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**Thursday, Sept. 2**  
 • Open House at the new Town Hall from 3-6 p.m. 210 N. 4th Street.  
 • Rotary Bingo to support the Highlands Historical Society from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Building. \$15 to play 1 card all night.

**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5**  
 • At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing acoustic at 10 p.m.

**Fri. & Sat., Sept. 3-4**  
 • Live Music at The Downhill Grill at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center 7-9 p.m.. BYOB.

**Fri., Sept. 3**  
 • At The Bird Barn, Spirit the Bald Eagle will arrive at 2 p.m.

**Sat. & Sun., Sept. 4-5**  
 • Village Square Art & Craft Show at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Village Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Cynthia Strain for more information. 828-787-2021.

**Saturday, Sept. 4**  
 • Robert Ray's Big Band Show at PAC at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 526-9027.

• Castaway Cutters of Blairsville, GA and Murphy, NC will hold an animal adoption at Whiskers on Main Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person.

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

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

**Sunday, Sept. 5**  
 • First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Tenor John Wesley Wright in concert at 5 p.m. Folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, and more in the sanctuary. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

• The Highlands Playhouse is holding a silent auction Sunday at the Playhouse. Bidding begins at 6 p.m. Guests will be served wine as they peruse the items on the auction block.

## Sixteen dead dogs and counting

Over the last three weeks dogs who live along Buck Knob Road in Scaly Mountain have been dying at an alarming rate and their owners want to know why.

Initially, citizens thought innocent dogs were being poisoned with hot dogs laced with antifreeze – hot dogs meant for a pack of dogs that are allegedly responsible for the

death of cats and kittens in the area.

The thought was that "innocent dogs" got to the hot dogs before the targeted dogs.

However through testing done at the Rabun Animal Hospital, doctors have tentatively named the killer culprit a biochemical called organophosphate which is the basis of many insecticides and herbicides.

"All the antifreeze tests came back negative," said Dr. Steven Ar-bitter at the hospital. "The effects of exposure are specific and point to organophosphate."

He said whether the county sprayed a herbicide containing the biochemical along the roadways for weed control or whether it is in an

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## Business owners want changes made to sign ordinance

Speaking on behalf of all businesses in town, members of the Business Committee asked the Town Board to loosen up on its sign

regulations.

"In this year, in this day, during these economic times, we would like you to take a hard look

and consider changing the ordinance immediately," said Cathi Mead, co-owner of The Bird Barn. She said there is a 16-page section

for a six block town with three lights.

Mead suggested amendments to Section 402 – Exempt Signs –  
 • See ORDINANCE page 13

## Varied mix running for BOE

Few people turned out for the first Board of Education forum held in Highlands last week at the Community Building where newcomers to the race expressed an eagerness to serve.

On the ballot this Nov. 2 is incumbent Stephanie McCall, who is running unopposed for re-election in District 1 – she wasn't at the forum due to a prior commitment. Ex-principal Larry Brooks will face incumbent Tommy Cabe in District 2; and incumbent Bobby Bishop will face off with ex-principal Gary Shields in District 4.

Cabe, who is retired from his surveyor business, has been on the board since 2002 and Bishop has been on the board a little over a year and a half. Both have been in the thick of it with the school system experiencing the most severe budget crunch in years. Despite those obstacles, the county and school system have moved forward with district plans of consolidating small schools for more efficient larger and newer schools.

Cabe said he is committed to

the school system and has the time to give it his all.

Bishop said he is proud of the job the BOE has done over the last couple of years and said the money was well spent and no one was let go despite hard times. He said test scores are up across the district and says it's important that the students of Macon County get the best education possible, and with qualified teachers and staff on board there's no reason that shouldn't continue.

Ex-principals Larry Brooks and Gary Shields have experienced the budget crunch and the ramifications thereof, most recently as principals of Cowee and Franklin High School, respectively.

Each believes they can bring a fresh perspective to the board having been teachers and school administrators throughout their tenure in the school system.

Brooks said two years down the road Macon County School system will face problems like every other school system in the country because there won't be anymore stim-

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## Highlands beats Franklin



Highlands' Justin Watson controlling the ball against Franklin. See more school sports on page 10. Photo by Noel Atherton

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Be grateful for the Woodruffs

Dear Editor,

In reference to the few people who oppose Jane Woodruff's proposal to construct a beautiful post office on one of the most beautiful properties in Highlands.

Can we not be grateful and blessed for all that the Woodruff family has done for our community?

Our most valuable asset, the children of the community have benefited from Mr. Woodruff's funding of the Highlands Rec Park. Both my children and grandchildren have enjoyed using the Rec Park for nearly 30 years.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital would not exist nor would the Jane Woodruff Medical Building if it had not been for the Woodruff family. I remember the days of the old Highlands Hospital and am truly grateful for the state of the art hospital facility made possible by the Woodruff family and others.

There are so few people in our community who have the means to be so generous. Why are we not grateful?

My brother and I could have sold our property to a major grocery store chain. They made us the same offer. However, our love for Highlands made the sale an easy choice. We are grateful that our beautiful trees will remain intact and that something in which will truly benefit the entire town and be built with the beauty that is the Woodruff tradition.

I wish Highlanders, new and old would appreciate all that the Woodruff family has done for our community.

I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Patce Thornton & Jimmy Strahan  
Highlands

## • THANKS •

### From Scaly Mountain Women's Club

The Scaly Mountain Women's Club was thrilled with the success of the sixth annual auction held July 9 - 10 at the Scaly Mountain Community Center. The auction, along with several other fundraisers, benefits the Scholarship Fund. The club is currently helping eleven students further their education and four additional seniors

in high school received scholarships from the Women's Club and will start school in the Fall.

On Friday night at the Auction Preview Party, there was a mini Flea Market and a Silent Auction. The crowd was entertained by a talented guitar player and singer, Alan Neely and his sister Claire Neely. On Saturday night, there was a crowd of lively bidders and almost everyone happily took home some amazing bargains.

Barbara Thomas, Auction Chairwoman, said that the success of the auction can largely be attributed to the generous support of the businesses. It is with much appreciation that the Scaly Mountain Women's Club acknowledges the businesses that helped raise money and awareness for the Scholarship Fund. Alyxandra's, Ann Jacobs Gallery, Anna Wear, Bags on Main, Bear Mountain Outfitters, Bird Barn, Brick Oven Pizza, Christmas Cottage, Christmas Tree of the Hill, Cospers Flowers, Custom House, Cut & Curl (Clayton), Cyprus Restaurant, Cyrano's, Desire, Dry Sink, Dusty's, Elevation, Fromage & Other Fine Foods (Clayton), Furniture South, Gates Nursery, Gold-N-Clipper, Greenleaf Gallery & Gift Shop, Highland Hiker, Highlands Office Supply, Highlands' Newspaper, House of Wong, Jolie's of Highlands, Juliana's, Kilwin's, Lakeside Restaurant, Laurel Magazine, Lulu Bleu, Middlecreek Barn Antiques, Mill Creek Gallery, Mountain Heritage, Mountain Rarities, Mountainique, Needlepoint of Highlands, Nick's Fine Foods, On the Verandah, Paoletti's, Peak Experience, Pizza Place of Highlands, Reeves Hardware Dillard, Reeves Hardware

Highlands, Rosenthal's, Silver Eagle, Spoiled Rotten, Stockton House, Stone Lantern, Summer House, Summer Pasture, Suzette's, Sweet Treats, Tin Roof, Twigs, Wholesale Down Comforter & More, Wit's End and Wolfgang's Restaurant. We would also like to thank local artists Jan De Jong, Colette Clark, Butchie Neely, and Faye Bellwood for contributing their paintings.

A big thank you goes to Bryan Snyder from Clayton for being our auctioneer for the past six years. The Women's Club so appreciates the publicity given by your outstanding newspaper. We could not have done it without your support! We could not give the auction without the help of the wonderful folks in our extended community. Thanks!

Scaly Mountain Women's Club

### Battling of his life

Dear Editor,

On Saturday August 21, the community and the surrounding communities came out in loving support of Fred. So many individual people and businesses gave in every way. In Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. God truly poured out his love.

We believe God is still in the miracle working business. On Sept. 13 he will be in Duke hospital for major surgery. We ask that on that day you lift him up in your prayers. From the bottom of our hearts; Thank you!

The Munger Family  
Highlands

### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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### HHS home tour a success

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Highlands Historical Society, I thank everyone who participated in our 2010 Tour of Historic Homes. Because of your support, the Home Tour was a resounding success! A large reason for this success was the generosity of the owners of the three properties that were offered to us for the Tour.

Ray and Diane McPhail were gracious to allow us to show their remarkable estate, especially their home, a renovated Grist Mill. A big thanks to Cason and Nancy Calaway for their fine home Apple Hill, part of which was constructed before Highlands' founders arrived with original inhabitants being Cherokee Indians. And finally thank you to Cynthia Mitchell for sharing her beautifully decorated home Outbound.

The Highlands Historical Society works diligently to share knowledge of the foundation of our town. Preserving our rich heritage is our primary goal. We operate entirely with volunteers, and are funded by private donations and grants.

The proceeds from this tour will go directly to the maintenance and preservation of the Museum (the original Hudson Library, the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest library in our state) and The Prince House (the oldest home within the town limits). These old buildings require continual upkeep.

We invite everyone to visit the Highlands Historic Village located at 520 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street which is open each Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 828-787-1050 or visit our website, [www.highlandshistory.com](http://www.highlandshistory.com).

Linda New  
Highlands

### Acts of kindness appreciated

Friends and family,

We consider ourselves truly blessed to be surrounded by such gracious and caring people. Your kind words, thoughts, and prayers have helped each of us an immeasurable amount. The generosity that has been given to our family during this time is unbelievable. We greatly appreciate all of the food, flowers, cards, phone calls and donations given to us during this difficult time. We would like to extend a thank you to each of you who helped us to honor Kevin's life, and to those of you who continue to hold our family in your hearts. Each kind word, thought, prayer and gift will be remembered always.

With the utmost gratitude,  
The Family of Kevin Petrone



## • MILESTONES •

### From Highlands to the Great Wall



Chase Jenkins completes study abroad program in Beijing, China this past summer. Chase attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and will graduate in the spring of 2011 double majoring in Asian Studies and Political Science. As an UNC Phillips Ambassador recipient, Chase participated in the UNC Asian Studies "Summer in Beijing" program at the Beijing Institute of Education. During this intense, eight-week language and cultural experience, Jenkins pledged to speak only Chinese, specifically Mandarin, and received the People's Republic of China Certificate of Completion. Jenkins said the experience was amazing and what he learned about China and the culture was something he would never forget. Chase hopes to return to China in the future.



