information, contact Bessie Goggins at

• See EVENTS page 14

HCP's 'Rebecca' continues this weekend



Above, in HCP's production of Rebecca, Rich Harrison, as Colonel Julyan and Ken Knight as William Tabb this weekend at the Performing Arts Center. Below, Kathryn Cochran as Mrs. DeWinter and Laura Miller as Beatrice Lacy. HCP pulls out all the stops with a meticulous set designed by Chad Lucas and period costumes to present this difficult play with a twist. All do a great job and veterans to the HCP stage balance out the newcomers for an entertaining evening of community theater. Evening performances begin at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30pm, Thursday through Sunday. Call the box office: 828.526.8084 for tickets.

Collective Spirits wine festival to benefit The Bascom Art Center

Dozens of auction items up for bid this Friday and Saturday

Oenophiles, wine collectors and enthusiasts of both the art of fine wine and of fine art are heading to Highlands this weekend, May 21-22, for Collective Spirits, the fourth annual wine festival staged by and benefiting The Bascom.

Orchestrated by Harriet and Dick Boger, Collective Spirits chairs, Bascom Chairman Emeritus Bob Fisher and Jack Sawyer, president southeast region of Presenting Sponsor Wilmington Trust, the weekend will be uncorked with a "Stock Your Cellars" Wine Tasting Party at The Bascom on Friday evening, May 21.

Saturday's daytime programs of symposiums with intriguing themes such as "Calling All the Wine Ladies" and "Discover Your Palate," will be led by wine specialists and chefs. And the weekend's chef d'oeuvre, "Chateau Bascom," the Gala Wine Dinner and Auction on Saturday evening, May 22, pairs an elaborate formal dinner, created by Epting Event of Athens, with exceptional domestic and international vintages. Silent and live auctions promise an alluring array of rare and large-format wines and wine-related travel experiences.

The 21 live auction items that will be auctioned off Saturday night, May 22, include a 1997 Silver Oak Cellars (Alexander Valley) Cabernet Sauvignon six-litre bottle; a Washington, DC, trip featuring a private tour of The Kreeger and Hillwood, home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, and accommodations at Mandarin Oriental Hotel; an authentic Greek feast for ten people prepared and presented by Gail and Paul Jones at their home; a VIP package for two with three nights accommodations at the unique Santa Fe Hotel while enjoying the 20th Annual Santa Fe Wine Festival; seminars, tastings and the best res-



Photography by Jim Fitts - Collective Spirits co-chairs Harriet and Dick Boger raise a toast to the wine festival benefiting The Bascom visual arts center.

taurants of Santa Fe, New Mexico, from September 23-25, 2010; classic wing shooting with a truly authentic plantation quail hunt; a wine lover's trip of a lifetime to Napa Valley; one bottle 2002 Grace Family Blank Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (1.5 litre) and one bottle 2007 Grace Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (1.5 litre); a 30x40-inch original oil on canvas by Ian Greathead commissioned especially for Collective Spirits; a 12-day land/sea Asian adventure for two; and more.

The Super Silent Auction items up for bid Friday or Saturday nights include a one-night stay for two at Fiddlehead Cottage; two magnums (1.5-liter) of Shafer Vineyards 2001 Merlot Napa Valley; four seats for the wine and cheese course at The Atlanta Wine School; one magnum Philip Togni Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1998; and many more.

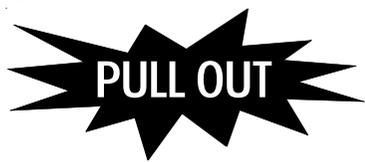
Additionally, a fabulous Champagne and Ice Raffle awaits all on Friday and Saturday evenings. Buy a glass of champagne and pick your lucky number from a grid. A ladies 2.00ct total weight diamond necklace is the star of this very special raffle. This 14-carat white gold necklace is custom designed, contain-

ing black and white brilliant cut diamonds, and donated by Drake's Diamond Gallery of Highlands. Near the end of the live auction on Saturday night, a lucky winner's number will be drawn from the proverbial hat. You will be notified if you win and are not present at the drawing. Estimated Value: \$3,95.

The \$295 Combo Ticket includes all Friday and Saturday events. The "Stock Your Cellars" Friday evening reservation is \$100, while a ticket for the "Chateau Bascom" gala dinner is \$225.

For details, visit www.collectivespirits.com or call (828) 526-4949.

Wilmington Trust is the presenting sponsor of Collective Spirits. Silver sponsors are AirTran, Bank of New York-Mellon, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies/Lanigan Insurance Group and Hennessy Automotive Companies. Bronze sponsors include Franklin Ford, Harry Norman Realtors-Pat Allen and Bert Mobley, Highlands' Newspaper, The Laurel magazine, Moss Robertson Cadillac, Wines Down South and WNC magazine.



