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Thurs., May 26

• Tornado victim donations accepted at OEI Conference Center 5-7 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., May 27 & 28

• Highlands Historical Society Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat., May 28

• The Annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, at the baseball park on Hwy 64E, corner of N 4th & Hickory Streets.

Sat. & Sun., May 28-29

• Memorial Weekend Village Square Art & Craft Show in downtown Highlands' Pine Street Park from 10 to 5 Saturday and Sunday.

Sun., May 29

• First Baptist Church will have a Memorial Day service at 11 a.m. American Legion Post 305 will attend. Covered dish follows service.

Tuesday, May 31

• At CLE, In Search of Budha at the Performing Arts Center from 10-noon with Dr. Victoria Hippard, a psychotherapist from New Orleans. Call 526-8811 or email clehighlands@yahoo.com to register.

Board crunches FY 2011-2012 budget

At a special Town Board meeting, Wednesday afternoon, commissioners met with department heads and administration to put the finishing touches on the 2011-2012 budget.

Though still not in stone – a public hearing on the budget is set

for June 15 at 7 p.m. – the basics are there.

There won't be any tax increases – property tax stays at \$.135 per \$100 assessed valuation and the fire tax stays a \$.009 assessed valuation.

The garbage collection rate

won't increase this year, either, but both the water and electric rates will.

This is a third year in a three-year plan to make the Water Department self-sustaining so the town's lucrative Electric Fund

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This Memorial Day remember those who fought ... cherish their stories



Inset is of Highlander Dr. Bob Buchanan, of Center for Plastic Surgery, who served in the Vietnam War. The photo is of U. S. Marine Combat Base Baldy, 26 miles southwest of Da Nang, South Vietnam.

Highlands is a long way from South Vietnam

By Luke Osteen

Dr. Robert Buchanan of the Center for Plastic Surgery in Highlands, with his soft voice and incredibly unflappable manner, is the guy you as your surgeon.

Part of that calm demeanor

is no doubt an integral part of his personality, yet part of it was clearly shaped during his stint as a combat surgeon at U. S. Marine Combat Base Baldy, 26 miles southwest of Da Nang, South Vietnam during the Vietnam Conflict.

As a young doctor, he and his wife Pat were delighted when he was selected for a General Surgery internship at Parkland Hospital and trauma center in Dallas in the early 1970s.

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NC Senate looking at deeper cuts for K-12 ed.

By Travis Fain

Carolina Public Press

www.carolinapublicpress.org

The state Senate, now in the driver's seat on North Carolina's budget, would cut kindergarten through 12th-grade education deeper than the House and be a bit gentler with the state's university system, according to spending targets from the Senate's top leadership.

The bottom line would still be less money for education than the state is spending this year, despite an expected increase in students. The budget would also end the temporary penny sales tax set to expire June 30, which Gov. Bev Perdue has proposed extending three fourths of to avoid the deepest education cuts and keep teachers assistants in classrooms through the third grade.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTER •

County's Comprehensive Plan not good for economy

Dear Editor,

I attended the recent public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan and came away confused. First, according to the Division Engineer who manages Division 14 of the NC DOT, of which Macon is a part, all this hoopla about requiring a Comprehensive Plan or we'll be cut off from road projects, is not accurate. Yet it seems that the County administration is under the impression that this is the case.

Aside from the confusion over why the Plan is necessary, I'm trying to understand its purpose, which, among other things, is ostensibly to create an environment that attracts jobs. Yet, there are many provisions and recommendations that make home construction more difficult and more expensive.

Considering the current plight of the construction industry and the attendant businesses including developers, realtors, well drillers, septic system contractors, landscapers, heating and air contractors, furniture stores, carpet layers, appliance stores, appraisers, cabinet makers, surveyors, interior decorators, tile contractors and so on, one wonders why County officials would consider the recommendations included in the Plan.

To trade the possibility of attracting job creators in the future, a task that has proven to be unsuccessful in the past, for the certainty of job destruction in the here and now seems like a fools game to me.

Don Swanson
Franklin

Post Office is on its way

Dear Editor,

There have been delays starting

the new Post Office of several weeks, to make certain all the details, necessary requirements, paperwork and various Town Board meetings have been met. The new Post Office is now completely confirmed and I am very pleased to say with good weather this construction for Highlands will begin as soon as possible.

Jane Woodruff
Highlands

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m.

There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

Keener and Cannon wed



Candace Keener of Highlands, married Matthew Cannon of Clayton, GA, on Sunday May 22 at the Sweetheart Ranch in Tennessee. Candace is the daughter of Denise Keener. The couple will reside in Clayton, GA.

Jenkins graduates

Chase Jenkins graduated May 8, 2011 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a double major of Political Science and Asian Studies-Chinese. Chase was the 2007 Highlands School Valedictorian.

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• THANK YOU •

The family of Estelle Crane would like to extend our sincere thanks to all that visited, brought food or flowers, called or prayed during the loss of our beloved mother and granny. We are also very thankful for the amazing team at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. You all made her feel happy, loved and cared for right up until her last breath. She was very lucky to have so much love from so many amazing people.

Gratefully Yours,
The Family of Estelle Crane

• OBITUARIES •

Judy Kathleen Lander



Texas, on Saturday, May 28 at 11 a.m. In lieu of customary remembrances, the family asks that you donate money to The Preservation Resource Center at 923 Tchoupitoulas Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 or to pro-bono veterinary support at Cashiers Village Veterinary, 855 US Highway 64 W, Cashiers, NC 28717-9557.

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Mrs. Lander, known as a sweet woman with a big heart, was the daughter of James Stratton Wax and Lolita Phillips Wax. She graduated from Lamar High School in 1961 and attended the University of Texas where she studied Classics. She graduated from the University of Houston with a B.A. in English after marrying Greg Martin in 1965. Also an accomplished pianist and vocalist, she combined her music and writing skills to help write and direct many amateur performances for her children's schools and community organizations in New Orleans, Louisiana where she lived for 12 years.

When she moved back to Houston to help care for her parents, she met and married in 1987 the love of her life, Jack W. Lander, Jr. Together they enjoyed traveling, golfing, and working on Jack's farm in Hallettsville, Texas. In 1998 they bought the house in Highlands where they could golf and enjoy the lush glory of the Nantahala National Forest. Jack died there in 2002.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Robert and Debbie Wax and their son and daughter-in-law Todd and; her daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Guido Faas and their children, Stella and Archer; her son and daughter-in-law Andrew and Bronwen Martin and their children Olive, Coral and Stratton; and her three beloved shih-tzus, Pandy, Foxy and Inzi.

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Is Highlands getting too big for its britches?

It only happened to me once as a rookie cop...long before I became too big for my britches. While sitting at a traffic light, a drunk jumped in the back seat of my squad car and demanded, "Take me to the Eden Roc Hotel," with slurred speech. I turned in my seat and stared at him through the cage that separated us.

"Sir, are you aware you're sitting in a police car? This is not a cab. The only place I can take you is the county jail. Would you like to go there?"

Panic set in. Speechless, he groped for the door handle. Of course, there are no door handles in the back seat of police cars. The light changed and I pulled

away. He leaned forward, placing his forehead against the cage. "Officer, can we talk?" I pulled to the curb and asked my dispatcher to send a cab. When the cab pulled up behind me, I opened my back door to let him out. He wanted to give me a big hug but I stiff-armed him. Then he offered me money and I refused. In a last ditch effort, he asked, "Can I buy tickets to the policeman's ball?"

"We don't have a policeman's ball.



Fred Wooldridge

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Just get in the cab because you're beginning to aggravate me," I said. The cabbie helped him to his cab and off they went. Such is the life of a cop working in a resort town. That man is probably still telling that story to anyone who will listen.

While Highlands is nothing like Miami Beach, we do have one thing in common: DRUNKS. But no prob-

lemo, we now have our own taxi service that can "dash" us away to wherever. The

bad news is, just like Miami Beach, if every drunk called a cab instead of driving, we would need a fleet of cabs to get them to their destination.

Is Highlands getting too big for its britches? Do we have growing pains, or what? Highlands is still just a teeny, tiny, little mountain town, yet we have bars serving alcohol, a call-girl service, electronic gaming, a by-pass, traffic signals with walk/don't walk signals and now taxi cab service.

I know I'm a dinosaur but back in my time bartenders and cabbies worked together. If a bartender could convince a customer he was too drunk to drive, he

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The day after the 'end of the world'

According to my calculations we've cleared the first big hurdle. It's already 8 PM in Jerusalem and no earth quakes yet. Events leading up to the end of the world were scheduled to start at 6 PM May 21, 2011. Who decided God is on Eastern Standard Time?

It's a few minutes after one and I'm feeling pretty confident about tomorrow. When I got up this morning, I thought about skipping the gym. Why bother? Some people may work out for the sheer joy of sweating. I'm not one of them. I do it to feel and look better tomorrow. If there is to be no tomorrow, well you get the point.

I'm back from my workout, thinking about going to a gun shop and buying a few AK's and several rounds of ammunition, just in case the big show does begin at 6, our time. I'll have to check their return policy. If nothing happens, I want to be able to take my arsenal back.

According to the prophecy, or is it the prediction, today is just step one. Good Christians are swept up to heaven while massive earthquakes shake the rest of us. It's called the Rapture, so I assume they will be raptured. I'm not sure rapture is a passive verb, but there isn't time to check. As I understand it, those of us who are neither raptured or nor killed outright have several unpleasant months ahead of us before the last act, which is scheduled for October. Conditions will be so bad, even a Tea Partier would be shocked.

I'm not sure how people would react. If the initial prediction proved correct, I think most of us would assume the guy who predicted all this was on to something. Things would be a lot different if we knew we had only a few months to live. Remember, the massive earthquakes, the worst the world has ever experienced, would screw thing up pretty good. Food supplies would be disrupted.