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## Bullying at school is being addressed nation, state and countywide

Over the past few years, nationwide, bullying of classmates at schools has been the subject of U-Tube postings and TV news.

In response, on June 30, 2009, Governor Bev Purdue signed the North Carolina School Violence Prevention Act also known as the Anti-Bullying Law.

The law requires that all North Carolina school districts adopt a "clear and inclusive policy prohibiting bullying and harassment" by December 31, 2009. This bill requires that incidents of bullying be reported by students, teachers, and volunteers, and it includes details of reporting procedures and punishments to be established by each school district.

The Macon County School system has had an anti-bullying policy since Dec. 4, 2006 but revised it in response to the governor's move on Dec. 12, 2009.

The school system's "Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying" policy includes prohibited behaviors and consequences, reporting and investigation of complaint procedures, and staff training requirements.

In addition to incorporating the amended version into its policy, the Macon County School System has approved a mandatory training for all school employees that expands upon the Risky Behaviors curriculum developed several years ago.

This training, entitled "Risky Behavior and Child Abuse Prevention" took place this past August prior to the start of the new school year. The revised bullying policy was highlighted in this training.

"I encourage all parents/guardians to remain involved in their child(ren)'s education and have frequent discussions with them about school and peers," said MC School Superintendent, Dan Brigman. "In the event bullying is suspected, please notify a teacher, administrator or other individual employed in the school as soon as possible."

Even the group Health Carolinians of Macon County has gotten involved.

Healthy Carolinians of Macon County wants all parents, grandparents, and guardians of Macon County children to know:

- Bullying is aggressive behavior that is

intentional and that involves an imbalance of power or strength and can be demonstrated in a physical act or threatening communication whether it be written, electronic, or verbal.

- Examples of bullying are spreading rumors, keeping certain people out of a "group", posting nasty pictures or messages about others in social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace).

- Bullying can have serious consequences. Children and youth who are bullied can present signs of feeling sick, depressed, lonely, or anxious; wants to stay home from school, or display low-self esteem.

Superintendent Brigman offers the following advice if your child is being bullied.

- Focus on your child. Be supportive and gather information about the bullying.

- Never tell your child to ignore the bullying. What the child may "hear" is that you are going to ignore it. If the child were able to simply ignore it, he or she likely would not have told you about it. Often, trying to ignore bullying allows it to become more serious.

- Don't blame the child who is being bullied. Don't assume that your child did something to provoke the bullying. Don't say, "What did you do to aggravate the other child?"

- Listen carefully to what your child tells you about the bullying. Ask him or her to describe who was involved and how and where each bullying episode happened.

- Learn as much as you can about the bullying tactics used, and when and where the bullying happened. Can your child name other children or adults who may have witnessed the bullying?

- Empathize with your child. Tell him/her that bullying is wrong, not their fault, and that you are glad he or she had the courage to tell you about it. Ask your child what he or she thinks can be done to help. Assure him or her that you will think about what needs to be done and you will let him or her know what you are going to do.

- If you disagree with how your child handled the bullying situation, don't criticize.

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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### Fun with Fred and Jane Act one, scene one

**O**K, this week I'm going to be writing a short play about two people from very different backgrounds. Maybe our very own PAC would want to pick this up as a gripping drama.

Person #1 will be named Fred. He will play a zany, totally off the wall, starving newspaper columnist from a small North Carolina mountain town. Fred has this uncanny ability to piss off everyone and has seen the more seedy side of life. Also, Fred's entire inheritance at the death of his Ma was exactly... well, one dollar. Fred is not what you would call a member of the lucky sperm club.

Person #2 will be named Jane and, unlike Fred, she is a lucky spermer... actually, she's a very lucky spermer. She has a wonderful, caring personality who owns more American money than even China. As fate would have it, this lovely philanthropist also lives in the same mountain town as our zany, off the wall, newspaper columnist with one dollar of inheritance in his pocket.

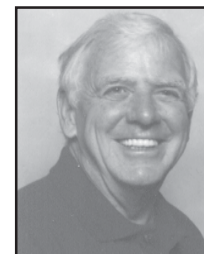
And so the plot is set. Can two people from such very different walks of life find love, companionship and happiness in the same small mountain town? Nah... never happen!

Our opening scene begins one morning when Jane awakens in her mansion and finds she has this insatiable, burning desire to waste five or six million dollars on something totally worthless. Then Jane thinks to herself, "I'll build anything but a Performing Arts Center. I tried to build Highlands a magnificent Performing Arts Center 15 or so years ago and they turned me down flat and laughed at me. I'll not do that again. Hmmm, what can I build? This time I want to build something totally useless."

Overwhelmed by her thoughts, Jane begins to think about what Highlands doesn't really need. "I know, I'll build a stupid post office. Nobody wants a new post office, especially the Postal Service!"

Plans were set forth and the government was notified they were getting a free post office building whether they wanted one or not. In the interim, our zany columnist, Fred, hears of this insanity and races over to Jane's mansion to beg her to change her mind.

Fred throws himself at the front steps of Jane's mansion and begs her to come out. Finally, after an hour of begging and slob-



Fred Wooldridge

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bering on her front steps, Jane comes out and speaks to zany Fred.

Jane: "Why are you here, zany newspaper man who writes nothing but tacky stuff and makes everyone mad?"

Fred: "I'm here to beg... please don't build a post office at the busiest intersection in Highlands where traffic is at its worse. Actually, I'm here to beg you not to build a post office anywhere."

Why are you doing this to us?"

Jane: "Ha, you have found me out, you clever, zany, newspaper columnist. I want to build something I know won't be turned down this time; not like last time. I was so hurt. Our government would never turn down free money. I'll just call it a stimulus package and it'll be gobbled up. Who cares that it's at the crossroads of the two busiest highways in Highlands?"

Fred: "But Jane, name one town or village, one city or anywhere in the U.S that is noted for its magnificent post office. People don't come from far and wide to mail letters. Actually, people don't even mail letters anymore."

Jane: "Enough of this, you manipulative, dastardly man who is beginning to upset me with your logic. The people of Highlands will have a new post office, like it or not."

Fred slowly pulled himself to his knees and wiped the tears from his eyes. He stood and faced Jane.

Jane: "Oh, Fred, you pitiful creature, you look exhausted from all that outrageous begging and pleading. May I get you a Coke?"

Fred: "Actually, I'm more of a Dr. Pepper kind of guy, if you have one."

Jane: "Remove yourself from my property this instant. I should have known you were a Dr. Pepper person."

Dejected, Fred closed his steno pad and turned to walk away. Jane, being the caring person she is, couldn't stand to see this broken man limp from her property.

Jane: "Wait, don't leave, mister insulting Dr. Pepper person. How dare you use logic on me as your weapon! Maybe we can make a deal. Let's talk."

Watch for Act Two, scene one....maybe....maybe not.

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



## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Discontent masks intolerance

Glen Beck has promoted himself from side show barker to ring master. He demonstrated his ability to fill the big top, or in this case the Washington Mall. Estimates of the crowd vary with the political persuasion of the reporter, a poor way to count.

The pictures of the rally suggested that followers number in the hundreds of thousands rather than the tens of thousands estimated by CNN, but in all likelihood less than 500,000 estimated by devout followers. It doesn't matter all that much if the number was a 100,000 or 500,000, any more than it matters how many cobras a snake charmer can coax out of the basket. We know that attendees represented the tip of the iceberg, that the message resonant with millions of dissatisfied Americans.

Just what is the message that resonates with so many disgruntled Americans? Beck discouraged political signs at the Restore Honor rally, which at times sounded more like the Restore Honor revival.

He claimed the gathering was non-political; rather the rally "will honor the troops, unite the American people under the principles of integrity and truth, and



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make a pledge to restore honor within ourselves and our country," according to Beck.

Special Operations Warriors Foundation received more than \$500,000 from the event according to its web site. If all those people had just stayed home and contributed the amount they spent on travel, lodging, transportation, and Sarah Palin action figures, the amount might have been \$50,000,000.

Had they stayed home, would they have missed an historic event? History must be the ultimate judge of which events are historic, but I tend to believe that something special happened on August 28, 2010. As many as a half million people went to the trouble of traveling to the nation's capital to voice their concern for the state of America. That says something about the level of dissatisfaction. I doubt that a tenth of that number would have rallied to honor America's military, although our debt to the military is great.

Frustration with government is at the core of concern. Many supporters rail against big government, while the target should be ineffective government, large or

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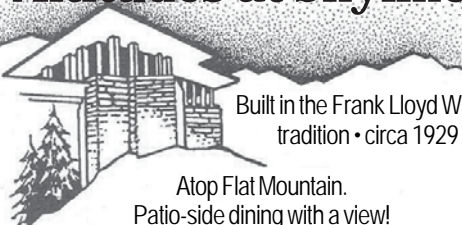
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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Team USA finding tough road in Turkey

Team USA and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has seen a lot in his 40-plus years of coaching basketball, but I would wager to say that the fourth quarter of the US-Brazil matchup at the world championship reminded him of his early days at Duke.



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Both the US and Brazil scored a mere nine points apiece in a fourth quarter full of ugly. (As in U\_G\_L\_Y you ain't got no alibi ugly... we are talking Dick Vitale in a library type stuff here).

The US National team looked stagnant on offense and helpless on defense as Brazil managed to find open look after open look in the fourth quarter. (Thankfully, Leandro Barbosa couldn't throw it in Rush Limbaugh's mouth or else the US would have been blown out).

To say that the United States was fortunate to escape with a 70-68 win would be a slight understatement, but what are the real implications of

Monday's game?

First of all, while this particular incarnation of the US National team is full of NBA talent, it is unfair to expect them to blow out the opposition in the FIBA World Championships for several reasons.

First and foremost, this particular team has only

two "all-world" level players in Kevin Durant and Derrick Rose. We aren't rolling out LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, Chris Bosh (Uh oh, that's just the Miami Heat.) and Kobe Bryant. Instead, Team USA is in more of an underdog mode -- lots of talent at guard and a commitment to defensive intensity.

Secondly, while many people claim that the "world is catching up to the US in basketball," the reality is that they have already "caught up" in terms of skill and athleticism.

Additionally, many foreign national teams have the advantage of playing together on a regular basis, so they possess a chemistry that the US team simply does not have. Indeed, the US is not even ranked #1 in the world anymore by FIBA, as that honor belongs to Argentina.