Ongoing and Upcoming Events

**Highlands Village Square
ART & CRAFT SHOW
SAT/SUN MAY 29/30
10 TO 5**

**Fine Art, Folk Art, Birdhouses,
Gourds, Pottery, Purses, Baskets,
Wrought Iron, Furniture, more...**

**Food by Fressers
Parking
Face Painting
FUN!**



**Rec Park/Civic Center
Highlands, NC
Sponsored by Mill Creek Gallery &
Framing 787-2021**

Plant Sale

Emily Compost invites You!



28th Annual Mountain Garden Club

May 29, 2010 9am to 1pm

**Highlands NC
Baseball Park
Hwy 64 E**

*Hundreds of perennials!
Hostas, ferns, herbs, dahlias & lots more*

highlandsliteracy@live.com or 828-526-9938

• At Cyprus, Johnathon O'Brien from O'Brien Entertainment playing nothing but the best in dance and top 40. He has a new lighting setup featuring lasers and top of the line L.E.D. lighting. He will be playing some downtempo music from 9pm - 10pm to get people who are eating dinner in the mood to stay and have some cocktails then about 10-ish, he will pump up the energy displaying all the new lights and playing upbeat, get on the dance floor, let's have a good time — music.

Fri.-Sat., May 21-22

• Relay for Life fundraising. Heather Mangum will be fundraising @ Bryson's Market from 11am-2pm selling Sun Stars & Feet Cards, Scratch & Donate Cards, Purple Bows, Luminaria & Tiki Torches.

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



Jeannie Chambers, left, will portray Martha Gottwals in this year's "Walk in the Park," sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. She is pictured at the Gottwals' home on North Fourth Street with Helen Regnery who will portray Mrs. Gottwals' sister, Vinetta Rice. This year's "Walk in the Park" will feature women, some of the Towns "Unsung Heroines." "Walk in the Park" will take place June 25 and 26 at Highlands Memorial Park and June 27 at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Shuttles will leave the Community Building next to the ballfield every 15 minutes from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 25 and 26. The performance at PAC starts at 4:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$15.00; students are free. Tickets will be available at Cyrano's Book Shop on Main St. as well as at the Community Building on the day of the event.

Sunday, May 23

• First Presbyterian Church will host an old fashioned HymnSing 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.

Mon.-Fri., May 24-28

• Town of Highlands Spring Cleanup. 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 and after a raffle will be held for a full day, two person float trip on the French Broad River fishing for smallmouth. Call 828-885-7130.

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

• The Art League of Highlands will meet at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center Rec Park in Highlands. Jim Warren will present a program on creating ornamental steel pieces. Call Dottie Bruce for further information at 828-743-7673.

• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, noon-1 pm "Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention" by Dr. Richard Matthews. Learn how to recognize unusual symptoms that may mean the onset of a heart attack or stroke. Hear how "Time is Tissue" and that seeking medical attention as soon as possible can reduce the long term effects of a stroke. These subjects and more will be covered in this *Lunch and Learn*. Suite 103, in the Jane Woodruff Clinic, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Tuesday, May 25

• Macon County's Ladies Night Out program at 6 p.m. at the Angel Medical Center in Franklin is on Melanoma awareness. Speakers will include Molly Black, Regional Community Coordinator with the NC Comprehensive Cancer Program and Dr. Thomas McGee, Dermatologist at McGee Dermatology Clinic in Franklin.

Ready, eat, compost!



Mrs. Tracy Hedden (L) and her 5th grade students with Dr. Becky Schilling of the Mountain Garden Club

Earth Day was delightfully noisy in Tracy Hedden's and Joy Archer's 5th grade classrooms at Highlands School.

Each student received a 100% compostable bag of SunChips as part of a lesson on composting.

If you've handled the new SunChips bag from Frito Lay you know it's noisier than the old bag.

Now imagine the cacophony of 15 to 18 bags in eager hands.

"It sounds like walking through the woods in the fall!" one student said.

The new SunChips bag is noisier because it is made of plant-based materials.

Ms. Archer's students discussed the process of composting as they watched a time-lapse video of a Sun Chips bag disappearing in an active compost pile.

"This type of packaging will be huge in your lifetimes," predicted Mrs. Archer.

Next door in Mrs. Hedden's class students learned about what to put in a compost pile and how to keep it going.

"You need a good mix of 'green' and

'brown' materials," explained Ms. Hedden, going over a handout downloaded from suchips.com.

"Moisture and air are important," added Dr. Becky Schilling, of the Mountain Garden Club. "A zillion bacteria are doing the work for you, and they need water and oxygen."

The Mountain Garden Club helped sponsor the lesson on composting as part of an ongoing series of activities for youth gardeners at Highlands School.

Funds for youth gardener activities come from the Mountain Garden Club plant sale.

Emily Compost, the Mountain Garden Club mascot, invites you to support the educational projects of the Mountain Garden Club by attending this year's sale.

Come to the 28th Annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale, Saturday, May 29, 9 am to 1 pm, at the baseball park in Highlands on Highway 64 E. You'll find fellow composters there!