Communication and transportation would be difficult. Emergency rooms around the world would be overwhelmed, assuming anyone showed up to work. The world's economy would grind to a sudden stop. It wouldn't seem to make much to

**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

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do elective surgery on Monday. Gasoline supply would dry up quickly, so even if road were passable, we'd quickly run out of fuel. I'm filling my tank this afternoon, but I wouldn't use it to drive to the surgery center on Monday morning. A trip to the market is in order, but don't bother to fill your freezer. There's unlikely to be electricity.

It's hard to know how people would react. A lot of people would repent and try to catch the second wave of rapture, the ultimate expression of foxhole religion. Millions of survivors would go on the prowl in search of food and other necessities, although we'd quickly discover many of the things we consider necessary are not. I think it would boil down to food, water, and the latest generation I-pad. Anyone who had planned ahead and had food, or the means to produce it,

would be targeted. In other words, it would play out pretty much as the survivalists have been telling us for years.

It's a few minutes after 2 PM. Bull has finals next week and a presentation on Muhammad Ali and his influence on American history. I was tempted to let him wait until to work on it. We've decided to watch the movie, "Ali." It's an introduction to the subject, but it's also entertaining, just the kind of activity one might pursue on the last day he has electricity.

Six o'clock has come and gone across the lower 48. Unless God is on Honolulu time it looks as if I'll have to work on Monday, and that pesky Muhammad Ali presentation will go on as scheduled. Another kooky preacher has missed his gloomy prediction. I can't help wonder about the folks who gave away all their possessions and moved into a cave and while awaiting the Rapture. I wonder how they felt about going back to work on Monday?

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• CONSERVATIVE POV

Oh, how the mighty have fallen

Those of you who have endured this column for any length of time know that I take periodic cheap shots at Hollywood bimbettes for their untoward behavior. Never let it be said that I do not honor feminist principals in the derision of folks on the way down.

It is as if some cosmic force pushed a button and caused the bottom to fall out. Not just one, not two, but three highly placed nin-



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nies were outed as severely damaged goods in the twinkling of an eye. In no particular order, let me start with The Governor.

Some of us seasoned citizens remember when Arnold emerged from the gymnasium and entered the wonderful world of California politics. Here we had a self-made, disciplined, champion body builder of Austrian decent who looked good, made good and seemed made to

order for dealing with the wackoids that populate the halls of Sacramento.

The first indication that maybe he wasn't the total package is when he married the bony, but well bred Maria Shriver. That was a head scratcher. Maria's father, Sargent, was a fixture within the Democrat Party: an Ambassador to France, first Director of Economic Opportunity under Lyndon Johnson, first Director of the Peace Corps under JFK and Johnson. From the sound of things, these are all admirable pursuits until you understand that LBJ was the father of the "Great Society," the program that really kicked the nanny state philosophy into high gear. But I digress.

What is a fine, Austrian action

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• COACH'S CORNER •

Memories of Macho Man

As has been established in this column before, I have the unfortunate position of being a professional wrestling fan. Most of the time, those of my ilk are met with eye rolls and questions like "no, really...you like what?"

However, it is important to note that my wrestling fandom began at an early age, and perhaps the most influential figure in my conversion to professional wrestling was the "Macho Man" Randy Savage. Savage was the first thing I saw one day when I turned on the television, and I was instantly hooked.

At first, it had nothing to do with the gravelly voice or the colorful costumes, instead what caught my attention was the athleticism that was displayed every time that the Macho Man was in the ring. Macho would fly through the air with cross body blocks, he would leap from the top rope to the outside of the ring, and then he would finish off his opponent with a devastating flying elbow drop. At this time, most wres-



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tlers finished off their opponents with a hold or a simple body slam, but the Flying Elbow Drop was different...it actually looked real.

Macho Man became the first real icon in my life (behind my father, of course). I had two Macho Man wrestling figures, a Macho Man wrestling buddy, and I begged my parents to buy me a \$70 video game because Macho Man was on

the front. Now, lest you think that my interest in a man who wore neon pink tights was a little strange -- it was the '80s, and everyone wore pink. Plus, my Macho Man fandom had an added bonus, as I was able to perfect the Flying Elbow Drop on my brother each morning when it was time for him to wake up. (True story -- just ask him. Make sure you have plenty of time, though because he has quite a list of wrestling holds that he experienced at a young age.)

The best thing about Macho Man, though -- and this is looking back at it as an older guy -- is that Macho Man had real problems. He was crazy over Miss Elizabeth, and sometimes he would get a little too crazy jealous and lose his temper. That's some real problems -- the kind that happen across the street at the trailer park, but real problems nonetheless. And maybe Macho had a reason to be a little jealous! Hulk Hogan may have been a balding (the term balding is generous -- let's go with skulleted -- it's a cross between a bald skull and a mullet, and it is what Hogan has sported for years) 30+ year-old-man, but so was Macho Man, so it is plausible that Elizabeth would have left Macho for Hogan. Later in his career, Macho Man would go on to become more and more unstable before ultimately retiring quietly several years ago.

It was last week when the news came out that Randy Savage had died in a car accident. The news was relatively shocking, as most wrestlers who leave us early usually do so because of drugs or steroids. There have been many tributes to the Macho Man recently (one of the best was current wrestler CM Punk breaking out a pair of Macho Man's old tights -- not the actual ones, because that would be gross, but you get the idea) and I think they have been well deserved. Savage helped bring wrestling to the masses in the 1980s and was a national figure due to his Slim Jim commercials. Rest in Peace Macho Man....oooooh yeah.

Fouts arrested for 1st degree in August murder of Larry Ramsey

Investigators with the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the NC State Bureau of Investigation arrested Randy Boyd Fouts on May 24th and charged him with the First Degree Murder of Thomas Larry Ramsey.

Fouts was indicted by the Macon County Grand Jury on May 23rd and had his First Appearance in Macon County Superior Court on May 24th. Fouts is being held on no bond pending the appointment of counsel. Fouts is 44 years old and is a resident of Macon County.

This joint investigation began in August of last year and also involved the District Attorney's Office. Numerous items of evidence have been analyzed by the NC SBI



Randy Boyd Fouts

lab and other items remain to be analyzed. A preliminary report from the lab provided sufficient evidence to indict Fouts at this time due to public safety concerns. This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with any information regarding Fouts or the Ramsey homicide is asked to contact the Sheriff's

Office.

No additional information will be provided at this time; however the Emergency 911 tape and Search Warrant from August 2010, were Ordered to be unsealed at Fouts' First Appearance and those records are now available through the custodians of those records.

... on this day

May 26, 1873

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

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

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

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

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

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I recently attended the Highlands School 2011 Varsity Awards Banquet this past Tuesday night. High School awards banquets are cool. Athletes get to look back on a season with their teammates and remember the high points. They also get awards. Recognition is a cool thing in high school. Hard work and persistence pay off and at a banquet we are reminded of that. We also see the importance of coaches that model love to people.

In a smaller town, athletes provide a community with something valuable. Spectators are provided with excitement, entertainment and — let's face it — something to do at times. Athletes are afforded personal attention and encouragement that may well be missed on a large college campus. Local athletes are kind of given elite celebrity status. The athletes at Highlands School are very special.

I need to tell you about one particular student. I devote my life to sharing the most noble, relevant, transforming message to ever be heard: the proclamation of the good news of Christ. Last night I saw the essence of that message displayed in one particular student's life.

Elizabeth Gordon is not an athlete. She is the manager for the girls basketball team. Elizabeth doesn't wear a uniform; she washes them. She doesn't sit in a locker room at half-time and wonder how she will turn her game around in the second half. She refills water bottles, cleans the white marker board and picks up messes. On week-ends Elizabeth offers to go to the school to do the team's laundry. She shows up early and leaves late. Elizabeth cheers on the players to work hard and even harder during practice. When a body is needed to help in a drill — guess who stands in. When the game is over and people are cheering, hugging, or crying with the players, Elizabeth still has work to do. I find this kind of selflessness in a young person nothing short of refreshing.

Elizabeth volunteered to be the team's manager. In a world where Americans are preoccupied with being consumers, she chooses to be consumed.

Jesus had a pretty good team too. He also volunteered to be His team's manager. He preached the greatest sermon ever preached and didn't utter a word. *After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around*

John 3:16

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Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11
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Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

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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

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

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Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011
Worshipping at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers
Sun.: Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.; Adult Forum - 10:45, Buck's Coffee Cafe, Cashiers
Mon.: Bible Study & Supper at homes - 6 p.m.
Wed.: Men's Bible Study -8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church
Thurs.: Women's Prayer Group - 10 a.m., Whiteside Presbyterian Church; Healing Service at noon

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.

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Sun.: 9:30 am: Adult Sunday School
10:30 am: Middle School; 10:45 am: Childrens Program,. Worship Service. 12:30 pm Student Arts Group, 5 p.m. High School
Wed.: 6pm: CBC University Program

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
526-2968
Reverend Denson Franklin
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)
10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Charles Harris, Pastor • 526-4153
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.;
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.,
Prayer Meeting – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:15-8:15 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30
Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast
Wednesdays – Choir – 7

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• **PLACES TO WORSHIP** •

Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Dan Robinson
221 N. 4th Street
Sunday: School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:45 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; 5 p.m. Youth
Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 – children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 – Adult choir (nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs:12:30 – Women's Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
Chaplain Margaret Howell
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion – 10:30
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LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD
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8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin
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Weds: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group 6 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
Parish office: 526-2418
Mass: – 11 a.m.; Sun., Thurs. & Fri
Saturday Mass – Mem Day through Oct. at 4 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School –10 a.m.; Worship –11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

• JUST HERS •

Ah, Spring!