Despite its shortcomings, Team USA still has a terrific chance to win its first World Championship since 2004. With a superstar in Kevin Durant and a deep roster, the US will be the number one seed in their group heading into the knockout round. They will face stiff challenges from international powers Argentina, Spain, Brazil and Greece, and this US team does not have the talent to withstand an off night in the knockout round against one of those opponents.

You may recall in 2006 when the US team led by Coach K breezed through the tournament before having a bad night against Greece in the semifinals and losing. That sort of thing could very well happen again to the US if they do not play better than they did Monday against Brazil.

The FIBA World Championships are being shown on ESPN and ESPN3, if you have some time check it out and see the interesting differences between the international game of basketball and the way that it is played here in the United States.

### ...on this day

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just didn't see you much during the Soviet  
Union,  
but since we've run into each other again,  
I've developed a crush and  
we can visit, now that things are calmer and  
you're no longer Russian.



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ulus money and reserve funds will be gone. "Then we will have some tough decisions to make," he said.

As a board member he said he would have to first consider budget constraints, continue to attend to building and grounds and finally wants to consider the vision of the district. But said he will leave the business of educating to the professionals – the teachers and administrators at the schools.

He said he isn't running against anyone but instead he is running for the District II BOE seat.

Shields said once he decided to retire, he realized he had to figure out a way to use his time constructively and since he's an educator could "offer and experienced view of the daily operations of a school and its classrooms."

He said a lot of things have to line up before kids can be first and that starts with the BOE. He said schools are a business model and if you want schools to be right you have to have a value system that advocates the values and the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

He stressed the need for highly qualified teachers who are not only passionate about their jobs but who are also compassionate.

The first question put to the candidates was "would they continue to support the arts and music at the schools?"

Each candidate said they considered art and music important.

"Not every kid is good at math, but every kid has a gift of some kind," said Bishop. "As a choir director, music is very important to me."

Brooks said right under English is the arts for him. "Not everyone is good at everything but everyone is good at something and many times that comes through in the arts."

He said there have to be magnets at the schools – subjects that make kids want to come to school – and for many that's art and music. However, he did say that due to the economic times, as the years progress, it will be a challenge to keep the arts in schools because when it comes to academics, certain mile posts must be reached.

Cabe said students have to learn certain subjects today and unfortunately some things – like art and music – have to be put on the back burner.

The candidates were questioned about the recent athlete drug testing policy where every athlete in grades 7-12 is tested and then randomly tested throughout the school year.

Everyone agreed the policy was a fair and good one.

Shields said his only problem with the policy is what happens when a child tests positive.

"We mandate counseling if the athlete wants to play again, but this stuff isn't free. What if the family can't afford it? That's what I mean by the 'disconnect.' The object shouldn't be just to get back on the team, but to help the student."

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The Forest Service would like public input before deciding whether to issue permits to groups such as schools, organizations and camps, for outfitting and guiding trips on the Nantahala River on the Nantahala National Forest.

A 2008 change in regulations has authorized these types of permits, based on demonstrated need and resource limitations.

Various groups and institutions such as local colleges, universities, and camps have contacted the agency, seeking use of the Nantahala River in support of their educational programs. Proposed criteria for permit issuance include:

1. A maximum of 32 permits would be issued each year.
2. Applications would be accepted during the month of January each year
3. If more than 32 applications are received, permits would be issued on a lottery system.
4. Each qualified applicant would be issued a permit for a one-year term for up to 200 service days. Permitted service days could

only be used between May 1 through Nov 1 and only on Mondays through Thursdays of each week.

5. Use of the service days would require approval of a season schedule and itinerary by the authorized officer prior to issuing the temporary use permit.

6. No permits would be issued for use on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays; predetermined high-use days; or for commercial purposes.

7. Permits would be issued beginning with the 2011 use season.

Comments are welcomed regarding whether a limited number of temporary non-commercial use permits should be made available for use of the Nantahala River. Written comments may be submitted by September 10, 2010 to District Ranger, Nantahala Ranger District, 90 Sloan Road, Franklin NC 28734 (Attn: Doris Doster) or by email to [ddoster@fs.fed.us](mailto:ddoster@fs.fed.us). If you would like additional information, please contact Doris Doster by email or by telephone at 828-524-6441.

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# • CONSERVATIVE POV •

## Have you heard this one?

Just when you think that there is absolutely nothing to laugh at these days, along comes Joe Biden to provide humor for the masses. The other day, Joe told the world that even though the economic recovery was not proceeding as fast as the administration had hoped, "no doubt we're moving in the right direction." Hmmm.

The next day, the Wall Street Journal reports, "US new home sales plunged to a new all-time low in July, the Commerce department estimated Wednesday. The decrease in new-home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate 276,000 was well below the 339,000 pace expected by economists."

New home building is the grease that turns our economy and new home sales are the most dependable leading indicator we have. Joe, that's not the right direction, that's the left direction. You've just got to learn right from left.

Hey, you've taken that out of context – it's just a statistical anomaly. Oh, really?

Simultaneously, Bloomberg reports, "Bookings for durable goods increased 0.3 per cent last month, compared to the 3 per cent median estimate of 75 economists, surveyed by Bloomberg News, figures from the Commerce Department showed today in Washington. Excluding transportation equipment, demand unexpectedly fell." Strike two.

The measurement that is most meaningful to many of us is the stock market. Since lots of folks have lost the equity in their home, what's left of their 401-k's is pretty much their nest egg. The Dow is on a slide, under 10,000 as I write this, and, for you technicians, the chart looks bad. Couple this with the lowest returns ever on US Treasuries and Joe, if this is your idea of the right direction, we need to pray for Obama's health (I can't believe I just said that).

According to John Boehner, House minority leader, that's strike three for Obama's White House economic team. Christina Romer, ousted head of Obama's

Council of Economic Advisers was the first to take the fall for the President's failed economic policies, specifically the lead balloon, a.k.a. "the Stimulus Package." Boehner wants them all gone; Timmy Geithner, Larry Summers, the whole bunch of them.

Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) soon followed with the same solution; through them out. Well, Boehner and Price might be "headed in the right direction," that is, up the food



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chain. They stop just a bit short. While Geithner and Summers may be the chief operatives of the governmental economic machinery, the real problem is at the top of the heap, namely, the creator of Obamanomics, himself.

It is he, who never created a business plan, wrote a payroll check, operated an economic enterprise of any sort, who learned his economic theory from a

Keynesian playbook, that needs "change." Until he is willing to admit that his policies are ruining 250 years of a successful economic system and abandon his wicked ways will there be any hope of recovery. Even if Beohner and Price get their way, it won't make any difference who Obama replaces Tim and Larry with. If he insists on his failing economic policies, we're still in a black hole.

An example of the unintended consequences of his direction is the financial reform legislation that he demanded. In a period when consumer spending is critical to getting the ball rolling, Congress lays a load of restrictions on credit card companies. Their response is to hike rates to make up for revenue lost through regulation. So, instead of spending, the consumer withdraws from the marketplace even further and pays down their balances to escape the increased interest charges.

Perhaps the most damaging of his policies is to keep the us in the dark about whether or not he plans on keeping the Bush tax cuts in place. Not knowing puts business owners sitting on their wallets, not wanting to hire until there is some clarity on the tax matter. Likewise, not knowing what costs new healthcare mandates will bring, employers won't hire. This, of course, keeps any sort of recovery in the waiting room.

Cracks in the Democrat front are turning into open sores. Not only are some whom are up for grabs in the upcoming election keeping their distance from the administration, they are actually being advised to run against their own leadership.

On to lesser things. Paris, evidently jealous of the attention heaped on Lindsay in her misery, parades half-naked on her veranda. Since no one seemed to notice, she felt it necessary to get busted for carrying cocaine in her purse while partying in Vegas. One wonders what Brittney will do to get back in the limelight. I shudder to think. Stay tuned.

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Above, Highlander Andrew Renfro working against Franklin. Highlands scored a victory shot shortly after they tied up with Franklin and ended up beating them 2-1. Photo by Noel Atherton.



**Highlanders start  
season strong**

**By Ryan Potts**  
The Highlands High School men's soccer team started their season last Wednesday with a 3-1 defeat of Tallulah Falls in the first varsity game at the new Highlands School soccer field.

Highlands struck first early in the first period off of a blast from Michael Shearl, but despite dominating possession for the entire first period they only led 1-0 at the half.

A defensive lapse in the first minute of the second half allowed the visiting Indians to equalize, but their hopes were dashed when Samuel Wheeler found the back of the net just minutes later. Clayton Creighton added another goal late in the game to round out the final margin of 3-1.

Highlands followed their opening game with a trip down to archrival Franklin to face the Panthers. After conceding an early goal, Highlands found themselves down 1-0 and trailed for that margin the majority of the match.

With just 12 minutes to play senior captain Samuel Wheeler was able to equalize, setting up a frantic final 10 minutes. With five minutes to play senior Robbie Vanderbilt slipped a header past the Franklin keeper and gave Highlands the victory.

Highlander coach Chris Green said of the win "it was a great win for us, it showed a lot of character for us to keep fighting and come from behind like that. I'm very proud of my team and the heart that they showed."

The Highlanders continued their road trip with a visit to Rabun Gap over the weekend-things looked promising after Tucker Bates banged home an early goal for a 1-0 lead. However, Rabun Gap fought back, equalizing before halftime and scoring two more goals to take a 3-1 lead.

A couple of garbage time goals made the final score of 5-1 not a true indicator of the closeness of the match, but the Highlanders still played hard throughout.

The Highlanders will face Brevard here at Highlands School today to continue their non-conference schedule.

Left, the girls volley ball team beat Swain Tuesday night at Highlands School. Pictured are senoirs Marlee McCall and Tayor Buras going up for a block. The team won 3 matches to one. Highlands came out strong winning the first 2 matches and losing the third, after tiring with long volleys against Swain but came out looking for a win 4th match and won 25-17. The next home game is Tuesday, Sept 7, against Blue Ridge. Photo by Stephanie McCall.



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cize him or her.

- Do not encourage physical retaliation ("Just hit them back") as a solution. Hitting another student is not likely to end the problem, and it could get your child suspended or expelled or escalate the situation.

- Check your emotions. A parent's protective instincts stir strong emotions. Although it is difficult, a parent is wise to step back and consider the next steps carefully.

He encourages parents/guardians to contact the child's teacher or principal.

- Parents are often reluctant to report bullying to school officials, but bullying may not stop without the help of adults.