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

“Make us one, Lord...”



Chaplain Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran Church – ELCA

Happy Birthday, Taize! It has been one year since community Taize services began in Highlands, and we have reason to celebrate. Even in a village as small as Highlands, it is easy to become insular and isolated from each other. We develop our own little communities— at work, in our social circles and even at our houses of worship. Most of us are Christians, yet, our differences in dogma and practice prevent us from being what Christ meant us to be— one body – His body – the church on earth.

Brother Roger, the founder of Taize, began his community in the 1940s as a sanctuary for people — all people — who were fleeing from the Nazi's. He never dreamed that his little community would affect millions of people during his lifetime and beyond.

By the beginning of the 21st century, the Taize community had grown to include approximately 100 men and women of all denominations.

The Taize monastery, located in Taize, France, is a pilgrimage site where thousands of people come and camp out on the grounds and spend a week or so during the summer. To the uninitiated, it might look like they are preparing for a rock concert. There is music at Taize, but it is music of the soul.

Taize worship, simply put, is ecumenical and spiritual, consisting of scripture, simple beautiful songs, prayer and periods of blessed silence. There are no practices that separate, songs are sung and prayers are offered in every language on the planet. Worship includes everyone. It has touched the hearts and minds of millions of people. After people came to Taize, they carried away their experiences and adapted them for use at their home churches all over the world. Taize is a wonderful, gentle spiritual practice unlike our sometimes overly busy Sunday services.

I am proud to say that the five of our Highlands churches, Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic, the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Highlands United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, and the “mother” church, Holy Family Lutheran, have faithfully taken turns offering Taize meditation every Thursday evening at 5:30 PM for the past year. Each church uses the same material, yet each is creatively different. And it's all good! Best of all, it has brought people from different denominations together.

We have made precious new friends, and worshipped in each other's sanctuaries. Sure, there are things, “religious” things, our respective denominations don't agree on. But Taize is not a “religious” practice — it is a spiritual one. I like to imagine that Taize is probably very similar to the spiritual practices in the earliest days of the church. Simple, beautiful, inclusive. Interested? Tonight we meet at Our Lady of the Mountains. We gather around 5:15 PM. Come as you are. All are welcome.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Chapel of Sky Valley

Sky Valley, GA

Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329

Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011

Worshipping at the facilities of

Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers

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

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

Monday: Evening Bible Study and Supper - 6:00 p.m., members' homes

Wednesday: Mens Bible Study - 8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Highlands

Thursday: Women's Prayer Group - 10:30 a.m., members' homes

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer

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

Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

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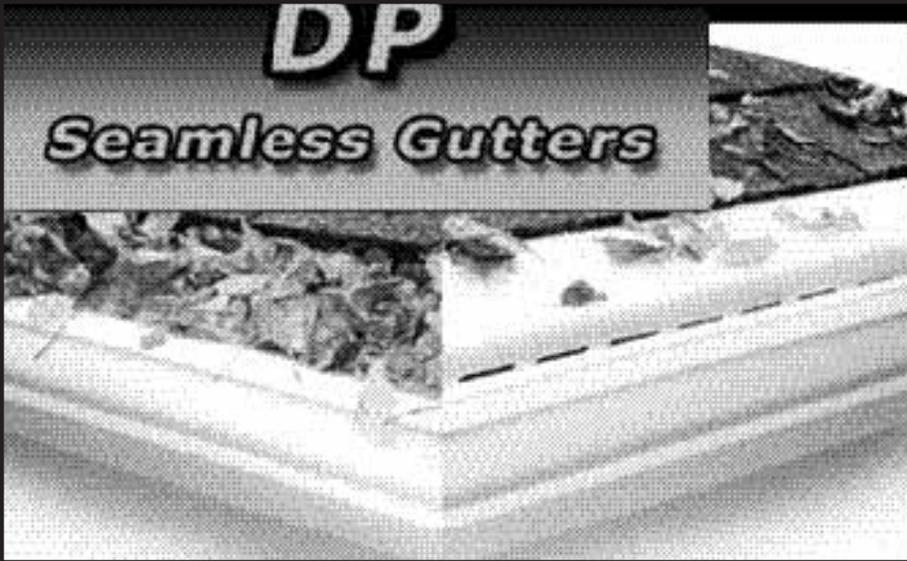
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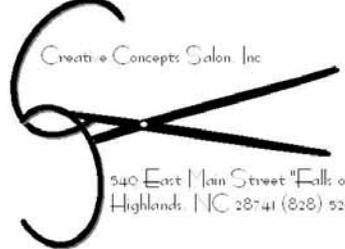
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• **H-C HOSPITAL NEWS** •

'Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention' at Hospital

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is launching a series of physicians forums on May 24th, which will be presented in the form of complimentary *lunch & learn* education sessions held at the hospital throughout the next six months.