Let me lay my cards on the table right away. I do not like summer. I realize that this is heresy to most people. Hating summer seems positively un-American. Yes, I love the cook-outs, the fireworks, the ice cream. It's nice not to be worried about snow in the driveway, and slipping on the ice and breaking your hip (or some other bone vital to your health and well-being). But, like most people who do not perspire much, summers are a time of quiet misery, when I purposely go into grocery stores, open the doors in the frozen food section, and stand there trying to look thoughtful for long periods of time. I find that looking pensively at the frozen corn is a good ploy, and use it often. White or yellow? Shoe peg? On the cob or in kernels? Birdseye? Generic? It's amazing how absorbed you can look, when what you're really trying to do is to resist climbing into the freezer, and shutting the door behind you.

I don't sleep well in the summer, either. In the summer before John died, I was having a particularly difficult night, tossing and turning, absolutely tormented by the heat. It must have been bad because John actually woke up, a rarity since he could sleep through global nuclear warfare. "Having a bad dream, Hon?" he inquired sympathetically. He reached over and gave me a big bear hug. "Oh, my God!" he exclaimed, recoiling in horror. "What's wrong with you?" John had noted that I was absolutely roasting. "I'm going through menopause," I explained patiently, through clenched teeth. "Didn't you go through that last summer?" he asked innocently.

But spring? I like spring. And what's not to like? Baby lambs, blooming flowers, the earth reborn and renewed. The nourishing rains falling on willing plants, or beating against the roof and windowpanes. The first butterflies. The first time you walk out with a coat on, and run back inside to drop it off because you don't need it.

The cats love spring, too, after having



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spent most of the winter months hugging every heat source available, from heaters and fireplaces to old reliable Mama. They venture out onto the porch, nostrils flaring, and find a sunny spot in the sun to plop down on. Hours later, I look up from my computer to see my two cats sound asleep, furry bellies

offered to the Sun God, the quiet broken only by the sound of buzzing bees and little feline snores. Spring is peace, proof that we have indeed made it through another winter.

With the spring comes the other phenomena, the Season, and its flock of returning sunbirds. When I first arrived to live in Highlands years ago, I didn't know what was the big deal. Later, as a year-round Highlander, I almost resented the returning residents who hadn't dug their way out of their driveways in February, and watched their thermometers in freefall for weeks on end. No, they'd been lolling on the beach somewhere, eating Cuban sandwiches washed down with drinks that had funny little umbrellas in them.

As time went on, though, I made friends among the summer people, and started looking forward to their return. One day, I'd look up and see Linda or Marda walk through the door of the Highlands Writers Group, and it made me feel positively biblical. Biblical? Here were all of my Prodigal friends, returning to the fold after their winter exile, and was I ever happy to see them. Remember the story of the Prodigal Son? He was one of the characters I liked the least in the Bible. No, I identified with the Good Son, the one who did everything he was supposed to, only to find that the party belonged to the returning wastrel. Now the one I feel truly sorry for is the fatted calf. And fatted calf was what I felt like breaking out, in a good barbecue, with a side of hush puppies and tangy cole slaw.

So what if the part-time folks hadn't been here when the parking lot of Bryson's was filled with snow? Maybe life wasn't a picnic for them, either, wherever they were.

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In this challenging market, there is a daunting inventory for buyers to evaluate. Make your home stand out by pricing it more competitively than that of your competition. It is not wise to price your home with a large "negotiating buffer" because you will not attract any lookers. This is not time to test the market, so if your home is on the market, do what you can to sell by pricing it right, by making any improvements to enhance curb appeal and to overcome any objections that Buyers may raise.

The next time you come home, stand across the street and look at your home as if you were a stranger. What is your first impression of the house and yard area? *Remember, you never have a second chance to make a first impression.* What are the best exterior features of the home and how can you enhance them? What are the worst features of the home and what can you do to minimize or improve



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them?

Remodeling Magazine's 2010 Cost vs. Value reports that something as simple as replacing the entry-door increases value.

Inside your home, remove as much "stuff" as you can to make it show like a model home. Buyers get distracted by pictures of family or pet items. Make your home shine by washing windows, cleaning out closets and keeping it that way for showings.

If your home is in the million dollar and up range, you should consider whether you need to invest in more big ticket items such as updating the kitchen or master bath. The kitchen is

"King" today and needs to have the "wow" factor. Think like a Buyer and ask yourself what aspect of the home detracts from the experience of living there?

Since the majority of Buyers in this market are second home Buyers, they are generally not interested in major remodeling projects. You should consider renovating up to Buyers' expectations. This fact is difficult to accept if you are ready to sell, but if you do not do the renovations, it may sit on the market for a very long time.

We believe in this local market and we see a lot of interest and activity this season. Be proactive and help your Realtor by doing what you can to sell your home: think Price and Condition.

• Jody and Wood Lovell own and operate Exurbia Sotheby's International Realty with two locations: at the gate of Cullasaja Club and near the Old Edwards' Inn at 216 S. 4th Street in downtown Highlands. Exurbia was the top selling agency in Highlands in 2010 and Jody was the top selling agent on the entire MLS on the Highlands/Cashiers Plateau. You can reach them at 828 526 4104 or visit their website at exurbiasothebysrealty.com.

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Maybe they had a sick spouse, or an unemployed son or daughter. Maybe they were dealing with aging parents or adjusting to life after retirement. It's too easy to see the complexity and sorrows of our own lives while simplifying the lives of others whom we assume are more fortunate.

And so we welcome back our friends, separated from us by time and distance. With eagerness, we catch up on their news and fill them in with the details of our winter lives. I strolled out the other

day, in search of mail and groceries, and found myself eagerly walking down the street, savoring the warmth and the flowers. A couple approached me on the sidewalk. "Lovely day, isn't it?" I called out. They beamed back at me. "Are you a local?" they asked. I thought about it for a few seconds, memories of Sydney, Paris, and New York briefly flooding my mind. "Yes, I am." I replied. "Yes, I am."

• Michelle is a writer and translator who lives in Highlands

with two extremely spoiled, and increasingly opinionated cats, Orion and Weasel. She is a proud member of the Highlands Writers Group, the American Translators Association, and the World War II War Brides Association (she is a War Baby). After attending a concert recently during which two cell phones went off, she would like to become a charter member of Fletcher Wolfe's "sit down and shut up" association of concert and theater goers.

• REAL ESTATE SNAP-SHOTS •

Properties for Sale



60 OWL PINE, HIGHLANDS. Was \$249,900 NOW \$219,000! Adorable furnished chalet only 2 miles from downtown. 3/2 w extra parking. Call Call Tammy Mobley, Broker, Highlands NC Realty. 770-337-1000.



91 BEARFOOT LANE, HIGHLANDS. Custom 3/3.5 with majestic mountain views, stone fireplace, 2 large decks - Only \$749,000 and 4 miles to downtown! Call Tammy Mobley, Broker, Highlands NC Realty. 770-337-1000.



COTTAGES ON CHESTNUT STREET. "Highlands Best Kept Secret." Choice lots \$79,000 - \$150,000. Lots with cottages \$119,000 - \$209,000. Owner financing available. Call Charlie Dasher, developer/owner at 828-526-8645.



156 RAIN TREE LANE. Charming mountain cabin is a perfect Highlands get-a-way and truly affordable! Loft area is a 2nd bedroom and bath. GREAT rental history and 2.5 acres! Furnished! What a buy! Offered at \$269,000. Call Pat Allen Realty Group at 526-8784.



44+ ACRE LAKEFRONT ESTATE. Scaly Mtn. Secret retreat on your own 8 acre lake, 1.5+ acre pond, 4bd, 3 fireplaces, hearty interiors finishes. \$4.28M. Call Ali McClure Moody (828) 508-3576.



Bright Mountain, Cashiers. Quaint mountain home on 1.97+ gentle acres in a quiet setting featuring 2 bdrm home, 1 bdrm (as-is) guest house with kitchenette & workshop, \$199,000. Call Ali McClure Moody (828) 508-3576.



2 Bd/2 Ba Cottage with Lake Access. Hardwood flooring, wood-burning fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open and covered decking, and a winter ridge line view. \$299,500. Call Mal Phillips (828) 200-2642.



101 POTTER LANE. Exceptional 5BR/5BA property redone 3 years ago with huge great-room and master wings, and five fireplaces. Close to town. Patios or decks from each room and lovely spacious grounds. Offered at \$1,125,000. Call Pat Allen Realty Group at 526-8784.



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Walk-to-Town Waterfront. Classic 2 bd/2ba updated (2006) Highlands cottage. Overlooks rushing water of Mill Creek. Excellent rental history. \$348,000. Call Mal Phillips (828) 200-2642.



Lodge-Style Log Home with Exceptional Mountain Views. 4 bd/3 1/2 ba, gourmet kitchen, 3 acre lot, high-end finishes, gated community. \$798,000. Call Susie deVillie Schiffl (828) 371-2079.



140 MEL KEENER. 4BR/3BA/2HB charming mountain cottage with wood burning fireplace, vaulted ceiling in great room, hardwood floors, lower living area. Screened porch and deck, double garage and carport. Offered at \$639,000. Call Pat Allen Realty Group at 526-8784.



Sweet Highlands Cottage with Beautiful Blue Valley Views. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, screened porch, deck, just minutes to town. \$274,000. Call Ali McClure Moody (828) 508-3576.



The Heart of Scaly Mtn. 20 +/- acres, 360 degree, panoramic mountain views. Gentle building sites, gently rolling meadows, a creek, and spring heads. \$1.195M. Call Susie deVillie Schiffl (828) 371-2079.



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90 BOBBY JONES ROAD. This 4 BR/5BA home has been totally renovated and exudes old Highlands charm. A separate guest house and great mountain view complete this estate property. The view from the master bedroom deck is fabulous. Offered at \$1,885,000. Call Pat Allen Realty Group at 526-8784.



HIGHLANDS FALLS CC, 81 West Knoll. An enchanting home, completely remodeled w/ 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 5 fireplaces, & a study. View of Shortoff Mt. Lower level suite perfect for guests. Call Kay at Signature Properties: (828) 526-4101.