- Keep your emotions in check. Give factual information about your child's experience of being bullied including who, what, when, where, and how.

- Emphasize that you want to work with the staff at school to find a solution to stop the bullying, for the sake of your child as well as other students.

- Do not contact the parents of the student(s) who bullied your child. This is usually a parent's first response, but sometimes it makes matters worse. School officials should contact the parents of the child or children who did the bullying.

- Expect the bullying to stop. Talk regularly with your child and with school staff to see whether the bullying has stopped. If the bullying persists, contact school authorities again.

Brigman also encourages families to help children become more resilient to bullying.

- Help to develop talents or positive attributes of your child. Suggest and facilitate music, athletics, and art activities. Doing so may help your child be more confident

among his or her peers.

- Encourage your child to make contact with friendly students in his or her class. Your child's teacher may be able to suggest students with whom your child can make friends, spend time, or collaborate on work.

- Help your child meet new friends outside of the school environment. A new environment can provide a "fresh start" for a child who has been bullied repeatedly.

- Teach your child safety strategies. Teach him or her how to seek help from an adult when feeling threatened by a bully. Talk about whom he or she should go to for help and role-play what he or she should say. Assure your child that reporting bullying is not the same as tattling.

- Ask yourself if your child is being bullied because of a learning difficulty or a lack of social skills? If your child is hyperactive, impulsive, or overly talkative, the child who bullies may be reacting out of annoyance. This doesn't make the bullying right, but it may help to explain why your child is being bullied. If your child easily irritates people, seek help from a counselor so that your child can better learn the informal social rules of his or her peer group.

- Home is where the heart is. Make sure your child has a safe and loving home environment where he or she can take shelter, physically and emotionally. Always maintain open lines of communication with your child.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Dan Brigman, Superintendent, Macon County Schools at 524-3314; Jennifer Turner-Lynn, REACH of Macon County, Inc. at 369-5544;

And Kathy McGaha, Healthy Carolinians of Macon County at 349-2426

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small. There is an element of nostalgia, a longing to return to a simpler time, a time when America's churches were full, when minorities were out of sight, when mosques were not an issue.

What many attendees see as intrusive government, others see as compassion. From the passage of Social Security to the recent enactment of health care reform, purists, most of whom are not in need of assistance, have complained that extending a helping hand to those who are, is not a proper function of government. Despite their imperfections, measures from Social Security to the Voting Rights act of 1964 have enriched America.

All can agree that other bits of tampering with tradition such as freeing slaves and

granting women the right to vote, while controversial at the time, have enriched rather than perverted the Constitution.

The rally had a decidedly religious tone. It was for many a celebration of a Christian America. Many of the participants seem to believe that what the founding fathers had in mind when they included religious freedom in the Bill of Rights was the freedom to choose from among Christian denominations. As such it sounded an exclusionary tone, which is sad in an inclusive nation.

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Almost immediately, dogs have seizures, have difficulty breathing, begin shaking, drooling, vomiting and having diarrhea. "It's known as Slud Syndrome and basically their bodies just start shutting down," said Arbitter.

"This is not a case of 'let's wait and see if he or she gets better,'" he said. "The animals must be brought in right away for the antidote."

Over the past weeks, doctors at Rabun Animal Hospital have successfully treated two dogs who have been exposed to the chemical.

Susan Nastasic who lives with her family off Buck Knob Road has had one dog die and an 11-week old puppy nearly die – it is currently being treated at the hospital where the antidote has been administered, fluids are being pumped via an IV and the pup is being kept on a heating pad to minimize the damage to its neurological system.

Nastasic said she was jogging along Buck Knob Road a few days ago with her dog Daisy on the leash. Daisy started pulling at the leash, so she let her off.

"I figured there was something she wanted to chase, so I let her off and in about two minutes she came back and I put her back on the leash."

By the time they got back to the house, the dog was severely ill, vomiting, defecating, shaking, drooling – demonstrating all the symptoms outlined later by the vet. She died shortly thereafter.

Over the weekend, a neighbor was stay-

ing at the Nastasic home with her dog and that dog also died.

When the Nastasic's 11-week old puppy showed signs of sickness, they rushed her to the animal hospital.

The widespread death toll – with dogs even dying while leased on their property – suggests they have all been exposed to the biochemical either by direct contact or by ingesting the vomit or fecal matter of infected animals.

"This chemical is commonly used and is absorbed by the environment and will dissipate after rains," said Arbitter.

People along Buck Knob Road, whose dogs have gotten sick and died, are encouraged to hose away any vomit or fecal matter they find on their property to ensure it is clean and safe for their other pets or animals that may wander on their land.

Arbitter suggests leashing animals, keeping them fenced or walking them on asphalt until rains wash away the chemical.

Meanwhile, residents along Buck Knob Road are being notified via email of the potential danger and the precautions.

Since initially people suspected foul play aimed at allegedly vicious animals, John Hook, Director of the Macon County Animal Shelter, encourages residents to contact his office at 349-2106 to report any vicious animals and not to take matters into their own hands.

He said there are ordinances on the books where people can be charged with cruelty to animals if they lace food with poison or antifreeze or charged if their dogs attack other animals or people.

Hook investigated the area when he was notified of the dead dogs a few weeks go and will be visiting the area again and knocking on doors to try to find out the source of the material that is killing the animals.

– Kim Lewicki

## ... ORDINANCE continued from page 1

concerning 'Open for Business' signs like flags; Section 404 – Portable Signs outside businesses; and Section 404 – Window Signs suggesting they be allowed without a permit but limited to four square feet.

She and Lloyd Wagoner of The Hen House said the Town Board needed to support the businesses and making subtle changes to the ordinance would help merchants direct traffic to their stores in this down economy.

Mead also questioned the consistency of enforcement, suggesting it be done by rounds rather than complaint-driven as now.

On July 1, she was notified by letter that her 'Open' flag was not allowed even though it had been flying for 10 years.

She questioned the timing and reason noting an American flag is allowed but not an 'Open' flag. According to the ordinance flags that flutter aren't allowed.

Furthermore, she and Wagoner were both issued letters of violation without a personal visit from a town official first.

"No one came to see us before the letters were sent out. We deserve a face-to-face conversation if we are in violation. We deserve that in a town this small," said Wagoner. "Highlands can't survive without its merchants and instead of limiting us you should encourage us."

Town Planner Joe Cooley apologized but said he and his Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward can't be everywhere but agreed a face-to-face should have taken place prior to the letter going out.

Though Mead requested quick action, the board must follow state statute when amending ordinances which require the Planning Board to make a recommendation to the Town Board followed by a public hearing before the ordinance can be amended.

The board has requested the Planning Board to consider the Business Committee's suggestions and to look over the entire sign ordinance at its next meeting which is Monday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

– Kim Lewicki

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NC DOT has marked "patch zones" on US 64 west with white paint from The Bascom bridge to Peaks Creek. The area between the two lines – marked by arrows pointing inward – are the places where patching will take place.

## **NC DOT allocates \$1.026 million for secondary roads in MC**

When citizens heard representatives from NC DOT's western division would be at last Monday's Macon County Commission meeting, they turned out in force – each hoping the road dear to their hearts would be tended to.

But DOT representatives Joel Setzer, Conrad Burrell, Wesley Grindstaff and Jimmy Ashe were mostly there to tell commissioners how the FY 2011 Secondary Road funds totaling \$1.026 million for Macon County would be spent.

Though the commissioners were glad to have whatever has been allocated, turns out the \$1.026 million won't go far.

Countywide, \$125,000 will be spent surveying and establishing rights-of-way, which are figures and calculations needed for future projects in the county.

Called the Wells Grove Road project, \$145,000 will be spent on ½ mile of Clarks Chapel to Dowdle Mountain road in the vicinity of the new 5-6 school. DOT will remove the rock embankment, upgrade guardrails and partially resurface the road.

This was considered urgent because buses, parents and students are using the roads near the new school, but the work won't actually be done until the end of the year or the beginning of FY 2011-12.

Along US 23/441 to Onion Mountain

Road – DOT will spend \$746,680 to pave 2.67 miles and for \$10,269 DOT will upgrade safety signage countywide.

Another \$400,000 has been allocated to grade, drain, base and pave Rabbit Creek to the end of the system (called the Gregory Road project.)

Though it was clear there was no more money for any other DOT secondary road projects in the county, during the public hearing portion of the meeting citizens asked DOT representatives to consider their roads either for next year, or as an emergency for this year.

Tom Turrentine and Arthur Paoletti from Highlands requested work be done on Blue Valley Road and Turtle Pond roads, respectively.

Turrentine said he's lived off Blue Valley Road – the part between the paved portion and the graveled part maintained by the USFS – for about 12 years and there's never been gravel on the road and the culverts stay clogged up.

"There should be emergency money for roads when school buses can't get in," he said, noting that school buses stop on the paved portion and parents must take their children there to catch the bus.

"I think DOT is charged with keeping

• See NC DOT page 29



# Ongoing and Upcoming Events



## Ongoing Through 2010

• At The Bascom, Do Tell environmental sculpture: Patrick Dougherty. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

• At Scaly Outdoor Center, Summer Dry Tubing. Call 526-3737.

• At Scaly Outdoor Center, Trout Fishing. Call 526-3737.

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

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

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

• Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.

• **YOGA** – Moonrise Yoga -- The Dedicated Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at [www.yogahighlands.com](http://www.yogahighlands.com) (10/28)

## Sundays

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

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

## Mon. & Wed.

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

## Mon., Wed., & Thurs.

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

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park.

8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

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

## First Mondays

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

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

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

## Tuesdays & Thursdays (Beg. Sept. 14)

• Study Hall at the Literacy Council of Highlands in the Peggy Crosby Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Come do your homework, projects use the resources on site and get help from a tutor. For more information, contact Faviola Olvera at (828) 526-0925 or by email at [missolvera@yahoo.com](mailto:missolvera@yahoo.com).

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

## Wednesdays

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

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

## 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 526-9938 (ext 258).

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email [sfbankston@gmail.com](mailto:sfbankston@gmail.com)

## Saturdays

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Great values in wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.

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

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

## Through Sun., Sept. 5

• At the Bascom, Heroes of Horticulture. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Through Sun., Sept. 12

• At The Bascom, Small Works Challenge: Bascom Members. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Through Sun., Sept. 26

• At The Bascom, Kick-start! American Motorcycle Design. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Thursday, Sept. 2

• Open House at the new Town Hall from 3-6 p.m. 210 N. 4th Street.