The first is entitled "Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention" presented by family physician Dr. Richard S. Matthews. Participants will learn how to recognize unusual symptoms that may mean the onset of a heart attack or stroke. They will hear how and why "Time is Tissue" and that seeking medical attention as soon as possible can reduce the long term effects of a stroke. In addition the latest information about heart attack and stroke prevention will be covered.

Attendees will be served a light boxed lunch followed by an half hour educational seminar and ending with a question and answer session. *Lunch and Learn* "Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention" will be held in

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nently attached.

In addition, the town says he built a deck to the structure without getting building permits or a zoning certificate.

Peacock says all this was done over a year ago, at which time he dealt with the county not the town, because he didn't know he was in the town's jurisdiction.

In the end, the Zoning Board upheld the zoning administrator's decision because the structure in question didn't exist when the property was brought into the ETJ so it wasn't a grandfathered nonconforming structure or use; and the structure meets the definition of a manufactured/mobile home not an RV because it hasn't been moved since it was secured to the site, it was built elsewhere and transported to the site on its own chassis, it exceeds 40 feet in length and 8 feet wide; it's permanently connected to utilities including electricity from the town, it is not mobile, is not a recreational vehicle as defined by Webster's Dictionary and the structure doesn't meet the NC Dept. of Insurance's definition of Recreational Vehicle.

Nor does the structure meet the NC Dept. of Insurance's definition of a park trailer or park model whose gross trailer area must not exceed 400 sq. ft. in set-up mode. Peacock's building is 540 sq. ft.

Furthermore neither park trailers or manufactured homes are allowed in the R1-ETJ zoning district.

Peacock said he considers the building a RV. "I bought it as an RV and it's titled as an RV in the state of North Carolina," he said.

Zoning Board member David Rohrer said regardless of what he's calling it, "It looks like a permanent manufactured home and those aren't allowed."

Peacock has been instructed to remove the building. His only recourse is to take the case to court.

– **Kim Lewicki**

the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Suite 103, Monday, May 24th from noon- 1 p.m. Those interested in attending are asked to please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org.

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mulched and grassed tree area. A lighted gravel side walk will be constructed from the paved parking lot along Foreman to the gravel parking lot so people can move between the two areas safely and securely.

There will be a five-foot high, black vinyl, chain link, perimeter fence enclosing the park which will contain two trash bins, 2 dog waste bag repositories, 2 picnic tables in the existing pavilion, 2 benches, posted dog park rules and etiquette signs, with lots of trees and buffering.

Proponents say benefits are dog and people socialization, in a safe, leash-free environment accessible to pet owners of all ages, and they say the park will entice people to come to Highlands to visit.

Opponents say there are 60,000 acres of "dog park" in the area's adjoining US Forest land and that tax money would be better spent elsewhere.

Both Commissioners Amy Patterson and Buz Dotson said citizens against the town paying for the park have approached them. Patterson suggested a fee-based park like for other aspects of the Rec Park; Dotson said "in these economic times, when town employees didn't get raises last year and possibly won't this year spending money on a dog park at this juncture is money unwisely spent." "If hotels are interested in attracting pet owners overnight then they should provide a place for the dogs," he said. "I don't think the dog park will make Highlands a destination."

Commissioner Gary Drake said he was originally against the town spending money on a dog park, both because of the money aspect and because people opposed to the idea have approached him, but he said those people didn't come to the meeting. "The people for it were here and put forth good arguments. Those against it should have been here."

Mayor David Wilkes echoed Drake and further said the town has the money in the Recreation Department capital outlay budget and as long as this didn't become another operation of the Rec Park on a daily basis he thought it would work.

Town Engineer Lamar Nix said his crews would have to work the construction of the dog park around other duties, but park designer Hank Ross said it could probably be done in a month.

The park will be open sunrise to sunset and dogs must enter and leave on a leash and must be under control of their handlers at all times; they must wear current rabies and ID tags. Most important, handlers must clean up after their dogs immediately and dispose of the waste in designated receptacles.

• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

Hospital' "RACE" Participation Increases Heart Attack Survival

HCH is among 68 hospitals in North Carolina who meet the required standards of care to qualify for the states standardized RACE program (Reperfusion of Acute Myocardial Infarction in Carolina Emergency Departments). This means that patients suffering from cardiac trauma have an increased chance of survival and recovery.

RACE is a plan that focuses on the way emergency departments throughout the state treat heart attacks (myocardial infarction or MI) by restoring blood flow to the heart and other tissue (reperfusion). The program coordinates the efforts of ambulances, emergency departments and hospitals to reduce the amount of time it takes for heart attack patients to receive lifesaving treatment.

Patients, who arrive to HCH's emergency room showing symptoms of a heart attack, undergo a series of procedures that verify the extent of damage and blockage. If it is determined that there is full heart muscle ischemia (ST elevation), the patient is deemed STEMI which denotes major blockage of a coronary artery. When the coronary artery is blocked, the oxygen supply to the heart is compromised and can result in muscle tissue death.