Cullasaja Club, 68 Fairway Cottage Lane. Overlooking 10th Tee and Fairway. 4 bed/4 bath home with lots of porches. Furnished. \$899,000. Call Kay Deckman at Signature Properties at 526-4101; or on Kay's cell: 371-3268.



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PULL OUT

On going and Upcoming Events

Ongoing

- The open air Highlands Farmers Market starts July 9th. If you have something you'd like to sell please call Andrea Gabbard 526.4858
- The Hudson Library parking lot will be closed to vehicular traffic for 6 weeks. Please park on Main Street and walk on the center sidewalk to the side door to enter the library.
- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call

828-526-1FIT.

- Registration is now open for the 2011 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered: "WOW! - a World of Wonder" (ages 4-6), "Amazing Animals" (ages 7-10), "NatureWorks" (ages 8-11), "Mountain Explorers" (ages 10-13), and "Junior Ecologists" (ages 11-14). Sessions run from Tuesday to Friday each week. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623.

Village Square Craft Show Sat. & Sun, May 28 - 29

Memorial weekend is coming up, and so is the Village Square Art and Craft Show in downtown Highlands. Scores of mountain artisans are gearing up for the May 28th and 29th fair by creating amazing and wonderful art and crafts to sell. The show features fine art paintings and photography plus colorful and whimsical folk art. There will be bird-houses, twig furniture and frames, fine wood work, lamps, and clothing for both kids and their dolls. As always there will be one-of-a-kind baskets, pottery, and jewelry. More than 70 vendors, each with their unique talents and creations.

New to the show this year are two people who recycle glass bottles into useful items such candles, cheese boards and cracker dishes. Also, Marcus Thomas, an artist and quadriplegic, will be demonstrating his unorthodox painting method, which is holding a paint brush with his teeth.

The fun and lively atmosphere will include Patti Cakes the clown doing face painting for young and old alike. There will also be music both days. Saturday will feature the Ross Brothers playing traditional mountain music. Bring your appetite, because you can get breakfast and lunch at Fressers Bakery and Eatery in the square, plus take away meals by Maxine and Michael Davidoff. There are public bathrooms and parking. The show is this Saturday and Sunday in Highlands Village Square and the Pine Street Park (AKA Kelsey Hutchinson Park) only one block from Main Street. Just follow the signs.

For more information contact Cynthia Strain at Mill Creek Gallery and Framing at 787-2021.



Photos as fine art by Vicki Ferguson



Dresses for girls by Caroline Brown of Highlands.

Sundays

- Hymn-sing service from 7-8 p.m. at the Little Church in the Willwood in Horse Cove.

Mon. & Thurs.

- On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon., and Thurs. at 10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour.

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 \$40 a month

Mondays & Wednesdays

- Pilates Mat Classes — Mondays and Wednesdays, 4pm, The Jane Woodruff Clinic, Main Floor, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Call 526-5852 for info. (6/23)

Mondays

- Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
- Monday Madness at Fressers Eatery in Historic Helen's Barn. \$5 burgers, \$1 beers all day. OPEN MIC 7:30 until. Prize for customers' favorite. Must sign up. Call 828-526-8847.

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.

Tues. & Thurs.

- Study Hall at the Literacy Council of High-

lands 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.

Wednesdays

- 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.
- The Highlands Writers Group is now meeting at 1 p.m. at the Library on Thursdays. At one o'clock they will have their free writing exercises. You may bring a seven minute writing piece to read. Newcomers are welcome. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

- At the Highlands Nature Center, 6 p.m. through Labor Day, an exciting new program. Free.

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.

Fridays & Saturdays

- Highlands Historical Society Museum is open each Friday and Saturday through October 31st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Through May 27

- Town of Highlands White Goods Pickup. Leave your spring cleaning throw aways at the curb and the Highlands Town will pick them up.

Thurs.-Fri., May 26 & 27

- At CLE, Garden Whimsey with Mary Guy Gunn. Bring lunch and gardening clothes each day. Limited to 6 participants. Call 526-8811 or email clehighlands@yahoo.com to register Cost is \$120 for members and \$135 for non-members.

Thurs., May 26

- Tornado victim donations accepted at OEI Conference Center 5-7 p.m. Toiletries, non-

Register now for Town Scholarship Golf Tournament

On Monday, June 20th it's the Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament. Capped at 100 golfers at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2011! Cost is \$150 per player and includes a tee gift, silent auction, breakfast, a 9 a.m. shotgun start followed by lunch and cocktails in the beautiful clubhouse. Registration deadline is June 10th.

The golf tournaments started in 1975, with proceeds from the event funding the Town's scholarship endowment that gives scholarships to graduating Highlands School seniors who are furthering their education at a post secondary school. Tournament applications are available at Town Hall, or by visiting highlandsnc.org.

On going and Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

perishable foods, cleaning products, large, heavy-duty trash bags, bottled water, undergarments, baby formula & food, diapers, baby wipes, feminine products. Items will be delivered to Daystar Family

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Upcoming CLE classes

By Bettie S. Banks

The Season in upon us and the Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) is poised and ready to offer workshops and seminars for your education and enjoyment. There will be two offerings in May, Garden Whimsy: Making a French Concrete Trough and In Search of the Buddha.

The first class will be Garden Whimsy. This will be a hands-on experience, limited to six participants. Mary Guy Gunn, owner of Gunn's Landscaping in Atlanta for 18 years, is the guest lecturer. She will instruct on how to make a garden trough just like the ones seen in Highlands on some of the garden tours. At the conclusion of the two-day workshop, participants will take home their newly created antiqued garden trough, ready to plant and transform into a whimsical miniature landscape. All materials will be supplied except for an apron and heavy-duty rubber gloves. Participant must bring along a lunch each day. Gardening clothes are recommended.

Garden Whimsy will meet at Mrs. Gunn's home from 10 to 2 Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27. The cost is \$120 for members of CLE and \$135 for non-members. Directions to Mrs. Gunn's home will be given upon registration.

The second class is titled In Search of the Buddha. In this class Victoria Hippard, Ph.D. will lecture on the philosophy behind Buddhist belief that "Everything in life and the universe is in an endless process of impermanence, change and decay." She will use a power point presentation to help participants come to know and perhaps understand the richness of the Buddhist philosophy. Included will be the history of the tradition as well as the art, photographs and teachings of the Buddha. She promises that "Bodhisattavas and wrathful deities will join the group as it struggles to understand the enigmatic koans of Zen Buddhism."

Dr. Hippard is a psychotherapist in New Orleans as well as an adjunct professor in Social Work at Tulane and in Religious Studies at Loyola. Her area of interest and study is in Mythological Studies with an emphasis on Depth Psychology.

In Search of the Buddha will meet at the Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, May 31 from 10 to 12. Fees for members is \$20 and for non-members, \$30.

To register for either of these classes, contact the CLE office at (828) 526-8811, Fax: (828) 526-0066, or email: clehighlands@yahoo.com or visit the CLE office at the Peggy Crosby Center on South Fifth Street.

Visit The Bascom this Memorial Day Weekend



Highlands High School Students participate in a "pit fire" of their ceramic works. Students participated throughout the past semester in a ceramics program that was a collaboration between The Bascom and Highlands High School, led by Dr. Pat Taylor. For information about The Bascom, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.TheBascom.org.

The Bascom will be open this Memorial Day Monday, May 30th from 10 am-5 pm. The Bascom also begins its Sunday schedule this week. Through October 30th, The Bascom will be open on Sundays from 12 noon-5 pm.

A wonderful calendar of exhibitions continues with *The American Still Life*, *Yesterday and Today*, The Bascom's annual juried exhibition which runs through July 4 and *Richard Ritter: Glass*, amazing intricate works of glass, are in the loft gallery through June 26. Admission to all exhibitions at The Bascom is free.

Upcoming workshops at The Bascom include a free printmaking drop-in activity on Saturday, May 28 from 10 am-3 pm. Explore basic printmaking methods with Kathleen Corey.

Marilyn Brandenburger's *Watercolor Travel Journaling Landscape* workshop, for traveler and painters will be from Wednesday, Friday, June 1-3 from 10 am-4 pm. Record what you see and experience in a personal watercolor journal. Tuition for this three-day workshop is \$275 for Bascom members and \$300 for non-members.

The Bascom is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-5 pm, Sundays from 12 noon-5 pm and Holiday Mondays (May 30, July 4 and September 5) from 10 am-5 pm. For more details on all Bascom activities, visit www.TheBascom.org or call 526.4949.

Exhibit ion quality dahlias available this Saturday at MG Plant Sale



By Emily Compost

Are you a dahlia shopper who wants something different?

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Dahlias can be planted as tubers May 1 to June 30, or as plants from May 15 to July 15. When planting tubers, do not water or fertilize until the tubers have sprouted and there are about 2 sets of leaves.

Cut blooms in the early morning or at night and keep in fresh water.


Low growing or dwarf dahlias are great for container growing. Select a container that will provide 12 square inches per tuber. For best results, mix 2 parts garden soil with 1 part potting soil. Provide good drainage and be careful not to overwater. Wet soil will rot tubers in pots.

The 29th Annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to noon, at the baseball park on Hwy 64E, corner of N 4th & Hickory Streets.

Come chat with dahlia experts about growing, storing, and caring for dahlias, the plants that originated in Mexico and have won the hearts of gardeners worldwide.

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• "Does your forest talk money?" 4:30-7 p.m. at the Cashiers library. Call or email Michelle Price

if you will attend, so that handouts will be sufficient. Donations accepted. You will receive a forest products resources handbook. Light refreshments provided. Call 828-526-0890 x256 or email

mprice@j-mca.org. Want to know what it takes to make money from forest land? Need to learn the NEW wild crafting ginseng regulations? Want to know more about starting an Agro-Forestry business? Want to learn about green certification and branding? Want to grow and sell forest botanicals like shiitake mushrooms?