• Rotary Bingo to support the Highlands Historical Society from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Building. \$15 to play 1 card all night.

## Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

## Fri., Sept. 3

• At The Bird Barn, Spirit the Bald Eagle will arrive at 2 p.m.

• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South from 6:30 to 9 PM. Ken Perkins from Pelzer, SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a plus workshop from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, or 706-782-0943.

## Sat. & Sun., Sept. 4-5

• Village Square Art & Craft Show at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Village Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Cynthia Strain for more information. 828-787-2021.

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## Wright to perform at First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Tenor John Wesley Wright in concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 5. Featured will be folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, and more. The concert will take place in the sanctuary.

John Wesley Wright is known for his artistic and soulful interpretations of music from baroque to Broadway. Holding degrees from Maryville College ('87) and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, ('90) his diversity as an artist has afforded him, among other things, a nationally televised concert for the Belgian Royal Family, and tours as a soloist and in professional ensembles throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan.

With a host of opera and oratorio roles, art songs, spirituals, and cabaret music in his repertoire, Wright is a member of the internationally acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble which recently made its New York and Kennedy Center debuts.

A native of Rome, Georgia, John is a leader of workshops on African American song tradition, a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and has been vocal consultant for the singers and actors at Disney and Epcot Center. John served as Artist -in-Residence at the University of Dayton from 1995-2006 and has spent summers as a guest artist, teacher, and stage director at the North Carolina School of the Arts, the Kentucky Governor's

School and most recently, the Maryland Summer Center for the Arts held at Salisbury University. Wright joined the Salisbury University music faculty in the fall of 2006 where he coordinates the voice area, teaches private voice and directs the Opera Workshop.

Wright will be accompanied by Gabriel Dobner who is Professor of Piano, chamber music, and accompanying at James Madison University in Virginia. A native of Chicago, Mr. Dobner received his Bachelor's degree in piano performance from Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, where he studied piano with Professor Ludmila Lazar. He then went on to earn his Masters and Doctoral Degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington, where he worked with Professor Leonard Hokanson, eventually becoming his teaching

assistant. Dobner has performed extensively in the United States, Canada, Japan, and throughout Europe.

He joined the music faculty at James Madison University in Virginia in the fall of 2001. Previous teaching engagements include Indiana University in Bloomington and the Nurnberg/Augsburg Hochschule fur Musik in Germany.

The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.



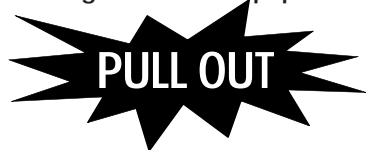
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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events

## Artists' Workshops and *Fire and Heat by Three* exhibition star in September at The Bascom

The exhibition *Fire and Heat by Three* opens at the Bascom on Saturday, September 11. Gunpowder, furnaces and kilns are used by the three featured artists: glass artist Alex Bernstein, mixed media artist Mira Lehr and ceramist Tom Turner. Experience traditional and innovative uses of materials and processes employed in the making of these contemporary works of art.

All three artists are known for their bold, unique perspectives. Lehr has been described as a visual poet. She uses nature-based images to explore the possibilities of painterly experiments. Turner, whose work focuses on classic, ageless beauty, says, "I am known for beautiful thrown forms with complex and difficult glazes, orchestrated with attention to detail." Bernstein explores visual form and story telling with the impact and optical quality of glass. The exhibition is a fusion of their creative visions explored through multiple media.

Other exhibitions now at The Bascom: *Kick-start! American Motorcycle Design*; *Small Works Challenge*, Bascom Members; *Selected Works from the Bascom Collection*, Patrick Dougherty's *Do Tell* environmental sculpture; and *On View: Artists in Residence and Three Weavers*.

In September, The Bascom's exceptional calendar of workshops continues with:



Pat Fiorello, whose work is pictured above, will instruct three separate watercolor workshops: "Watercolor for Non-Artists" on September 8, "Watercolor Landscape" from September 9-10 and "Watercolor/Color Workshop" on September 11 at The Bascom in Highlands. Pre-registration is required for the workshops. Call (828) 526-4949, ext 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• Robin Swaby - "The Art of Plein Air: Pastels or Oil," Sept. 7-11, 10 am-4 pm.

Learn to paint a variety of subjects in and around Highlands. The workshop will culminate in an information exhibit and reception in conjunction with the 2010 Plein Air Paint Out. Tuition: \$350 members/\$375 non-members.

• Debra Fritts - "Surface Workshop",

Sept. 8-10, 10 am-4 pm.

Focused on firings and presentation of a final piece, explore the surface by adding oxide washes, more underglazes and textured glazes to achieve a painterly surface. Tuition: \$300 members/\$325 non-members.

• Pat Fiorello - Three watercolor workshops:

"Watercolor for Non-Artists", Sept. 8, 10 am-4 pm.

In this one-day workshop, learn how to execute a painting together, step-by-step. Tuition: \$125 members/\$150 non-members (materials provided).

"Watercolor Landscape," Sept. 9-10, 10 am-4 pm.

Learn all the essentials for painting successful landscapes in watercolor. Tuition: \$200 members/\$225 non-members.

"Watercolor/Color Workshop", Sept. 11, 10 am-4 pm.

Designed to help students understand how to better achieve the color and clarity they want in their paintings. Learn how to mix colors effectively. Tuition: \$125 members/\$150 non-members.

Workshop and Art Academy registration is going on now. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

Saturday, Sept. 4

• Robert Ray's Big Band Show at PAC at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 526-9027.

• Castaway Cutters of Blairsville, GA and Murphy, NC will hold an animal adoption at Whiskers from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 5

• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Tenor John Wesley Wright in concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 5. Featured will be folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, and more. The concert will take place in the sanctuary. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Skitty Creek Trail and the Cliffside Lake loop trail. Meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-8620, for reservations and an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.

• The Highlands Playhouse is holding a silent auction Sunday at the Playhouse. Bidding begins at 6 p.m. Ultimate winners will be announced at evening's end. Members and their guests will be served wine as they peruse the items on the auction block. All proceeds benefit Highlands Playhouse, North Carolina's second oldest professional theater company.

Thurs., Sept. 9

• At Hudson Library, Financial Management Lecture - at 5:30-6:30 pm. Presented by Sue Gorski of RBC Bank - Home Buying.


• The League of Women Voters of Macon County will host a forum for Board of Education candidates in the 2010

## Arts & Crafts this weekend at K-H Park at 5th and Pine



Don't miss the Village Square Art & Craft Fair in downtown Highlands this Saturday and Sunday. More than 60 artisans will be at Pine Street Park and neighboring Village Square from 10 to 5. Adding to the fun will be live music, face painting and food. (Jewelry by Mark Edge, above, will be featured.) or (Pottery by Mary Mason, above, will be featured.) or (Patti Cakes the clown will be painting faces).

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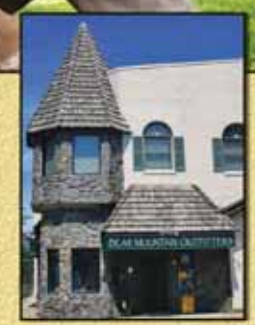
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election. Incumbent Stephanie McCall is running for reelection in District 1; Larry Brooks will face incumbent Tommy Cabe in District 2; and incumbent Bobby Bishop and Gary Shields are facing each other in District 4. The forum will take place at Tartan Hall in Franklin. Lunch is available, at noon, by reservation. Call 524-5192 or email lwmacon@wild-dog-mountain.info.

• At dance at the MC Community Center on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, NC, (across from "Whistle Stop Mall") from 6:30 to 9:00 pm with music by "Swingtime Band" for more information call (828) 369-9155.

## Fri. & Sat., Sept. 10-11

• The Highlands Biological Foundation hosts the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants. On Friday, participants can choose between 9 excellent fieldtrips including *The Mad Hatter's Tea Party* with herbalist Ila Hatter, hikes to Lonesome Valley, The Southern Highlands Reserve, Pantherdown Valley, garden tours with leading landscape designers and moss, photography and landscape design workshops. On Saturday, one of

the highlights of the annual event is the native plant auction held on Saturday afternoon following the speakers. The auction is an excellent way to acquire rare and unusual native plants and to support a good cause. The registration fee for the entire event is \$100 for HBF members and \$135 for non-members. Register early to ensure your first pick for the fieldtrips. Please call the Highlands Biological Station for more information on the conference or to register for the event 526-2602

## Fri., Sept. 10

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

## Sat., Sept. 11 - Sat., Nov. 6

• At The Bascom, Fire and Heat by Three. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

• At Whiskers on Main Street in Highlands, Friends of Life of Toxaway, NC will hold its animal adoption from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Sat., Sept. 11

• At The Bascom, Turner's and Lehr's works will be featured in The Bascom's *Fire and Heat by Three* exhibition in the loft gallery

• The third annual Highlands Motoring Festival will be held in downtown Highlands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. presented with the Rotary Club of Highlands. This year, the festival will be accepting donations of cars to be auctioned off at 3:30 p.m. by Al Scudder. All proceeds from the auction will benefit local charities. Festival admission is free and there will be hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages for purchase. To register a pre-1980 car for judging, or donating a car for auction, contact festival chairman, Marc Pittman at 828-342-1898 or the Highlands Chamber of Commerce at 828-526-5841. Registration forms are also available online at [www.highlandsmotoringfestival.com](http://www.highlandsmotoringfestival.com).

## Sunday, Sept. 12

• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands at 471 Main Street, celebrates the church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 471 Main Street. Former pastors will gather with the congregation in Coleman Hall at 9:30 as they share vignettes of the church's history from their pastorates. Dr. Stephen A. Hayner, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, will be the guest preacher at the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be a reception in Coleman Hall immediately following the service. To celebrate the past 125 years the church is publishing a photographic history of the church entitled *First Presbyterian Church of Highlands—The First 125 Years*, along with a reprinting of the *History of the First Presbyterian Church Highlands, North Carolina 1885-1985* written for the Centennial Celebration by Betty Holt.

• The 18th Bel Canto at PAC at 4PM. For tickets, please call 828-526-1947.

## Monday, Sept. 13

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a program on bears presented by Appalachian Bear Rescue from Townsend, Tennessee. Light refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the program at 7:30. The location is the Highlands Civic Center. There is no charge to participate but donations to ABR are invited.