"The standard protocol for STEMI patients seen in our hospital can be one of two alternative. If transfer can be accomplished within 90 minutes, the patient is sent to the nearest tertiary referral facility with a Cardiac Catheterization Lab," said Bryan Devinney, Certified Emergency Nurse and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. "If the transfer cannot be accomplished within 90 minutes, a clot busting drug is administered and then the patient is transported."

"It's good patient care; the best we can give," said Frank Leslie, VP of Operations at HCH. "The faster we can get the patient to

the Cath Lab, the more heart muscle the patient will save"

The RACE program has set the standard time "door to door" from ER to Cath lab at 90min. When the RACE program was initiated at HCH, the "door to door" time fell from 120 minutes to 71 minutes, well above the standards of the program and the state-wide medium.

"If anyone is experiencing any signs of cardiac trauma, we urge you to call 911 first and DO NOT drive or have someone drive you to the nearest healthcare facility. Time is so precious with an event such as a heart attack. Our local and regional paramedics are trained and prepared for these types of situations. Many times, paramedics can begin the initial treatment increasing the individual's chance of survival," said Devinney.

According to the RACE Coordinator at Mission Healthcare in Asheville, the following scenario is an example of how the RACE works. In March of 2010, a 61 year old male presented to HCH's Emergency room complaining of chest pain. Within 4 minutes of arrival, he received an EKG which confirmed an acute heart attack. Within 25 minutes of arrival, he was given Thrombolytic, a clot busting drug. The patient was then transferred to Mission via MAMA (helicopter) arriving pain free. He underwent heart catheterization and a stent was placed to keep the coronary artery open. After two days, the patient was discharged home.

"HCH wants to assure you that your healthcare is our top priority. Being a community hospital, we pride our self in the fact our performance is above average when compared to even the large hospitals participating in the RACE program," said Leslie. Our Board Certified physicians and highly skilled staff are available 24/7 to meet the needs of

every patient."

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Jones.

The original cases for which Coward has returned to court several times over the years, involved 12 property owners along the first 7/10s of Bowery Road most affected by the widening and paving of the road.

Coward said there are about four cases left to try – the Alice Nelson et al, involving two pieces of property and the Katherine Hendricks et al case.

In North Carolina, the process for condemning property to improve roads and the subsequent compensation to property owners for their rights-of-way 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.

The town deposited \$1,000 toward each property owner's compensation, but several have gone to court for more.

"Each piece of property is appraised dif-

ferently," said Attorney Jones. "In Ms. Johnson's case, they paved the road which took approximately 4/10s of an acre of her land but they also cut down all the trees and foliage which then affected the value of the rest of her property."

Coward said the verdict awarded Johnson is about typical. Verdicts are being paid with escrow money in the Bowery Road Fund set up at the onset by Bowery Road residents who wanted it widened and paved.

Over the years, Johnson, as did some of the others dropped out of the original 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.

– Kim Lewicki

• BUSINESS NEWS •

The International Friendship Center volunteers help with Botanical Garden Spring Clean-Up



The Highlands Biological Station recently had their annual botanical garden spring clean-up and the IFC was again able to provide several willing volunteers to assist. "I am glad our clients are able to give back to the community in some way, especially when it is another non-profit," said Jill Montana, the IFC's executive director. The IFC is a non-profit agency in Highlands that facilitates services for the underserved international population. For more information about the IFC, please call 828-526-9938 x 290.



Calloway joins MountainTop Rotary

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary recently welcomed its newest member, Callie Calloway. Callie is the Communications Specialist for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was born and raised in Thomasville, NC. Callie attended Western Carolina University where she received her BA degree in Communications/PR, minor in Psychology, in 2006. She was a member of the WCU Cheerleading team all four years. While at WCU, she completed her internship at Highland-Cashiers Hospital under Skip Taylor and is now the current Communications Specialist. Callie lives with her husband Jarret and their two dogs, Riley and Chloe, in Franklin. Jarret and Callie are HUGE football fans and rarely miss the chance to cheer on the Catamounts! Skip Taylor is Callie's Rotary sponsor. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary is pleased to welcome Callie and the entire club is looking forward to working with her. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Visitors are welcome to come learn about Rotary, enjoy fellowship and listen to an interesting speaker. Shown is Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Sponsorship Chair Nick Bazan, Callie Calloway and Skip Taylor.

Hedden named 'Outstanding Student Thespian'

Highlands High School senior Rachael Hedden receives Outstanding Student Thespian award from Highlands Cashiers Players (HCP) president Dr. Ronnie Spilton. The HCP Board of directors presents this award yearly to the graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in theater. Rachael has participated in both PAC Youth Theater and HCP productions for the past three years. Matthew McClellan from Highlands School was last year's recipient.