• The next regular meeting of the Macon County Republican Party will be on Thursday, 6 p.m. at the Boiler Room at the Fun Factory on Georgia Road in Franklin. Local media outlets will be recognized for their contribution to the community. Parts of the First Amendment are embodied in our media and their importance in a free and open society are immeasurable. Barbara McRae, editor of The Franklin Press will be the guest speaker and Major John Van Hook, a veteran of Iraq and

Afghanistan will lead the pledge. 2012 goals will be discussed, committee positions will be offered, and there will be a draw for door prizes at the end of the meeting. Our party member elected officials have all been personally contacted and most if not all will be there. Let's make this a great start for our 2012 win by attending the meeting and getting involved! Attendees may order off the menu if they wish to eat.

Sat., May 28

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3-mile hike to **Yellow Branch Falls**, an unusual-looking falls, cascading over dark rocky ledges. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 10 a.m. or behind the Wachovia Bank in Cashiers at 10:30 a.m. Bring water and lunch. Drive 50 round trip into SC. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-

2011 Annual SOAR June 6-11

This is the ninth year that the SOAR committee will be raising money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. The SOAR members are proud to say that they have raised \$450,000 which will help over 800 children of fallen special operations personnel to have a college education. This success is, without a doubt, the result of dedication and work by many hands, heads and hearts of the volunteers and the generosity of Highlands, Cashiers, Sapphire merchants and donors. Simply stated, your support and assistance have, and always has been, critical to the success of the foundation's mission.

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force) was established 30 years ago when special operations personnel were killed on the mission to rescue the American

hostages in Iran. The foundation continued on to be sure that the children of all fallen special operations personnel would

have a college education, this includes scholarship grants, counseling and financial aid. The children range in ages from infants to college age. While the children are spread throughout the nation, North Carolina has the largest number of children in the program. Your help has also made it possible to assist the families of our wounded troops with immediate expenses incurred while traveling to be at bedside with their loved ones.

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Remember Thursdays at the Highlands Nature Center



This summer the Highlands Biological Foundation has a new summer series that is sure to enlighten and entertain with events and programs designed to enhance your knowledge of the natural beauty and biodiversity of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Each Thursday from Memorial Day to Labor Day will feature a new program.

The fun begins on Thursday June 2nd at 6 p.m. with the Salamander Soiree, a reception with fun and games for the whole family as well as an informative lecture on salamanders.

Did you know that more salamanders live in the southern Appalachians than anywhere else on earth? However, because salamanders are most active at night,

many people have never seen these fascinating little amphibians in the wild. Now is your chance!

Following the Salamander Soiree we will host the eighth annual "Salamander Meander."

Bring your flashlight and listen to a short presentation followed by an interpretive night hike with herpetologists to search for these magnificent creatures along the Biological Station's Garden trails. Rain brings them out, so come prepared! The Salamander Meander will begin at 9 p.m. Ages are 7 to adult.

Advanced registration and a fee of \$5 per person are required due to limited space. To reserve your spot, please call the Nature Center at 526-2623.

SOAR Events

June 6:

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June 9:

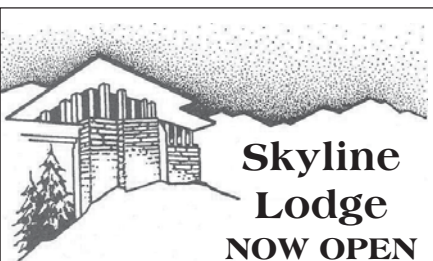
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Highlands Community Building
5:30 pm, \$30 at the door
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June 10:

Spaghetti Dinner
Highlands Community Building
5:30-7pm
\$7 per person

June 11:

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• Memorial Weekend Village Square Art & Craft Show in downtown Highlands' Pine Street Park from 10 to 5 Saturday and Sunday.

Sun., May 29

• First Baptist Church will have a Memorial Day service at 11 a.m. American Legion Post 305 will attend. Covered dish follows service.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike past an interesting old bridge to Mud Creek Falls near Sky Valley, GA. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitors Center in Otto at 2:00 pm. Drive 12 miles round trip. Call Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.

Monday, May 30

• The American Legion Post 370 and the VFW are having a service on the Village Green in Cashiers at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31

• At CLE, In Search of Budha at the Performing Arts Center from 10-noon with Dr. Victoria Hippard, a psychotherapist from New Orleans. \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Call 526-8811 or email clehighlands@yahoo.com to register Cost is \$120 for members and \$135 for non-members.

• Red Cross Blood Drive. Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin, 10 am to 7 pm. Please call 524-3600 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins welcome, appointments preferred! Through June 30, two donors will be selected at random to receive a pair of round-trip tickets.

Thursday, June 2

• Taize in Highlands at the Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.

• At the Nature Center, the Salamander Soiree kickoff at 6 p.m. a reception with fun and games for the whole family as well as an informative lecture on salamanders.

• Adance at the Franklin Community Building, Hwy 441 South-across from Whistle Stop Mall' from 6:30 to 9 PM. Music by "SWINGTIME BAND" playing Foxtrots, Swing, Waltzes, Latins, Line Dances, Country, Rock, Polkas. For more information call 828-369-9155.

Saturday, June 4

• Benefit Softball Tournament for Chelsea Moses Murray who has Wilsons Disease (Liver), at the Highlands Softball Field starting at 8 am. There will be food, raffles, a silent auction. To enter a team, call Michelle Johnson at 371-2064.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 2.5-mile hike, descending on a steep trail used by rappellers, to walk along underneath the vertical sheer granite south face of Whiteside Mtn. The hike is rated strenuous because of the 1,000 ft. change in elevation and the steep climb. Meet at the Whiteside parking lot at 10 a.m. Bring water, lunch, gloves; wear deep lugged boots. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

Sunday, June 5

• The Concert Chorale, directed by Grat Rosazza, will be performing Sunday at 4 pm in the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands. The members of the Chorale would like to extend an invitation to everyone attending to join them in Jones Hall after the program for a fine wine and cheese reception. Donations appreciated.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1-mile hike on trails through woods and fields of Tessentee Farm. See a 1890 farmhouse and native plant restorations by the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee River. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitors Center in Otto at 2 pm. Drive 6 miles round trip. Call Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors and children over 10 are welcome. No pets.

Mon. June 6-Sat. June 11

• Annual SOAR events - golf tournament, silent/live auction with dinner, spaghetti dinner and then the race. Call Nancy Horwitz for info at 526-0224.

Monday, June 6

• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, board certified physician's Dr. Billy Noell, General Surgery and Dr. Scott Baker, Family Medicine present "When Surgery is Needed and When it is Not." 12 noon to 1 pm on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. Lecture

Lyons to perform in HHS 'History Live!' performance June 26



Lee Lyons will portray Celia Hill, wife of Stanhope Hill, who is credited with connecting Horse Cove to Highlands by road, in the upcoming presentation of "History Live!" sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. Lyons is seen at "Moses' Rock," a spring that started flowing during construction of the road in 1876 and has flowed ever since. The "Roads that Lead to Highlands" is the theme of this year's historical event and will take place behind the Prince House on N. Fourth Street adjacent to the Civic Center on June 24 and 25 at 6 p.m. and at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street June 26 at 4 p.m. Seats will be provided for all performances. Admission is \$10 for adults with students admitted free. Park at the Civic Center for events at the Prince House.

Topic: Aliments, conditions, diseases that surgery can improve/resolve as well as "what to expect" when having surgery at HCH. Complimentary lunch will be provided and seating is limited, please call (828) 526-1313 to make your reservation.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing club will hold its first meeting of the season at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers library at 7 PM and features speaker Matt Canter general manager and lead guide for Brookings Outfitters. He will discuss off-the-beaten trail streams easily accessible in Western North Carolina and a recent fishing trip to Hazel Creek in the Smokies. For more information call 828-885-7130.

'Stand Where they Fought' trip to feature Civil War trek - Oct. 8-16



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Last year Carlton Joyce ran a 7-day tour to 30 eastern Virginia-Maryland-Pennsylvania battlefields from St Petersburg to Gettysburg.

To complete the Virginia story this year he is starting the 7-day tour in Richmond, traveling west to Appomattox, Bedford to Lexington and north through the Shenandoah Valley to Winchester -- Oct. 8-16, starting and ending in Richmond, VA.

Participants will visit the site of Lee's surrender to Grant, the National WW 2 monument to the 1944 D-day Normandy landings, the Virginia Military Institute, Stonewall Jackson's home and burial site, Washington & Lee University, Lee's home, office and gravesite, Thomas Jefferson's and James Monroe's homes, the Culpipper, Brandy Station, New Market battlefields, will enjoy a tasting of a vineyard fermented grape, see Stonewall's headquarters, and witness a re-enactment of the battle of Cedar Creek.

Hotel, transportation, all meals, entrance fees and professional guides are included.

The rates are Double occupancy \$2125 each and Singles are \$2613

For local information call Paul Thompson (on Brushy Face) 828-536-3618.

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hero doing hitching up to the family of Democrat heritage like the Shivers and then running as a Republican? Politics does make strange bedfellows, doesn't it? Now, I'm not judging anybody on a

moral basis. Not my job. But trashing his legacy for a roll-in-the-hay with the housekeeper doesn't seem a brilliant move on his part. It would appear that the Terminator has self-destructed.

There seems to be a French connection here. Next to take the perp walk is Dominique Gaston Andre Strauss-Kahn, DSK hereinafter. Strauss-Kahn seems like a German name to me, but it's not relevant. DSK is (was) a big muckity-muck. He is, for the time being, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, IMF hereinafter. Until he shot himself in all vital areas of his body, he was to be a strong candidate for the Presidency of France.

He is an ex-communist, real-time Socialist who has spent the recent past distributing your money to lazy, shiftless Europeans who mismanaged their finances in the same manner that have we. Talk about the blind leading the blind. After bathing in his \$3,000 a night suite in the Hotel Sofitel, it is alleged that he jumped a housekeeper, and she evidently didn't consent. What is it with maids? Wrong place, wrong time, I guess.