## Fri., Sept. 17

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

## Sat., Sept. 18 - Sat., Nov. 27

• At The Bascom, Recent Works: Aaron Yakim and Cynthia Taylor. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Saturday, Sept. 18

• A benefit for Colleen Fogel at Rec Park starting at 5 p.m. with dinner silent auction, cake auction senior class face painting and selling silly bands and necklaces to help raise money for her medical expenses. Colleen is fighting breast cancer.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Highlands Biological Station and Sunset Rocks to look for migrating birds. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:30 a.m. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. There is no charge to participate.

## Sunday, Sept. 19

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Jack Rabbit Mountain Trail around Lake Chatuge in Georgia, with an elevation change of 200 feet. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Drive 55 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish;

• See EVENTS page 18

## Dubberly & Bel Canto: the ultimate duo

Once again Stephen Dubberly, a maestro at the piano as well as with the baton, will be with Bel Canto for the 18th time. He and Bel Canto are almost synonymous. His incredible talent is the glue that holds it all together.

We cannot imagine doing Bel Canto without Stephen. He will accompany the two performers, Sarah Jane McMahon, soprano, and Marco Nistico, baritone, (he has been called "the

perfect accompanist") as well as perform a solo piano piece.

Stephen Dubberly is Associate Professor in the Division of Conducting and Ensembles at the University of North Texas, serves as Music Director of UNT Opera and teaches opera conducting and opera repertoire. He made his conducting debut in 1993 in Opera Theatre of Saint Louis' American-premiere production of Judith Weir's *The Black Spider*. Since then, he has conducted for Des Moines Metro Opera, the Knoxville Opera Company, San Antonio Opera, Cartersville Opera, American Bel Canto Opera, the Teatro Accademico in Castelfranco Veneto, Italy, the Teatro Goldoni in Venice, Opera Athens (Georgia), the University of Tennessee, and Webster University. He has also conducted frequently for Amarillo Opera, including productions of *Don Giovanni*, *The Barber of Seville*, *Don Pasquale*, *Rigoletto*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Falstaff*, *I pagliacci*, *La bohème*, the regionally-broadcast production of *Gene Murray's*

*The Wage of Sin*, and *Carmen*. Upcoming productions include *La fille du régiment* with San Antonio Opera and *Così fan tutte* and *Gianni Schicchi* with Amarillo Opera.

Dr. Dubberly is Chorus Master and

Principal Coach for Fort Worth Opera. His career as an opera coach includes six seasons with Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, where he served as Ensemble Coordinator and Principal Coach, Assistant Conduc-

tor, and Music Director of various educational projects. He has been Associate Conductor at Des Moines Metro Opera, Assistant Music Director for Opera Carolina, and co-director of the Knoxville Opera Company's Education and Outreach program. Singers he has partnered in recital include Mary Dunleavy, Mignon Dunn, Kaaren Erickson, Elizabeth Futral, Denyce Graves, Brenda Harris, Weston Hurt, Kristine Jepson, and Jeffrey Wells. Critics have hailed him as "the perfect partner" (Richmond News) and "the ideal accompanist" (New Haven Register).

Dr. Dubberly began his musical training in Montevideo, Uruguay, and received the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from Yale University. He lectures frequently for the Dallas Opera.

Put Sunday, Sept. 12 at 4PM on your calendar now and plan to attend the Eighteenth Annual Bel Canto Recital! Contact Bel Canto to get on the mailing list and purchase tickets; please call 828.526.1947.



## Village Square Art & Craft Show Sept. 4 & 5 • 10-5



Regional Artisans with fine art and photography, baskets, pottery, clothing, turned wood, jewelry, quilts, gourds, rustic birdhouses and furniture, etc.

**Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Highlands Village Square on Pine and 5<sup>th</sup> streets**  
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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events

wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-8620, for reservations. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.

**Tues., Sept. 21**

• At Hudson Library, Health Lectures by Dr. Sue Aery of Mountain Air Wellness Center. "10 ways to feed your child HEALTHY!"

**Wed., Sept. 22**

• The Village Nature Series features "Hunters of the Sky" with Balsam Preserve's Michael Skinner. Children and kids at heart will be sure to learn something new while getting a chance to discover more about these creatures up close and personal with Highlands Nature Center Director, Patrick Brannon. The program will be followed by an ice cream social and is free to everyone in the community. No reservations are required. For more information contact HCLT at 828.526.1111.

**Thursday, Sept. 23**

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway for fall migrants. We will return mid-afternoon so bring a light picnic lunch. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:00 a.m. For

additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. There is no charge to participate.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3-mile hike with a elevation change of 625 feet, from Wallace Branch to Winding Stair Gap on a short stretch of the Appalachian Trail. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Drive 20 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-8620, for reservations. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.

**Fri., & Sat., Sept. 24-25**

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 25**

• A Litter Sweep beginning at 8:30 a.m. Call the Highlands Visitor Center to RSVP. 526-2112.

• At Community Bible Church, "The Relationship between Nutrition and Disease." Learn a way to reduce: cancer, heart disease, diabetes, alzheimers and other degenerative diseases. Led by Carol Johnson, a nutrition counselor, and Rebecca Cothran, a whole grains supplier. From 10am-noon. FREE but call 526-4297 for reservations.

## CLE's final lineup for 2010 season

The Center for Life Enrichment is approaching the end of its 2010 season, but there is still space in the following classes.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 10am until noon, Jan Clanton, associate curator at the Orlando Museum of Art, will present "The Expatriates: Whistler, Cassatt and Sargent." These famous artists left America and created their art abroad but never lost their American vision. Then, in the afternoon, from 12:30 – 2:30, Ms. Clanton will explore the art collection of Dr. Albert Barnes (1872-1951). A physician by trade but an art collector at heart, he established one of America's great collections. Both of these lectures will be held at PAC and each session is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Those staying for both programs are invited to bring their lunch.

CLE offers two final opportunities to explore your creative side. Cedar Chan will teach Felt Doll Making. This technique involves no sewing or patterns. Cedar's dolls are in private collections and galleries in the southeast. The class will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 29-30 from 10-3 at Highlands Civic Center. Cost is \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members

and includes all supplies except for a piece of 10x10 foam, that participants are asked to bring.

On Friday, Oct. 8, Richard Reddig will take an in-depth look at the process of Photographic Composition. His emphasis is on seeing and effectively translating what we see in our three-dimensional world to the two-dimensional surface of a photograph. The class is from 10 – noon at the PAC and is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The final class of the year is a repeat of the June class on Digging in the Dirt. Dr. Jane Eastman, director of the WCU Archaeology Laboratory and Archive, will take participants to Hayesville to unearth artifacts, then clean and catalogue them at WCU. The two-day event will include informal lectures, a visit to the Hayesville Museum, and to Cherokee to a mock-up Cherokee village, and a museum tour Thursday, Oct. 14 and Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9-3. A donation of \$100 to the WCU Archaeology Department is required.

Those interested in participating in these special classes should call Sandy Carlton at CLE, 526-8811 to register.

## Robert Ray's Big Band Show Sept. 4 at Highlands' PAC

A great Duke Ellington tune tells us, "It Don't Mean a Thing, if it Ain't Got That Swing" and "swinging" is exactly what we know Highlands performer, Robert Ray will be doing at The Performing Arts Center, in a 1-night performance... Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Following 2 sold out Atlanta performances...Ray will arrive in Highlands with a 10-piece Swing Band and female vocalists, Courtenay Collins and Shawn Megorden.

Expect to reminisce to Glen Miller's "In the Mood" while Courtenay Collins gives a robust rendition of the Sinatra classic, "Lady is a Tramp" and Ray takes a turn with a bluesy version of Sinatra's "That's Life."

International recording artist, Shawn Megorden will join the fun with "Blues in the Night" and Nancy Wilson's "The Song is You" while Robert joins saxophonist, Steve Gulasy and band leader Tony Winston for "Jump, Jive and Wail."

Add to these selections such favorites as "Teach me Tonight," "Route 66," "It Had to Be You," and "The Best is Yet to Come" and you'll see that this chance to hear a real swing band - up close and personal - is certainly not to be missed.

Ray, who is a former Broadway performer and Award winning Cabaret

Artist, is no stranger to the Highlands audience, having previously directed six shows at The Playhouse and four at PAC in the past 5 years. He has also choreographed and musically directed the Highlands-Cashiers Players, run away hit, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."



Courtenay Collins is a Julliard graduate and has toured the world as Christine in "Phantom of the Opera." She has starred at the Alliance Theater and Actor's Express in Atlanta and was seen in the title role of "Evita" at Atlanta Lyric Theatre. At the Highlands Playhouse she has starred in "Jerry's Girls" and "2 for Broadway" - both directed by Ray.

Shawn Megorden is a highly acclaimed jazz and cabaret artist and recently appeared as a soloist with the Gainesville Symphony. She and Ray played to a full house on the opening day of The Rabun County Music Festival with their salute to Georgia's own, Johnny Mercer. Megorden and Collins both starred in Ray's "75th Anniversary of the Fox Theatre" which drew an audience of over 12,000 people in one day.

Reserve early for this BIG BAND TRIBUTE as seating at PAC is very limited for this one night only event. Call 828-526-9047 for tickets.

## Annual Native Plant Conference set for Sept. 10-11

The Highlands Biological Foundation is pleased to announce the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Highlands, NC. The objective of the conference is to educate and inspire participants about the advantages of using native plants in their gardens. Participants are introduced to new concepts in ecology and conservation, given tips on design principles and informed about native perennials, shrubs and trees that work best in our region. The proceeds from the conference benefit the Botanical Gardens at the Highlands Biological Station, which was established in 1962 by the Biological Foundation as a refuge and demonstration garden for over 500 species of southern Appalachian plants.

This year's conference will host an excellent slate of professionals in the fields of Horticulture, ecology and landscaping including Richard Bir formerly of the NC Cooperative Extension Service. Mr. Bir has written extensively on woody plants of western North Carolina. Peter Loewer, the Wild Gardener, local plant expert and author of over 30 books on plants and gardens will share his knowledge and experience. Dr. John Pickering of UGA's Odum School of Ecology will inspire you to nurture the eco-

system in your backyard. Dr. Sean O'Connell of WCU will discuss the wondrous world of soil microbes. Award winning landscape photographers Kevin Fitzpatrick and Clay Bolt will discuss their work with a project designed to better familiarize humans with the plants and wildlife that share our environment. On Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> participants can choose between 9 excellent fieldtrips including *The Mad Hatter's Tea Party* with herbalist Ila Hatter, hikes to Lonesome Valley, The Southern Highlands Reserve, Panthertown Valley, garden tours with leading landscape designers and moss, photography and landscape design workshops. The fieldtrips offer something for everyone.