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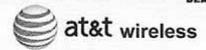
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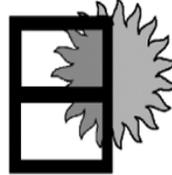
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POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from May 12. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

May 12
 • At 11:30 a.m., damage to a parked car on N. 4th Street was reported.

• At 4:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Holly Tree Lane concerning a vicious dog.

May 13
 • At 1:39 a.m., officers responded to shots fired at Highlands Country Club. It was unfounded.

• Officers responded to a complaint of a bear on the porch at a residence on E. Wingina.

May 14
 • At 9:17 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hangup from a resident on N. 4th Street. It was unfounded.

May 17
 • At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint call on Chowan. It was unfounded.

• At 3 p.m., the theft of a wreath valued at \$150 was reported from Dutchman's Design on Main Street.

• At 5:15 p.m., the theft of tools valued at \$1,200 was reported missing from a home on Hickory Hill Road. The thief entered through a sliding glass door.

May 18
 • At 6:20 p.m., Mark Joseph Rosenbaum, 35, of Roswell, GA, was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 1/2 oz. of marijuana. He was held on a \$500 secured bond.

• During the week, police officers responded to 11 alarm and issued 9 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue

Dept. log entries from May 12:

May 12
 • At 10:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders at 60 Clubhouse Trail. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 4:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at 60 Holly Tree Lane where a person was bitten by a dog. The victim was taken to the hospital.

May 15
 • At 1:44 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on a structure fire at Master Court.

May 16
 • At 7:41 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on a structure fire on Sanctuary Lane.

• At 11:44 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers on a structure fire on Master Court that had started back up.

May 17
 • At 8:04 a.m., the dept. was first responders at a residence on Dendy Orchard Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

May 18
 • At 11:30 a.m. the dept. responded to an accident on NC 28 where a truck loaded with asphalt was in a ditch. There were no injuries.

May 19
 • At 6:09 a.m., the dept. was first responders at a residence on Nall Farm Road.

• At 8:57 a.m., the dept. was first responders on Upper Divide Road where there was a golf cart accident.

• **NOTE:**
 The dept. asks all returning seasonal residents to make sure their 9-1-1 numbers on their property are visible and that their driveways are trimmed so they are preferably 12-14 ft. wide and clear.

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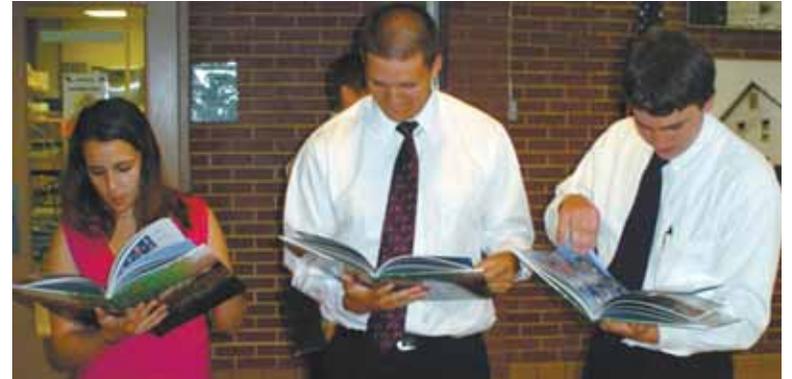


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This year's yearbook was dedicated to Kindergarten teacher Julie McClellan, right. Far right Cai Roman, on the Yearbook staff, addresses the crowd. Seniors with their last yearbook.



The Highlands Police Department set up an obstacle course on the track around the baseball field for students to drive while wearing "impaired" goggles. The goggles mimic what it's like to drive drunk blowing .5 to .25. Kristen Hedden had a hard time getting into the vehicle once she put on the impaired goggles and had an even harder time driving the course. Officers say this is a "safe" way to learn what it's like to drive drunk.



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Dear Editor,

Many thanks to all who made Cupcakes for Caregivers success! To all of the cancer survivors and their caregivers in attendance, may you know how much you are supported on your journey with this dreaded disease, and how much you appreciate the extraordinary support of your Caregivers. The victories you win together, each day, are monumental.

For the past 10 years, the Highlands community has shown the nation what a community that cares can do when united in a personal and local outreach. Yes, cancer is a bad neighborhood, and because of The American Cancer Society and its partnership with the Highlands community, now has to go there alone.

Thank you Sarah Gayle and Molly Black of the American Cancer Society for your presentations on the life saving work on behalf of cancer patients and their families in Highlands. The research and support services offered by the American Cancer Society have a direct impact of each day on cancer patients in our town. Help is available, 24/7 by calling 1-800-227-2345.