So, this extremely high-level operator traded experiencing the ultimate in luxury and convenience of the New York Hotel Sofitel for the more spartan facilities of Rikers Island, New York City's main jail complex. Sounds like a bad trade on a whole bunch of levels. Again, not being judgmental, but how stupid, arrogant, and self-destructing can human behavior get? When you are dealing with a French, Socialist lawyer,

apparently there is no limit. By the way, you helped pay for that \$3,000 per night scene of the crime. The public is also paying for his stay at Rikers of course.

Leaving French and housekeepers behind, we turn our attention to the political arena, where self-destruction is routine. In the Republican presidential sweepstakes, the herd was thinned in a big way at the same time that Arnold and DSK were plunging. Trump and Huck bowed out (not that The Donald was ever serious about running) leaving the pack a little less crowded. Seems like a strange time to commit hari kari to me, but what do I know. But that is precisely what Newt Gingrich chose to do.

On one of the Sunday news shows, Meet the Press I think, Newt chose to attack the popular Paul Ryan on Ryan's work on budget reduction by labeling his plan as "right-wing social engineering." Reportedly, he also supported the idea of mandatory participation in the government's proposed insurance plan. If Newt had awakened Sunday morning and determined that he was going to self-destruct (notice the redundancy here?) that day, he couldn't have done it more conclusively.

So the Hollywood girls certainly aren't alone in the land of the stupid. Looks like the boys are striving for gender-equality in that department, and they are on a fast track to get there.

Next week, who is doing things right.

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would call his friend, the cabbie, and get a kickback later. Everyone was a winner, especially the drunk. Also, bartenders would tell a tourist the cops were working the area looking for drunks behind the wheel. Once again, he would recommend a cabbie and get the tip.

I once wrote an article for this paper titled "I only drive when I'm too drunk to walk" and got blasted. Some people believed what I wrote. I had to tell them I was kidding. Highlands is trying to wear "big town britches" but we're not there yet.

One thing for certain, cops never....I mean never drove a drunk to his destination....Well, maybe just once. The call came out "Man waving a gun—Kitty Kat Bar—all zone units respond." Four squad cars headed for the Kitty Kat and mine was one of them. When we entered, guns drawn, we were stunned to find our commanding officer, drunk as a skunk, waving his gun and cursing. Customers were cringing on the floor and under tables. I holstered my weapon and approached him. "Ah, Captain, this is not good. What's going on, sir?"

"Nobody shuts me off and orders me to leave. I don't take orders from friggin' bartenders. Where is that SOB?" he demanded still waving his gun.

The other officers joined with me in trying to calm him, suggesting this could turn bad if complaints were made to the district attorney. It seemed to quiet him and we subsequently got him into my car. We were in a no-win situation. Do I do the proper thing and arrest my com-

manding officer for reckless display of a firearm or do I take him home and save my career? During my era, arresting a drunken commanding officer would finish off a policeman's career.

I won't tell you what I did but I spent the next 26 years happy with my decision.

PS — Take your hand off the phone. I made up the part about the call-girl service....kinda!

Fred's new book titled Deceived is now available at your local book store.

• TB AGENDA •

JUNE 1, 7 PM

1. Public Comments
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve minutes of April 27, May 10 & May 18, 2011
4. Reports
 - A. Mayor
 - B. Commissioners & Committee
- Reports
 - C. Town Manager
5. Scholarship Awards
6. Report from Playhouse
7. Discussion of Noise Ordinance
8. Consider Appointment to Appearance Commission
 9. Sand & Gravel Bids
 10. Set Public Hearing for June 15, 2011 for Proposed FY12 Budgets & Ordinance.
 11. Conditional Use Zoning Request from TRI Investments
 12. Adjourn



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Class of 2011 senior athletes gathered for a group shot. Throughout their school careers, they represented Highlands School in basketball, soccer, volleyball, golf and track.

Photos by Stephanie McCall

Highlands School celebrates athletic achievements

By Ryan Potts

Highlands School celebrated the 2010-2011 season in athletics with their annual Athletic Awards Banquet on Tuesday night at the Highlands Civic Center. As is the custom, the Rotary Club provided a delicious meal of fried chicken with all of the fixins' in honor of the athletes of Highlands School.

Following the meal was the presentation of awards to the high school athletes, led by Athletic Director Butch Smart. Smart began by introducing the various special guests in attendance, including Superintendent Dan Brigman, Highlands School Board member Stephanie McCall, Highlands Administrators Brian Jetter and Jim Draheim, and countywide Athletic Director Dan Moore. After all of the introductions of the guests, the athletes themselves were introduced by sport and given awards that included Player of the Year, Coaches Award, Highlander Award and Sportsmanship Awards.

Coach of the Year was also awarded to Kyle Mckim for the Lady Highlander Volleyball team, Chris Green for the Highlander Soccer team and Brett Lamb for the Lady Highlander Basketball team. Once the individual players and coaches received their awards, the senior athletes were presented with plaques that outlined their awards and participation in sports throughout their career at

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Class of 2011 Valedictorian Marlee McCall was guest speaker during the banquet where all student athletes and coaches were recognized. Sports Page catered the banquet which was sponsored by the Highlands School Booster Club.

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Highlands School.

The highlight of the evening was when the Fan of the Year award was presented. The Fan of the Year is chosen by the athletes themselves through a vote done at the school, and this year the vote ended in a tie, so the Co-Fan of the Year award was presented to Noel Atherton and Lisa and Sam Osteen for their contributions to Highlands Athletics.

Ms. Atherton the Osteens are regulars at all Highlander sporting events and also assist in taking many pictures for the school website and the local newspapers.

The evening closed with a final thank you to the seniors for four years of achievements at Highlands School and the countless hours of support from the parents who have given their time and money to assist the fine young men and young women of Highlands School.



Sam and Lisa Osteen, as well as Noel Atherton, were named Fans of the Year, a title awarded by school athletes to the people who are the biggest fans of Highlands School sports. Ms. Atherton and the Osteens are regulars at all Highlander sporting events and take photos for the school website and the local newspapers. Not pictured is Noel Atherton.

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Fri	Properly Fried Shrimp - Wild caught large shrimp, lightly breaded in our seasoned corn flour mixture, and then properly fried in peanut oil. Served with hush puppies, cole slaw and rosemary sea salt broiled red potatoes, tarter and cocktail sauce.	24.95
Sat	In-house smoked BBQ , served with coleslaw, bacon/apple baked beans and yeast rolls.	19.95

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"It was an intense experience and the surgeons who came out of the program were considered some of the country's best trauma surgeons," said Pat.

That expertise caught the attention of Uncle Sam, and after Dr. Buchanan had completed his internship, and six months after the couple was married, he was sent by the Navy to care for the First Marine Division on land in Vietnam.

"It was kind of funny – Bob was this

wonderfully trained doctor and he had about a week to learn to salute, cut his hair and carry a rifle," Pat recalled. "I'm not sure he ever got very good at it."

Perhaps he wasn't made for the spit and polish flourish that's part of a naval officer's life, but Dr. Buchanan was clearly trained for the life of a combat surgeon.

He was attached to a frontline Marine hospital and became part of a team that was a wounded Marine's first and some-

times last chance for survival.

"It was a lot like the movie MASH, which we saw before he went overseas – they worked as fast as they could, patching up Marines and sending them on," said Pat. "When he wasn't working with the wounded, Bob was treating people in the neighboring village. There was always someone who needed attention. The hijinks of "MASH" actually happened and were what kept him and the other doctors sane amidst all the insanity."

For instance, Buchanan said since no one looked over their shoulders, they could trade out their entire "Aid Station" equipment for a full hospital of equipment.

"Poor Quartermaster, when we were deactivated he could find nothing we were supposed to have. Everything was better, though. He wrote our equipment off as "destroyed by enemy action," and we shipped the gear we had to other units, including the General's Headquarters, that were staying," he said.

As he neared the end of his tour of duty, Dr. Buchanan was offered the choice of going to Japan for a week accompanying a medevac plane or returning early to the States. With a young wife waiting for him at home, it was a very easy decision.

"The reason I came home early was because I had been 'in the field.' We, however, had it better than the groups at the hospitals since we ran things ourselves," said

Buchanan. "We did not have to be military doctors. We were just doctors taking as good care of our charges as we could."

Buchanan said he got to Quang Tri once or twice but was mostly around Baldy at his Regimental Aid Station or the Battalion Aid Stations he was in charge, but for the last month, once his outfit was deactivated, in was in Da Nang.

Following Vietnam, he finished General Surgery residency in North Carolina and then did Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery fellowship at Barnes Hospital/Washington University in St. Louis.

Those months spent saving gravely wounded Marines would come in handy in 1995 while Dr. Buchanan was on the University of Oklahoma faculty and Chief of Plastic Surgery at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Oklahoma City. His previous field-tested skills proved invaluable in the wake of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and earned him the American Medical Association's Medal of Valor for Service.

• Dr. Buchanan is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, is an active member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and is Past President of the American Association for Hand Surgery. He operates the Center for Plastic Surgery in Highlands.

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won't be used to subsidize Water Plant operations.

Commissioners agreed to go with the scenario discussed last week – an increase in the electric service base rate as well as an increase in kWh usage rates.

Residential and commercial customers will pay \$10 more for base rate – up to \$19.53 from \$9.53 – and a 4.3% kWh increase.

"This will begin to address the shortfall Duke is passing on to us," said Town Manager Jim Fatland. "But it won't fix the total shortfall."

Town Engineer Lamar Nix said the town needs to do some serious analysis over the next few months to see if this increase will be enough in the long run.

"In other words, we won't wait until the next fiscal year to raise rates again?" asked Commissioner Amy Patterson.

"The Electric Fund helps the town pay for capital improvements and helps offset costs in other departments so we have to keep the fund up," said Nix. "It's barely breaking even right now," he said.

The Finance Committee made up of

Commissioners John Dotson and Gary Drake presented the Non-Profit funding request allocations.