One of the highlights of the annual event is the native plant auction held on Saturday afternoon following the speakers. The auction is an excellent way to acquire rare and unusual native plants and to support a good cause.

The registration fee for the entire event is \$100 for HBF members and \$135 for non-members. Register early to ensure your first pick for the fieldtrips. Please call the Highlands Biological Station for more information on the conference or to register for the event 526-2602



# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Love each other; the rest is easy

**Pastor Paul Christy**  
**Highlands United Methodist Church**



For the past 28 years of my life, the third weekend of August, I have spent at a camp for Special Needs adults. I have often told people that this one weekend renews me in my faith, my soul and my heart each and every year.

Over those 28 years we tend to do the same kind of things at camp. We have a campfire on Friday evening, we share stories and then as we awake on Saturday we have a nature hike, music and crafts. But the whole weekend reaches a climax on Saturday evening with the big talent show and the big dance. Now for those of you who know me, I am by no means a dancer, but on the third weekend of August, I dance. I dance to the chicken song; I dance to Sweet Home Alabama, and I dance to Brick House. I am a dancing machine on this weekend.

When you work with special needs population, I am convinced that you receive more than you give. Each year I have something that touches my heart in a powerful way and I want to share with you one of the ways I was blessed this year.

For the last few years, Eric has come to camp and Eric loves Elvis, and in fact he brought an Elvis outfit this year for the talent show. And let me say that he did a great Elvis impersonation that brought the house down on Saturday night. But what I want to tell you about happened on Friday night at the campfire.

I usually tell a Bible story as part of the campfire and then we sing some songs and get ready for bed, but this year Eric wanted to talk as well. So as I prepared to get up to tell my Bible story, Eric came up and said that he had something to say. Then Eric, a down's syndrome adult, looked at me and said, now you sit down big boy, I am going to show you how it is done.

I sat down and Eric opened up his Bible to Samuel and started telling about King David and he was preaching. I mean he was into it, he said; "Now David was king and he was powerful, but we all know who the real king is, right?" I said, right and he said, "Elvis, but while Elvis was a good singer and the king of pop, I want you to know that Elvis was nothing compared to God. God tells us that we need to get along, God tells us to love each other and God tells us to not make fun of each other. You know what I am saying people?" Now he then turned around to me and I said, "You are right, Eric." He then looked at me and said, "Now you can tell your Bible story, but you will not top that!"

Eric was right; I could not top that, could I? You see from a very special man named Eric I learned that it is really pretty simple isn't it? We need to love each other, we need to get along and we need not to make fun of each other.

From King David to Elvis, to God, Eric said some pretty profound words, and I am convinced that he understands more about the faith than many of us who claim to know all the answers, maybe we need to love each other and not judge each other.

I hope that as we move into our new routines for fall, like taking kids to school, watching our teams play soccer and volleyball, we will heed the words of my good friend and theologian Eric.

Have a great Labor Day weekend and may we remember that we are all blessed to live a special place like Highlands.

# • PLACES TO WORSHIP •

## BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, GA  
Church: 706-746-2999  
Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770  
Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship  
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month  
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

## CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329  
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

## CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011  
Worshipping at the facilities of  
Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers  
Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday: Adult Forum - 10:30, Bucks Coffee Cafe,  
Cashiers

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

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

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

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

283 Spring Street  
Sunday: Service - 11 a.m.; School - 11 a.m.  
3rd Wed. of month: Testimonial Service - 5 p.m.  
Reading Room: Wednesday - 3-5 p.m.

## CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Prayer - 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday - 7 p.m.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

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Pastor Gary Hewins  
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands  
Sun.: 8:45 a.m. worship service; 9:30 am: Adult  
Sunday School, Prayer Group. 10:30 am: Childrens  
Program (Pre-K - 5th Grade), Merge for 6th  
Graders. 10:45 am: Worship Service. 5 pm Student Arts  
Group, The River Middle & High School Student  
Ministries.

Tues.: 9:30 am: Women's Bible Study.  
Wed.: 5 pm: Dinner. 6pm: Children's Program

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968  
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

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

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

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

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

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

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

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Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175  
Sun.: Worship - 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.; Sun. School -  
9:30 & 9:45.

Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast  
Tuesdays: Bible Study - 5 p.m.

Wednesdays - Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7

## HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

## HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376  
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p.m. Youth

Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 - children, youth, & adults  
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Thurs: 12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

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Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

## SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.;  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

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

For more information call 526-3212.

## SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

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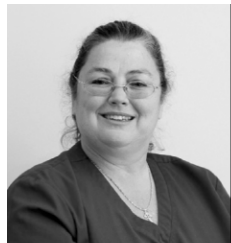
Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second Sunday  
of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

## WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## • HEALTH MATTERS •

### Minimally Invasive Procedures

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**Dr. Robert Buchanan**  
Center for Plastic Surgery

treatment decreases. Even used late, we can improve the effectiveness of the fillers. These products are also useful to treat abnormal sweating and some migraine headaches.

Gravity also causes creases and depressions to occur. The most common areas are under the eyes, between the lips and cheeks, below the mouth corners, in front of the jowls and in the mid cheek. Filling these can restore normal anatomy or disguise the problem. Restylane™ (hyaluronic acid, a precursor of collagen that supports the skin) was introduced seven years ago, is easy to use, safe, reliable, and lasts about five-six months. Since then multiple new fillers have become available. Another hyaluronic acid is Juvéderm®, which lasts almost twice as long as Restylane™. Radiesse® (calcium hydroxyapatite, another natural body precursor) is useful for the larger folds and depressions and lasts an average 18 months. There have been problems with permanent fillers, though a new one, Artefill®, shows promise.

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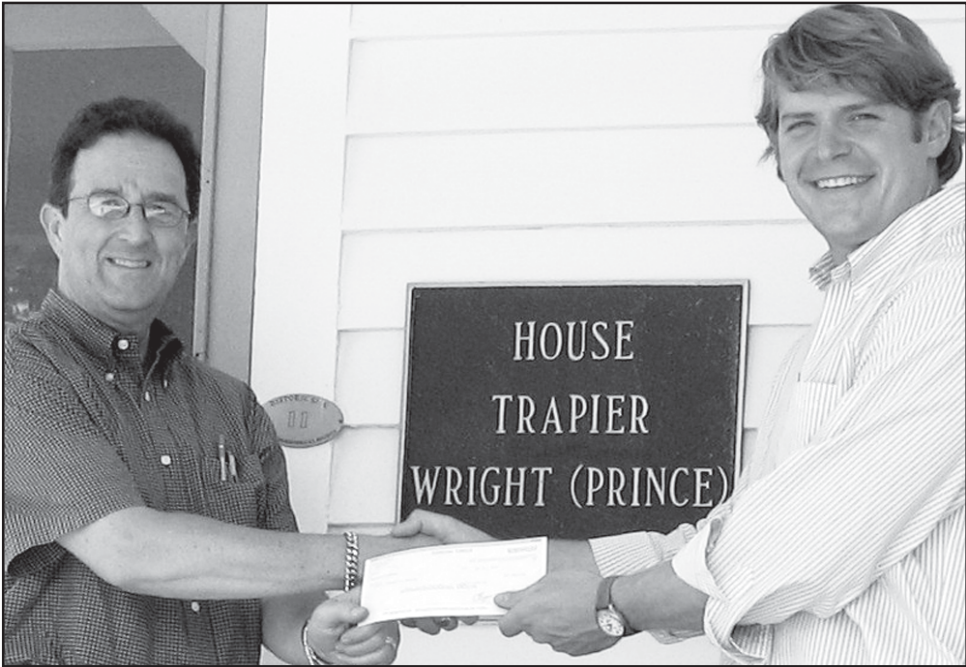


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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

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Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Herbert K. Plauché, will present "Arthroscopic Surgery" Monday, Sept. 13 at 12 noon in the Jane Woodruff Clinic at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Dr. Plauché will discuss a full range of arthroscopic surgical procedures focusing on the newest technologies in arthroscopic instruments used to repair knee injuries. Dr. Plauché will cover key improvements in methods and techniques that treat

musculoskeletal trauma, sports injuries, degenerative disease, infections, tumors and congenital disorders. Attendees will also learn how non-surgical means of treatment can provide similar results, a fast recovery and depending on the ailment, can be a positive alternative to surgery.

CEO Craig James said that HCH's Physician Forums are a wonderful way to meet members of our highly skilled medical staff and learn critical information on

popular health care topics. We encourage community residents to take part in this wonderful opportunity to hear from such a renowned surgeon and educator in his field," he added.

The hour long lecture includes a light boxed lunch and ends with a question and answer session. Those interested in attending must RSVP (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org.



From left: Cullasaja Cancer Challenge Committee Members, Sammy Smith, Debbie Fulton and Margaret Eichman. Hospital CEO, Craig James and Executive Director of Foundation and Marketing, Robin Taylor.

'Cullasaja Cares' about fighting cancer in our community

The Cullasaja Club of Highlands hosted its annual Cullasaja Cancer Challenge (CCC) the first week of August this year. Members participating in special tennis, golf and trivia Cancer Challenge events generously donated over \$47,500 to the newly created Cullasaja Cares Fund of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation to assist the medically underserved in the Highlands-Cashiers community.

The 2010 Cancer Challenge committee — Sammy Smith, Debbie Fulton, Emily Adkins and Margaret Eichman — met with the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation and hospital President and CEO, Craig James, earlier this summer and established a special, ongoing, restricted fund — the Cullasaja Cares Fund — to direct every dollar the Club raised to help those in need in the Highlands-Cashiers area. The Foundation will use the fund for the detection and treatment of cancer and cancer-related illnesses by providing mammograms, colonoscopies, and PSA, other blood and follow-up tests for at-risk individuals, who otherwise cannot afford them. "The Foundation is elated that the ladies of the Cullasaja Club committee came to us with this innovative idea," noted Robin Taylor, Executive Director of the Hospital Foundation. "It's a beautiful way to show how much the Club cares about this cause and

our community." The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital agreed to enhance the outreach of the Cullasaja Cares Fund by partnering with the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers and other local clinics to seek out those truly in need of the cancer-detection procedures and cancer-related care that the Hospital can provide.

The Cullasaja Cancer Challenge committee was also proud to report that its efforts brought forth two donors, whose generous contributions will allow the Hospital to purchase a much needed Bladder Scanner and a Blood Plasma Cooling machine, further upgrading its medical technology and achieving its goal of providing high quality care for all.