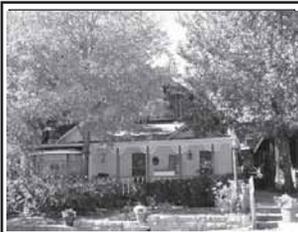
In addition to these informative presentations, we appreciate Fresser's Eatery and The Bakery at Fresser's for sponsoring this event - the cupcakes were delicious, and the bubbly toast was festive! Thank you ACS Community Manager Lisa Duff for all that you do, and all of the Highlands Relay for Life Committee members who contributed

their hard work and special magic: Marketing Chairs Ellen Bauman and Katrina Graham for their tireless efforts to get the word out, for the creative decorations and the lively toast! On Line Chair Mike Murphy, The Highlander Newspaper, WHLC 104/5FM, The Laurel Magazine and Highlands' Newspaper for your publicity.

As we celebrate the 10th Birthday of Relay for Life in Highlands, we recognize the heroic efforts each year of Paula Jones, Butch Smart, Pat Griffin, and so many more, walking each year at Relay, because cancer never sleeps. While those newly diagnosed now join their journey, their outcome is inspired by your efforts.

A special Survivors Dinner and Celebration will take place August 3rd in Coleman Hall, and Highlands Relay for Life is August 13th at the Civic Center. We ask that all cancer survivors please register on line at www.relayforlife.org/highlands. This website also contains information on the life saving work of The American Cancer Society. Learn how you can support this effort by remembering a loved one lost, celebrating the life of someone still bravely walking. Please consider the difference you can make by joining a team, starting a team or contributing to a cause that will one day allow us all to celebrate more birthdays! On behalf of the Highlands Relay for Life Committee