Of the 14 organizations requesting a total of \$90,137, only five will get funding and those will only get about half of what was requested – a total cost to the town of \$21,670.

The HCCDC is getting \$5,000; the Literacy Council is getting \$3,000; the Highlands Emergency Council is getting \$4,000; the Highlands Playhouse is getting \$6,500 and the H-C Land Trust is getting \$3,170.

The town is considering a recycling center next to the Dog Park at the Civic Center for \$73,800. It will be staffed by county employees so the town will reimburse the county for personnel costs.

Fatland said 11 capital improvement projects totalling \$248,500 are slated for FY11-12 – funding with a combination of grant, fund balance and electric fund money. Projects are down from last year's \$488,785.

Still to be discussed: a fee of electronic gaming, accepting credit cards and radio-read water meters. — Kim Lewicki

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The House voted to fund those assistants in kindergarten and first grade only, and the Senate's proposal seems likely to follow suit, as well as find another \$100 million in cuts to K-12 education.

"Apparently we've determined that we're going to out-cut the House," said Senate Minority Leader Martin Nesbitt, D-Buncombe. Nesbitt termed the cuts, on the heels of cuts from previous years, "just a deathblow" for public schools.

Republicans in the majority for the first time at the statehouse hold a decidedly different view, saying the cuts may be painful, but they're better for the economy than raising taxes. The education system that emerges "may not be a Cadillac, but I think it's still a Buick," said state Sen. Tom Apodaca, R-Henderson.

During the next few weeks, Senate leaders will "polish and perfect" a budget the House approved, said Apodaca, who is a key member of the GOP's Senate leadership team and a co-chairs of the cham-

grams and services that directly impact children in Macon County."

In addition, universities would get about \$217 million less than they're getting this year under the Senate proposal.

Community colleges would also get less funding, though several Republican legislators have said they expect these colleges to take lower-achieving students out of the university system, particularly as the legislature cuts the state's need-based scholarship program.

"Many of those scholarship recipients don't graduate, and probably shouldn't be at a full-fledged university anyway," said state Sen. Jerry Tillman. Tillman, R-Randolph, co-chairs the Senate's education budget committee.

Just how many jobs all these cuts would eliminate is unclear. Democrats, in the minority after decades of legislative control, paint a dire picture of layoffs not just for teaching assistants, but for thousands of teachers and thousands of regular state em-

ployees on top of that. Republicans say many of the cuts will hit vacant positions, and that teaching jobs will be shaved through attrition, not layoffs.

But because the state sends money to local school systems, which implement their own budgets, it's difficult to estimate how many actual jobs would be lost. What is clear is that schools would get less money for salaries, school supplies, textbooks and technology.

"Not to put any general funds toward technology — I mean, come on — that's our future," said budget committee member Sen. Linda Garrou, D-Forsyth.

State Sen. Dan Soucek, R-Watauga, and also a member of the committee, acknowledged that "there's going to be some harm done" as cuts are implemented. But the freshman senator said it's better than increasing taxes.

"I think that the most important thing we're doing is we're spending the amount of money we have coming in," Soucek said.

Perdue, has vetoed several pieces of Republican legislation so far and has indicated she won't sign the evolving budget.

Cut Comparisons

K-12 public schools	
• Current state funding:	\$7.36 billion
• Governor's proposal for the coming year:	\$7.57 billion
• House's proposal:	\$7.23 billion
• Senate's spending target:	\$7.12 billion
Community Colleges	
• Current state funding:	\$1.09 billion
• Governor's proposal for the coming year:	\$1.02 billion
• House's proposed:	\$992 million
• Senate's spending target:	\$970 million
University System	
• Current funding:	\$2.74 billion
• Governor's proposal for the coming year:	\$2.66 billion
• House's proposal:	\$2.44 billion
• Senate's spending target:	\$2.53 billion
<i>Source: N.C. Senate Education Committee spending targets. All figures rounded.</i>	

Macon County Schools Superintendent Dan Brigman said the BOE has known for two years, the state budget situation does not look promising for K-12 education. "Given the budget proposals coming out of the House and Senate, our state legislators in the House and Senate are allowing the temporary sales tax to sun-set in our state, further reducing our revenue available to offset the budget shortfall. We have taken measures to offset this state reduction," he said. "Our local budget has been built around a 10% state reduction. With the proposal now out of the Senate, our budget impact will be nearly 14% including a required reversion. We are continuing to review each department and expenditure to ensure every dollar is maximized and classroom services preserved. Unless our legislators step up to the plate and support the extension of the state sales tax, we will clearly see the elimination of pro-

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him (John 13:5). I have a feeling that Elizabeth not only knows that story but she knows the One on His knees with a towel and a basin. I don't care what century you live in, feet stink whether you wear first century flip-flops or sweaty game socks.

I leave you with the challenge that Elizabeth left with me through observing her for a season. See Christ as Lord. Follow Him. Serve others. Get your hands dirty from time to time. Do something of eternal significance. Die to self. Live and move in Him. Be joyous. Submit to one another. Love. Build others up.

As a former successful athlete I can say this: The day will come when there is no more audience. No more cheerleaders and pep rallies. All that is left is photographs and trophies and something to embellish. Your muscles start to hurt and your ability seems to fade. No more limelight. For some people, their purpose will evade them. When these things take place, Elizabeth will likely be serving someone. She will be helping them reach their goals. She will likely have an audience of the One who matters most. Thank you Elizabeth Gordon. It was a good banquet.

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

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Christie's International Real Estate, the world's leading luxury real estate network, has awarded Affiliate status to Harry Norman, Realtors of Highlands, NC. The firm

joins Cottingham Chalk Hayes to become the second Affiliate in the Tar Heel state, and will exclusively represent the Christie's brand in Highlands, Cashiers, and other

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"I am thrilled to have been granted the affiliation with Christie's International Real Estate. Christie's global marketing will en-

able us to serve our clients at an unparalleled level," said Elizabeth Salzarulo, owner of Harry Norman, Realtors-Highlands.

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June 4, **The Fascinating Beauty of Orchids**, 10-12 at PAC presented by Mark Alan Reinke

June 5, **OPENING PREVIEW PARTY**, Barbecue, Bluegrass, Banjos and Beer, 4-6pm at PAC, Free to the Public

June 8, **Earthquake in the Middle East**, 10-12 at PAC, presented by Sandra Mackey, \$25/\$35

June 9-10, **The Obit Kit: Creating Your Own Legacy**, 10-12 at PAC, presented by Susan Soper, \$60/\$70

Jun 13-24 (series) **Beginning Drawing I**, MWF 10-12 at Rec Park, presented by Mary Judernatz, \$90/\$100

Also make plans to take part in the bus trip to Brevard Music Center on Thursday, July 7 to see **"La Traviata"**. (Bus ride, boxed dinner and ticket to opera are included in price of \$85 for members and \$95 for non-members. Reservation deadline is June 15.)

Classes are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members unless otherwise noted. For more information call 828 526-8811 or go to www.clehighlands.com for our full schedule.

Alison McClure Moody Joins White Oak Realty Group

Susie deVile Schiffli, Owner/Broker-in-Charge, has announced that Alison McClure Moody has joined White Oak Realty Group, a Highlands, NC real estate firm.

Alison McClure Moody, Broker and Marketing Specialist, has lived in the Highlands-Cashiers area since 2001. A Concord, NC native, she graduated from Western Carolina University with degrees in both Sociology and Public Relations. For the past 10 years, her career has been in the real estate and construction markets.

"I am thrilled about my affiliation with White Oak Realty Group and the opportunity to be a part of a such a dynamic team," said Alison McClure Moody. "I look forward to serving my Buyer and Seller clients in this recovering real estate market and to

helping them achieve their goals via an extraordinary experience."

"We are so pleased to welcome Alison to White Oak Realty Group," said Susie deVile Schiffli. "Alison is the consummate real estate professional and entrepreneur. She possesses enormous energy and is brimming with ideas and enthusiasm."

"With a passion for fine art and photography, Alison is able to translate her appreciation for color, design, and function into her career, assisting Buyers in creating spaces reflecting their own unique tastes," said deVile Schiffli. "Further, her deep marketing expertise most certainly will be a huge asset to White Oak Realty Group's Seller clients, as well as to the firm overall."

• BIZ NEWS •

The Highlands Historical Society will open the Historic Museum this Friday, May 27 at 10 a.m. with an exhibit honoring local veterans.



The museum will be open each Friday and Saturday through the season (Oct. 29) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (May be open at other times by appointment-call 787-1050 or visit the society's website at highlandshistory.com and use the "Contact Us" button to set up an appointment.

The Museum is housed in the original Hudson Library which is the 2nd oldest library in the state of N.C. Also included on the Historic Village property is the Prince House, the oldest house in the town limits and one of the original "Bug Hill" cottages, the TB sanatorium run by Dr. Mary Lapham.

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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Relay For Life 'Carnival of Hope' kicks off its new season

"Carnival of Hope" was officially unveiled as this year's theme during the annual Relay For Life of Highlands kickoff celebration May 7. Kickoff attendees enjoyed cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, lemonade and, of course, birthday cake.



Mike Murphy and Butch Smart

Debbie Grossman, Relay planning committee chair, opened the event by asking everyone in Highlands with a passion for fighting cancer to get involved in this year's event. "We currently have 12 teams registered for this year's event," Grossman said. "That's just 10 or 12 short of our goal, and we fully expect to go over the 25 team target."

Mike Murphy, planning committee co-chair, announced that last year, Highlands Relay raised more than \$100,000, making

Highlands the #4 fundraiser per capita in the country. "This year our goal is \$105,000," Murphy said. "We'll get there with the support of the entire community."

Highlands School Coach Butch Smart, who is known through the

area as a cancer survivor and passionate supporter of the American Cancer Society, spoke about his many years of Relay involvement, saying his very existence is due in large part to the work of those who raise the funds that support the research.