"This equipment will provide a needed enhancement to patient care, allowing us to stay up to date and provide our patients the best care possible," said hospital President and CEO, Craig James. "And the Cullasaja Cares Fund will be of great benefit to our local communities."

In the past, the Cullasaja Club sponsored this week-long series of events and donated proceeds to the Susan G. Koman Foundation. The last two years, all monies raised were donated locally, as the Club teamed with the Hospital to help fight the battle against cancer, here in the Highlands community.

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# Glenville History Project off to a good start

The Glenville History Project steering committee met early in August at the Glenville restored cabin owned by Midge and Chad Drake. Before the meeting began the Drakes toured the committee members through the cabin explaining that the age of the cabin is thought to be about 150 years old.

The cabin, acquired by Chad Drake's father when he traded Florida property for Glenville property with a Mr. Melvin in the 1940s, is now a guest house for the Drake's visitors. Much of the original wood ceilings and floors are still in tact although over the years modern amenities such as plumbing and electricity were added.

An interesting sidebar to the story is that due to a recent article in the local newspapers about the Glenville History Project, Mr. Melvin's son contacted the committee and verified the trade between his father and the elder Drake.

Business at the steering committee meeting centered on interview, research and general coordinating assignments for the committee. Most members will assume multiple tasks with the technology function being left to John Cassidy who will scan and store photos or documents and technologically transcribe recorded interviews with the help of Carol Adams, Pearl Kreps and Woody Haynes.

The transcribers will work with information from interviews and research conducted by themselves and other committee

members who are Nancy Burnett, Malina and Phil Fowler, Joy and Lambert Hooper, Bill Hutchinson, Doug Odell and Jim Ryan.

Many of those involved have long time family ties to the Glenville community either as descendents of early settlers, early Hamburg township residents or property owners going back to when Lake Glenville was built.

Woody Haynes chairs the project with co-chair Carol Adams, who also heads the writers responsibility for the project.

Haynes conceived the Glenville History Project in 2009 when he became concerned that much of the history of Glenville would be lost if experiences and recollections from old-time residents were not recorded and preserved.

While some key residents' interviews have been recorded, and although numerous photos and documents have been scanned, the group has a long laundry list of names to contact for their recollections, memorabilia, photos, drawings and documents.



Midge and Chad Drake in front of their historic guest cottage in Glenville.

"In fact, we are requesting once again that persons having any historical items or comments please contact us," urged Haynes. Anyone who has Glenville, Hamburg

Township and the surrounding area historical information to share, is asked to please call Woody Haynes at 803 225-0327 or Carol Adams at 828 743-1658.



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## Highlands Police & Fire Reports

Highlands PD log entries from Aug. 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**Aug. 27**

- At 4:28 p.m., officers responded to the call of a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza near the ABC Store involving an intoxicated driver transporting a child. The incident led to the arrest of Alexandra Sherman Warren, 36, of Highlands, on two counts -- one driving while intoxicated and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**Aug. 28**

- At 2:38 p.m., officers were called to Highlands Plaza about an intoxicated person.

- At 3:35 p.m., Daniel Brian Shuey, 21, of Glenville, NC, was arrested for DWI.

**Aug. 29**

- At 11 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 28 and Shelby Place.

- At 1:11 p.m., officers responded to a call of a man trying to sell raffle tickets for Franklin High School cheerleaders in a store on Main Street. The shopkeeper said the poster looked old and questioned the validity of the campaign. The man left on foot. Officers were unable to locate him.

- At 6:20 p.m., a driver reported a baseball from a game at the ballfield on N. 4th Street, broke through her passenger window as she drove by the field.

- At 8:30 p.m., the theft of two necklaces from a jewelry box at a residence on Holly Tree Lane was reported. The jewelry is valued at \$6,000.

- At 8:50 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint concerning a party at OEI's The Farm on Arnold Road.

- At 10:40 p.m., the theft of an Asheville-Citizen Times newspaper box from its spot on N. 4th St. and Main was reported. It is valued at \$800.

**Aug. 30**

- 8:57 p.m., at storeowner on S. 4th Street reported the Humane Society jar missing from the store.

**Aug. 31**

- At 10:12 p.m., officers were called concerning a verbal argument between a woman and her ex-boyfriend on Maim Street when the man began following the woman in her car.

- During the week, police officers responded to 4 alarms and issued 14 citations.

**Highlands F& R Dept. log entries from Aug. 25:**

**Aug. 25**

- At 10:24 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Spring Street. It was false.

- At 10:58 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Spring Street. It was false.

- At 8:30 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a vehicle on the side of Dillard Road with the lights on but no one around. The dept. directed traffic.

- At 11:47 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a bicycle accident at US 64 and Walden Way. The bicyclist was just resting.

**Aug. 26**

- At 11:09 a.m., the dept. responded to a gas detection alarm at a residence on Dog Mountain. It was set off by Lysol spray.

- At 10:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Little Creek Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

**Aug. 27**

- At 6:57 a.m., the dept. responded to a fully involved vehicle fire at S. 4th St.

- At 4 p.m., the dept. responded to a minor vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

- At 6:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a medical alarm at a residence on Hickory Lane. It was false.

**Aug. 29**

- At 11:15 a.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle roll over on S. 4th Street. One person was injured and taken to the hospital.

**Aug. 31**

- At 7:49 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Wildwood Drive. The victim was taken to the hospital.

- At 9:25 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Henry Wright Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.



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Candidates were asked what guidelines they would use to make cuts should tough economic decisions have to be made down the line.

They all said the core subjects would have to be preserved over the arts.

Over the last several years, budget woes and building and grounds issues have been crammed down parents' throats, so the final question revolved around initiating innovative teaching practices in Macon County like single-gender classes in middle school — which is being done at Asheville Middle School — and extended school days and school years.

Bishop said it all comes down to money. "If the money is there I would be for any-

thing that enables students in Macon County to be the best they can be."

Brooks said having been a principal of a K-12 school he understood the special dynamics and needs of middle school students and would entertain new ideas concerning learning environments. "Extended day? Maybe."

Shields and Cabe said they didn't believe in single-gender classes because co-ed classes mimic life. Both said students have to learn to get along. Shields said a mixed environment fosters academic competition and social interaction between genders.

Other candidate forums are planned for Highlands. The next school board meeting is at Highlands School Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

— Kim Lewicki

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the roads passable and this one is dusty when it's dry and sloppy when it's wet," he said.

He said a friend left his home one rainy night and her car slid across the muddy, slick road over a 150-ft. embankment and into a tree. He asked that the road be graveled and graded so people will no longer slide off in inclement weather.

Setzer said he thought something could be done at least as a temporary fix.

Paoletti asked that some attention be given to Turtle Pond Road where traffic has increased substantially over the years. "It's full of holes and it's either dusty or muddy, depending on the weather," he said.

Chairman Ronnie Beale reminded DOT

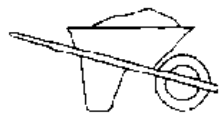
representatives of the dire situation on Buck Creek Road near where it meets US 64 near Franklin. The side of the road has eroded away and though it will be a very expensive project it needs to be fixed for safety reasons, he said.

Though not part of the Secondary Road work discussed Monday night, work is underway on US 64 west between Highlands and Franklin where patching will be done at scores of areas along the road.

NC DOT has marked "patch zones" with white paint on US 64 west from The Bascom bridge to Peek's Creek. The area between the two lines — marked by arrows pointing inward — are the places where patching will take place.

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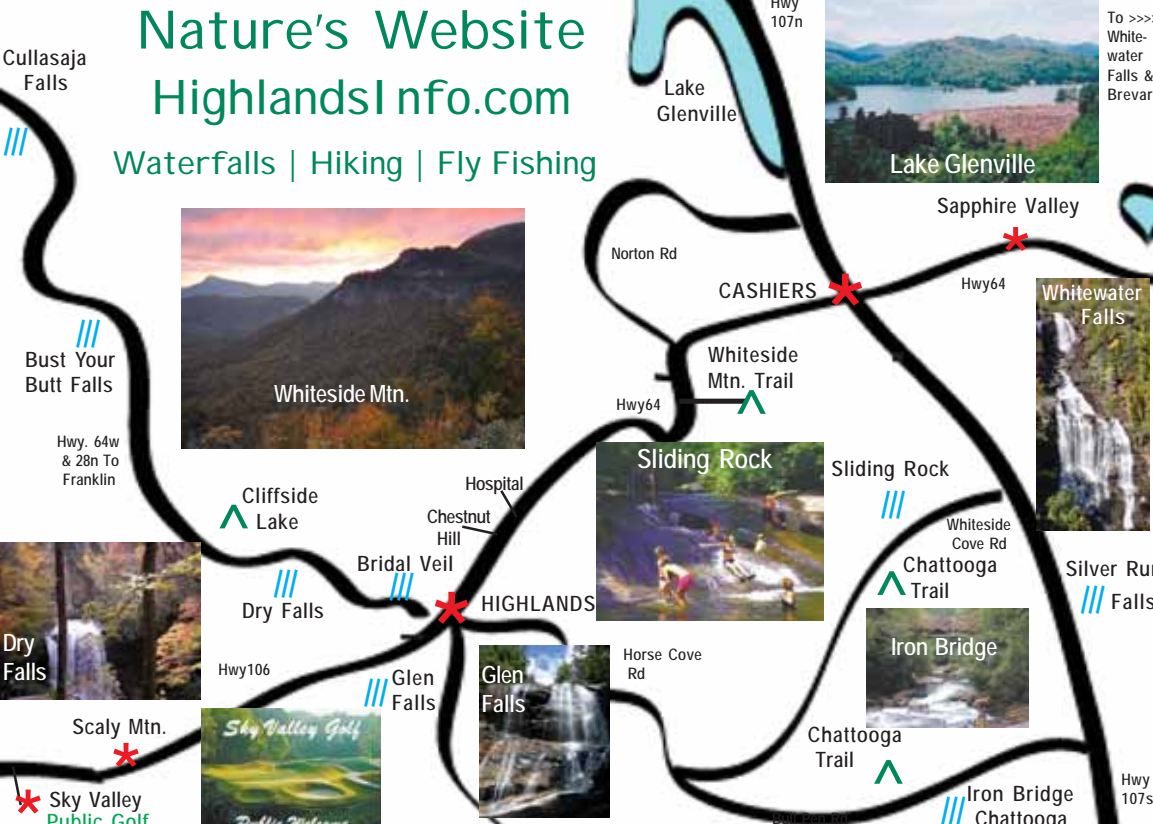



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