**Christy Kelly
Mission/Advocacy/Survivor
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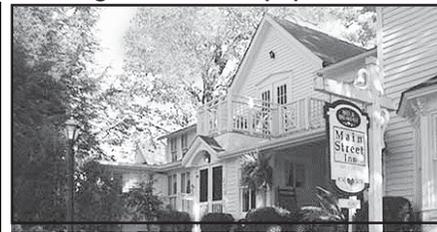
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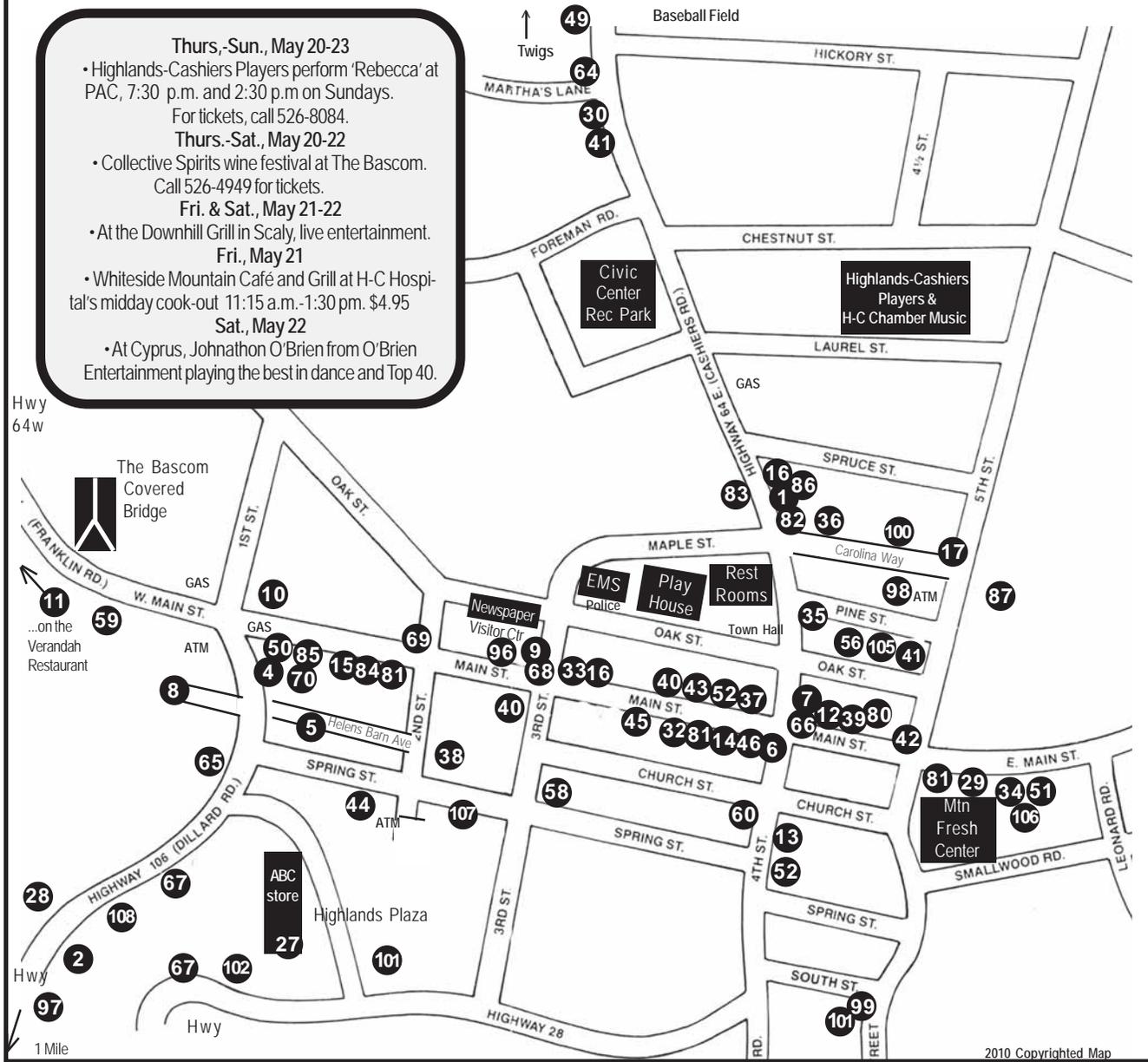
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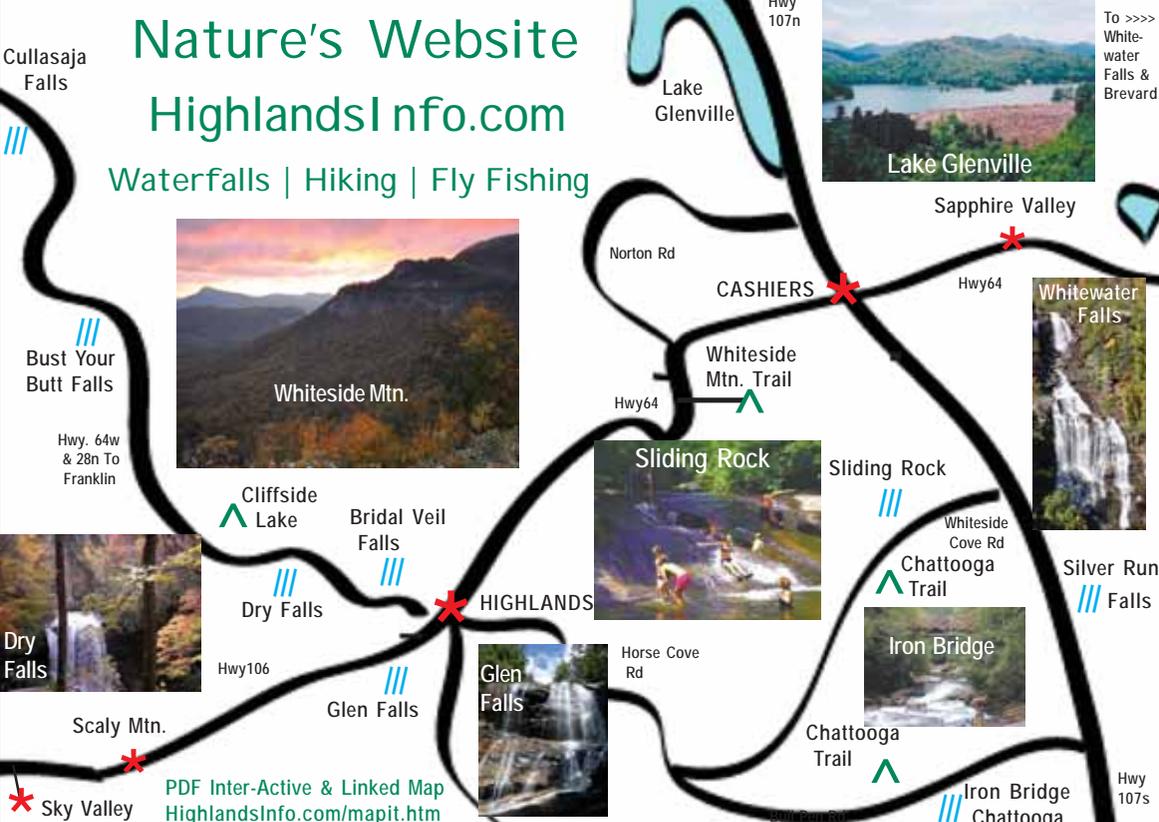
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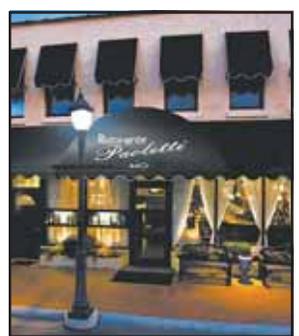
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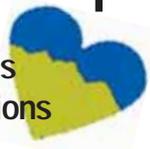
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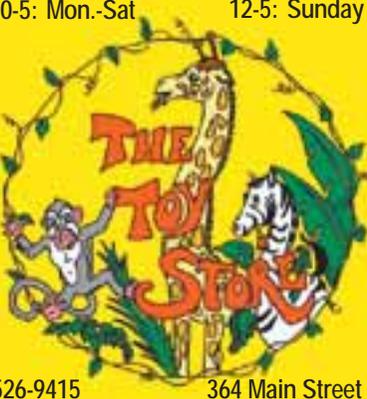
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