This year's Relay will be held Friday, Aug. 19, at the Highlands Recreation Park. Team fundraising events, including a highly-anticipated auction and Friday night country music, are scheduled through the summer until then.

• POLICE DEPT. LOG •

Highlands PD log entries from May 18. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

May 18

• At 4:37 p.m., officers responded to a call of a domestic in progress in a white pickup truck on NC 28. Occupants said all was OK.

May 19

• At 10 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Bowery and Sagee.

• At 10:15 a.m., a breaking and entering was reported at a residence on Hicks Road where a door and vehicle were damaged.

May 20

• At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to the First Baptist Church concerning a gas leak.

May 21

• A little past midnight residents on Wingina Way complained about a barking dog.

May 22

• At 2:25 a.m., Kyle Jenkins for Winter Garden, FL, was arrested for DWI on NC 28 when he was pulled over for speeding.

• At 3:44 a.m., officers responded to a call about

a loud party at a residence on Hickory Street.

• At 5:20 p.m., officers assisted EMS with a resident bound for H-C Hospital.

May 23

• A little past midnight, officers on patrol found an open door at the Episcopal Church.

• During the week, police officers issued 8 citations and responded to 2 alarm activations.

Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from May 14.

May 14

• At 11:38 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by steam at OEI.

May 16

• At 9:04 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Buckberry Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• At 7:02 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm set off by burning food at a residence on Clear Creek Road.

May 17

• At 8:57 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane. The victim was taken to the hospital.

• HEALTH MATTERS •

Glaucoma treatment without the side effects or the cost of glaucoma drops

Glaucoma refers to a group of eye diseases, which left undetected, can lead to a significant decrease in sight or even blindness. This is due to the improper drainage of continuously produced fluid in the eye (aqueous humor) which leads to increased pressure within the eye, resulting in optic nerve damage. The underlying cause of glaucoma is unknown, and anyone can be at risk regardless of age. Regular eye exams can lead to early detection and treatment which often prevents loss of sight. Glaucoma symptoms vary depending on the type of glaucoma a patient is experiencing and it is possible to have no symptoms at all. According to the *Glaucoma Research Foundation*, it is estimated that over 4 million Americans have Glaucoma but only half of them know it.

Glaucoma remains the leading cause of blindness in adults in spite of readily available painless treatment. High on the list of causes is a remarkably high level of inadequate medication usage. The problem is easily understood by anyone who is required to use medications on a daily basis. This problem becomes even more difficult due to the high cost of medications, especially if they are not covered by insurance or Medicare and the patient is on a relatively fixed income.

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All interested residents/citizens are encouraged to attend and be heard. A copy of the proposed annual budget is located on the Town Website www.highlandsc.org and on file at Town Hall for inspection by all between the hours of 8am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday.

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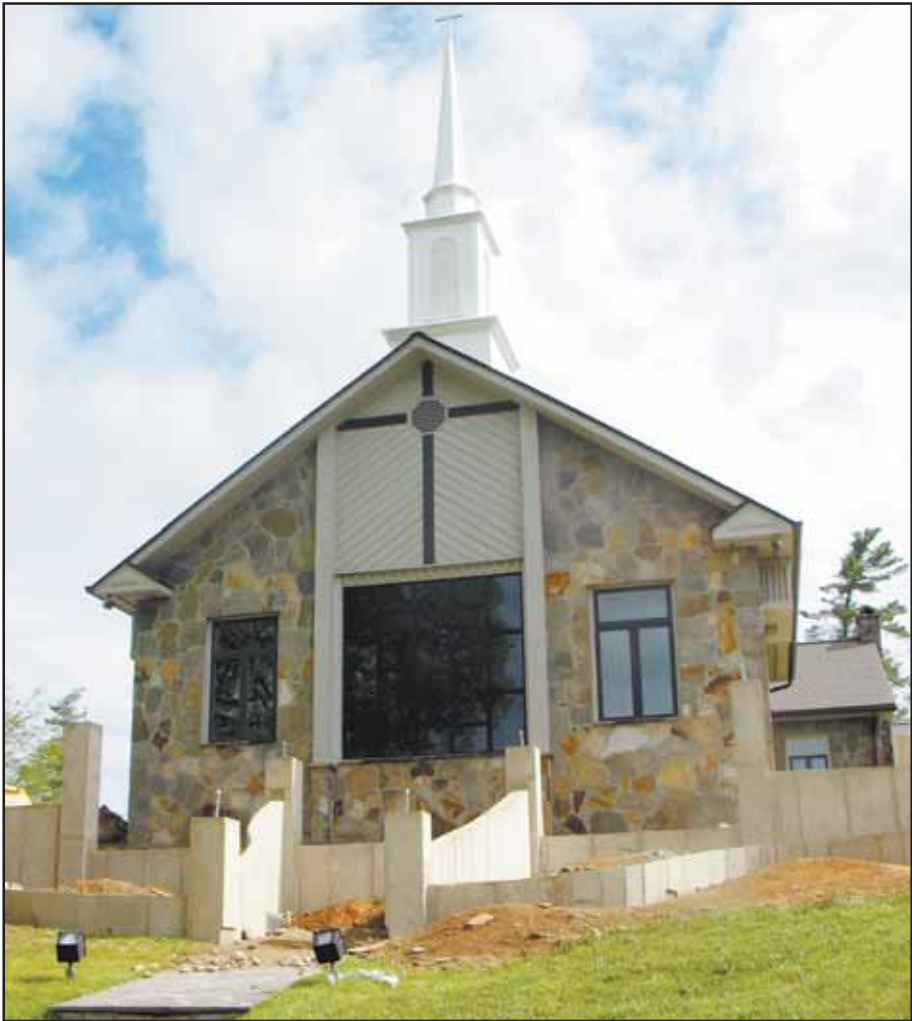
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The renovation project will include new poured concrete walls with a stucco finish; stone columns matching the current stone; a new lighting system on the columns; new black metal railings; and new landscaped flower beds. Several local construction firms are working on the project which will be completed in a few weeks.

“The improvements are needed and fortunately the church is able to afford to do it right,” said Pastor Dr. Charles H. Harris.

Rotary Club of Highlands sends vets on Honor Air Flight



From left: Louis Batson and Pete King at the memorial in Washington, DC.

Rotary Club of Highlands Rotarian, Bill Nellis accompanied World War II veterans, Louis Batson and Pete King on the final Honor Air flight.

In 2004, the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC was dedicated to honor the Greatest Generation, those men and women who fought and sacrificed in the service of our country. The youngest survivors of that war are now in their late 70s, and many of them will never have the opportunity to visit the memorial this country has created for them.

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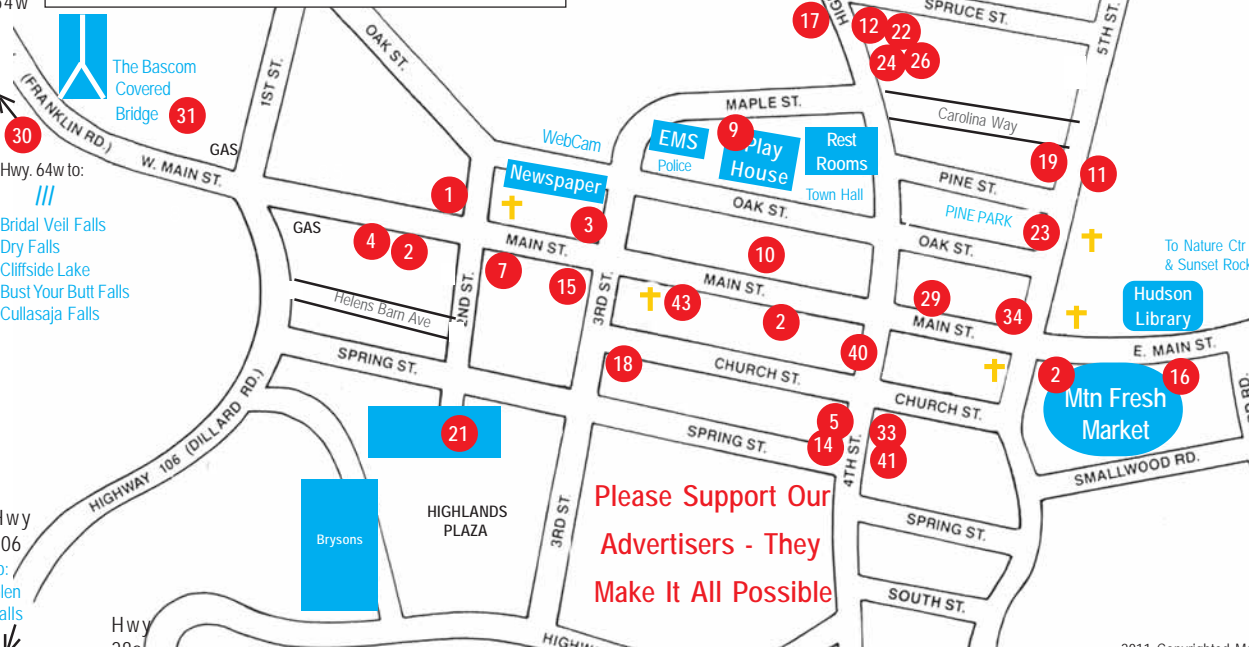
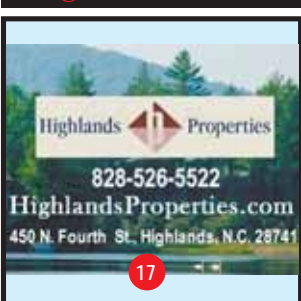
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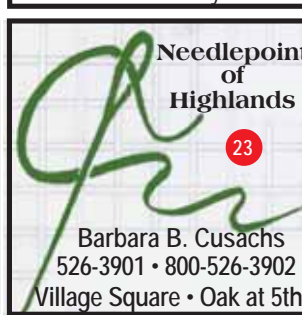
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